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NOVEMBER HONOR FLIGHTS, JUST IN TIME FOR VETERAN'S DAY NEWS STORIES

Springfield, OH – The National Honor Flight program is extremely please to announce that we have had a very successful year, approaching our goal of flying over 5000 WWII Veterans to THEIR memorial. Our top priority is to fly WWII Veterans and those Korean/Vietnam Veterans dying of a terminal illness, enabling them to see America's "Thank You" for their service. This Saturday alone, 3 November 2007, there will be over 900 WWII Veterans, guardians and local volunteers in Washington DC, touring the WWII, Korean, Vietnam and Iwo Jima Memorials. Saturday's participants will be flying in from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, Louisiana, Ohio, and Michigan. The WWII Veterans don't pay a penny for round trip airfare, tour bus, meals and tee shirts. The trips are **FREE** because Honor Flight believes that these veterans have given enough.

Over the past three months, the Honor Flight Network has successfully implemented our "Their Last Chance (TLC) Program." This program focuses on those veterans with terminal illness, who have never had a previous opportunity to tour their memorials. On Saturday, TLC's will be flying in from Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Georgia, New Mexico, Nebraska, Indiana, and Illinois.

We have also implemented our "Lone Eagle Program" for those WWII Veterans who have been on our waiting list for over a year, but no Honor Flight Network Hub exists in their area of the United States. This weekend, Lone Eagles are flying in from Illinois, Texas, Missouri, Alabama, Florida, and Utah.

Both programs are completely funded, free of charge to the veterans, by donations made to the Honor Flight Network. The Lone Eagles and TLC's are escorted to Washington DC by guardians. These guardians are usually next-generation family members who are asked to cover their own travel expenses.

Our last flight of the 2007 flying season will take place on 7 November 2007. Two aircraft will be flying in from Saginaw, Michigan and Kansas City, Missouri. The flight from Michigan will be the first corporate charter flight in the history of our program. Dow Chemical will be flying 148 local area veterans from the Midland and Saginaw, Michigan areas on a US Airways Chartered Airbus 320, absolutely free to the veterans. The flight from Kansas City Missouri will be the first program to be lead by a local school board, utilizing several selected high school students as guardians. The students will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to personally escort "living history" to their long awaited WWII Memorial.

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The Honor Flight Network, now located in 17 states, is completing our third year of flying World War II Veterans. For originating locations east of the Mississippi River, the flights are out and back on the same day. Groups traveling from locations west of the Mississippi are provided overnight accommodations at no personal expense.

There are presently over 3000 World War II Veterans on the Honor Flight Network waiting list. Time is not on our side. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Arlington National Cemetery statistics, in 2007 about 1,200 WWII Veterans will pass away EVERY DAY. The youngest WWII Vet is 79 years old. In another 5 to 10 years, most WWII Veterans will be gone. Over 70 WWII Veterans on the waiting list have passed away, patiently waiting their turn. We are asking the public's support to help make the dreams of these 3000 veterans come true ... before it's too late. Public support is mandatory in order for the program to succeed. Our national goal for 2008 is that 10,000 veterans visit THEIR memorial, before it's too late.

Veterans desiring to take a flight must visit our Honor Flight Network website, www.honorflight.org. On the left side of the home page, are links to Veteran, Guardian and Volunteer Applications. Once the applications have been printed up and completed, they can be mailed or faxed back to our National Headquarters. If you would like more information about the Honor Flight Network, please visit our web site or call us at (937) 521-2400. Our address is: Honor Flight Headquarters, 300 E. Auburn Ave, Springfield OH 45505.

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