

MEDIA ALERT

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American Airlines Group Presenting Donation to Local Vietnam Veterans Chapter

Airline's Veterans Group Announcing Donation Raised at Airfest 2011

What: The Veteran's Military Employee Resource Group (VMERG) of American Airlines and American Eagle will present a check to the local Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 984 to support the organization's outreach and support of military troop flights that go through RFD. The donation is a percentage of the funds raised from its raffle held during Airfest 2011.

The donation amount will be revealed at the check presentation. The remaining portion of funds is donated to the USO and other organizations that support veterans and active military troops.

Along with supplying care packages to troops, the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America also provides support and appreciation to troops coming home from tours abroad by welcoming the several military flights that land at RFD to clear customs before returning to a U.S. military base.

Representatives from American Airlines, RFD and the Vietnam Veterans of America will be available for interviews.

The first of its kind in the U.S. airline industry, VMERG promotes the roles and contributions of veterans and active-duty military and serves as a liaison between the airlines and veteran and military communities. It is driven by employee-volunteers of American Airlines and American Eagle who are either veterans or are family members of a veteran.

When: Monday, September 19
7:30 p.m.

Where: Auditorium in RFD Administration Building
60 Airport Dr., Rockford

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