



## Media Release

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### St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) hosts WWII Veterans Honor Flight – Tuesday, May 7, 2012

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On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 eighth Honor Flight hosted at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter.

The Veterans will return to St. Pete-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.

President Jim Haake states "Our WWII veterans have given us 68 years of freedom, it's now our time to give back to them with an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Time is of the essence." Airport Director Noah Lagos adds, "We are proud to host our 8<sup>TH</sup> Honor Flight at PIE 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."

The next Honor Flight at PIE has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Home Celebrations planned for the scheduled return of the Veterans to PIE are again planned for 8:30 pm.

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