Past Perfect or Present Perfect?

Memorial Day

Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Continuous form of the verb.

1. By the time the Memorial Day parade started, the volunteers _____ all the flags. (put up)
2. Many families _____ Memorial Day ceremonies every year since they were children. (attend)
3. Before the band began to play, the crowd _____ near the town square. (gather)
4. Americans _____ Memorial Day on the last Monday of May for many years. (celebrate)
5. After the soldiers arrived, the mayor realized that the speech _____ already _____. (begin)
6. My grandparents _____ several military museums during past Memorial Day weekends. (visit)
7. Before we arrived at the cemetery, the ceremony _____ already _____. (finish)
8. People _____ flowers on veterans' graves since early this morning. (leave)
9. The children were excited because they _____ never _____ a Memorial Day parade before. (see)
10. Since moving to the United States, my cousin _____ many Memorial Day barbecues. (join)
11. By the time the fireworks started, we _____ all the hamburgers and hot dogs. (eat)
12. The community center _____ Memorial Day events for more than twenty years. (organize)
13. Before the rain began, the families _____ their picnic tables in the park. (set up)
14. Many veterans _____ inspiring stories about their experiences over the years. (share)
15. After the singer came onto the stage, everyone realized that the audience _____ completely silent. (become)

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