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## **Broome County Donates \$25,000 to Fund Twin Tiers Honor Flight**

*Flight to Leave from Greater Binghamton Airport May 12*

(TOWN OF MAINE, NY) Broome County Executive Jason Garnar announced today that the county has provided \$25,000 to the Twin Tiers Honor Flight for the May 12 flight departing from the Greater Binghamton Airport.

“Broome County is very proud to support our veterans. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our local veterans to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. and we are proud to support the mission,” said Garnar.

The next Honor Flight, Mission 7, will take off Saturday, May 12, depart from the Greater Binghamton Airport and landing in Washington, D.C.

The Twin Tiers Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices. The organization transports veterans to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to WWII, Korean, Vietnam era veterans as well as terminally ill veterans from all wars.

Guardians fly with veterans on every flight to assist and help veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience.

“I am privileged to be a part of today's announcement supporting the Twin Tiers Honor Flight,” said Brian Vojtisek, Director of Veterans Services for Broome County, "According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Honor Flight fulfills an obligation to honor our men and women heroes by bringing them to Washington, D.C. free of charge, to visit the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam War Memorial. It is incumbent upon us to revere and commemorate the sacrifices of our military in preserving our American Freedoms.”

Twin Tiers Honor Flight is operated by volunteers and relies solely on donations.

Nancy Kane from Twin Tiers Honor Flight said: “Every year, Twin Tiers Honor Flight struggles to raise enough money to honor our local veterans. Broome County saw this, and really came through to give the veterans ‘the trip of a lifetime.’ We hope everyone will join us for the Welcome Home May 12 around 7:30 pm to thank our heroes!”

The last Twin Tiers Honor Flight trip was in December 2017 and was a bus trip.

“It is a great privilege for the Greater Binghamton Airport to have the opportunity to support our veterans through this program. We are fortunate that we have the facilities here to accommodate this mission,” said David Hickling, Commissioner of Aviation for Broome County.