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Welcoming American's 600th Honor Flight

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Team members at Reagan National Airport (DCA) welcomed American Airlines' 600th Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on Oct. 23. The flight brought in 187 World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans from Lafayette, Indiana (LAF), to spend the day visiting their respective memorials.

In the last 11 years, the DCA team has welcomed more than 100,000 veterans to Washington, D.C. Each arrival receives a water cannon salute, gate decorations and a celebratory welcome. It takes a constant team of volunteers to coordinate it all.

"Whenever I can help, I do," said DCA-based Customer Service agent Gada Mohammad. "I have a lot of respect for these veterans." Gada is a veteran from Afghanistan and was just 12 years old when he joined in with the Afghan Freedom Fighters.

Hear team members share their personal stories and why they're so passionate about welcoming our heroes in the video above.