

## **HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS**

With Free Flights to Washington, DC to Visit and Reflect Together at Memorials Built in Their Honor

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## HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER RESUMES OPERATIONS WITH MISSION 70

Honor Flight Rochester ("HFR") is excited to announce that it is resuming flying operations and will commence with the long-awaited Mission 70 over the September 11, 2021 weekend, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. HFR is planning additional Missions for the fall of 2021, anticipating the further retreat of the COVID pandemic. HFR had suspended its operations throughout 2020 and the first half of 2021 as a precautionary measure to protect the health and safety of our area Veterans and volunteers; but it has always remained "Mission Ready."

HFR Missions are intended to be the trip of a lifetime for our area's beloved Veterans. Those Veterans who were planning to fly with us in 2020 remain at the "top of the list" and will be notified over the summer as to when they will be able to fly on the trip of their lifetime.

HFR President Rich Stewart shared, "It is time to resume operations and for our community to come together to once again show our appreciation and gratitude to our area Veterans." HFR Director and co-founder Jeff Gould added, "Veterans tend to shy away from the spotlight, but we promised them last Veterans' Day, as we planted nearly 1100 signs in front of their homes to recognize them, that they would fly with us just as soon as we were able—and now we're able. Let's go!"

HFR Volunteers are now organizing and putting together the details needed to launch Mission 70. "Honor Flight Rochester is nothing without our more than 800 volunteers, who show their appreciation to our Veterans with their sacrifice of time, talent, and treasure; we're ready," said HFR Chairman and co-founder Peter J. Glennon.

Additional Missions in the fall will be announced and HFR is planning to return to its full six Mission flying schedule in 2022.

The Media may submit any questions to HFR by submitting an email to: <a href="mailto:Publicity@HonorFlightRochester.org">Publicity@HonorFlightRochester.org</a>.