

Pierce Pepin Sponsors Local Vets on Next Freedom Honor Flight

Ellsworth, WI [October 1, 2015] – Freedom Honor Flight will hold its 16th mission on October 17, 2015. The flight will carry about 95 veterans along with volunteer guardians and a medical crew to Washington, D.C., giving the veterans the opportunity to visit the memorials that stand in their honor.

Among those making this flight are six veterans from our surrounding communities. Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services has donated \$1,000 to this flight in honor of their service. Their names are kept confidential by the Freedom Honor Flight organization for privacy reasons.

“Pierce Pepin is proud to honor our local veterans in this way,” said Larry Dokkestul, president and CEO. “Our veterans, who have sacrificed so much to serve our country, deserve this opportunity and more, including our lasting gratitude.”

Freedom Honor Flight, an affiliate of the national Honor Flight Network, is a La Crosse-based organization founded in April of 2008 and is one of 40 “hubs” established around the country. Freedom Honor Flight serves 16 counties in Wisconsin, including Pierce, Pepin, St. Croix and Buffalo, seven counties in Minnesota and two in Iowa.

Veterans are chosen for the trip on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to WWII veterans and veterans with a terminal illness, then Korean War era veterans. The one-day trip to Washington, D.C., will take the veterans and volunteers to the WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to watch the changing of the guard.

Freedom Honor Flight is supported solely through donations and run by volunteers. Volunteers coordinate fundraising, communication with veterans and volunteers, training, medical supervision, travel to and from Washington D.C., and all transportation, activities and meals. Freedom Honor Flight will continue to organize flights as long as the financial support is available.

Many organizations and individuals support Freedom Honor Flight through fundraising events and donations. For more information about Freedom Honor Flight and how you can support their effort, visit www.freedomhonorflight.org.

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