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Sixth Street Filling Station to Provide Free Lunch and Collect Donations for Veterans' Trip to WWII Memorial

(Wausau, WI) Area World War II veterans will get one step closer to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials that honor them thanks to a Free Lunch promotion being offered by The Sixth Street Filling Station and Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Homes on Monday, November 8, 2010.

Anyone who stops in to The Sixth Street Filling Station at 1314 North Sixth Street, Wausau, between 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. will be treated to a free lunch prepared by the restaurant. Donations will be accepted to support the Never Forgotten Honor Flight that is based in Wausau and serves veterans in 19 central and northern Wisconsin counties.

A Flag Dedication Ceremony with a Military Honor 21 Gun Salute will take place at Peterson/Kramer Funeral Home adjacent to The Sixth Street Filling Station at 10:30 a.m.

The Never Forgotten Honor Flight group flies World War II veterans from Central Wisconsin Airport to Washington, D.C. Counties served by Never Forgotten Honor Flight include: Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Iron, Vilas, Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Price, Oneida, Polk, Barron, Rusk, Taylor, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Wood and Portage. In accordance with national Honor Flight program regulations, veterans are escorted and cared for by volunteer guardians who accompany them as they visit the WWII, Iwo Jima, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. All expenses are provided at no cost to the WWII veterans.

WWII veterans interested in taking the trip must complete an application at: www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org or contact the organization at 715.573.8519. The veterans are selected based upon the order in which the applications are received. Completed applications should be mailed to Never Forgotten Honor Flight, P.O. Box 5056 Wausau, WI 54402-5056.

More than 14,000 WWII veterans survive in the northern Wisconsin region served by Never Forgotten Honor Flight. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Arlington

National Cemetery statistics, however, about 1,000 WWII Veterans pass away each day. The youngest WWII Vet is 82 years old. In another 5 to 10 years, most WWII Veterans will be gone. "We are asking the public's support to help make this trip possible for these veterans who saved the world ... before it's too late," said Mike Thompson, co-chair for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. "We are funded solely by public and business donations."

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