



THE
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VETERANS DAY 2020

IMPACT REPORT

WHO WE ARE:

At The Mission Continues, we empower veterans to continue their service and empower communities with veteran talent, skills and preparedness to generate visible impact. We're investing in veterans, equipping them with the tools and resources to lead a growing veteran volunteer movement.

WHY WE SERVE ON VETERANS DAY:

This November looked very different from our previous service efforts. In the midst of a global pandemic, numerous obstacles made it difficult for our veterans to gather together in service to our communities. But the need to come together, strengthen our bonds, and connect with our fellow veterans to meet the need in our communities continued. Our veteran volunteers go where the need is greatest, and that need has never been more apparent in communities nationwide.

In honor of Veterans Day and in continued support of aiding families affected by COVID-19, our service platoons gathered at 28 socially distant service events throughout the month of November. Platoons packed and distributed meals, built capacity for community organizations on the front-lines of keeping families afloat, and engaged in virtual mental health check-ins for fellow veterans. While participation numbers may look smaller this year - our impact remains great, and we are committed to serving in the months ahead.

VETERANS DAY BY THE NUMBERS:

28 Service Events

Across **17** Cities | **248** Volunteers

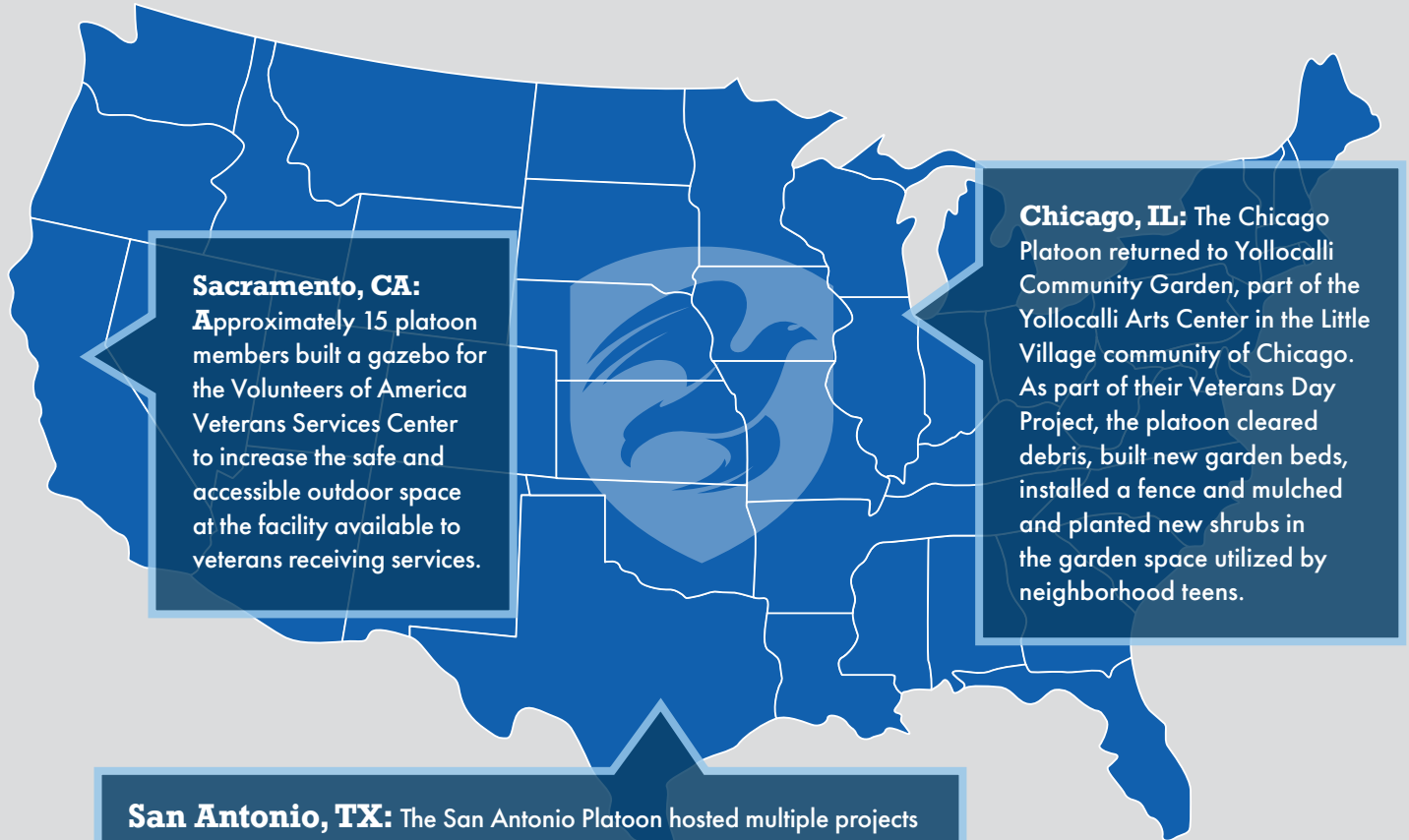
Lead by **87** Veterans

1,470 Hours
of Service

\$39,984
Worth of Volunteer Hours



ELEVATING VETERAN VOICES:



Sacramento, CA:

Approximately 15 platoon members built a gazebo for the Volunteers of America Veterans Services Center to increase the safe and accessible outdoor space at the facility available to veterans receiving services.

Chicago, IL: The Chicago Platoon returned to Yollocalli Community Garden, part of the Yollocalli Arts Center in the Little Village community of Chicago. As part of their Veterans Day Project, the platoon cleared debris, built new garden beds, installed a fence and mulched and planted new shrubs in the garden space utilized by neighborhood teens.

San Antonio, TX: The San Antonio Platoon hosted multiple projects in November improving veterans facilities, beautifying a community garden, and supporting Thanksgiving meal distributions for military families.

On November 20th, the platoon partnered with local military and veteran nonprofits to sort, assemble and distribute 65 Thanksgiving turkey dinners to veterans in the San Antonio area. Platoon members braved the pouring rain to ensure all of the donated meals found a home with active duty and military families

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



GET INVOLVED:

In the wake of COVID-19, our veterans are answering the call to serve by mobilizing in the fight against food insecurity. To date, The Mission Continues has helped connect over 2,000 veterans to service during the course of this pandemic and provided meals for thousands of families. If you'd like more information about serving with us or supporting our mission, please contact Kat Cheshire at kcheshire@missioncontinues.org.

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