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### **WWII VETERANS WILL RECEIVE TOUR OF HONOR**

BISMARCK, ND – Approximately 100 World War II veterans will be transported to Washington , DC , on April 16, 2010, by Roughrider Honor Flight (RRHF), a volunteer-lead organization that recognizes the sacrifices of local servicemen and women.

“These humble individuals waited almost 60 years for a memorial to recognize their service,” said Kevin Cramer, co-chair of the Roughrider Honor Flight committee. “In honor of their courageous actions, we are pleased to be able to offer them a complimentary trip to see that monument.”

The veterans will travel free of charge to visit the WWII memorial, a national monument completed in 2004. RRHF’s mission is to ensure that veterans interested in visiting the memorial receive the opportunity. The group currently has applications from 190 veterans that hope to travel to Washington , DC , in 2010.

The April 2010 trip will be RRHF’s third. The group escorted almost 200 veterans from Bismarck in 2009. An additional 800 veterans have traveled on honor flights originating in Fargo and Grand Forks.

“The Honor Flight program does not receive any public funding; it relies solely on donations. With so many deserving individuals hoping to have this experience, the public’s support is needed,” said Cramer. “Contributions of any size are appreciated and accepted from anyone except the veterans we serve.”

Donations to the Honor Flight program are tax deductible and can be sent to PO Box 220 , Bismarck , ND 58502 . The cost of each trip is approximately \$175,000.

The WWII memorial pays homage to the 16 million Americans who served during the campaign. Through the Honor Flight Network veterans are flown to see the monument on a “first-come, first-served basis.” Of the 69,000 men and women from North Dakota who served during WWII, it is estimated that 7,000 to 10,000 are still living.

The RRHF committee is currently the only active group serving North Dakota veterans. Applications for future flights are available online at [www.rrhonorflight.com](http://www.rrhonorflight.com) or by calling (701) 373-5416.

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Media Notes: Interviews with veterans that participated in previous flights or have applied to travel on an upcoming flight can be arranged by contacting: Sarah Mudder at (701) 391-7630 or [rep\\_woman@yahoo.com](mailto:rep_woman@yahoo.com)  
High-resolution JPEG images taken by a professional photographer during the RRHF trips are available for publication. There is no charge for use of the images.