

Jackson Heights hosts 8th Honor Flight

(KNZA)--Jackson Heights High School hosted its eighth Honor Flight Wednesday.

Twenty-six military veterans from Jackson County and the surrounding area took part.

The veterans—many Vietnam War vets—were flown to the Washington D.C. for the day to visit memorials dedicated to those who fought and died in World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars. They also stopped at the Arlington National Cemetery for a viewing of the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Twenty Jackson Heights High School students participated as “guardians” and assistants for the veterans on the Honor Flight. Also accompanying the veterans was Dr. David Allen, who has participated in previous Honor Flights, along with other support staff.

About 200 veterans from World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars have participated in the school’s seven previous Honor Flights.

The Honor Flight program at Jackson Heights is funded solely by volunteer donations.

To learn more about the program or make a donation to the local program, you can call Jackson Heights Superintendent Adrienne Walsh at 364-2194.

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