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BROOKS, ESL PRESENT AIRSHOW PROCEEDS TO HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER

Over \$18,000 to benefit Honor Flight Rochester and Wounded Warrior Aviation in support of local veterans

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today presented a generous portion of the 2011 ESL International Airshow proceeds to benefit Honor Flight Rochester during the veterans "Welcome Home Ceremony" held in the International Arrivals Hall at the Greater Rochester International Airport.

"The ESL International Air Show this year was a huge success." said **Brooks**. "By having great private partners like ESL, Monroe County is able to not only provide a world class airshow, but to also help Honor Flight Rochester and Wounded Warrior Aviation. Honor Flight Rochester provides an amazing experience for veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC."

The 2011 ESL Airshow featuring the US Navy Blue Angels celebrated the Centennial of Naval Aviation. Nearly 65,000 spectators enjoyed the weekend's aerobatic acts, military and civilian static displays and more. A portion of the Airshow proceeds, in total \$18,193, were donated to Honor Flight Rochester and Wounded Warrior Aviation, each receiving \$9,096.

Honor Flight Rochester is a non-profit organization which began locally in 2008 to honor America's most senior WWII veterans. Since that time, the organization has staged 17 Missions by flying over 800 Veterans to Washington, D.C., where they can visit and reflect together at the memorials.

"The spirit of a generous community coming together to honor those most responsible for our freedoms is at the core of the Honor Flight program and a central theme to the spectacular regional airshow we enjoyed this summer." said Vince Hope, President of Honor Flight Rochester. *"We honor the many Veterans who will now fly because of this gift, as their generation gave us the spirit that makes our community a great place to live and raise our families."*

The 2011 Airshow was a tremendous success and represented the sixth consecutive airshow for which ESL Federal Credit Union had served as the title sponsor.

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“ESL is pleased that the proceeds from this year’s airshow will help sustain Honor Flight Rochester’s outreach to veterans,” said David L. Fiedler, ESL President and CEO. “The work of Honor Flight, on behalf of those who served in the Armed Forces, further demonstrates what makes our community so exceptional.”

Wounded Warrior Aviation a non-profit organization comprised of a team of individuals dedicated to providing rewarding opportunities for the injured service men and women of this generation also received a portion of the Airshow proceeds. Representatives from Wounded Warrior Aviation were not able to be in Monroe County for today’s ceremony. Wounded Warrior Aviation is located in Frederick, Maryland.

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