



Media Release

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St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) hosts WWII Veterans Honor Flight – Tuesday, June 4, 2013

On Tuesday, June 4th, an Honor Flight with 80 World War II Veterans will depart St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter flight for a day long visit to Washington D.C. and the memorials. This is the ninth Honor Flight hosted at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter. Airport Director Noah Lagos adds, "Every Honor Flight is as special as the last one. We hope our community continues to come out to honor our veterans and be a part of this memorable and moving experience."

Honor Flight Board Member Fred Olson states "St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), Allegiant Air, and Honor Flight of West Central Florida (HFWCF) continue to be a great team. On June 4th, the 9th flight of World War Two (WW II) Veterans flies from PIE to Washington, D.C. to see the WW II Memorial and other memorials dedicated to their sacrifice and service. These flights are designed to provide a complete day of tribute to these heroes who earned our eternal gratitude more than 68 years ago. The 80 veterans, their 80 guardians and the 5 trip leaders will be returning to PIE to a rousing welcome when they return. Please join us. The parking lot gates will be open and flags to wave will be provided."

The Veterans will return to St. Pete-Clearwater at approximately 9:20 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.

For more information about the Honor Flight, CONTACT

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