



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 135 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 **2,121** WWII, Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam War veterans on **45 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, Cold War, or Vietnam War veterans and also to veterans of any era who suffer a terminal 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 46 April 30 – May 1
  - Mission 47 May 21 – May 22
  - Mission 48 June 18 – June 19

### 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 spring 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 then more than 130,000 Veterans have experienced "the gift of an Honor Flight."
- There are approximately 135 Honor Flight Network hubs nationwide.

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