Moran Joins 102 Kansas Veterans at WWII Memorial

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran greeted more than 100 World War II veterans from northwest Kansas when they arrived at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. to visit the monument for the first time. The opportunity to travel to the nation's capital was made possible through local volunteers and donors acting through Honor Flight, a grassroots, nonprofit organization.

"The contribution these veterans gave to our country cannot ever be measured, though it is memorialized," Moran said "It was an honor for me to observe such true patriots examine the place they hold in history and to see that their dedication has been commemorated."

The group of veterans was flown from Salina to Washington, D.C., yesterday on a chartered plane to observe the WWII Memorial on the National Mall. During the one day trip, the group also visited other sites in Washington.

Pat Hageman, a Rooks County commissioner, spearheaded the initiative to raise more than $80,000 in an effort to send more than 100 WWII Veterans to D.C. after learning about the project from Moran speaking about Honor Flight at a townhall meeting.

One veteran participating in the trip was Ray Moran, the father of Congressman Moran.

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