



## What is Honor Flight?

Conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and retired Air Force Captain, the inaugural Honor Flight took place in May of 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio with 12 World War II Veterans, on a mission to view their Memorial in Washington, D.C. Later that year, after the word got out, the list of Veterans grew and Honor Flight transitioned from a few small private aircraft to commercial airline carriers with the goal to take as many Veterans as possible.

Since that time, Honor Flight has flown more than 230,000 Veterans to our Nation's Capital from all over the country. Today, Honor Flight is a national network of over 130 non-profit "hubs" whose sole mission is to honor America's Veterans for all the sacrifices they made on behalf of our country.

**Veterans** are flown to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their Memorials at no cost to them. Top priority is given to our most senior patriots, WWII Vets, and Vets of any era who are terminally ill. Korea War and Vietnam War Veterans are also eligible and encouraged to apply for seats on our hub's Honor Flights. Funds are raised to make sure that every one of these special individuals flies absolutely free. Their journey to Washington, D.C. includes motor coach transportation, meals and any other amenities that are required to travel comfortably. Complimentary wheelchairs, oxygen, and a paramedic staff will be available on the flight mission. Our typical Honor Flights are up and back on the same day, usually a Saturday, in the spring or fall. Our flight mission takes us to the Veteran Memorials for WWII, Korea and Vietnam and to Arlington National Cemetery to witness the change of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

**Guardian** donors, who accompany honored Veterans on every Honor Flight, experience the impact that war had on our Greatest Generation and Veterans of all eras. They bear witness to the dignity and the humility which is today as strong as ever. It is not unusual for the Veterans to share their experiences for the first time when they reach the WWII, Korea and Vietnam Memorials. When family members accompany our Senior Patriots, they will find a new appreciation for the legacy of service they will inherit. Honor Flight Guardians support our mission by donating their own travel and tip cost and donating their time to playing a very special role in Honor Flight Missions. We ask that our Guardians be prepared to push a wheelchair, assist & dedicate themselves to a Vet that they accompany for the duration of our flight mission. Our Guardians enjoy a memorable and significant bond with our honored Veterans.

Honor Flight Central Florida is a sanctioned hub of the national Honor Flight Network, and an all volunteer organization dedicated to honoring our senior Veterans by flying them to Washington, DC for one last Mission of Honor. Formed in 2011, we serve Veterans in the Central FL area. Our hub has provided Honor Flights for over 1,000 of our own hometown heroes. We are a 501 C3 non – profit all volunteer organization. Your donation may be tax deductible. Check with your CPA or tax preparer to confirm.

**Mail donations or applications to:**  
HONOR FLIGHT CENTRAL FLORIDA  
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**Veteran and Guardian applications can be downloaded and printed from our website. Donations can also be made using a credit card or pay-pal account:**  
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**Thank you for supporting our mission!**

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## **We have a real sense of urgency about honoring our World War II Veterans**

- Due to the age of our WWII Veterans, we are losing over 340 per day
- The average life expectancy for an American Male is 74.4 years, while the youngest WWII Vet is over 94 years old
- WWII Veterans waited over 60 years for their Memorial to be built
- Our greatest generation saved the world from tyranny and preserved the liberties of all future generations of Americans

Honor Flight Central Florida needs your help to complete our mission to Honor surviving WWII Veterans in particular, while there is still time.

While we give priority to terminally ill and WWII Veterans, Honor Flight Central Florida provides our service to Veterans of the Korea & Vietnam wars as well.

Applications for Veterans are prioritized as noted above, and then seats are available on a first come and first served basis.

Please consider supporting our Mission with a generous donation. Honor Flight receives no government support. Only the generosity of our donors keep Honor Flight flying.



**“We can’t all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by.”**

**-Will Rogers**