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Honoring Service: William J. Sleight, Jr. Takes Flight with Hudson Valley Honor Flight

Rhinebeck, NY — The Brookmeade Community is proud to recognize Meadows resident **William J. Sleight, Jr.**, who participated in Mission 38 with Hudson Valley Honor Flight on April 11, 2026—an unforgettable experience honoring his service to our nation.

Even when standing is no longer possible, the sound of the U.S. Navy anthem still stirs something profound—honor, memory, and a lifelong commitment to service.

The Hudson Valley Honor Flight is part of a national network dedicated to transporting America’s veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in tribute to their service and sacrifice. These journeys are provided at no cost to veterans and are made possible through the generosity of volunteers, donors, and community support. Each flight represents far more than a trip—it is a powerful and emotional experience marked by reflection, camaraderie, and long-overdue recognition.

“It is a privilege to see one of our own residents, Mr. Sleight, recognized in such a meaningful way,” said Brian Zeidan, Administrator of The Brookmeade Community. “Experiences like the Hudson Valley Honor Flight remind us that the service and sacrifices of our veterans do not fade with time—they continue to shape who we are as a community. At Brookmeade, we are honored to celebrate and support those who have given so much.”

For Mr. Sleight, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, the day held deeply meaningful moments. Among them was the opportunity to connect with a fellow serviceman who had served aboard the USS Coral Sea a decade after him—a poignant reminder of the enduring bonds shared across generations of service members. Each Honor Flight unites veterans, guardians, and volunteers in a shared mission of gratitude—ensuring that those who served are seen, honored, and remembered.

While photographs offer a glimpse into the day, they cannot fully capture the depth of the experience. As shared by those closest to him, no words or images can truly do justice to what the day meant—for both the veterans and their loved ones.

At Brookmeade, honoring our veterans extends far beyond a single moment. Each November, the community proudly hosts its Annual Veterans Day Celebration, bringing together residents, families, staff, and community partners to recognize and celebrate those who have served. Through shared stories, music, and reflection, the event embodies Brookmeade’s enduring commitment to remembrance and gratitude.

Brookmeade recognizes the profound sacrifices made by Mr. Sleight—and by all veterans in our community and beyond. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to honor their

service, not only through special programs like the Honor Flight, but in the everyday life of our community where their stories continue to inspire.

We extend our deepest appreciation to William J. Sleight, Jr. for his service, sacrifice, and dedication. His story stands as a powerful reminder of the courage and commitment carried by so many.

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