



**Honoring Piedmont North Carolina's Veterans  
Their Courage, Valor and Sacrifice in WWII**  
*A Service Project of Rotary District 7690*



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District 7690 Club Presidents and Assistant Governors:

By now, you all know the overwhelming response we have experienced with the inaugural Triad Flight of Honor ([www.triadflightofhonor.com](http://www.triadflightofhonor.com)). On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will fly 100 WWII veterans to see the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. WXII, WKZL, and Rock 92 have led the media publicity of this event with great success. Our Rotary District has responded with grassroots support by sponsoring veterans and guardians, and helping to identify WWII veterans for this flight. The Triad Flight of Honor is a major service project for our District and we could not have accomplished this without your support!

During the last 60 days, we have received over 400 veteran applications and nearly \$100,000 in contributions towards this and future flights. I am proud to report that 31 of our 51 Rotary clubs participated by sponsoring veterans and guardians from our local communities. Listed below is a summary of our collective efforts:

Asheboro Rotary – 3 veterans (Brookshire, McGlohon, Tarlton) + 1 guardian (Thomas)  
Clemmons Rotary – 1 veteran (Donovan)  
Crescent Rotary – 2 veterans (Lochra, Rone)  
Gate City Rotary – 3 veterans (Burgess, Christiansen, Phoenix) + 1 guardian (Smith)  
Greensboro Airport Rotary – 1 veteran (Kaper)  
Greensboro Rotary – 2 veterans (Burch, Lane)  
Guilford Rotary – 1 veteran (McClure)  
High Point Rotary – 3 veterans (Johnston, Kraus, Tothill) + 1 guardian (Ruden)  
Jamestown Rotary – 1 veteran (Garton)  
Jonestown Rotary – 1 veteran (Gaumer)  
Kernersville Rotary – 3 veterans (Ashley, East, Sink) + 1 guardian (Jones)  
King Rotary – 1 veteran (Patterson)  
Madison Rotary – 1 veteran (Tuttle)  
Mid State Rotary – 3 veterans (Allred, Hedrick, Menius) + 1 guardian (Baker)  
Mocksville Rotary – 8 veterans (Caldwell, Caudle, Foster, Gray, Hanes, Leazer, Martin, Woodruff)  
+ 2 guardians (Wooten, Swicegood)  
Mount Airy Rotary – 1 veteran (Dugger)  
Pinehurst Rotary – 2 (Cottrell, Mims)  
Randolph Rotary – 3 veterans (Culp, Freeman, Furr) + 1 guardian (Grantham)  
Reynolda Rotary – 3 veterans (Fisher, West, Zollicoffer) + 1 guardian (Park)  
Sanhills Rotary – 1 veteran (Small)  
Sanford Rotary – 1 veteran (Mullis)  
San-Lee Rotary – 1 veteran (Stuart)  
Southern Guilford NG Rotary – 1 veteran (Cathey)  
Siler City Rotary – 1 veteran (McLaughlin)  
Southern Pines Rotary – 3 veterans (Hipple, Persons)  
Summit Rotary – 1 veteran (Campbell)  
Thomasville Rotary – 1 veteran (Dorety)  
Troy Rotary – 2 veterans (Forrest, Long)

Walnut Cove Rotary – 1 veteran (Chambers)

Western Forsyth Rotary – 3 veterans (Fox, Hunter, Hunter) + 1 guardian (Brooks)

Yadkinville Rotary – 3 veterans (Holcomb, Hudspeth, Melton) + 1 guardian (Titus)

We are committed to future flights and due to the overwhelming response, on behalf of the Flight of Honor Planning Committee we are proud to announce that another flight has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**! We have the donations to fund another flight and our intent is to select the next 100 veterans and 33 guardians from our waiting list. That said, we would certainly work to accommodate any Rotary club that wants to sponsor specific veterans and guardians (3 veteran sponsorships enables a club for 1 guardian reservation). With only 2 months to plan and execute this next flight we are designating a deadline of Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for specific club sponsorships. We have added two great Rotarians in Roger Sims (High Point) and Pam Ray (Kernersville) who will be our Rotary Liaison's for this next flight. If your club is interested, please respond to them based on the following club assignments.

Roger Sims ([rogerdsims@bellsouth.net](mailto:rogerdsims@bellsouth.net)) - Alamance, Alamance Breakfast, Asheboro, Burlington, Carthage, Clemmons, Crescent, East Greensboro, Eden, Furnitureland, Gate City, Greensboro, Greensboro Airport, Guilford, High Point, Jamestown, Jonesboro, Kernersville, King, Lexington, Liberty, Madison/Mayodan, Midstate

Pam Ray ([pamray@triad.rr.com](mailto:pamray@triad.rr.com)) - Mocksville, Mount Airy, Pinehurst, Randolph, Reidsville, Reynolda, San-Lee, Sandhills, Sanford, Siler City, Southern Guilford NG, Southern Pines, Stoneville, Stratford, Summit, Surry, Thomasville, Triad, Troy, Walnut Cove, Willow Creek, Western Forsyth, Winston-Salem, Yadkin Valley, Yadkinville, Yanceyville

I am deeply grateful and appreciative of our District's support of this very significant and meaningful service project. While our WWII veterans never asked for it and never expected it, they are being given a heartfelt opportunity to see the WWII Memorial in Washington that was dedicated to them. I am also pleased to announce our next flight on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and thank you in advance for your timely response regarding club sponsorships of veterans and guardians.

Respectfully,

District Governor Mike Conrad