



## APPLETON AIRPORT

### PULLING FOR HONOR BREAKS FUNDRAISING GOAL

(APPLETON, Wis.) Sept. 26, 2023— Thanks to attendees and teams participating in Pulling for Honor, **volunteers raised \$170,000 for the Old Glory Honor Flights.** The money raised will fully fund one flight of veterans to visit the memorials of their armed conflicts. In 2022, the event raised \$132,000 for the Old Glory Honor Flights; this year's goal was to raise \$150,000 or more.

The Appleton International Airport hosted the Pulling for Honor fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, 2023. All proceeds were raised via sponsorships, donations and entry fees for the 32 teams that competed. Community members registered teams of up to 20 people and each team is required to raise a minimum of \$1500 to participate. The winning team was the Dodge Correctional team with a winning time of 7.488 seconds to pull a FedEx [Boeing 757](#) aircraft 20 feet—the team with the slowest pull was JTF Brewtown with an official pull time of 83.324 seconds.

“This year’s field was one of our largest,” said Diane MacDonald, Old Glory Honor Flight of Northeast Wisconsin executive director. “Our community is committed to honoring the men and women who have fought to maintain our freedoms. We thank everyone who continues to celebrate the commitment of these true American heroes.”

The Appleton International Airport is home base for Old Glory Honor Flight and to date has assisted the nonprofit with 64 Honor Flights. “We are honored to be a long-term partner of the Old Glory Honor Flight to show our support for area veterans and our passion for aviation,” said Abe Weber, airport director. “We believe in the power of community support and the positive impact it can have on the lives of veterans.”

Hundreds of people attended the family-friendly event which also featured:

- A children’s plane pull, face painting, & bouncy house
- Airfare giveaway – the Appleton Airport gave away two pairs of Allegiant tickets
- Food trucks, beer tent, refreshments
- Veteran exhibits and resource fair provided attendees with access to valuable resources, services, and organizations dedicated to assisting veterans in various aspects of their lives.

The event was made possible through the generous contributions of presenting sponsors Delta Defense LLC, Menasha Corporation and Schneider National Foundation, other local businesses, sponsors, and volunteers who are dedicated to giving back to those who have given so much for our country.

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[Appleton International Airport](#) connects our community to the world through American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air. In addition to offering nonstop service to 15 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to six major international airport hubs from which travelers can fly to almost anywhere in the world. Using Appleton Airport, travelers can safely and more conveniently get to their destination and home again, leaving them more time for what really matters. Appleton International Airport is the third largest airport in Wisconsin according to arrivals and departures. Visit [atwairport.com](http://atwairport.com) to learn more.