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St. Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) hosts WWII Veterans Honor Flight – October 30, 2012

On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, an Honor Flight with 75 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. This is the sixth Honor Flight hosted at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter.

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, military and government leaders will be at the airport to greet the veterans. Free parking will be available to attend the welcome home event sponsored by Honor Flight of West Central Florida along with courtesy parking provided by the airport for the Honor Flight Veterans. Media trucks with identification may park curbside adjacent to Baggage Claim for the Veterans arrival.

Honor Flight Director Barbara Howard states "When these WWII Veterans returned from the war there was no fanfare, no parade, nothing. We are giving them a long overdue day of honor in Washington D.C. and a *Welcome Home* and *Thank You* on their return." Airport Director Noah Lagos adds, "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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