

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**The Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight may take off again to Washington, D.C. for area veterans. This flight will target the remaining WWII Veterans who were unable to go on one of the previous Honor Flights and will include all eligible Korean War Veterans who had one day of active duty between June 1, 1950 and January 31, 1955.**

**A new committee has organized to try to raise the necessary funds to pay for the trip. All WWII and Korean War Veterans will fly free with donations that are raised from the county they are from. Veterans are accompanied by a guardian who must pay \$600.00 for that privilege and experience. Each flight costs approximately \$100,000.00 and organizers will announce the exact date of the flight when the committee is certain it has enough money to pay for the flight.**

**Participating Honor Flight Veterans will leave Fort Dodge Regional Airport on a date to be announced and fly to Dulles Airport in Virginia and be transported to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. These memorials will include the WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Lincoln Memorials. Following a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to witness the changing of the guard, the veterans will be transported to the Iwo Jima Memorial. The veterans will then leave Dulles Airport to arrive back home in Fort Dodge, Iowa later that evening.**

**Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight is a 501c (3) corporation and is seeking donations for this upcoming flight. Donations are deductible and are greatly appreciated. Donations made payable to Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight can be mailed to 320 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501. Each county with a veteran traveling is responsible for raising the cost of \$600.00 to send one veteran.**

**Ideally if a donor chose to send a WWII or Korean War Veteran it would sure lighten the load. A donation of \$600.00 would provide a veteran with a "trip of a lifetime"; however, all donations of any size are greatly appreciated.**

**Applications for both the veterans and guardians may be acquired from any participating Veteran Affairs office either in person or by downloading on line from county websites. They can also be obtained from any of the board members or by calling 515-576-0671.**

**All applications must be completed in full and must be the current December 18, 2012 revised application entitled "Brushy Area Honor Flight WWII & Korean War Veteran Application." Guardian applications with the same revised date may also be obtained for guardians to complete. All qualifying veterans will be chosen for this flight on a first come first serve basis.**

**A limited number of seats for this flight will be available, so it is best to complete and return your applications as soon as possible.**

#### **HOW TO HELP**

**Donations for the Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight are tax-deductible. When sending in donations, please designate which county your donation is for. Donations may be sent to:**

**Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight  
320 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501**

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