

## United Heritage Credit Union Sponsors Honor Flight Austin



United Heritage Flies Veterans to Washington, D.C. for a Trip of a Lifetime

**AUSTIN, Texas** - Nov. 1, 2023 - <u>PRLog</u> -- United Heritage Credit Union and its United Heritage Charity Foundation are directly supporting local military veterans in the Austin area. On October 27, a group of volunteers, guardians, and military service members took a 'Trip of a Lifetime' to Washington, D.C. to see the military memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. A special send-off procession occurred on Friday, October 27 at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) as the group made their way to their departure gate. The procession included the ABIA TSA Color Guard and the Austin Police Department Pipe and Drum Corps. Travelers and airport staff stopped to honor and cheer on the veterans as the procession moved through the terminal. They returned the following day and were greeted with a surprise welcome from family, friends, and individuals at the airport. UHCU was the sponsor of Honor Flight Austin's 87th flight which carried 39 veterans from the Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam War along with the other individuals who joined the experience.

In 2022, the United Heritage Charity Foundation began partnering with Honor Flight Austin for its giving initiatives which focused on Military & Veteran Assistance. The Credit Union believes in the philosophy of people helping people and seeks to make the biggest impact in a direct way for the communities we serve. Not only did UHCU sponsor a flight in 2023, but it also invited UHCU employees to sign up to be a guardian for a veteran as well as engaged its employee volunteer group, Team United Heritage, to attend the Welcome Home event as a group. Kevin Farley, Vice Chairman of the Charity Foundation, was present at the Welcome Home event and shared what some of the guardian's duties were during their travel, "This was a quick two-day trip where our UHCU employees had the honor of escorting military service members throughout their time in Washington DC. They visited the various memorials, looked up friends and fellow soldiers that they served with but did not return, and had the opportunity to listen and share stories about their experiences in the military."

In addition to donating \$50,000 for veterans to take a flight at the end of October, United Heritage donated

a laptop to the organization to use for presentations and administrative work. Honor Flight Austin gives 100 percent of its proceeds to the veterans it serves, and relies on donations to support its cause. If you or someone you know is a veteran in the Austin area, visit their website <u>www.honorflightaustin.org</u> to learn more.

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## **About United Heritage Charity Foundation**

Founded in 2003, the United Heritage Charity Foundation was developed as a 501(c)(3) to improve the lives of others in its local communities. The Charity Foundation's goals are to support organizations in initiatives that make Central and East Texas a better place to live, work, and attend school. The United Heritage Charity Foundation's areas of focus include family support services, healthcare, military & veteran assistance, and education. For more information visit, <u>uhcf.org</u>. The United Heritage Charity Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the United Heritage Credit Union and has distributed over \$2 million since its inception.

## **About United Heritage Credit Union**

United Heritage Credit Union is a full-service financial institution whose vision is "To be your primary financial institution." United Heritage has over \$1.5 billion in assets, more than 76,000 members and 10 branch locations. Through innovative technology, exemplary service standards and competitive products, United Heritage is a strong force in the credit union industry. United Heritage Credit Union was established in 1957 and 65 years later serves communities within the Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Lee, Milam, Travis, Williamson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt or Wood counties as well as those that live in the rest of Texas through TXCC membership. For more information about United Heritage, visit uhcu.org. Federally Insured by NCUA.

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