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Honor Flights to Our Nation's Memorials

This month, we are paying tribute to two Veterans who enjoyed a trip to Washington D.C. to visit the nation's memorials. Before we get into the details of the trip, I would like to echo our Post Commander who noted that our Sr. Vice Commander, Mr. Wayne Neumann was the force behind the wonderful trips.

Wayne assisted our Veterans with the necessary forms to fill out, welcomed the Veterans in Loveland with a contingent of Patriot Guard Riders to escort a busload of Veterans to Denver

International Airport for the outgoing flight. Wayne, our sincere thanks to you for all your efforts.

Our Post sent two veterans on the Honor Flight , Mr. John "Jake" Jacobson and Mr. Bobby Ankarlo off to Washington, D. C. in September. There is no charge to the veterans for the entire trip, with the exception of souvenirs , or personal purchases. An Honor Flight is dedicated to WWII veterans. Veterans from Korea, VietNam , Afghanistan and Iraq who earned the Purple Hearts are also eligible for consideration on an Honor Flight.

Every flight is made up of 160 veterans, plus 16 Guardians twelve to fifteen of which are dedicated medical personnel. Each Guardian monitors and cares for at least three veterans. The Guardians offer complete services including walking assistance, and wheel chairs along with oxygen tanks for the vets if needed. The medical needs are evaluated prior to each flight. All veterans are responsible for their own medications. As you can imagine, planning for each trip requires precision and due diligence.

Upon arrival in Baltimore, the Veterans are treated to a Banquet at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel. After a restful evening, the next day has a full agenda beginning with the WWII Memorial first, then on to the Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Korean Memorial, the Air Force Memorial and then to the VietNam Memorial. The Honor Flights are completely paid for by contributors to the Honor Flight Association. Benefactors donate funds from , \$1000 up to \$20,000 to further the trips.



The next Honor Flight sendoff is scheduled for May 14, 2014. In addition, Honor Flight attendees can enjoy an Honor Flight reunion dinner at a later date after the veterans have completed a trip. There is also a BBQ Honor Flight dinner as well in Evans Colorado. We are very privileged to have an Honor Flight association that deeply cares for the Veterans who served with courage and bravery.

Once again, our Garrison Caps off to Wayne Neumann.