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Subject: **FUTURE NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT**

Good morning Dick!

Mike Wiles here from American Legion Post 343 in Hancock. I had such a time on Mission 54 (and the Party Bus) as a Guardian and witnessed what the Honored Veterans experience that I have come home and identified first all the eligible Veterans in our Post. Next I have started to ask them the question, "Have you taken the Honor Flight yet". Once I have the list of the "No" responses, I am starting to get them to a point where we can sit down together online and get their request in to Never Forgotten. We had a funeral yesterday, and during that event alone, I identified five that have not yet gone. I and some of the Post 343 SIX that were on Mission 54 went to work on them. I have a very close commitment with one that has to get two conditions satisfied: One was if I would be his Guardian - got that checked that off; the other was if he (we) convince another Post 343 Legionnaire that is a close friend of his to go. Should be easy enough.

I'm hoping to coordinate enough with your office where I may be able to get all of these Veterans on the same mission or two in 2026. That may be a logistical pipe dream, but the six gentlemen that were honored on Mission 54, when they have talked about their experience, one of the things they regularly mention was the opportunity to share the experience with fellow Post members and close community friends. I'll keep you informed.

Very respectfully,

Mike