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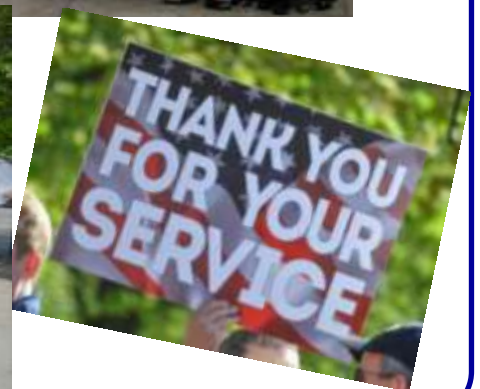
JUNE 2015

Spring Missions Underway!

The Spring flying season is in full swing, now with 2 Missions completed. Mission 40, the first of six missions for 2015, was a great success on May 2-3, and we are looking forward to Mission 41 on May 30-31 and Mission 42 on June 20-21

A total of 47 veterans flew on Mission 40, including 16 World War II veterans, 28 Korean War veterans, two Vietnam War veterans and one veteran who served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. These veterans served in the U.S. Army (19), the U.S. Navy (11), the U.S. Marine Corps (7), the U.S. Coast Guard (1), the U.S. Army Air Corps/Forces (3), and the U.S. Air Force (6).

Also joining Mission 40 in Washington was Prime Time Brass, who drove down to surprise our Veterans by providing a great musical medley at the World War II Memorial for them and other visitors to the Memorial. They also played at the Saturday evening banquet, and entertained both the Rochester and San Diego Honor Flight groups. Well known to Honor Flight Rochester, the popular local brass ensemble was a welcome addition to the trip! Thanks to the Spurr Family of car Dealerships for the generous donation of a van to get the guys down to DC for the wonderful surprise concert.



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Veteran Memories—Anthony (Hank) Moshano

Anthony (Hank) Moshano has experienced two significant “small world” experiences in his life. Hank, a WWII veteran, served in the Marine Corps from October 1942 to October 1945 including battles on Guadalcanal and Guam. Hank landed on Guam in the second wave of the invasion, but the first wave couldn’t make it up the hill because of mortar shelling by the entrenched Japanese. To help clear the way, they sent an Army tank up the hill but it was quickly blown up. The second tank made it about ¾ of the way up, but was also hit and burned. The third and last tank made it almost to the top when it was hit. The driver jumped out, was hit at least three times, and fell into the jungle. Shortly thereafter, the Army came in with some rocket fire and Hank’s division made it up the hill. Hank says they didn’t have time to think about anything, including the tank driver’s fate.



Hank (R) and buddy

Fast forward five years after the war, and Hank is married to his college sweetheart June and is the Athletic Director at Kendall, having completed his degree in Physical Education at Brockport. He stops for gas one day at the only station in Kendall, and the attendant limps over with his elbow in an awkward position. Hank asks him “Were you injured in the military?” “Yes”. “Were you in the Army?” “Yes”. “Were you involved in the Normandy invasion?” “No, South Pacific.” “Army in the South Pacific?” “Army tank division assigned to the Guam landing.” The attendant was the driver of the third tank who had fallen into the jungle!

Fast forward several decades, and Hank and June are retired and are spending most of the year at a complex in Florida. One day at the clubhouse there, Hank and another guy recognize each other and realize that they played semi-pro baseball against each other about 50 years earlier. The other guy was Ross Glover (profiled in our April 2012 newsletter), and they become good friends. In May of 2010, Ross traveled to DC with HFR, and kept telling Hank that he needed to go. Hank wasn’t interested, but Ross was very persistent, and Hank and his son Paul traveled with us on Mission 37 last September.



Hank says that the trip transformed his relationship with Paul into an even better one. After the banquet at the Hilton, Hank and a bunch of the guys who had served in the South Pacific were talking plainly about their experiences. Paul sat silently by and learned a lot about what the war was like for his father and the other men. Hank recently spent three wonderful weeks at Paul’s home—the longest time they’ve spent together since Paul left home. Hank has many fond memories of his trip including the welcome at BWI (the military in their uniforms; some big wheels saluting him, “a PFC”; a little girl hugging him; and hearing “thank you for all you’ve done”) as well as dancing the jitterbug to “In the Mood” at the WWII Memorial.

Hank took a dance class with 24 other men while at Brockport, and was disappointed that most of the guys were not paying attention and were spoiling it for everyone. He suggested that the instructor bring in 25 of the college’s beautiful young ladies and that solved the problem! One of the young ladies (June) walked right up to Hank and said she wanted to be his partner. They married after Hank graduated and spent 66 wonderful years together and danced all over the world. Hank lost June about a year ago, but is thankful he had the chance to take care of her during her illness. In addition to Paul, they also have a daughter Mary who spends summers with him in the Adirondacks. Hank says that he has been “blessed with a good body” and is still playing tennis and golf at age 94.



Updates and News

A FEW NOTES ABOUT SURVEY MONKEY:

Most of our volunteers have received the survey emails and know that we use Survey Monkey to ask for your availability based on the job choices you checked when you completed your volunteer application. We ask that everyone continue to complete these surveys as you receive them and in doing so keep the following in mind:



1. If you have a technical issue with a survey - please click "reply" on the original email and note the problem you are having. We will address your issue as quickly as possible.
2. The purpose of the survey is to track volunteer availability for events. PLEASE *do not reply* to the survey email to say things like "I'm available!" or "Sorry I'm out of town". We use the survey tool because we can not efficiently track individual responses from emails.
3. Volunteer selection: Since we do not always get enough passes/tickets/parking for events we need to reinforce that no person is automatically chosen just because they noted availability in a survey. However, everyone that notes availability in a survey should get an email from the event leader prior to the event to let them know if they were selected or are not needed. Please do not be upset if you do not get selected for certain events. We have over 400 volunteers and wherever possible our leaders are trying to use new volunteers and also ensure that we do not simply use the same people for the same jobs all the time.
4. Frequency; We sometimes have many events occurring in a short period of time. We are trying to work on a way to combine surveys so you do not get too many emails from HFR.
5. Thank You for completing the surveys! Without our volunteers Honor Flight Rochester could not exist and we sincerely appreciate your dedication to our Veterans!!

Thank You, from the HFR Volunteer Resource Committee!



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Talks & Ground Events

- Jun 1 Villages @ Unity
- Jun 3 Phelps Lions Club
- Jun 6-7 Fairport Canal Days
- Jun 12 Jazz in the Park HFR benefit
- Jul 18 Braemar Golf Tourney for HFR
- Aug 7 Lake Shore Golf Tourney
- Aug 16 PTB Benefit Concert for HFR
- Sept 8 BOMA Golf Tourney

2015 Flying Schedule



- May 30/31 Mission 41
- June 20/21 Mission 42
- Sept 12/13 Mission 43
- Sept 26-27 Mission 44
- Oct 24/25 Mission 45

The Williamson High School Jazz Ensemble Presents
4th Annual
WILLIAMSON
JAZZ IN THE PARK BENEFIT CONCERT

The "House" Lawn at 8. Forman Park
Putneyville, NY
(Rain Venue - Williamson High School)

Featuring
Newark HS Jazz Ensemble
Marion HS Jazz Ensemble
Wayne HS Jazz Ensemble
Williamson HS Jazz Ensemble
and
The Penfield Rotary Big Band

Friday June 12, 2015
5pm-8pm
\$5 Suggested Donation

All proceeds to benefit Honor Flight Rochester.
Help us send veterans to Washington D.C.

Come join us for some BBQ and JAZZ for an honorable cause!

Only beer serving available. Reservations and chairs are recommended.

THE ULTIMATE BRASSTACULAR
FOR
HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER
Sunday August 16, 2015
Noon til 7pm
At the Greece American Legion Post 468
Outdoor Festival Site

Presented by
The Greece Sons of the American Legion 468 Squadron
Hosted by the Prime Time Brass

Food and Drink for All Ages
\$15 per person / \$50 Family of Four

Prime Time Brass - St. Joes Alumni - St. Joes Reunion Brass - Ghost Riders
Bugles Across America "Salute To The Heroes"
Musical Tributes to the
1975 Cadets of Greece Class A World Championship Season Representing Post 468
and
The 40th Anniversary of the 1975 Rochester Phoenix Senior Drum and Bugle Corps

Opening Ceremonies with the
Image City Sound Chorus of Sweet Adelines International and the
Greece American Legion Post 468 Color Guard

The Ultimate Drum Corps Reunion
All Drum Corps in Rochester History are invited to present a "Memories" Table!
Make this Your Corps Reunion

All Proceeds to Honor Flight Rochester
More information at the www.thehonorproject.org

Mail Bag

Letters from Veterans & Their Families



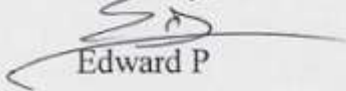
I cannot thank you and your team enough for the most memorable weekend of my life! Having previously seen the video on Honor Flight I knew it would be an enjoyable visit but my expectations were far exceeded. There may be 130 other units across our country but I doubt any take care of the veterans and guardians as well as Honor Flight Rochester.

Every detail from arrival at the Rochester airport to an unforgettable return were handled in a professional manner. Your ground personnel, volunteers, leaders, are exceptional people who give of their time because of an obvious respect, love, and admiration for our veterans.

At work we have a tag line under our logo which proudly states "*like no other.*" Honor Flight Rochester is truly like no other!

My thanks, appreciation, and best wishes to everyone within your outstanding organization.

Sincerely,



Edward P

Thank you Honor Flight Rochester

I am a Korean War Veteran. I was privileged to be one of 47 veterans on Mission 40 of Honor Flight Rochester on May 2nd & 3rd. Each veteran has a Guardian to accompany them. My son, Jim, was mine. On Saturday, we visited several war memorials in Washington DC, including the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Wherever we went, hundreds of people greeted us. This brought tears to my eyes, especially here at our return home reception. We heard the words "Thank you for your service" over and over.

In return, I would like to thank Honor Flight Rochester personnel and anyone else who helped make the trip possible – especially to those who participated in the homecoming reception at the Rochester airport. THANK YOU

Bob H
Pittsford

A Message from Rich

Thank you to the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). This past April 15th they held their Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet which was a very special occasion for Honor Flight Rochester. Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to Woody Mench (co-founder and past president presented post-humously to his widow Marion Mench and his grandson Brandon Mendoza), Peter Glennon (co-founder and board chairman), Jeff Gould (co-founder and board member), Kim Gould (co-founder), Vince Hope (co-founder and past president) and John Burns (vice president of operations). This is the highest award given by the SAR to non-members.



Additionally, a Certificate of Distinguished Service covering all the dedicated volunteers of Honor Flight Rochester was presented. Accepting for Honor Flight Rochester was Gary S. O'Dea who is a member of both organizations. The above named individuals and all Honor Flight Rochester volunteers should be justly proud of what has been accomplished. To date over 1900 veterans from the Rochester area have taken their missions to Washington, D.C.

The golfing season is here and a number of us will participate in tournaments held for the benefit of Honor Flight Rochester, either as golfers or volunteers. Already, on May 24th the Victor Hills 2nd Annual Tournament for HFR took place. A great time was had by all. There are more upcoming golf events on the schedule and being held for the exclusive benefit of HFR. Please be on the lookout for on July 18th the Francis McCabe 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at Braemar Country Club, around August 1st (exact date to be set) the Blue Heron Hills Tournament, on August 7th the Lake Shore Country Club 3rd Annual Tournament and on September 8th the BOMA Golf Tournament at the Lima Country Club. BOMA is the acronym for the Building Owners and Managers Association and HFR has been named as their charity of the year.

Also, I want to say thank you to the Town of Victor merchants for their 4th Annual Week for Honor Flight Rochester from May 8th to 15th. Nineteen merchants and civic organizations participated. And, thank you to the Rochester Piano Teacher's Guild for the Pianofest on May 23rd. In honor of our veterans, one hundred and seventy five piano students of all ages from around Monroe County performed patriotic selections on twenty one pianos at the Kodak Center for the Performing Arts.

As always, I want to thank our volunteers for all they do to make each mission the best possible for our veterans.

Best Regards,

Rich Stewart
President

Have a question, comment, or something to share?

DROP US A LINE!

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Thank a
Veteran!

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