



## Annual Veterans' Holiday Celebration

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### Welcome!

25 years ago, a group of men took it upon themselves to cook a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings and to sing songs for 30 veterans who had no one to share the holidays with and no warm holiday meal to enjoy. This year, we will serve thousands of veterans a great holiday meal, provide wonderful music and ensure long lasting memories. None of this would be possible without you, our volunteers.

### Our Veterans

The most important gift we can give the veterans at the event is our attention and appreciation. The veterans from prior events have told us that spending a few moments speaking or sitting with them makes a deeper impact and impression than anything else we can do. Please connect with the veterans in a personal way, according to your comfort level, by listening to them and sharing with them your heartfelt gratitude.

We have a few recommendations for you in preparation of your volunteer service at the event:

- We will provide regular shuttle service from the different parking lots, both before and after the event.
- Please go to Volunteer Check-In when you arrive. At Volunteer Check-In, you will be given instructions for the day and directed to your assigned Team Leader.
- Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. You may wish to dress in layers and bring a jacket. When the sun goes down, it is cold!
- You will be provided with breaks during your volunteer shift. If you need to leave your post for any reason, please tell your Team Leader.
- If you bring children under the age of 12 with you, please make sure they stay with you during the time you are volunteering.
- Please be respectful to everyone, but most importantly to our veteran guests and their family members.
- Please keep in mind this event is not the place to voice your political views. This event is about expressing our gratitude to all the service members of the military branches who have served our country.

**Meals:** Because the focus of the event is centered on the care and provision of the veterans, we cannot guarantee that we can feed you a meal while you are volunteering. We will have a tent set aside for volunteers (Volunteer Support) with tables and chairs where you can rest. We will also provide some snacks and drinks but these items may not be available at all times throughout the day.

**Donations:** We welcome all donations the day before and day of the event. If you feel moved to provide food items, money, gifts for the veterans, or any other donation, it is greatly appreciated. For food items, please contact our Food Manager for current food needs. For monetary donations, please click here [Donations](#), or go to our website @ [www.vhcevent.org](http://www.vhcevent.org) and click on "Donate".

We thank you for your service to the veterans who have given so much to us, and look forward to seeing you on the weekend of the event.