



HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS

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

Rochester, New York
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Honor Flight Rochester Welcomes Home Mission 72 Veterans

Sunday, June 19th Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester ("HFR") is very pleased that Mission 72 will fly the weekend of June 18th and 19th. The Welcome Home Celebration will be on Father's Day. For the full year six missions will be flown including three more in the fall. As always, the safety of our veterans and volunteers is paramount.

HFR Missions provide our local veterans with what has been described as "the trip of a lifetime." Veteran applications never expire. Their placement on the Fly List advances with each flown mission. Fifty veterans will fly Mission 72 including: 2 WWII veterans, 8 Korean War veterans, 7 Cold War veterans, 1 Korea/Cold War veteran, 2 Cold War/Vietnam veterans and 30 Vietnam veterans. The branches of service are Army (26), Navy (9), Air Force (9) and Marines (6).

Often heard are comments, such as these from our heroes on the mission last month, *"This was the best 36 hours of my life" and "It took 50+ years... but it was worth it."*

Since 2008 including Mission 72, HFR will have flown 3,490 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers.

DATE: Sunday, June 19th, 2022

WELCOME CELEBRATION: Between 12:30 – 1:45 PM, after the veterans have disembarked the plane

FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME: Arrival 12:15 PM Sunday on Southwest Airlines Flight #502

WHERE: Greater Rochester International Airport

EMCEE: Glenn Johnson – Meteorologist WHEC-TV

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark W. Pedersen

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Bruce Music & Theatre Academy

BAND: Rochester Scottish Pipes and Drums

COLOR GUARD: Chili Lady Liberties

DEPARTURE: Saturday, June 18; Mission 72 departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6 AM

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