



Sponsor a Veteran - Honor Flight Program

Honor Flight is a volunteer organization which provides, free of charge, a trip to Washington, D.C. for WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans to tour the memorials dedicated to their service. We operate solely on public donations. While there is never a charge to the Veteran, the cost to Honor Flight Columbus for each Veteran, and we provide approximately 600 Veterans a year with this honor, is over \$500.00.

Honor Flight Columbus is excited to continue to support a program to benefit Veterans, schools and non-profit groups. Our Sponsor a Vet program is designed to encourage fund raising by schools or organizations. In exchange the schools or non-profit group receives the opportunity to connect personally with a WWII, Korea or Vietnam Veteran and learn about their experiences.

The object is simple. We are reaching out to organizations and encouraging them to sponsor a fundraiser for Honor Flight. For a minimum \$500.00 donation, an organization can help to sponsor a local Veteran for their upcoming Honor Flight. After the donation is raised, our Honor Flight Columbus volunteers will select one of the Veterans assigned to the Washington, D.C. trip to discuss the program with the Veteran and then connect the school/class/organization with the Veteran.

In addition:

- The school/class/non-profit group will be encouraged to write individual special letters to their Veteran before their trip. These letters, called "mail call", are given to the Veterans during their special day. The school/class can also write one letter that is from the entire school/class to be placed in the Veteran end-of-trip folder along with the Veteran's certificate.
- The school/class/non-profit group could follow their Veteran's trip during the day with social media updates from the Veteran's assigned guardian.
- The school/class would be invited to participate in the special "Homecoming" we give the Vets when they return from Washington, D.C. in the evening.
- After the flight, the school/class/non-profit group will receive a special "Sponsor a Vet" Honor Flight Columbus certificate, along with a photo of the vet.
- After the flight, the school/class/non-profit group would be encouraged to invite the Veteran to an event to have the Veteran share with everyone their day of honor.

Here is a video example of a Sponsored Veteran's Experience you will be supporting:

<http://bit.ly/SponsorAVetVideo>

We are excited to share this new opportunity to continue with our mission of Honor, Share, and Celebrate our Veterans of WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War.

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