

Pulling for Honor to hold second annual event



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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (KCRG-TV9) - The second annual Pulling for Honor fundraiser for local, non-profit organization Eastern Iowa Honor Flight (EIHF) will be held July 15 at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Teams of 25 will compete to see who can pull a FedEx 757 jet 12 feet the fastest. The 2016 Pulling for Honor event was the first ever for Eastern Iowa, raising more than \$38,000 to send local veterans to Washington D.C. so they can visit war memorials built to honor their service.

To date, EIHF has organized 28 flights from CID. Each flight costs around \$83,000, providing a free flight to each veteran on board. This year's fund raising goal is \$100,000.

The event will take place at 3435 Beech Way, east of the airport's main entrance. Other activities that day will include:



- The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 33 will provide free flights to children 8-17 years old as part of its Young Eagles program.
- A 3-on-3 basketball tournament, coordinated by Team Iowa, will be held for youth and adults.
- Aircraft static displays

There is no cost to attend this event, food and beverage will be available for purchase, including a special beer offering from Toppling Goliath Brewing Company of Decorah, IA. Toppling Goliath, which won a "World Best" award from RateBeer for its Kentucky Brunch Brand Stout in 2015, is planning to serve a variety of beer including; Pompeii IPA, Dorothy's Lager, Pseudo Sue Pale Ale, Rover Truck Oatmeal Stout and Tsunami Pale Ale. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to EHF as well.

People can participate by being an event volunteer, creating a team of individuals, or having a corporate sponsorship, which includes a pull team.
