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**Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans Commemorates September 11th**  
*RSVP Volunteers Place American Flags on 800+ Gravesites at Veterans Cemetery in Slidell*

**New Orleans, LA (September 9, 2016)** – This morning, more than 20 seniors from Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans' Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) visited the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery to place flags on the graves of our fallen heroes. The volunteers – many are Veterans themselves – were honored with a 9/11 commemorative lapel pin at the beginning of the event. Afterwards, the volunteers offered silent prayers and grateful thanks, some even saluting their fallen counterparts, as they placed American flags upon each gravesite at the cemetery.

The RSVP volunteers are a select group of individuals ages 55 and older who use their time, skills and life experiences to help meet critical needs across St. Tammany Parish. This is the second year that Volunteers of America has hosted this commemorative event under the direction of Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans RSVP Director Dee Wild. The flags were generously donated by Iberia Bank.

Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans currently has three programs to assist Veterans: Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans, Supportive Services for Veterans, and Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (Job Readiness/Placement for Veterans). For more information about Volunteers of America's RSVP program or its Veteran programs, please visit [www.voagno.org](http://www.voagno.org).

*Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including at-risk youth, the frail elderly, men returning from prison, people with disabilities, and those recovering from addictions. Our work touches the mind, body, heart-and ultimately the spirit-of those we serve, integrating our deep compassion with highly effective programs and services.*

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