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Honor Flight Northeast Indiana Flight #56 Alan Fox Tribute Flight – May 20

Change of Flight Morning Arrival and Departure Location

Due to last-minute mission requirements with the 122nd Fighter Wing, they unfortunately will not be able to host our morning send-off. They extend their sincere apologies.

The Flight #56 Alan Fox Tribute flight morning send-off will now take place at:

Waynedale American Legion Post 241

7605 Bluffton Road

Fort Wayne, IN

Veterans and guardians are to park in the American Legion Post 241 parking lot. If veterans and guardians are able to carpool, it is strongly encouraged. American Legion Post 241 will only be able to host morning sendoff activities for the veterans and guardians.

Veterans and guardians staying at the hotel are not affected. Shuttle bus transportation will still be provided to bring them to American Legion Post 241 and return them to the hotel from the airport that evening.

Arrival time at American Legion Post 241 remains no later than **5:15 a.m.** as originally planned.

Veterans and guardians will then take charter buses to Fort Wayne International Airport for the morning flight to Washington, D.C. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with parking.

“Our flight is still on schedule and will still happen — we will be taking 87 veterans to Washington, D.C. as planned and will have our Welcome Home celebration at Fort Wayne International Airport as planned. We always prepare for situations that require last-minute adjustments. We greatly appreciate all the support the 122nd Fighter Wing voluntarily provides to us and understand their current situation. We look forward to being back at the 122nd Fighter Wing again in the near future. We also thank the Waynedale American Legion Post 241 offering to host our event.” said Cathy Berkshire, President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana.

Welcome Home Celebration – Public Invitation

The community is invited to welcome the veterans home on **May 20, 2026**, at Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA). Attendees should plan to arrive by **8:30 p.m.** and are encouraged to bring folding or camp chairs.

Due to ongoing construction and road closures near the airport, please visit our website at WWW.HFNEI.org or Facebook.com/HFNEI1 for current information.

Parking & Shuttle Information

All visitors must park in the Remote Lot on Ardmore Avenue (north of the main entrance; not the cellphone lot). Shuttle buses will run continuously to the terminal throughout the evening.

Parking in the remote lot is free. Limited handicapped parking is available near the terminal for properly permitted vehicles.

“Every Welcome Home event is a powerful reminder of how much this community values our veterans,” Berkshire added. “We appreciate everyone’s patience with the traffic and parking adjustments as we work to provide our heroes with a memorable homecoming.”

For questions, please contact:

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Media Information

Media should continue to plan for a **4:30 a.m.** arrival at the new location and park across the street from the American Legion at the KDA Furniture and Interiors facility.

Media may follow the group to Fort Wayne International Airport; however, access will only be granted to public pre-TSA accessible areas.

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