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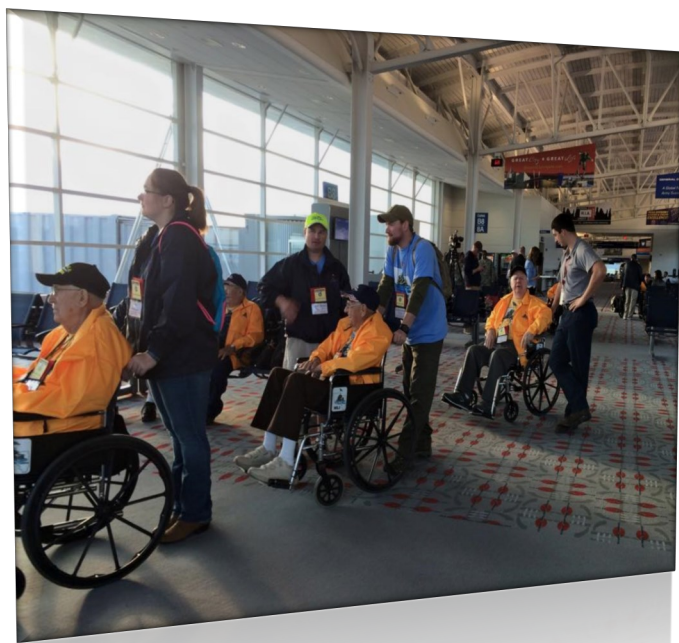
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## Honor Flight of the Quad Cities

In 2008, the Quad Cities formed a local chapter of the Honor Flight Network, called Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (HFQC). The purpose of HFQC is to fly America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring their sacrifices. WMWC station manager Erin Hartwell was on hand with many others to welcome home Hy-Vee Honor Flight 37.

Top priority is given to WWII and Korean War Era veterans, or any veterans with a terminal illness. The intention is to honor our local and regional heroes who were selfless in their military duty with a free trip to visit their memorials. Veterans within a 75 mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. The program operates on donations from organizations and individuals. Volunteers of all kinds plan and coordinate the flight events, and special guardians are trained to help escort the veterans on flight days.





WMWC staff, volunteers, and interns teamed up with the First Day Project, which unites Quad City area school supplies drives to meet the needs of students who require help in obtaining school supplies. Approximately 24,000 students in Quad City schools are from families with incomes low enough to be eligible for free or reduced fee waivers for school meals and fees. Some of Quad City area school districts have an average as high as 70% of students qualifying for free/reduced meals. We were so excited to volunteer with this organization and plan to do more activities with them in the future. The First Day Project will supply thousands of Quad City students with the items they need to start their school year with confidence!

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