

Airport honors veterans with charter flight D.C.

Early Saturday, May 17, more than 100 World War II veterans, their family members, and guardian volunteers boarded a US Airways A-319 Airbus to visit the World War II Memorial and other national monuments in Washington, D.C. Organized by Volusia Honor Air in cooperation with the three Rotary Clubs in DeLand, the charter flight was provided at no cost to the veterans.

Airport staff, local leaders and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office honor guard greeted the group. Upon landing at Ronald Reagan National Airport, the veterans were greeted by Congressman John Mica, and were transported by a three bus convoy to the World War II Memorial. Bob Dole addressed the group.

During a noon lunch at the Capital Hill Club, Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England spoke to the veterans. In the afternoon, the vets visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and Women in Service Memorial. ✈



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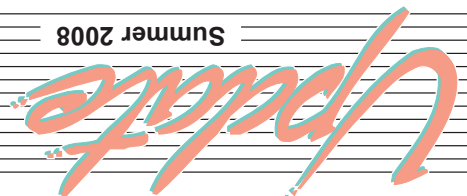
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100 military vets were escorted by Volusia Honor Air May 17*

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