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Good morning @ForestryVA,

In this week's branch, our teammates led 80 fourth-grade students in a virtual woods' tour/walk, increased awareness of the Urban Wood Project, harvested over 3200 hundred bushels of loblolly pine cones and championed reforestation efforts in the Ashville Park neighborhood of Virginia Beach; just to name a few.

Moreover, as Americans we all share a common bond: Our genuine gratitude to honor and celebrate our military veterans. We are proud to be a Virginia Values Veteran (V3) organization and have diligently answered this call by welcoming five new veterans into our team these past three years. Most recently, we've welcomed Joshua Just, John Colyer; and Daniel Hosack (new hire in January 2021); all United States Marine Corps veterans.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1918, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War I – the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour.

The 64th annual ceremony honoring Virginia's men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces will be livestreamed and televised. The ceremony will be broadcast at www.vawarmemorial.org, on WTVR-TV CBS6.1 and CBS6.3 in Richmond and livestreamed on the Facebook page, the Facebook pages of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, WTVR CBS6, WTKR News Channel 3 (Norfolk) and other select social media channels.

Join us in celebrating VDOF's 14 veterans.

Number of VDOF Veteran by US Armed Force:

7 – US Army Components [US Army (USA), Army Reserve (USAR), National Guard (ARNG)]

3 – US Air Force Components [US Air Force (USAF), Air National Guard (ANG)]

4 – US Marine Corps (USMC)

VDOF Veterans who retired from their US Armed Force:

USA Officer (Mr. Rivera)

USAF Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) (Mr. Schaefer)

ANG Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) (Ms. Weaver)

VDOF veterans by name:

JESSE BANDER (Current USAR Officer)

JOHN COLYER (USMC)

KEVIN DODSON (USAF)

DANIEL HOSACK (USMC)

GARY HEISER (USA)

JOSHUA JUST (USMC)

ZACHARY OLINGER (ARNG)

HECTOR RIVERA (USA Officer Retiree)

JOSEPH SCHAEFER (USAF NCO Retiree)

JEFFREY STOUT (USMC)

WILLIAM SWEENEY (USA)

DAVID TOMPKINS (USA)

MARY WEAVER (ANG NCO Retiree)

EDWARD ZIMMER (USA)

On behalf of your forestry family, Thank You!

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