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St. Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) hosts WWII Veterans Honor Flight – June 12, 2012

On June 12, 2012, an Honor Flight with 74 World War II Veterans will depart St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter flight for a day long visit to Washington D.C. and the memorials.

The Veterans will return to St. Petersburg-Clearwater at approximately 8:30 pm. The Welcome Home celebration is open to the public and various groups will be at the airport to greet the veterans. Media trucks with identification may park in a designated area adjacent to Baggage Claim for the Veterans arrival.

Honor Flight Director Barbara Howard explains, "When these WWII Veterans came home from the war, there was no fanfare, no parade, nothing. They arrived in their home towns and went back to their jobs. They don't consider themselves heroes, but they are. Imagine the world today if they hadn't gone to fight for our freedom. We are giving them a long overdue day of honor in Washington DC and a *Welcome Home* and *Thank You* on their return."

This is the fourth Honor Flight hosted at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter. Airport Director Noah Lagos states, "We are proud to host and consider it an honor to participate in these events. We look forward to welcoming home our WWII Veterans and their volunteer guardians, as well as the citizens, military, civic groups, family, and friends coming out to greet their return flight and join in this special celebration."

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