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St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Hosts Veterans Honor Flight Welcome Home Reception –October 22nd

On Tuesday, October 22nd, PIE's 38th Honor Flight with approximately 70 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 Veterans return to St. Pete-Clearwater at approximately 8:15 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 for guests parking in the Long-term Parking Lot or the Key Lime Economy Lot** (free parking after arriving flight passengers depart). Please be aware that there is construction on roadways in and around the airport. Curbside loading/unloading is limited, and Short-term parking is closed due to construction. We advise guests to allow ample travel time and advise extra caution. Media trucks with identification may park in the Ground Transportation Lot adjacent to Baggage Claim for the Veterans arrival **with advance clearance only.**

Honor Flight of West Central Florida® President April Dennis Currie states, "As we complete our flights for 2019, we are grateful to be honoring Veterans with our 40th FREE flight to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. Thanks to the St. Pete-Clearwater International 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!" Airport Director Tom Jewsbury states, "We are honored to host our Veterans to thank them for their dedicated service. Join us for this community celebration to welcome our Veterans home to PIE from their day of honor."

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