

Executive Update – Honor Flight



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Message from County Executive Walker

The send-off and welcome home for the veterans on the Honor Flight was heartwarming. Future generations must remember the sacrifices that were made and always value the determination of all of our service members to make America's desire for freedom possible.

There are stories of great heroism, and those include each individual soldier and Marine who fought for the freedoms we all enjoy and can not take for granted. I want to instill in my two sons an understanding of how much was at stake, and how much courage it took our servicemen and women to preserve and protect democracy.

Thousands turned out to thank the 300 World War II veterans for their service and for caring so much for the country we love. Thanks to Newsradio 620 WTMJ for leading the fundraising effort.

Scott



For more information or to donate for future Honor Flights, please visit www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight



County Executive Walker greeted many of the 300 World War II veterans at General Mitchell International Airport prior to their departure early Sunday morning for Washington, D.C. on the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight. The one-day trip to visit the World War II Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery for a changing of the guard ceremony, and other sights, was coordinated by Stars and Stripes Honor Flights, this time with the largest group to date flying in a Boeing 747 jet.

Dozens of volunteers escorted the vets, who ranged in age from 82 to 97. (Photo below, veteran playing the harmonica as the group got ready to board the plane).



Thousands greet vets on return to Milwaukee

County Executive Walker returned to the airport to welcome the vets back at the end of the day and was thrilled to see so many people turn out to greet them.



Honor guard welcome

