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(Editor's and News Director's Note- Interviews with Tony Papenfuss and John Voldstad may be scheduled through Elizabeth Beckett. The actors are expected to arrive in Wausau on Tuesday afternoon prior to the Honor Flight benefit. The Never Forgotten Honor Flight organization based in Wausau serves veterans in these 12 counties: Iron, Barron, Vilas, Price, Oneida, Rusk, Taylor, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Wood and Portage.)

Former CBS TV Stars to Appear at Fundraising Event for Never Forgotten Honor Flight

(Wausau, WI) Two more Never Forgotten Honor Flights, scheduled for April 23 and May 7 will fly approximately 100 WWII veterans and 45 Korean War Veterans from north central Wisconsin to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials erected in their honor. The trips are funded by donations from numerous businesses and individuals and thanks to many area fundraising events.

Tony Papenfuss and John Voldstad, otherwise know as "My Brother Darryl and My Other Brother Darryl" on the 1980s CBS sitcom *Newhart*, will appear in one such fundraising event at the Fillmor Pub & Eatery in downtown Wausau Wednesday, February 22. The two will participate in an advanced performance of *Deer Camp – The Musical*, which officially opens Thursday, February 23 and runs through Sunday, February 26 at the Fillmor.

Two Wausau businesses, Larry Meyer Construction and Inner Piece Interiors, are hosting the Wednesday evening Honor Flight benefit which will also include a silent auction, food and beverages and a special appearance by Papenfuss and Voldstad. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$69 per person including a \$20 tax-deductible donation to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. All proceeds from the Silent Auction also will go to the Honor Flight. Tickets are available to the public by calling the Grand Theater box office at (715) 842-0988 or can be ordered online at www.grandtheater.org/tickets Tickets for the regular performances Thursday through Sunday cost \$39 with a 50% discount available to veterans who attend the Thursday evening, Saturday matinee and Sunday performances.

Deer Camp follows four fearless deer hunters from Elmwood on their annual trek to deer camp. After decades of hunting trips, the guys have yet to bring home a single deer, and the wives are getting suspicious.

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. Veterans are selected based upon the order in which the applications are received, and preference is given to World War II veterans.

With fewer World War II Veterans applying, Korean War veterans are encouraged to apply as well. Guardians should be 18-69 years old, able to lend physical assistance to the veterans and willing to pay the \$500 cost of their trip. Completed applications should be mailed to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, P.O. Box 5056, Wausau, WI 54402-5056.

As a 501c (3) corporation, contributions to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight are tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight and mailed to the address above. Donations also can be made at the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin or online with a credit card at www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org

North Central Wisconsin's Never Forgotten Honor Flight was organized in late 2009 as the nation's 77th regional Honor Flight and Wisconsin's fifth. The Wausau-based organization was certified by the National Honor Flight Network office in Springfield, Ohio on December 11, 2009. More information and photos of previous trips are available at www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org.

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