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NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT

The fifth Never Forgotten Honor Flight departed Central Wisconsin Airport September 19, 2011. The Never Forgotten Honor Flight, an affiliate of the national Honor Flight Network, transported 88 World War II Veterans to the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. free of cost.

The flight departed by 7 a.m. from CWA to ensure the vets could enjoy a full day in Washington D.C. Then on the flight home, the vets participated in mail call, receiving letters from both family and friends who wanted to make the event even more special.

Upon arriving back at CWA that evening, the veterans were treated to a hero's welcome home as hundreds of members of the community gathered in the concourse to thank them for their service.



Delta Switches to All Jet Service at CWA



A ceremony to mark Delta Air Lines' switch to all jet service at Central Wisconsin Airport was held on September 8, 2011. The switch to all jet service at CWA is part of Delta's plan to eliminate the Saab 340 propeller aircraft from their fleet. The switch from 34-seat Saab 340 propeller aircraft to 50-seat Canadair regional jets means a 6% increase in seats from CWA. Jet service also provides shorter flight durations to both Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) and Detroit (DTW). The removal of the propeller aircraft from the flight schedule has provided all jet service to and from Central Wisconsin Airport, as both United and American airlines only use jets to service CWA.

Guests at the ceremony included members from the Central Wisconsin Joint Airport Board, chamber representatives, and area business leaders. Mosinee Mayor Al Erickson and Airport Board Chairman Roger Zimmerman spoke at the event. A reception and raffle followed at the Airport Restaurant.

CWA Airfares Remain Competitive

Central Wisconsin Airport's average domestic airfare was \$403.68 in the first quarter of 2011, while Minneapolis/St. Paul International's (MSP) average airfare was \$413.21. That's according to recently released numbers by the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics. CWA also proved to be less expensive than several regional airports including Madison Dane County (MSN) at \$429.08, Green Bay's Austin Straubel (GRB) at \$449.44 and Appleton's Outagamie (ATW) airport at \$438.71.

The data reported average fares based on domestic itinerary fares, round-trip or one-way for which no return is purchased. The fares include the cost of the ticket and taxes that are assessed at the time of the sale, but not baggage and other fees.

Overall, domestic air fares in the first quarter of 2011 rose 8.4% from the first quarter of 2010. In the U.S., Glasgow, MT (GGW) has the most expensive average domestic airfare at \$1,397.50. Punta Gorda, FL (PGD) has the least expensive at \$111.46.

The Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) is a regional non-hub airport located in Mosinee, WI, roughly equidistant between Stevens Point and Wausau. The airport is owned by Portage and Marathon Counties and is governed by the Central Wisconsin Joint Airport Board. It is currently served by three airlines: Delta, United and American. These carriers serve the hubs of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Detroit, and Chicago O'Hare with 11 daily flights from Central Wisconsin.



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