



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 83 Veterans Sunday, May 26th Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is very pleased to announce that Mission 83 will fly the weekend of May 25th-26th. This will be the second of six missions for this year. Please be aware that **Airport renovation is underway with parking changes in effect for the Welcome Home Visitors and Ground Crew on Sunday. Garage parking will be unavailable for them. The Shuttle Overflow Lot on the north side of Brooks Avenue off of Buell Road is their designated parking area.**

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 83 including 1 WWII veterans 4 Korean War veterans, 4 Cold War veterans, 9 Cold War/Vietnam War veterans and 43 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (21), Navy (19), Marines (7) and Air Force (14).

Here is a recent quote from Flown Veteran Fred M who a decade ago was on Mission 36. His feelings about Honor Flight are as strong and clear now as when he traveled back in June 2014. Per Fred, *“And I gotta tell every veteran who hasn’t taken his Honor Flight, they must take this flight, because they’ll have a day they never forget.”*

Since 2008 including Mission 83, HFR will have flown 4,178 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations, hundreds of volunteers and testamentary bequests.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, May 26th, 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: Christian Garzone, Veterans Outreach Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Tim Vaughan, Col, USAF/NYANG

ANTHEM SINGER: Soloist Abbie Riggins, Lemoyne College

BAND: Mark Time Marchers

COLOR GUARD: Rochester Fire Department

DEPARTURE: Saturday, May 25 departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6:15 AM

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