

Honor Flight Rochester names local man president

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Honor Flight Rochester, the local group that has escorted almost 1,500 veterans from western New York to visit memorials in the

Washington, D.C., area, has a new president.



Richard Stewart

Richard Stewart, who has been a volunteer with the group from Pen-

feld, was named president by the board of directors of the local chapter. He succeeds Edwin E. Mench, who recently died after a long illness.

The change was announced Sunday. "We chose Rich based on his tenure and experience with Honor Flight and his

knowledge of our flight customers and his administrative skills," said Rick Meier, spokesman for the local Honor Flight.

Stewart, 65, recently retired as executive di-

rector of Legacy Senior Communities and previously held management positions with Motorola, Aramark and Genesee Hospital.

He has been involved

with Honor Flight Rochester since its inaugural flight in 2008, and has been on the board since 2010.

Rochester is one of about 100 established

hubs in the national Honor Flight Network, which is a nonprofit volunteer organization with the goal of providing a trip to Washington, D.C., for World War II, Korean War and

Vietnam War veterans.

The Rochester chapter has escorted 1,492 veterans, with more than 400 veterans awaiting a trips.

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