

Washington, D.C. - Veterans Breakfast

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Politics and pork served as the central theme Monday, as our leaders praised our veterans.

Congressional officials took time to honor those who fought for our country.

Biscuits and gravy made for a sweet breakfast but the icing on the cake at the event was the well-deserved praise veterans received.

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"I learned a lot of good stuff that I can share with other veterans," Vietnam Veteran Earl Mann explained. "Like, I'm a member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and I can go down and tell them what I've learned out here today and stuff like that."

But for Mann and many others, there was more than food on the political plate.

The breakfast served as a chance for veterans to voice their concerns about political policies.

Congressman Bob Etheridge (D-2nd District) said, "A number of the others have to do with

waiting times for getting services. We're working hard to get that down and they're acknowledged that."

"The issues tend to focus on veterans' programs, veterans' benefits," David Price (D-4th District) stated. "There are some real streams in the veterans' health care system now. And I think Bob, Brad (Miller) and I dealt with that."

While our congressmen are working to improve veterans' affairs, many veterans are thinking about the current war in Iraq and our troops who are serving our country proudly.

"We got a raw deal when we came home from Vietnam," Mann said. "We didn't get any recognition. But the troops come home now and they get a lot of recognition so the United States and the people should honor and address them."

The men and women want us to take some time out Veterans' Day, and remember those who gave their blood, sweat and tears to create the America in which we live today.

Veterans' Day is Friday the 11th. Congressmen Etheridge, Price and Brad Miller sponsored Monday's event.