

Honor Flight Fundraiser Receives Strong Support

Fourteen different hotdish flavors were served up for the community during the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN fundraiser hosted by Cavalier American Legion Auxiliary Unit 11 and Cavalier Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) students. Thanks to the generosity of community members who brought hotdishes, donated silent auction items, or came out to eat, over \$3,500 was raised. This money helps pay for future flights of veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit war memorials in their honor.

Attendees were given a “flight” of hotdish samples to taste and ballots to vote for their favorite flavors. Veterans also were given a separate ballot to put their own stamp on their favorite options. Hotdish samples included French BLT, breakfast hotdish, chicken alfredo, lasagna, mac and cheese, chicken taco, burrito bake, wild rice and bacon, pizza, potato pizza, chicken wild rice, Lebanese beans, dairy potatoes, and more!

Members of Lavern J. Thompson Post and Unit 11 of Cavalier support programs for veterans and families of veterans, as well as active duty, national guard, and reserve personnel. For this event, they worked in tandem with Cavalier FBLA students to make the fundraiser happen. The students were honored to be able to interact with area veterans, learn about their stories of service, and hear of their personal connection with the Honor Flight. This was the first fundraiser in the area held for Honor Flight. “We met a lot of veterans and heard about their experiences which were extraordinary,” said FBLA member Emersen Helgoe. “They told us the trip was one of the best days of their lives.”

For more information about Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN and how to donate visit <https://www.veteranshonorflightofndmn.org>