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Touchmark to host Honor Flight presentation *Oldest-living Medal of Honor recipient scheduled to present*

BEND, Ore. — On June 26, 2014, Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village will host a presentation featuring the acclaimed documentary “Honor Flight.” Scheduled to attend the public event and present is 94-year-old Robert Maxwell, a Bend resident and the nation’s oldest-living World War II recipient of the Medal of Honor.

There is no charge for this event, which will be held at 2:15 p.m. at 19800 SW Touchmark Way.

“Honor Flight” is a documentary about four living World War II veterans and a Midwest community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Volunteers race against the clock to fly thousands of World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorial constructed for them in 2004, nearly 60 years after their epic struggle.

According to Sid Poe, a U.S. Air Force Vietnam-era veteran, Touchmark resident and cohost of the June 26 event, this race against time is happening around the nation, including right here in Central Oregon.

“The sad reality is that World War II survivors are leaving us every day. Our biggest challenge is finding veterans to put on the plane so we can honor their legacy and thank them for their service to our country.”

One such veteran who has been on an Honor Flight and will talk about his experience at the event is Medal of Honor recipient Robert Maxwell. Maxwell has lived in Central Oregon for four decades and was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1944 when he threw himself on a hand grenade in France, an act that permanently maimed him and saved the lives of three fellow GIs.

In his later years, Maxwell was instrumental in establishing Bend Heroes Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding Honor Flights for World War II veterans living in Central and Eastern Oregon and in Portland. Honor Flights arranged through Bend Heroes Foundation are four-day trips that include travel to and from Washington, DC, visits to the World War II Memorial and other memorials, a presentation at Arlington National Cemetery and a tour of the United States Capitol led by Oregon lawmakers.

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Ret. Lt. Col. Dick Tobiason was an Army aviator and served two combat tours in the Vietnam War. A Purple Heart recipient, Tobiason founded Bend Heroes Foundation, and he will join Poe and Maxwell in presenting the Honor Flight event at Touchmark. In addition to showing the 83-minute "Honor Flight" documentary, Tobiason and Poe will lead a question-and-answer session after the movie.

Poe urges the community to attend and says, "This is not a fundraiser. Our goal is simply to make people aware of what Honor Flights are and to make connections with World War II veterans so we can give them an opportunity to experience this amazing, well-deserved trip."

Veterans who have been on an Honor Flight say it is truly the trip of a lifetime.

Event details: No cost, open to the public.

June 26, 2014, 2:15 p.m.

19800 SW Touchmark Way, Bend

About Touchmark

Located along the Deschutes River, Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village provides a range of homes and lifestyles. For more information, please visit www.Touchmark.com.

About Bend Heroes Foundation

Bend Heroes Foundation is a nonprofit organization operating Honor Flight of Eastern and Portland Oregon. To learn more, please visit www.bendheroes.org.

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