



WORLD WAR II VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT

The next all expenses paid flight for World War II veterans is being planned for September 2010 according to Greg Furlong, coordinator for the Leatherstocking Chapter of the Honor Flight Program. “It is our goal to fly as many World War II vets to Washington as we can, to visit the World War II monument, and time is running out,” Mr. Furlong stated. “We also need guardians (volunteer chaperones) and funding, but clearly this is about helping those who served their country during the last world war to visit the memorial that pays tribute to them,” Furlong added.

The Honor Flight program was developed after the 2004 dedication of the long overdue World War II Memorial so that anyone who served during that time could experience first hand this lasting tribute to their sacrifice. All expenses for the program are covered by private donations.

Veterans interested in participating may contact the Greene County Department for the Aging at 719-3555 or the Greene County Veterans Services Agency at 943-3703 for an application. All efforts and accommodations will be made for those with infirmities. Every effort will be extended (including wheelchairs and assistive devices) to make sure that veterans will be comfortable.

The program is also seeking volunteer assistance through their Honor Guard program, where volunteers are called upon to accompany the honorees on the flight and on the tour as chaperones. Honor Guard volunteers will be expected to pay for their own expenses (approximately \$250).

Persons or organizations who wish to provide monetary support for the Honor Flight may do so by making a check out to Leatherstocking Honor Flight, c/o the Greene County Department for the Aging, 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

