



Appleton Airport announces date for Pulling for Honor

Old Glory Honor Flight takes off May 22

(APPLETON, WIS.) May 20, 2024—Do you have what it takes to pull a 200,000 pound plane 12 feet in the fastest time? If you do, your muscle could give veterans a free-of-charge flight to Washington D.C. to visit war memorials erected in their honor.

Pulling for Honor is a major fundraiser for the Old Glory Honor Flight and will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024. [Registration is now open at this link.](#) The event will take place at the Appleton Flight Center located off Prospect Avenue west of the airport.

Pulling for Honor is a plane pull competition fundraiser where a team of 20 people competes to see who can pull the plane the fastest. Teams are required to raise a minimum of \$1,500 in order to take part in the competition (\$75 per person). Last year, participants and sponsors raised \$170,000.

In addition to competing teams, volunteers are needed for check in, helping with exhibitor booths, running children's games and more. The event features:

- Children's plane pull
- Airfare giveaway – ATW will be giving away two pairs of Allegiant tickets, all event attendees can enter.
- A wide variety of food trucks featuring sweet and savory treats.
- Veteran's exhibits (providing vital information regarding services available for veterans in our community).

"This event is fun for veterans, the teams, and families who show up to cheer them on," said Abe Weber, Appleton airport director. "But more importantly it shows our staff's dedication to the veterans who have served our country."

Old Glory Honor Flight organizes five honor flights annually, so funding is critical in keeping the flights in the air. Each Old Glory Honor Flight costs approximately \$100,000 and honors 100 veterans per mission.

"The community response to our mission has been overwhelming," said Diane MacDonald, executive director of Old Glory Honor Flight. "As of this year, we have given over 6,000 veterans and their guardian escorts the ability to visit their memorials and be celebrated for the service they gave our country."

Old Glory Honor Flight Mission 67 takes off May 22, 2024

The next whirlwind trip is scheduled to leave in the early morning hours of May 22 from Appleton International Airport and return around 8:30 p.m. from Washington, D.C. The public is invited to the Welcome Home Celebration Parade inside the airport and asked to wear patriotic clothing to

welcome the veterans home. Organizers suggest arriving at the airport by 7:30 p.m. due to the anticipated crowds. While at the airport attendees can visit the merchandise booth, listen to the band, and meet Honor Flight Families.

The Appleton airport has been hosting Old Glory Honor Flight since 2009 and provides ground support to the annual Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight during EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI.

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