

HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER



NEWSLETTER

A Trip of a Lifetime

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Volunteers,

Welcome to our 2026 Spring Mission season.

Mission 94 (April 18–19), Mission 95 (May 16–17), and Mission 96 (June 13–14) will once again carry our local heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor. Each mission is a powerful reminder of why we do this work.

We are especially proud that Mission 95 will be Honor Flight Rochester's first All-Female Veteran Flight — a historic opportunity to celebrate the women who have served our nation with courage and distinction. We are honored to welcome Major General Stacy Babcock as our Emissary and Keynote Speaker for this extraordinary mission.

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to attend the annual Honor Flight Summit alongside three fellow volunteers. Spending time with representatives from other hubs, sharing ideas, and learning new approaches was truly energizing. We returned inspired and ready to incorporate fresh ideas that will strengthen our organization and enhance our missions. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience for all of us.

We are also pleased to welcome Steve Rapp, a longtime volunteer, to the FAM team as our new Media and Public Relations Coordinator. Steve brings many years of experience and has faithfully served in numerous volunteer roles within Honor Flight Rochester since 2009.

From the very beginning, Honor Flight Rochester has been about community.

To our Volunteers, Donors, and Guardians — you are the heart and soul of every mission.

Because of your countless hours behind the scenes, your extraordinary generosity, and your steady, compassionate presence, our veterans experience far more than a trip to Washington, D.C. They experience dignity. They experience healing. They experience the powerful reminder that their service matters and will never be forgotten.

You ensure that no veteran walks alone, that every detail is handled with care, and that each hero is surrounded by gratitude from departure to Welcome Home. Together, you transform a journey into a life-changing tribute of honor, respect, and love.

Together, we create moments of reflection, pride, healing, and gratitude that last a lifetime. As we step into this new season, let us carry forward the pride, passion, and purpose that define Honor Flight Rochester. Together, we will continue to honor those who have given so much for our freedom.

Here's to a meaningful and memorable 2026.

With sincere gratitude,

Kim Gould
President & CEO



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2025 Operation Stats



6 Missions Completed

Mission 88	May 3-4	58 Veterans
Mission 89	May 31-June 1	61 Veterans
Mission 90	June 21-22	61 Veterans
Mission 91	September 20-21	60 Veterans
Mission 92	October 4-5	55 Veterans
Mission 93	October 25-26	58 Veterans

353 Veterans Flown

4,766 Veterans Flown Since 2008

Skycoaster Turkey Bash



View Event Photos

View all of our mission and event photos! Go to <https://honorflightrochester.org/missions-2/> and click on the "View Mission Photos" button to see more!

Elvis Night



Buntsy's Music Festival



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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

18-19	Honor Flight Mission 94	
29	Western NY Village Supt Highway	Ogden

MAY

9	Ontario Republican Women's Club	Victor
10-11	Lilac Festival	Highland Park, Rochester
16	Frank Montondo Apple Blossom Shoot	Williamson
16	Red Wings with Bruce	ESL Ballpark, Rochester
16-17	Honor Flight Mission 95	
18	Lilac Run	Highland Park, Rochester
23	DeWolf Brewing	Victor

JUNE

6-7	Fairport Canal Days	Fairport
13	Red Wings with Bruce	ESL Ballpark, Rochester
13-14	Honor Flight Mission 96	
14	Brasstacular Benefit Concert for HFR	Greece
20	Red Wings with Bruce	ESL Ballpark, Rochester
22	Greece Strawberry Festival	Greece

JULY

4	Red Wings with Bruce	ESL Ballpark, Rochester
11	Canandaigua Runnings BBQ	Canandaigua
11-12	Geneseo Air Show	Geneseo
11	Paul Gentile Golf Tournament	Spencerport
18	Red Wings with Bruce	ESL Ballpark, Rochester
25	Shootout for Soldiers	Canandaigua