

## New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

## "Keeping New York Safe"

## Northern Region Golf Tournament Raises \$17,000 For Charity

Union Partners with North Country Honor Flight for 4th Straight Year

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**Malone, NY** – NYSCOPBA members from the Northern Region held their annual Northern Region Charity Golf Tournament to benefit North Country Honor Flight on Wednesday, May 31 at Malone Golf Club, raising \$17,000 for the charity and passing \$50,000 in donations in a span of four years the golf tournament has benefited North Country Honor Flight

The tournament, with over 260 participants, was held at the Malone Golf Club. Golfers played in a 18 hole scramble on both the East and West Courses.

North Country Honor flight is a 501 (C) 3 charity. Dedicated supporters and volunteers organize a wide variety of fundraisers throughout the year to provide free, safe transportation for our veterans to Washington, D.C. Each veteran travels with a dedicated, capable guardian responsible for his or her comfort and safety. Every Honor Flight group is accompanied by medical personnel. Honor Flight trips depart and return on the same day, so no overnight stay is required while traveling, and all necessary transportation is provided to and from the local airport as well as within Washington, D.C.

North Country Honor Flight has sent 725 Veterans on a once in a lifetime trip that many consider the best day of their lives. On board flights number 48 and 49 on Saturday, September 2, will be 2 WWII Veterans, 7 Korean War Veterans and 26 Vietnam Veterans.

The veterans will travel on two aircraft and will be leaving Champlain Center at approximately 6:15 a.m., heading to the Veterans Park on the US Oval for a sendoff ceremony at 7:00 a.m. After the ceremony, a parade route will take the veterans over to the Plattsburgh

International Airport where they will view a fantastic display by all the local fire departments and emergency squads. Takeoff is 9:30 a.m., heading to Dulles Airport for their tour of the WWII Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Air Force Memorial, Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial and Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"We are proud to partner once again with North Country Honor Flight in support of their mission of providing travel for our brave men and women veterans to Washington D.C. on Saturday, September 2. Those veterans from WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, deserve our gratitude for fighting for this great country. In four short years the golf tournament has supported the charity, we have raised over \$50,000. Our members, who participated in the golf tournament, are committed to supporting local charities in the North Country and I am extremely proud of them." – stated NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President John Roberts.

"I would like to thank all of the members of NYSCOPBA who were instrumental in raising the money for this year's North Country Honor Flight to Washington D.C. NYSCOPBA has been a great partner for our organization and its mission to provide free transportation for our beloved veterans. Every trip provides valuable memories for those men and women who have fought for this great country and it is an honor to be able to provide them with this special day." – said Barrie Finnegan, North Country Honor Flight Executive Director.

(Photo Attached of NYSCOPBA Officials from the Northern Region Presenting Check to North Country Honor Flight Representatives)

