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Military veterans to take Honor Flight 2022

Public invited to help welcome heroes home Saturday evening at Blue Grass Airport

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are excited to announce Honor Flight 2022 will depart Blue Grass Airport this Saturday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 a.m. for Washington, D.C. The flight will transport 68 Kentucky veterans to see their memorials on the National Mall. A welcome home reception is scheduled for approximately 7:30 p.m. at the airport. The public is invited to attend.

This is the 11th year the cooperatives have sponsored an Honor Flight. The last two flights were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives began working with Honor Flight in 2010 to honor Kentucky's veterans.

This flight will carry two World War II veterans and two women veterans, who will be inducted into the Military Women's Memorial during the trip.

The 2022 mission will again be coordinated by Winchester-based Honor Flight Kentucky. "It's a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials, and it's an opportunity to serve them in some small way to repay their service to our nation and our community," said Joe Settles, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Member Services Manager.

"Honor Flight is a significant part of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperative's commitment to our local communities," Settles said.

As in years past, veterans will fly from Lexington to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they will board buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing.

The day includes viewing the changing-of-the-guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Honor Flight representatives will participate in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.

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