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WASHINGTON, D.C. June 17 -- Capt. Dale Hupe, his family and the Captain's crew will be honored Thursday at a luncheon hosted by U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

The Captain and his crew manned the TWA flight that was hijacked for ransom and landed at Dulles International Airport June 4.

Hupe is from Perry, Kansas and four other crew members are from the Kansas City area.

Hupe, who is recovering from a gunshot wound suffered during the hijacking, will return to Perry later this week.

Following the luncheon, the group will go to the White House for a scheduled meeting with the President. Both Hupe and the President served with the Navy on Guadalcanal during World War II.

Also attending will be TWA President F.C. Wiser, Jr. and Capt. and Mrs. Billy N. Williams, New York. Williams, who piloted the plane hijacked to Italy last fall, was called to Washington to take over Hupe's plane in case the hijacker demanded a transoceanic flight.