



Local Veteran Leader Making Historic Flight

NORTH CHICAGO, IL (April 8, 2023) - Paula Carballido, co-founder of Lake County Honor Flight, will serve as a leader with the first-ever Honor Flight serving US military veterans from Puerto Rico.

Carballido advised the national Honor Flight Network early last year that nearly 80,000 veterans living in Puerto Rico, a territory of the United States whose residents have been US citizens since 1917, do not have the opportunity to take a tribute Honor Flight to thank them for their service to our country. Within a few weeks a veterans group in Puerto Rico contacted Honor Flight Network and expressed interest in raising support for an inaugural Honor Flight from Puerto Rico to Washington D.C.

Sponsored by PenFed Credit Union Lone Eagle, the first Honor Flight to commemorate US veterans from Puerto Rico will leave San Juan and fly to our nation's capital on April 12. Carballido was honored to be asked to serve as a trip coordinator and will leave North Chicago on April 10 to join the group for their 3-day expedition. In addition to her experience with the Honor Flight movement, her bilingual skills will be an additional service to the veterans on this first trip.

The mission of Honor Flight is to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials.

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