



**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 77 Veterans**

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is very pleased to announce that Mission 77 will fly the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This will be the second 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 veterans will fly on Mission 77 including: 1 World War II veteran, 4 Korean War veterans, 3 Cold War veterans, 2 Cold War/Vietnam War veterans, 50 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (32), Navy (14), Marines (7), Air Force (4), and Coast Guard (3).

Here is a revealing quote by a Vietnam veteran who traveled last month with a sentiment that recent flown veterans may share, “Most of us served in Vietnam so we could talk with one another and know what the other went through.” This openness among veterans happens often on our missions and camaraderie arises spontaneously.

Since 2008 including Mission 77, HFR will have flown 3,831 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers.

**WELCOME HOME DATE:** Sunday, May 14<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:** Maureen McGuire, Award Winning Journalist

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Robert Thompson, Vietnam War Veteran

**ANTHEM SINGERS:** Sophia Leitner and Hannah Shulman, Mendon High School Concert Choir

**BAND:** Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes & Drums

**COLOR GUARD:** Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #20

**DEPARTURE:** Saturday, May 13th; departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6 AM

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