

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 79 Veterans

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is very pleased to announce that Mission 79 will fly the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup>-10th. This will be the fourth 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-two veterans will fly on Mission 79 including 3 Korean War veterans, 7 Cold War veterans, 9 Cold War/Vietnam War veterans and 43 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (28), Navy (12), Marines (9) and Air Force (13).

On a preceding mission one Veteran shared his thoughts that he and other veterans found much need camaraderie and felt appreciated for the personal, emotional and physical sacrifice they made so many years ago.

Since 2008 including Mission 79, HFR will have flown 3.950 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations, hundreds of volunteers and testamentary bequests.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, September 10th, 2023

AIRPORT CELEBRATION: Between Noon to 2:00 PM, after the veterans have disembarked the plane FLIGHT INFO: Arrival Noon Sunday on Southwest Airlines Flight 3977 at Rochester International Airport EMCEE: Ginny Ryan, Canandaigua National Bank

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Charles Klauck, President Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #20

ANTHEM SINGER: The Buffalo Dolls

BAND: All In Brass Band

**COLOR GUARD:** Naval Reserve Center Rochester Sea Cadets

**DEPARTURE:** Saturday, September 9 departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6 AM

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