

It's All About the Vets HONOR FLIGHT COLUMBUS FACT SHEET 2018

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- **Team:** Hundreds of volunteers who make it all happen!
- **Flights**: 7 trips of ~85 veterans on these Saturdays in 2018: 4/7; 4/28; 5/19; 6/9; 9/8; 9/29; 10/20

Donations: Checks made out to Honor Flight Columbus can be mailed to: *Honor Flight Columbus P.O. Box 12036, Columbus OH 43212*

- Online donations accepted using PayPal at <u>www.HonorFlightColumbus.org</u>
- Merchandise is available online and at events for a suggested donation
- Donate \$500 to help cover the cost of flying one veteran
- Trip sponsorship is \$65,000; partial sponsorship available (trips are *free* to our vets)
- WWII, Korean and Vietnam War veterans may make unsolicited donations <u>only after they</u> <u>have flown</u>

Honor Flight Columbus is tax exempt under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. It is eligible to receive contributions deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

Veterans – We honor our nation's senior veterans by taking them to see the war memorials built in their honor: those who served during WWII (1941-1946); Korean War era veterans (6/27/50 -1/31/55) and Vietnam era veterans (2/28/61-5/7/75). Terminally ill veterans of any era – our TLCs (Their Last Chance) – go to the top of the list.

Historical Statistics - Honor Flight Columbus and Honor Flight Network Honor Flight Columbus has flown 5,221 veterans 2007-17. In 2018 we expect to fly an additional 600 Veterans. Honor Flight Columbus is part of a nationwide network. Since its creation in 2005 the Honor Flight Network has flown over 200,000 veterans (by end of 2017). Honor Flight is active in 47 states with 140 hubs.

Volunteers - Honor Flight Columbus is a volunteer organization; two part time paid directors; one office administrator

Guardians - Individuals who apply to serve as guardians on flights are not guaranteed acceptance. We are not able to honor all requests for a specific guardian.

Reunion - The annual reunion will be held in late October or early November (date and location TBD). All Honor Flight Columbus participants – veterans, guardians and volunteers – are encouraged to attend. The veterans look for others who were on their trip.

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