Veterans Day Blog

As a military history museum, the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum understands the importance of our Veterans. In celebration of Veterans Day, the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum held a Sunday brunch commemorating those who have served and are serving in the military. The brunch consisted of great food served by *Cater 2 You*, live music from *The Biggest Brandon*, health screenings, and much more.

The brunch kicked off with an amazing ceremony headlined by guests, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Houston thanking the Veterans for coming out on such a beautiful morning in celebration of them. During the ceremony the Museum's very own Desmond Bertrand-Pitts, was presented a certificate of appreciation from the French Consuls of Houston. After the ceremony, it was time to dig in! The brunch consisted of shrimp n' grits, fried chicken, greens, sausage, waffles, and drinks served at our bar.

After the brunch and formal program, Veterans made their way upstairs to the third floor where they could receive haircuts from museum staff member Skyy Standifer, or melt their stress away with a massage from our vendor <u>"Graceful Therapy."</u> On the second second floor Veterans were greeted by <u>Combined Arms</u>, <u>AARP</u>, <u>Humana Medicare</u>, and <u>Texas Veterans Network</u>.

Additional vendors included the Lupus Foundation and the Women Veterans Business Center.

Marylyn Harris, Executive Director of the Center, who attended our brunch remarked, "It was a warm, inclusive, informative event where service members felt appreciated and empowered."

The Veterans left the brunch with full bellies and even fuller smiles. It should go without saying how much we, as a military based museum, appreciate our Veterans. With the help of our partners, caterers and vendors, the brunch turned out to be a huge success!