



Lake County Honor Flight Returns to the Skies

NORTH CHICAGO, IL (March 14, 2022) – Following a two-year hiatus from flying America’s heroes to Washington, D.C., on April 30, 2022, the Lake County Honor Flight will resume escorting veterans on a no-cost trip to visit the memorials built to honor their service and sacrifices.

“During the pandemic we continued to plan and prepare, and now the time has come to resume our mission,” said John Passanante, Lake County Honor Flight president. “It’s a great privilege to serve in this very special way, to honor those who served our country.” The local non-profit is one of 128 Honor Flight hubs around the country grounded during the pandemic.

Veterans from all war eras are eligible for a tribute flight, regardless of their combat status. Priority is given to the oldest veterans and those in hospice care. The two-day expedition includes a direct flight to Washington, D.C. on Southwest Airlines, overnight accommodations, all meals and transportation around the nation’s capital.

Area residents are invited to participate in a “drive by welcome home ceremony” on May 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., by assembling along the return route of the veterans’ motor coach on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Sheridan Road in North Chicago, Illinois. Signs, flags and patriotic gear are welcome.

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About Lake County Honor Flight

Lake County Honor Flight celebrates America's veterans with a multi-day trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. The Lake County Honor Flight works diligently to raise funds so that trips are available to veterans at no cost! The Lake County Honor Flight hub is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. They are based in the City of North Chicago, Illinois, a proud military host community as home to Naval Station Great Lakes, the world’s only U.S. Navy Recruit Training Command. Lake County Honor Flight is nestled half-way between Chicago and Milwaukee on the shores of Lake Michigan. Be a hero and honor a veteran today at lakecountyhonorflight.org.

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