

Honor Flight set Wednesday



Hiawatha native Gary Thornton is among 25 area veterans chosen to participate in an Honor Flight April 24-25. Pictured with Thornton is his wife, Jean, and student guardian.

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha native is among twenty-five veterans taking part in a Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25, hosted by Wamego High School.

He is Gary Thornton, of Wamego, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Also among those chosen to take part in the Honor Flight are three sets of brothers.

The Honor Flight Network is a national non-profit organization based out of Springfield, Ohio, with the mission to transport our heroes to the nation's capital to visit and reflect at their memorials.

It's the seventh year Wamego High School has hosted the special trip, pairing the veterans from all branches of the service with student guardians from the local chapter of the National Honor Society.

The group is scheduled to arrive back in Wamego Thursday evening around 9:30. The community is invited to welcome them back home at the Wamego High School gym, with the doors opening at 8:30. You're encouraged to wear your patriotic finest.

After this week's flight, the high school will have had the honor of recognizing the service and sacrifice of 159 area veterans.

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