

One day +Two cities + Three flights = The Flight of Champions

Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport and Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport will be part of a historic event on Saturday, October 19, 2019. That's when the [Green Bay Packers](#), [Milwaukee Brewers](#) and [Milwaukee Bucks](#) will team up with Stars and Stripes Honor Flight for the Flight of Champions; taking three planeloads of local veterans to Washington D.C.

This "Flight of Champions," announced on August 27, will honor approximately 240 WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans from southeastern and east central Wisconsin with a one day, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor, and to experience a full day of honor and thanks for their service to our nation.

Two planeloads of veterans, guardians and alumni from the Milwaukee Brewers and Milwaukee Bucks, will depart from [Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport](#) (MKE) that morning. Simultaneously, a third plane of veterans, guardians and Green Bay Packers alumni will depart from [Green Bay's Austin-Straubel International Airport \(GRB\)](#).

When the three planes arrive at Baltimore/Washington International Airport on flight day, the veterans, their guardians and team representatives will spend the day touring Washington. The tour will include the WWII Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Marine Corps/Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. A D.C. Park Police escort will ensure that the veterans do not spend time stuck in traffic.

Veterans that are currently scheduled to be honored on the Flight of Champions include three WWII vets (one of whom is a 96-year-old female Army typist), four Korean War veterans, and Vietnam Army veterans, including one who received a Purple Heart for his service.

"Our two airports will do all they can to make it a day the Veterans and participants won't forget," stated Marty Piette, Director of Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport. "We're honored to play a small role in this important day and hope the communities in each location will turn out in force to welcome the Veterans back from their one day trip; providing a heroes welcome home."