



HONOR FLIGHT®

ROCHESTER NEWSLETTER



Lilac Festival 2018

"As our Rochester Lilac Festival wraps up, the numbers are in- we raised over \$10,000 for Honor Flight Rochester! You purchased 4,000 flags at our USA Flag Garden which will help send 18 local Vets on an Honor Flight mission to DC soon. Thank you!"

- Cheryl DiNolfo, Monroe County Executive



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Welcome Home Mission 59

On Sunday, May 6, 2018 we welcomed home the heroes of Mission 59. This mission included 56 veterans from WWII, Korean War, Cold War and the Vietnam War. Thank you to all of the Veterans and Guardians of Mission 59 for a wonderful trip!



Welcome Home Mission 59



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<https://honorflightrochester.shutterfly.com/>

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The Ultimate Brasstacular

★ THE ★ ★ ULTIMATE ★ BRASSTACULAR

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HONOR FLIGHT® ROCHESTER

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018 / 11:30AM UNTIL 7PM

GREECE AMERICAN LEGION POST 468 | 344 DORSEY ROAD | GREECE, NY

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL TENT ATMOSPHERE / FOOD AND DRINK FOR ALL AGES

LAWN CHAIRS WELCOME / RAFFLES AND BASKETS



FOR TICKET INFO GO TO:

www.facebook.com/TheUltimateBrasstacularForHonorFlightRochester/

OR CALL TOM ALLEN AT 585.746.4181

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THE ALL IN BRASS BAND / THE ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA / THE BRUCE ACADEMY OF MUSIC SINGERS /
MIGHTY ST. JOE'S ALUMNI / THE SMUGTOWN STOMPERS / BRIG JUICE BRASS / ST. JOE'S REUNION BRASS ENSEMBLE /
WHITE SABERS DRUM CORPS / A SPECIAL ECHO TAPS CEREMONY BY BUGLES ACROSS AMERICA OF NEW YORK STATE /
THE BUGLERS HALL OF FAME SALUTES THE LEGENDS OF ROCHESTER DRUM CORPS /
SPECIAL OPENING CEREMONIES WITH THE GREECE POST 468 COLOR GUARD

PRESENTED BY THE GREECE POST 468 LEGION FAMILY

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS CONCERT GO DIRECTLY TO HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER



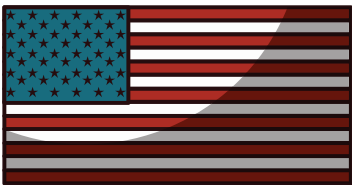
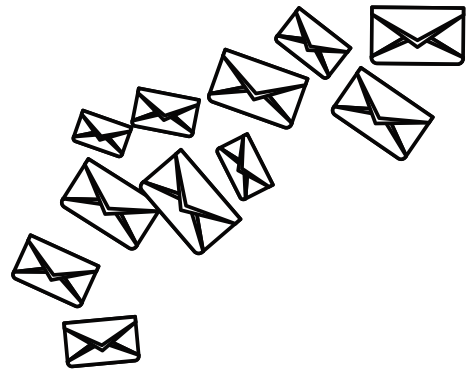
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Mail Bag

It's hard to explain the feeling I got with all the welcome greetings. The school kids really did a job on me. As I said it was very emotional. Thanks seems so insufficient.

Bless all of you.
Paul

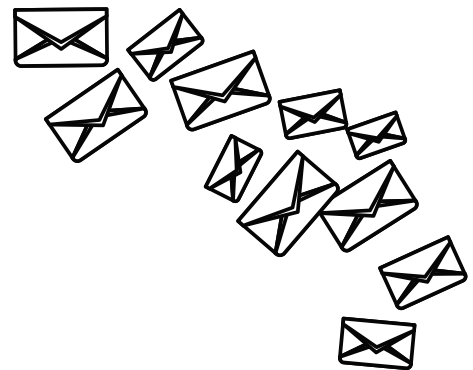


I have just had the most impressive and emotional experience of my life as a Veteran on Honor Flight Mission 58. Please convey my appreciation and admiration to all of the people who helped make this mission such a success. You are to be congratulated for such a competent group. It was a very enjoyable trip, very well planned and executed. The reception, as we returned to the Rochester airport, was, appropriately, a highly emotional climax. I especially want to express my appreciation to my very efficient guardian, Mary, who contributed so much to my enjoyment of the experience. I can assure you that the great work of your organization is sincerely appreciated. With my best wishes,
Jack

Steve,

I know you folks have heard all this before, but as my Drill Instructor used to say – you will hear it many times!!! My son Chris and I had a great time on the Mission! As a 'Cold War Vet' it made me feel much better about my time in the Air Force, not having been in any combat zones! Like you folks say – when you raise your hand to enter the service, that is all it takes. You could go anywhere!! I have told many of my Vet friends that they 'Must' sign up for a great mission!

Regards,
Sergeant F.



Thank you Honor Flight Rochester for a Very Memorable Trip to Washington, D.C. It was Excellent!! It is the Volunteers who make up each flight for Rochester Veterans that need to be honored. You all did a fantastic job! Bless each and every one of you for your participation. HOWEVER, had to do some explaining for all the LIPSTICK on my face. Hal Hal
John



Veteran Salute



Jim Nickerson (left) with friend, Eddie Catlin (right)

Meet Eddie Catlin who celebrated his 100th birthday in March.

Honor Flight Mission 59 escorted this newly minted centenarian to celebrate him and thank him for his time in the service.

During the mission where he received standing ovations, proud handshakes, and Happy Birthdays. Catlin said “You wouldn’t believe all the thank yous. They treated me so good. I really enjoyed it!”

Serving in the Army from 1943 to 1946, Catlin spent time in China, India, and Burma. He was part of the mission to rebuild the Burma Road - his unit rebuilt over 100 miles of highways and constructed new roadways and bridges. He was one of 14 children from St. Lawrence County. The family had a good size farm in Hammond, NY. There were six boys in the Army and they all came back home safely!

Eddie married his wife of 33 years after he returned from the war. As a civilian, he took a position at Gleason Works and eventually retired from there.



Eddie Catlin in Rochester, NY before leaving for the war.



Eddie Catlin and his guardian, Stuart Catlin

This proud centenarian lives in Penfield and was accompanied on the mission by his nephew, Stuart. When asked about his favorite part of the trip, Eddie replied, “The memorials.”

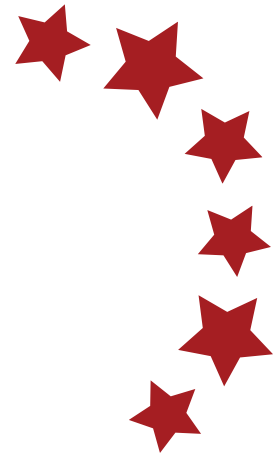
Eddie, we hope you continue to have an amazing year and once again, we thank you for your dedicated service to our Country.

God Bless!



Upcoming Talks and Events

- July 2 Monroe County Legion Meeting- Speaking Engagement
- July 14 & 15 Geneseo Air Show
- July 14 - 15 Fall 4R Vets
- July 19 Legacy at Willow Pond- Speaking Engagement
- July 27 & 28 Summit "ROC the Taste"
- July 28 York Valley Fest 5K and Golf Tournament
- July 29 The Ultimate Brasstacular
- August 2 Deer Run Winery Benefit Concert
- August 3 Lakeshore Country Club Golf Tournament

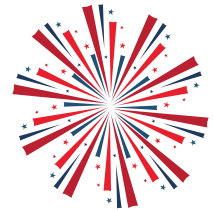


Flying Schedule



Mission 61 September 9, 2018

Mission 62 October 2018 TBA



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President's Column

A picture is worth a thousand words and HFR has tens of thousands of veteran photos for your enjoyment at honorflightrochester.shutterfly.com. However, photos from our earliest flights are few so additions to our collection are very welcome. In fact, there are seven missions from our formative years that are completely void of photos. If you know a guardian who traveled with us from 2008 through 2011, please ask if they have an electronic trove of flown veteran photos for HFR to post on Shutterfly.



MISSIONS WITHOUT PHOTO ARCHIVES

2009	2010	2011
M2 – Early Spring	M7 – Spring	M15 – Early Spring
M4 – Fall	M12 – Early Fall	M19 – Fall
M5 – Fall		

At our Father's Day Welcome Home ceremony, keynote speaker Colonel Matthew Nafus gave us sage advice to capture the stories of our veterans' military experiences before they become lost to history. An obvious follow-up for Honor Flight Rochester is to have mission photos of every veteran flown without exception. Each picture can be a priceless documentation, especially those from our earliest era when our photo archive was scant. Help us fill the photo voids by contacting us through the website.

On another matter, it has come to light that at our airport Welcome Home celebrations, some well-wishers may request a statement about HFR or make videos beyond those for personal use. When volunteers receive such requests please refer these inquiries to Rick Meier who heads up HFR Publicity. That is his role. (In Rick's absence either Rich Stewart, or Peter Glennon will speak officially.) We have procedures for presenting one-voice about Honor Flight Rochester. Additionally, HFR actively controls the use of the Honor Flight Rochester logo, especially for public purposes. We appreciate your enthusiasm, but we need to control communications as best we can.

With each newsletter, I try to make known some of the events that help fund our flights. When I miss an event I try to include it in the next issue. HFR receives no government funding. We truly and humbly appreciate all contributions including ground events, private sponsors, community organizations, corporations, individual donors to name a few. Here are some events from this spring, May and June, but also a few from April. We graciously thank and accept the generous support provided by these wonderful organizations; NY Highway Supervisors Equipment Show, Nazareth College Veterans, District 7 Sons of the American Legion Concert in Phelps, Ontario County Women's Republican Club Breakfast, Fairport Side B with Harmonica Pete, American Warrior Concert, Fairport Canal Days, Greece Strawberry Festival, Masonic Service Bureau and the Amerks Boosters Club.

Thank you, Volunteers, for keeping HFR flying.
Have a happy summer,
Rich

Have a question, comment, or something to share?

DROP US A LINE!

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Thank A Veteran!

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