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Latest News

HFR vet and volunteer Jack Peck was inducted into the Fairport High School Wall of Fame on September 28th. The Fairport Wall of Fame recognizes outstanding alumni who have achieved distinction in their lives and chosen fields after high school through significant contributions to their careers, community, or through personal achievements. For more details on Jack's induction, please visit www.fairport.org/district.cfm?subpage=7217.

Inductees were also honored in the Homecoming Parade—Jack was driven by our volunteer Jack Schultz, whose wife Marlene got this great shot. HFR Vets Henry and Louis Masciangelo were the parade's Grand Marshalls.



Many HFR vets and volunteers participated in the Bruce Mason Golf Tournament on September 7th. Proceeds went to HFR—enough to send 3 vets to DC! Thanks to all who participated, including Jen Wylie who coordinated and took great pictures.



Missions 30 and 31



Left: Mission 30 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Below: a vet and his guardian make a toast at the cocktail hour prior to the banquet

See more great photos at our photo site:

HonorFlightRochester.shutterfly.com

Please e-mail photos for the site to:

VolunteerHonorFlightROC@gmail.com



Rush-Henrietta high school students wrote letters to the vets of Mission 31, and came out to greet them at our Welcome Home. Above, one of the students with her vet!

HFR veteran H. Ross Glover, a recipient of three Purple Hearts, was the speaker at the Mission 31 Welcome Home.

Ross was featured in our April 2012 newsletter.



USA: Home of the Free...Because of the Brave!





Veteran Memories—Alice Schulmeister

Alice Schulmeister was born in North Tonawanda and then her family moved to Springfield, PA which is outside of Philadelphia. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1942 because “at that time, everyone wanted to make a contribution”. Alice had been attending college at Allegheny prior to her enlistment.

After her training in Jacksonville and Atlanta, Alice was sent to the Pensacola Naval Air Base to help train Navy pilots using the Link Trainer simulator. About 10,000 of these “blue box” trainers (below) were used to train 500,000 pilots during WWII. The trainers were a risk-free way to teach pilot trainees how to fly and how to handle difficult situations (e.g., flying blind), and were found to both improve safety and shorten training.



Alice says that she made a lot of friendships and had to adjust to an entirely different type of life in the Navy. She served until December of 1945, and was anxious to return home afterwards. Alice then finished her college studies at Alfred University, and became an art teacher in Skaneateles. She later moved to Pittsford to teach high school math, and decided to stay in this area. She now resides in East Rochester.

Alice found out about Honor Flight Rochester through an article in the newspaper. She traveled to D.C. in June as part of HFR Mission 29 and says her trip was the “thrill of a lifetime”. Alice says “the weather was perfect for the trip, and the receptions at both airports were breathtaking and something you’d never forget”. Her niece served as her guardian, and they particularly enjoyed visiting the Women's Memorial and its “World War II: Women and the War” exhibit (Alice is in the center of the group shown). They also both enjoyed the banquet and the overnight stay at the hotel.



Alice’s two favorite hobbies nowadays are golf and bowling. She recently played golf at an Honor Flight Rochester fundraiser at Lakeshore Country Club, despite the rain and the hail.

Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Stars & Stripes 5K VeteRun &

Kids' Boot Camp Style Fun Run

Monday, November 11th at 11 am

Mendon Ponds Park, Stewart Lodge, Douglas Rd.

Walkers are Welcome, Many Prizes!

Race Fee: \$20 before Nov. 7, \$25 after

Veterans \$10

Kids: \$5 each, max \$15 per family

For more info or a registration form please visit:

veterun.webs.com

Race proceeds benefit Honor Flight Rochester!

2013 Flying Schedule



Oct 19/20

Mission 32

Elvis Night to Benefit Honor Flight

Saturday, November 16th from 7 pm - ?

Featuring Elvis Impersonator Patrick Johnson

Barnard Exempts, 360 Maiden Lane 14616

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$11 (limited #) and are available from:

Karen Gerrish 467-9002

or Greece Post #468 (344 Dorsey Rd.)

Upcoming Talks & Ground Events

- Nov 6 Chili Public Library
- Nov 7 Penfield Veterans Seminar & Lunch
- Nov 7 Dansville Women's Civic Club
- Nov 8/11 Episcopal Church Home Vets Day
- Nov 9 Messiah Lutheran Church
- Nov 9 Lions Club Convention (Batavia)
- Nov 10 Fleming Point Senior Living
- Nov 11 Fairport Public Library
- Nov 11 Oasis
- Nov 11 Gr. Roch. Partner. For the Elderly
- Nov 12 Brighton Seniors
- Nov 13 Settlers Club of Fairport
- Nov 14 Churchville-Riga Ch. Of Commerce
- Nov 14 Dorcas/Rachel Circle at St. Paul's
- Nov 17 Henrietta Historical Society
- Nov 19 St. Rita Society
- Dec 11 ROC The Day

Letters from Veteran Families



"On September 5, two wonderful ladies came to my 'National Active & Retired Federal Employees' group and gave a moving presentation on the Honor Flight program.

Thank you for doing such a wonderful job for our WWII veterans. My father's brother died in Italy in 1944 and the enclosed donation is in honor of him."

"A veteran is someone who at one point in his life wrote a blank check payable to The United States of America for an amount up to and including his life."

Gene Castagnetti, Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.