

Program Assistant Alyssa Inocencio organized an Armed Forces day celebration on Thursday, May 18th. The event catered to veterans and gave them a chance to meet the new generation of military. With patriotic music playing in the background, our guest speakers from the Air Force and Coast Guard came and greeted everyone that came into the meeting hall. The residents' faces lit up when they saw everyone in uniform. On display were care packages filled with goodies for residents to see before we mailed them out to troops overseas. Focusing on the intergenerational aspects of the event, the active duty members were able to share their stories of their time in the military through a PowerPoint and allowed the residents to do the same by going around and talking to them during refreshment time. Afterwards, we named the veterans on each neighborhood and the branch they had served. As a CCI employee helped them up to the front, one of the military members pinned an American flag on the collar of their shirt as everyone in the room applauded. We finished up with military trivia and writing thank you cards to those serving on active duty. The staff placed the letters in the care packages to have the military send them out to those deployed overseas to lift their spirits. This was a great moment to have the veterans of Renaissance Gardens come together and be recognized for everything they have done for our country and for them to return the favor by recognizing our next military generation.~ Alyssa Inocencio

