



**HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS**

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## **Honor Flight Rochester Welcomes Home Mission 76 Veterans**

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is very pleased to announce that Mission 76 will fly the weekend of April 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first of six missions for this year. 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 position on the Fly List advances with each flown mission. Sixty-one veterans will fly on Mission 76 including: 4 Korean War veterans, 3 Cold War veterans, 4 Cold War/Vietnam veteran, 50 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (25), Navy (18), Air Force (9), Marines (8), and Coast Guard (1).

After a prior mission one Vietnam veteran confided, *“This trip, the people, companies, and all I met that greeted us, demonstrated their enthusiasm for all we did. It brought tears to my eyes. I truly felt honored and appreciated...”*

Since 2008 including Mission 76, HFR will have flown 3,774 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers.

**WELCOME HOME DATE:** Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**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 #802

**WHERE:** Greater Rochester International Airport

**EMCEE:** Stacey Pensgen, Meteorologist WHEC-TV

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Adam Bello, Monroe County Executive

**ANTHEM SINGER:** Enzo D’Jesus, Victor High School Select Choir

**BAND:** C.A. Palmer Fife & Drum Corps

**COLOR GUARD:** Rochester Institute of Technology Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

**DEPARTURE:** Saturday, April 15th; departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6 AM

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