



## Media Release

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### St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) hosts War Era Veterans Honor Flights -Tuesday, October 20th

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On Tuesday, October 20th, our 22nd Honor Flight with 80 World War II, Korean, and Vietnam 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.

Honor Flight of West Central Florida® President Beverly Frey states, "Honor Flight is so grateful to all our veterans and we honor their service to our country through each of our Honor Flight missions. Our efforts would not be possible without the wonderful support of St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) and Allegiant Air who help to make each flight a success. Please join us Tuesday evening as we welcome home our veterans and their volunteer guardians. Put on your red, white and blue, join in the fun and help make their homecoming a rousing success!"

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 are honored to host our veterans and the community in welcoming them home. We hope to see the many organizations and individuals continue to come out and celebrate the veterans welcome home to St. Pete-Clearwater."

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. First Class Concessions will sell drinks, snacks, and sandwiches in Bag Claim Info Booth beginning at 7pm for the Honor Flights at PIE. Free parking will be available to attend the welcome home event.

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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