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## WWII veterans flight group honors Volusia sheriff

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Volusia Honor Air, an organization which arranges day-long visits to Washington, D.C. for World War II veterans, gave an award to Volusia Sheriff Ben Johnson at the Aug. 27 meeting of the Rotary Club of DeLand.

DeLand's three Rotary clubs presented the award to the sheriff, in thanks for having the sheriff's honor guard greet the veterans as they depart for D.C. and when they come home. The Sheriff's Office has also coordinated with police agencies in Washington, D.C. for the trip.



Volusia Sheriff Ben Johnson (left) accepts an award from Bill Mancinik on Aug. 27, 2009 during a meeting of the Rotary Club of DeLand. Johnson received the award in thanks for the support that the sheriff's office has given to Volusia Honor Air, an organization which flies World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. for a tour of the memorials and monuments. (Rotary Club of DeLand)

The organization, sponsored by the Rotary Club of DeLand, the Downtown Rotary Club and the DeLand Breakfast Club, has held three flights for area veterans. The flights give the veterans a chance to see the World War II memorial, other monuments and D.C. landmarks.

The next flight for the honor air will be Oct. 3.

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