

## **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 Veterans on Mission 84

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

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is pleased to announce that Mission 84 will fly the weekend of June 15-16. This will be the third 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-eight veterans will fly on Mission 84 including 4 Korean War veterans, 4 Cold War veterans, 9 Cold War/Vietnam War veterans and 41 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (31), Navy (11), Air Force (9) and Marines (7).

Here is a quote by Colonel Tim Vaughan, preceding mission Keynote Speaker, "As you reflect... on your Honor Flight mission in the days ahead... take the opportunity to share your experiences while wearing the uniform. As you connect with other veterans here (and) veteran organizations that can be your buddy system link as you go through life."

Since 2008 including Mission 84, HFR will have flown 4234 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations, hundreds of volunteers and testamentary bequests.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, June 16th

<u>AIRPORT CELEBRATION:</u> Between 1:00 to 2:15 PM, after the veterans have disembarked the plane <u>FLIGHT INFO:</u> Arrival 12:45 PM Sunday on SWA Flight WN1488 at Rochester International Airport

**EMCEE:** Eric Snitil, Chief Meteorologist WROC-TV Channel 8

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:** Mary Ann & Michael Dupre, Adult Children of Harmonica Pete

**ANTHEM SINGER:** Soloist Jerry Bartholomew, trained at Eastman

BAND: C.A. Palmer Fife & Drum Corp

**COLOR GUARD:** Navy Reserve Center Rochester

**DEPARTURE:** Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 5:30 AM

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