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85 Area Veterans Flying Free to Washington D.C. on Monday, April 14

(Attention Editors and News Directors: A pre-flight dinner on Sunday, April 13 at 4:30 pm at Howard Johnsons in Rib Mountain, WI will honor the veterans and their spouses. Veterans will be checking in at the hotel between 2 p.m. and 3:30 pm Sunday if you would like to interview some of them. The Never Forgotten Honor Flight Hub based in Wausau serves veterans in these 12 counties: Marathon, Portage, Wood, Taylor, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Vilas, Iron, Barron, Price and Rusk.)

(Wausau, WI) The Never Forgotten Honor Flight organization based in Wausau and the many organizations, businesses and individuals who fund it will fly 26 World War II veterans, 58 Korean War Veterans and one Vietnam War veteran to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials that honor their service on Monday, April 14, 2014. Sixty eight guardians will accompany the vets on the trip to assist them on their whirlwind one-day round trip that departs Central Wisconsin Airport at 7:00 a.m. and is scheduled to return at approximately 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to the Central Wisconsin Airport to welcome the veterans home Monday night, and Honor Flight officials recommend arriving by 8:30 p.m. Free parking for those welcoming the veterans home will be provided.

After Monday's trip, the Never Forgotten Honor Flight will have taken nearly 1,400 veterans to Washington, D.C. since the first flight in 2010. The next flight is scheduled for May 19, and two more trips are planned for this fall. Any veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

Veterans receive a free round-trip flight, and guardians pay \$500 for the opportunity to accompany one or two veterans on the trip. Veterans and guardians interested in taking a future Honor Flight must complete an application at: www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org or contact the organization at 715.573.8519. The veterans are selected based upon the order in which their applications are received and the conflict they served in. Preference is given to World War II veterans, then Korean Veterans and then Vietnam veterans. War veterans who are terminally ill, regardless of when they served, are also given preference. Guardians should be 18-69 years old and able to lend physical assistance to the veterans. Completed applications for veterans and guardians also can be mailed to Never Forgotten Honor Flight, P.O. Box 5056 Wausau, WI 54402-5056.

North Central Wisconsin's Never Forgotten Honor Flight is the nation's 77th regional hub and one of six Wisconsin Honor Flight hubs. The Wausau-based organization was certified by the National Honor Flight Network office in Springfield, Ohio on December 11, 2009.

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