

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 82

Sunday, April 21st Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is very pleased to announce that Mission 82 will fly the weekend of April 20th -21st. 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. Fifty-two veterans will fly on Mission 82 including: 1 World War II veteran, 2 Korean War veterans, 2 Cold War veterans, 4 Cold War/Vietnam War veterans, 43 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (27), Navy (13), Marines (5) and Air Force (7).

Here is a heartfelt quote from a Veteran who flew last year, "I want to let you know how you changed my life with the experience you gave me, by taking me and my son to see the memorials of all the different war. Most of all the Vietnam Wall brought tears to my eyes."

Since 2008 including Mission 82, HFR will have flown 4,119 Veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, April 21st, 2024

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

FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME: Arrival 12:10 PM Sunday on Southwest Airlines Flight #WN4044

WHERE: Greater Rochester International Airport

EMCEE: Maureen McGuire, Award Winning Journalist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Senator Jeremy Cooney NYS District 56

ANTHEM SINGER: Sally Curran

BAND: Fairport Fire Department Band

COLOR GUARD: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #20

DEPARTURE: Saturday, April 20th; departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6:15 AM

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