



A “hub” in the national  
Honor Flight Network

For Immediate Release:

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## Fact Sheet

### Honor Flight Rochester:

- Honor Flight Rochester ([www.HonorFlightRochester.org](http://www.HonorFlightRochester.org)) is one of approximately 130 established hubs in the national Honor Flight Network.
- Honor Flight Rochester was formed in July 2008 by Vince Hope, Col. Edwin Mench; Maj. Peter Glennon; Kim and Jeff Gould; and Patrick and Kathleen Wall.
- HFR has now escorted **2,391** men and women veterans on **50 Missions** from the Greater Rochester area to visit their Memorials in Washington D.C.
- The two-day HFR trip is **free** to all World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and veterans who served between 1947 – 1964. It’s also open to veterans of any era who suffer a catastrophic illness.
- Each HFR Mission takes about 55 veterans on each trip.
- HFR is the only Honor Flight east of Kansas that plans a two-day trip.
- Veterans typically fly in the order in which their applications are received with veterans from the oldest wars traveling first. Medical priorities are the exception.
- Each seat on Rochester’s Honor Flight costs \$500. Community donations ensure that **VETERANS PAY NOTHING**. Guardians, who accompany each veteran, are asked to contribute \$300 toward their own expense. HFR underwrites the difference for these working members of the “flight crew.”
- The 2016 schedule:
  - Mission 51 Oct. 22 – 23
- The 2017 schedule to be announced.

### Honor Flight Network:

- The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit, fully-volunteer organization with a goal of taking every World War II, Korean War or Vietnam War veteran who otherwise would not or could not go, and who wants to fly, to Washington DC to visit Memorials built in their honor.
- The national Honor Flight organization was formed by Earl Morse, a physician’s assistant and retired Air Force pilot. In 2004, he was working for the VA in Springfield, Ohio when the WWII Memorial was dedicated. In the spring of 2005, he and 5 former Air Force Veterans leased 6 small planes at their own expense and flew 12 WWII veterans on what would be America’s first Honor Flight.
- Since 2005, nearly 160,000 veterans have experienced “the gift of an Honor Flight.”
- There are approximately 130 Honor Flight Network in 42 states.

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