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99 More Area Veterans Will See Washington D.C. Memorials Monday, May 7

(Editor's and News Director's Note- The Never Forgotten Honor Flight Hub based in Wausau serves veterans in these 12 counties: Marathon, Portage, Wood, Taylor, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Vilas, Iron, Barron, Price and Rusk.)

(Wausau,WI) The Never Forgotten Honor Flight organization based in Wausau and the many organizations, businesses and individuals who fund it will fly 41 World War II veterans and 48 Korean War veterans for free to the World War II Memorial and the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 7, 2012. This is the eighth Never Forgotten Honor Flight and the first flight to include more Korean War veterans than World War II veterans. A previous flight on April 23 included four Korean War veterans and 80 World War II veterans. Approximately 60 guardians will accompany the vets on the trip to assist them on their whirlwind one-day round trip that departs Central Wisconsin Airport at 6 a.m. and is scheduled to return at approximately 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to the Central Wisconsin Airport to welcome the veterans home Monday night.

"We are honored to recognize these veterans who served our nation in both wars and are looking forward to hearing a wide range of interesting stories from both groups of veterans," said Pat Puyleart, president of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. "We encourage both World War II veterans and Korean veterans to apply for what we believe is an incredible experience and well-deserved tribute to their service."

Veterans and guardians interested in taking a future Honor Flight must complete an application at: www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org or contact the organization at 715.573.8519. The veterans are selected based upon the order in which the applications are received. Preference is given to World War II veterans and to veterans who are terminally ill. Guardians should be 18-69 years old, able to lend physical assistance to the veterans and willing to pay the \$500 cost of their trip. Completed applications should be mailed to Never Forgotten Honor Flight, P.O. Box 5056 Wausau, WI 54402-5056.

Contributions to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, a 501c3 corporation, are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Never Forgotten Honor Flight and mailed to Never Forgotten Honor Flight, P.O. Box 5056 Wausau, WI 54402-5056. Online credit card donations also can be made at www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org via the Community Foundation of

North Central Wisconsin. Individuals who make an online donation are invited to honor any veteran of their choosing on the Never Forgotten Honor Wall that's posted on the website.

North Central Wisconsin's Never Forgotten Honor Flight is the nation's 77th regional hub and one of six Wisconsin Honor Flight hubs. Veterans all over Wisconsin can now participate. The Wausau-based organization was certified by the National Honor Flight Network office in Springfield, Ohio on December 11, 2009.

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