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FACEBOOK PHOTO INITIATIVE VETERAN & GUARDIAN/VOLUNTEER TOGETHER ON MISSION

As you know the suspension of Missions is in effect through year-end 2020. Also, Events are significantly curtailed through NYS Phase Four mandates. Still, there is an expressed interest by Volunteers and Guardians to keep the flame burning. Requirements for social distancing, size of group gatherings, personal protective equipment and Zoom meetings will be with us for quite a while.

As an accommodating measure HFR is offering our Facebook Photo Initiative. Since April Guardians and Volunteers have been submitting favorite photos from their missions that portray, "WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO."

The procedure is simple:

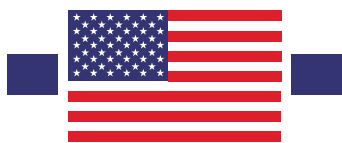
- Submit your most favorite pics of your veteran together with you to: publicity@honorflightrochester.org.
- A brief caption of who, what, when and where must accompany each photo.
- Selected photos will be screened and forwarded to Facebook. (The posed sendoff Flag photos are excluded.)

Quite possibly your photos may appear late this summer or early fall on Facebook. Hopefully this will let you and others know how eager we all are to resume our missions once the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.

Shown below is a representative photo from each of the last 20 missions, M69 through M50. By Labor Day over two-hundred photos showing "Why we do what we do" will be posted. Already the Initiative is reaching "mini hit" status so please continue to email your submissions to: publicity@honorflightrochester.org.



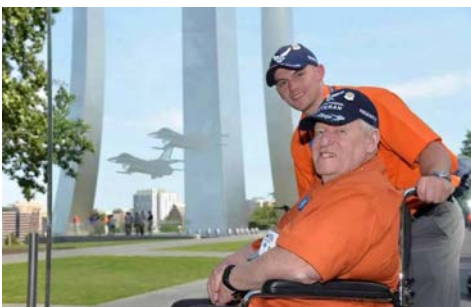
*M63 Oct '18 WWII
Veteran Fay V
(Women's Army Corps)
returned the salute
smartly; Attended by
daughter Guardian
Mary*



**WE LEAVE NO
VETERAN BEHIND**



M68 September 2019 Korean War Veteran Paul F (Navy-Marines) with daughter Guardian Lori at the Navy Yard Museum



M66 June 2019 Cold War Veteran Bob L (Air Force); the fighter planes are in etched glass for a very realistic illusion



M67 September 2019 Cold War Veteran John M (Navy) with daughter Guardian Shelli at Sunday afternoon Welcome Home



M64 April 2019 Korean War Veteran William R (Army) with son Guardian Val at the awesome Patriot Guard Riders flag line



M69 October 2019 Cold War Vietnam War Veteran Phil H (Army) with granddaughter Guardian Christina and family friend



M65 May 2019 Cold War Veteran Rod M (Navy) enjoyed meeting interesting reenactor at the WWII Memorial



M61 September 2018 WWII Veteran Dick C (Army) saluted the CA Palmer Fife & Drum Corps Honor Guard



M62 September 2018 Vietnam War Veteran George D (Sr & Jr both Army) at the Lincoln Memorial



M55 September 2017 WWII Veteran Peter T (Navy); Same model & caliber that Peter fired as a Gunner's Mate 75 years ago



M56 Korean War Cold War Vet Kevin M (Air Force) & daughter/Guardian Amy seated/standing on left; Changing of the Guard



M57 October 2017 Cold War Veteran James S (Navy) extended hand to M48 Korean War Veteran Jim B (Army) standing



M58 April 2018 Korean War Veteran John B (Army) met Sheriff Todd Baxter & HFR Co-founder/Chairman Peter Glennon



M54 June '17 Korean War Vet Millie B, Miss New York State, Spkr Mike Giardino, Emcee Adam Chodak, HFR Pres Rich Stewart



M60 June 2018 WWII Veteran Sam S (Army) with Guardian Ed and Museum Staff Melissa at the Navy Yard



M51 October 2016 Korean War Veterans Claude G & Bill S (both Army) with the BWI Brownies motorcycle escort



Tom Hope Specially Invited to M50 Milestone Ceremony; Tom was the original mover & shaker of the pre Hub start up



M59 May '18 Cold War Veteran Don E (Navy) with retired Captain of USS Champlain namesake of the Carrier Don crewed on



Norm Bachman Specially Invited to M50 Milestone Ceremony; Norm & family were at all early Welcome Homes as well-wishers



M53 May 2017 Vietnam War Veteran Bill D (Marine) hugged by grandchildren with daughter Guardian Susan near by



M52 April 2017 Korean War Cold War Veteran Don R (Army) with daughter Guardian Tammy

HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER POSTPONES SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MISSIONS

(News Release announced June 9, 2020)

Continuing with our abundance of caution Honor Flight Rochester is postponing missions to Washington, D.C. for September and October 2020.

While Honor Flight Rochester is Mission Ready, the safety of our veterans and volunteers is paramount and overrides all prior travel plans. After the COVID-19 pandemic fully subsides we will resume flying.

In anticipation of an uncertain start-up date, in the interim HFR will work on refreshing our processes and programs to align with the post pandemic era new requirements. Also you may find interesting our recently initiated Facebook photo series, "Why we do what we do!"

Honor Flight Rochester is in this for the long haul and holds in the highest regard the trust and goodwill of our veterans, volunteers and the greater Rochester community. We are eager to fly again but only when it is safe to do so. Veteran applications never expire and their places in line will be maintained.

Honor Flight Rochester loves our veterans and looks forward to recognizing their great service as soon as we can! Please inform volunteers under your functional area leadership of this announcement. If you have questions or comments, you may submit by email to Rich Stewart at: Publicity@HonorFlightRochester.org.

HELP WANTED!

Honor Flight Rochester seeks to fill the critical position of Events Coordinator.

Fundraising is essential to the ongoing effort to honor our Veterans with their trip of a lifetime. The Events Coordinator is the fundraising point person for the entire Honor Flight Rochester organization. This person will work with local organizations to plan and schedule events, recruit event leaders, keep track of and communicate events schedules and work diligently to continue our enviable record of fundraising activities. If you are interested in this critical role, please respond to the upcoming survey monkey or reach out directly to Rich Stewart at President@HonorFlightRochester.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE: EVENTS COORDINATOR

Honor Flight Rochester seeks to fill the highly visible position of Events Coordinator. The purpose of Events is to support local fundraisers where Honor Flight Rochester, Inc. is the benefactor. Typical events are: Golf Tournaments, Concerts, Air Shows, Plays, Trade Shows, Fairs and Social Gatherings.

Responsibilities include:

- Scheduling of numerous community outreach events throughout the year requested by various host organizations, corporations and individuals.
- Researching details of proposed event to determine appropriateness
- Obtaining approval from HFR President to accept invitation for Event
- Establishing relationship with Event Requestor/Host
- Determining level of support, and HFR equipment to be made available for use at event
- Recruiting Event Leader and insure that volunteer opportunity to support the event is made available to

the entire organization (Survey Monkey).

- Providing HFR Media Coordinator info for possible social media or Website inclusion
- Engaging HFR Merchandise Coordinator if HFR items will be made available for donation

This position reports to the CEO/President and regularly attends the monthly FAM meeting.

The Events Coordinator represents Honor Flight Rochester to numerous outside organizations and clubs so polished professional interpersonal skills are very desirable.

Skills and experience:

- Detail oriented able to handle many different requestors
- Possess excellent organizational and communication skills
- Be a team player
- Familiarity in Excel including skills to maintain our established Events database

Everyone who indicates an interest will be contacted after the survey closes. Please complete no later than Friday, July 31.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

REACTIVATION HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER

The COVID-19 pandemic has not subsided. National health experts and political leaders have presented changing timelines and constraints for re-opening businesses and schools. This all adds to uncertainty on making predictions about our resumption of missions to Washington, D.C. For the time being HFR will continue in pause mode. In September we will begin to put together Reactivation Plans using up-to-date information. This will include review of pandemic guidelines, travel restrictions including transportation and accommodations, etc.

My sincere hope is to provide a robust schedule of flights in 2021 which are safe and healthy for our veterans and volunteers. I expect that the Reactivation Plans will encompass significant restrictions, encourage remote meetings, incorporate process streamlining and possibly present health screening recommendations. There is no simple way to completely eliminate risk until there is a vaccine. HFR's Reactivation Plans will need continual adjustments to address the limitations of predictions.

The timely resumption of flying is important because the most senior veterans on our fly lists need to travel soon while they are still able. Unfortunately they are highly vulnerable as it relates to complications or death from COVID-19. Simply stated it is not prudent to risk the health of those we seek to honor.

For your background shown on the preceding page is the June announcement that was sent to FAM Leaders, posted on both HFR Facebook & Website, as well as, aired by local newscasters including anchor Don Alhart.

Stay safe and be well,

Rich Stewart
President & CEO



SPREAD THE WORD!

Real ID Effective October 1, 2021

Compliance required to pass through TSA checkpoints by all Veterans, Guardians, Flight Crew and Gate Side volunteers.