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**LONGTIME FLORISSANT RESIDENT AND ARMY VETERAN TONY HASTINGS
IS HONORED BY THE GREATER ST. LOUIS HONOR FLIGHT ORGANIZATION**



Pictured above is Army Veteran Tony Hastings surrounded by Greater St. Louis Honor Flight members, Florissant Police Officers, neighbors, friends and Florissant area Veterans including Mayor Schneider.

Members of the Florissant Valley Memorial VFW Post 4105 partnered with the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (GSLHF) organization to honor longtime Florissant Resident and Army Veteran Tony Hastings who has ALS and has lived over 25 years longer than expected. Knowing that Tony would not be able to make the long flight to Washington D.C. to experience the memorials built in their honor, it was decided that on Monday, October 22nd GSLHF would come to Tony and honored him at his home.

Tony was presented with an Honor Flight medal, hat and commemorative shirt from GSLHF. Tony was overwhelmed and appreciative for what everyone has done for him. Tony really prides himself on how much he can do and raise money to help other people that are battling with ALS.

Mayor Schneider said “I met Tony Hastings in 1979 when I first ran for City Council and I am proud to have had his continuing friendship and support for the past 40 years. He is an inspiration to me, his neighbors and to our entire community and I am happy that he has received this award.”

The Greater St. Louis Honor Flight is a 501 c 3 organization, whose mission is to safely transport America’s most senior military veterans to Washington DC, to experience the memorials built in their honor. They are dedicated to these heroic men and women having one of the best days of their life.

GSLHF hub launched in 2008 and has since safely traveled with more than 1500 local veterans. This experience is provided at zero cost to the veterans. Each travels with a Guardian, who insures not only their safety but also that their experience is profound and fulfilling.

America’s World War II veterans are passing at the rate of 430 per day. GSLHF is committed to doing all we can to ensure Saint Louis-area veterans make it to Washington DC to see the memorials built in their honor. Their priority currently is World War II and Korean War veterans, as well as any veteran who is experiencing a terminal illness. Their vision at GSLHF extends to all veterans – from our Vietnam veterans who deserve proper “Welcome Home” all the way to today’s active duty heroes.

For more information on the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, visit their website at www.gslhonorflight.org.

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