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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Hosts War Era Veterans Honor Flight Welcome Home Reception -Tuesday, April 24 & June 5

On Tuesday, April 24th, PIE's 31st Honor Flight with 77 Veterans will depart St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport on an Allegiant charter for a day long visit to Washington D.C. and the war memorials. The next Honor Flight will be held Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Honor Flight of West Central Florida® President April Currie states, "As we kick-off the 2018 flying season, Honor Flight of West Central Florida is grateful to be honoring our Veterans with their 33<sup>rd</sup> FREE flight to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. Thanks to the St. Pete-Clearwater Int'l Airport for your graciousness in making the Welcome Home a true celebration. We appreciate the partnership with Allegiant for the safe transportation of our treasured Veterans. Put on your patriotic garb and join us in giving these Veterans a true hero's welcome home!"

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport's roots began as a WWII Army Training Base, and after the war the property was given to the County in 1946 to develop as an airport. Airport Director Tom Jewsbury states, "We continue to be honored to host our Veterans to thank them for their dedicated service. We enjoy celebrating with the community in welcoming our Veterans home to PIE from their day of honor."

**The Veterans 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 (note free parking will only be granted after arriving flights depart). Please be aware that there is construction on roadways in and around the airport. We advise guests to allow ample travel time and advise extra caution.

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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