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Old Glory Honor Flight takes off with “band of brothers”

Flight leaves Appleton Airport Wednesday, October 19

(APPLETON, WIS.) Oct. 12, 2022—The next Old Glory Honor Flight will literally have a “band of brothers” aboard with three sets of brothers, all of whom are veterans. The flight will take 95 veterans and their guardians to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials from a variety of wars and return to Appleton that evening. The Appleton International Airport has partnered with Old Glory Honor Flight on 59 missions since 2009, sending over 5,300 veterans on unforgettable trips to visit their war memorials.

There are three sets of brothers who will be on the next flight:

- Edwin Brey, Manitowoc, and his brother John Brey, Reedsville, both served in Vietnam and both served in the Army
- Brothers Ed and John Kimmeth are both DePere residents; both served in Vietnam in the Air Force and Marines respectively.
- Brothers Rich and Roger Kubichka are both Manitowoc residents and both served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

In addition, a married couple that both served in Vietnam will be on the flight. Karen Pilsch served in the Air Force and her husband Roger served in Air Force The couple is from Birnamwood, Wisconsin.

“So often we forget that military service affects more than the veteran,” Diane MacDonald, executive director of Old Glory Honor Flight said. “In many wars, family members were called to serve and their duty affected siblings, parents, spouses, and children. Our mission is to remember these heroes individually and their families on the home front.”

The Old Glory Honor Flight missions are free of charge to veterans and each flight travels with trained volunteers who act as guardian escorts, a volunteer medical team, professional photographers and a host of others like the DC Park Police who ensure the veterans get the 'red carpet' treatment. Veterans are flown on a “first come, first served” basis and may apply online to go on the journey.

“Our team members are passionate about this project,” said Abe Weber, Appleton airport director. “We are proud to make this event memorable and we work hard to thank the veterans and their families for their service to our country.”

In addition to helping facilitate travel, the airport is also a drop off site for “mail call” for the veterans. This is a surprise for each veteran traveling on the flight and is made up of cards and letters from family members expressing thanks and appreciation for their service.

The Old Glory Honor Flights are supported by donations. In addition to the airport, sponsors for this flight are Oshkosh Defense, WPS Health Solutions, Belmark Inc., Kelley Country Creamery, the Primary Companies, HHA USA, Air Wisconsin, Community First Credit Union, Schneider Foundation, and Gulfstream, ,

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- 5:15am Welcome to Appleton International Airport; check-in at ticket counter, head to departure gate, get photo taken. Coffee & continental breakfast provided.
- 6:30am Fly from Appleton to Reagan National Airport, arrival is Eastern Time.
- 9:30am Arrive in Washington, DC! Deplane, bathroom break, head to tour buses. 10:30am Head to WWII Memorial.
- 11:15am Load buses; head to Lincoln Memorial/Korean Memorial/Vietnam Wall. 11:30pm Arrive at Lincoln Memorial; group photo, visit Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall & Lincoln Memorial.
- 1:00pm Load buses; eat lunch on bus, short city tour.
- 2:00pm Arrive at FDR Memorial and Martin Luther King Memorial.
- 3:00pm Load buses; go to Arlington National Cemetery. Visit Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; observe the changing of the guard ceremony at 4:00pm.
- 4:45pm Load buses; go to Iwo Jima Memorial.
- 5:00pm Load buses; head to Air Force Memorial, eat dinner at Air Force Memorial.
- 6:15pm Arrive at Reagan National Airport; offload buses, security checks, bathroom break, board flight back to Appleton.
- 8:30pm Arrive back in Appleton. Welcome Home Veterans!

This itinerary is subject to change due to traffic, weather and other unforeseen delays.

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