



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 86 Veterans Sunday, Oct 6th Rochester International Airport

Honor Flight Rochester ("HFR") is very pleased to announce that Mission 86 will fly the weekend of October 5th - 6th. This is the fifth of six missions in 2024. 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 placement on the Fly List advances with each flown mission. Sixty-two veterans will fly on Mission 86 including: 1 WWII Veteran, 3 Korean War Veterans, 2 Korea/Cold War Veterans, 1 Cold War Veteran, 7 Cold War/Vietnam War Veterans, 47 Vietnam War Veterans and 1 Post Vietnam War Veteran. The branches of service are Army (23), Navy (17), Air Force (13) and Marines (9).

Just after our last mission Honor Flight Rochester received a letter from a Vietnam War veteran who in his words, "*expressed my most sincere thanks for including me on the Mission to Washington DC. It was the experience of a lifetime, and I will cherish the memory as long as I live.*"

Since 2008 including Mission 86, HFR will have flown 4,355 veterans funded entirely through the generosity of our community including individuals, organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers.

Sunday parking: parkers will go to the red lot on Brooks Avenue with shuttle service in effect from beginning to end of day due to airport construction.

WELCOME HOME DATE: Sunday, October 6th, 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 #4012

WHERE: Greater Rochester International Airport

EMCEE: Adam Chodak – Anchor/Managing Editor News 8 WROC-TV

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Todd Baxter - Sheriff Monroe County

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Abby Riggins - Soloist LeMoyne College

BAND: Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes & Drums

COLOR GUARD: Chili Lady Liberties

DEPARTURE: Saturday, October 5th; departs the Greater Rochester International Airport at 6:15 AM

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