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Family Players of NENY Proudly Presents “Sentimental Journey: A USO Tribute to Honor Flight” on Feb. 18th

Several times a year, a group of local World War II veterans and their guardians visit the WWII Monument in Washington, DC. Typically, the emotions run the gamut – from pride to sorrow – as these vets share their stories, remember their fallen colleagues and receive a deserving hero’s welcome at every turn. It’s a sight – and an experience – to behold.

The Honor Flight organization of the Central Leatherstocking Region makes it all possible, organizing the trips from Albany to DC and paying for every vet who wants to go. Our WWII veterans are dying at a rate of about 1,200 every day, so time is of the essence. And Honor Flight has been working tirelessly to raise the funds to send several flights every year.

The group’s home region – including Schoharie and Middleburgh – continues their flood recovery efforts, which makes fundraising for Honor Flight more difficult as residents contend with their own community needs. So, the Family Players of Northeastern New York, a Capital District community theater group, has stepped in to help. With 25 years of presenting family-friendly fare within our community, Family Players is proud to count military veterans among our cast, crew and audience members. Plus, we firmly believe in Honor Flight’s mission.

That’s why we’re proudly presenting **Family Players’ “Sentimental Journey: A USO Tribute to Honor Flight.”** This night of World War II music, dancing and remembrance will honor the Andrews Sisters, Lena Horne, Rosie the Riveter, “Who’s on First?” and other featured entertainment from this era. The USO Show will be held **Saturday, Feb. 18th (with a snow date of Feb. 25th) at the American Legion’s Zaloga Post, 4 Everett Road Extension.** Doors open at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6 pm before the show begins at 7:15 pm, plus we’ll have raffles and photo opportunities. All proceeds will be used to send WWII veterans on the next Honor Flight.

Tickets are just \$15 for a ziti dinner, dessert and the show – please call Mary at 331-4158 to get your tickets now. We’re putting Family Players’ talent, commitment and community spirit into this important tribute and look forward to seeing you there!

About Family Players:

Family Players of Northeastern New York, Inc. is a non-for-profit community theatre group that strives to provide opportunities for amateur, novice and experienced actors, technicians, directors, choreographers and set designers as well as other production staff to develop and showcase their talents in a safe and encouraging environment. Founded in 1987, we present family entertainment for the Capital District community at reasonable prices. And the resulting shows – from “Annie” to “Ragtime” – have been enjoyed by thousands of people throughout the area. The focus of Family Players, of course, is **FAMILY!**