



Williamson-Sodus Airport is cut off from fed funding

September 5 - U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer called on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to re-classify the Williamson-Sodus Airport as a "local" airport in the upcoming National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) report, which is set to be released this fall. Currently, the Williamson-Sodus Airport remains 'unclassified,' along with nearly 300 other airports around the nation, and this lack of status cuts it off from an automatic annual allotment of \$150,000 it had been receiving from the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which provides funding to airports for planning and development projects.

Schumer explained that, in 2012, the FAA divided general aviation (GA) airports into four categories that would make them eligible for AIP funding: national, regional, local, and basic. However, nearly 500 airports were left as 'unclassified,' and were deemed ineligible for FAA AIP funding. A follow-up report reclassified more than 200 airports, but still left Williamson-Sodus 'unclassified.'

Schumer explained that the FAA stipulated that a 'local' airport must either have more than 10 instrument operations and over 15 based aircraft, or host at least 2,500 passenger enplanements. Schumer said that Williamson-Sodus Airport clearly meets these criteria, as it hosts hundreds of instrument operations annually, and has 74 based aircraft. The airport also had over 26,000 operations—arrivals and departures—last year alone. Based on these figures, Schumer stated that is clear the Williamson-Sodus Airport exceeds the minimum qualifications for a 'local' airport and should be designated as such.

"The FAA needs to alter its mistake in misclassifying the Williamson-Sodus Airport so that this vital hub of the regional economy can once again receive the vital federal investments it needs to grow and thrive," said Schumer. "Williamson-Sodus

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Welcome home Veterans!

ROCHESTER AIRPORT, September 7 – Honor Flight Rochester welcomed back Mission Flight 37, its first of three fall missions this year. Mission Flight 37 included veterans who served during World War II (1941-45) and the Korean War (1950-1953) Of those veterans, 19 served during World War II and 26 in the Korean War. The 45 men on Mission 37 served their country in the US Army (24), US Navy (9), US Army Air Corps (4), US Air Force (2) US Coast Guard (1) and US Marines (5). Former Ontario resident and Principal/Superintendent of Wayne Central School **Hank Moshano** was among the Marines who served in World War II in the Pacific. He participated in this latest Honor Flight Rochester. Hank was accompanied by his son Paul who resides in Sodus.



Photo by Wilma Young

Patriotic and proud family welcome home: (l-r) Mary Amos, Boston Bigwarfe, Anthony (Hank) Moshano, Alaina Bradshaw, Dylan Bigwarfe, DJ Bradshaw.

Hank Moshano given a hero's welcome

By Wilma Young

"There wasn't any doubt in my mind whatsoever," shared Hank. "The attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941), was like a slap in my face. I remember sitting on the curb in Cohocton. It was a Sunday afternoon when we (Hank and his buddies), heard the news. We were all just silent and we all decided... we were just so angry... to think that someone would do that to our country."



Hank Moshano, age 20 first military photo

Hank was just 20 years old. He was one year out of high school and trying to earn enough money to go to college. He had found a good job working at the Ford Motor plant in Buffalo and was home visiting his family and friends.

He enlisted into the US Marine Corps in Buffalo and entered the service with a fellow worker. He was sent to Paris Island, SC for eleven weeks of basic training and then transferred to Providence, RI for guard duty. "That was a strategic area. There was a war college located there along with a torpedo station and several ammo dumps. I was there for three months before leaving for Camp Lejeune, SC.

"Boot camp makes a Marine out of you. Camp Lejeune keeps you alive! The training was rough and rugged, but they kept telling us 'if you want to get back you do what you are told,' and we listened!"

Hank endured, and was among other military personnel taking the long, slow train ride – it took six days – to the west coast to be deployed.

"It was a 35 mile per hour troop train. There was no place to sleep; you just slept in your straight back seat, and there was very little food... you'd get so hungry. My buddy **John Kushma** (met during boot camp), was the only guy I knew. We ended up spending the entire time together."

They spent two weeks waiting for a transport ship in San Diego and passed away the time volunteering to work at an aircraft plant before leaving for Noume'a, New Caledonia, a halfway point in the Pacific Ocean and headquarters for US military.

"Guadalcanal was the only campaign going on when I got there... most of the fighting was over. I was involved in getting the enemy out of caves. I was rated as a radar operator, but didn't do much of that. I received orders for my unit and to go to the 14th Defense Battalion; that was an anti aircraft artillery unit. I was in this unit most of the time; it was a defense battalion."

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Troop 113 awesome sprint and summer events

From Eileen and Tony Kerr

WALWORTH - Before the first official Troop meeting on September 16, Scouts would like to take the time to thank Troop leaders, families, and community members for the support this spring and summer.

Several Scouts earned their Aviation Merit Badge in May thanks to the Williamson Flying Club, who took each scout

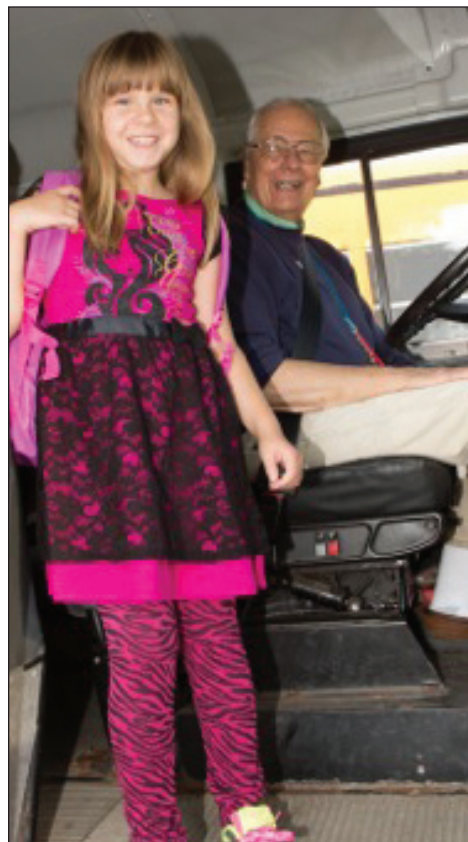
flying individually. Many left wanting to become a pilot!

Thanks to the work of many parent volunteers, they also had three quarters of the troop attend Camp Massawepie, the most Troop 113 has ever sent at one time. While there, they worked on badges, ranks and survival skills.

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Whitewater rafting: (l-r) Tony Kerr, Connor Kerr, Eileen Kerr, Colin Kerr, Will Dorfner, Jacob Macano, Jack Gagliano, and Mike Dorfner.

Submitted photos



ONTARIO, Thursday, September 4 - First day at Wayne Central School: Amanda Beach exits her bus and is ready to learn.