



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 85 Veterans

Sunday, September 15th Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) is very pleased to announce that Mission 85 will fly the weekend of September 14th-15th. 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 veterans will fly on Mission 85 including: 5 Korean War veterans, 1 Cold War/Korean War veteran, 3 Cold War veterans, 5 Cold War/Vietnam veterans, 46 Vietnam War veterans. Their branches of service are: Army (26), Navy (16), Air Force (9), Marines (8), and Coast Guard (1).

According to the spouse of a flown veteran waiting at the airport, *“I think it is just an honor to always be here for our veterans, they deserve it. They’ve worked hard for us, given us our liberties and we need to honor them.”*

Since 2008 including Mission 85, HFR will have flown 4,295 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations, hundreds of volunteers and testamentary bequests.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, September 15th, 2024

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

FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME: Arrival 12:20 PM Sunday on Southwest Airlines Flight #614

WHERE: Greater Rochester International Airport

EMCEE: Maureen McGuire – Award Winning Journalist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Adam Karaoguz – Lieutenant Commander Navy Seal (ret.)

ANTHEM SINGER: Sally Curran – Soloist Trained at Eastman

BAND: Towpath Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps

COLOR GUARD: Rochester Naval Sea Cadets

DEPARTURE: Saturday, September 14th; departs the Rochester International Airport at 6:05 AM

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