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April 16th Honor Flight postponed due to COVID-19

In consideration of the CDC's guidance and the serious nature of the public health threat posed by COVID-19, the National Board of Honor Flight has issued a mandatory postponement of all Honor Flight trips effective immediately. This includes the Quad Cities flight of April 16th.

On March 10, 2020, the National Board held an emergency meeting concerning this developing situation and discussed the CDC's recently issued advisory that adults over the age of 60 are particularly at risk of infection and should *avoid all non-essential air travel*.

We value the health and safety of our veterans, their guardians, and everyone who supports the Honor Flight trips above all else. Many veterans who make Honor Flight trips have serious, chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, COPD or lung disease that leave them even more vulnerable to COVID-19. In addition, many of these veterans live in community settings, such as a retirement home or assisted living facility, where the risk of spread is extremely high.

The decision to suspend all Honor Flight travel has not been made lightly, and the National Board has taken the firm position that *all* trips scheduled through April 30 *must* be postponed.

All Veterans and Guardians scheduled for the April 16th flight will be rescheduled for the first available flight when the COVID-19 suspension has been lifted per the National Honor Flight headquarters.

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