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**Pines Village Retirement Communities** was recently honored for taking World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington D.C. The organization was singled out for special recognition by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Mayor Jon Costas and Laurie Mullet, Pines Village CEO, were presented the *Chair's Citation* for the *Tour of Duty* project while in D.C. The association has 5,700 members across the country and fewer than ten citations are given annually. Additionally, the Great Lakes Museum of Military History presented Mullet with the *2007 Spirit Veteran of the Year Award* at their annual Red, White, and Blue Ball.

“We want to thank the community for partnering with us to raise the \$155,000 needed for the trip. Hundreds of people from all walks of life made financial contributions, donated goods and services, gave of their time and talents volunteering for fundraising events, and bought more than 45,000 cookies. The journey was a true gift that has enriched all of our lives and we are humbled to be the recipient of these awards,” said Mullet.