

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 Welcomes Home Mission 73 Veterans Sunday, September 11th Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester ("HFR") is very pleased to announce that Mission 73 will fly the weekend of September 10th and 11th. For the full year six missions will be flown including three this fall. As always, the safety of our veterans and volunteers is paramount.

HFR Missions provide local veterans with what has been described as "the trip of a lifetime." Veteran applications never expire. Their placement of the Fly List advances with each flown mission. Fifty-seven veterans will fly on Mission 73 including: 5 Korean War veterans, 6 Cold War veterans, 1 Cold War/Vietnam, 45 Vietnam War veterans. The branches of service are Army (26), Navy (15), Air Force (9) and Marines (7).

The comments heard can be boldly honest, for instance from a prior mission flown veteran, "As the trip progressed, my skepticism faded. I began talking with fellow veterans... they were people just like me who had taken time off from their regular lives to serve their country."

Since 2008 including Mission 73, HFR will have flown 3,603 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, September 11th, 2022

AIRPORT CELEBRATION: Between 12:30 – 1:45 PM, after the veterans have disembarked the plane FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME: Arrival 11:55 AM Sunday on Southwest Airlines Flight #939 WHERE: Greater Rochester International Airport EMCEE: Ginny Ryan - News Anchor 13 WHAM-TV KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Todd Baxter - Sheriff Monroe County NATIONAL ANTHEM: Enzo D'Jesus - Victor High School Select Choir BAND: Prime Time Brass COLOR GUARD: West Webster Fire Department DEPARTURE: Saturday, Sept 10th; departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6 AM

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