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Syracuse Hancock International Airport & US Airways to Host Honor Flight's 5th Mission from Syracuse on April 25th

Syracuse, New York – On April 25th, Honor Flight Syracuse will depart for its fifth mission from Syracuse Hancock International Airport on US Airways. Honor Flight Syracuse has embarked on an ambitious plan to fly two missions each year to serve Veterans from the greater Syracuse area, Northern New York State, and the Mohawk Valley. They exist to express our deep and undying gratitude to the service men and women who served and sacrificed for America. This flight will be the first of 2015.

These missions transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the national memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. Top priority is given to the veterans from World War II and the Korean War, and any war veteran with a terminal illness.

This mission will be larger than missions in the past. Previously, the plan has taken 60 veterans who are matched up 1:1 with a "guardian", making for a total of 120 in addition to media, VIP's and the flight crew. This time there will be 80 veterans and 80 guardians in addition to the other passengers. We are all very excited about this increase in capacity as it means more veterans are able to participate.

The April 25th mission will kick off with check-in at 5am. The plane will depart Syracuse for Washington at 7:00am and return at 6:15pm followed by a Welcome Home Ceremony at 6:30pm in the Center Concourse of the terminal. At the ceremony, in addition to the weather-permitting "Water Cannon Salute" from the Airport Rescue and Fire and Fighting (ARFF) department, VIP guests will be present to address the veterans, including John Katko. Any media wishing to cover the event should contact the airport via phone or email to receive further instructions. For media needs on the day of the event, please contact Honor Flight representative Ania Stilwell at 315-491-3751.

To learn more about Honor Flight Syracuse, find out how to volunteer, and see real time pictures and updates throughout the mission you can follow them on Facebook and Twitter; @HonorFlightSYR and use #Mission005 if you are participating.

The Syracuse Hancock International Airport is centrally located in the heart of CNY, serving 1 million passengers annually. The Authority recognizes that the Syracuse Hancock International Airport is a gateway to the central New York region and beyond and seeks to optimize customer service and exceed customer expectations with continuous improvements to the terminal building and public-use facilities.