



It's All About the Vets **HONOR FLIGHT COLUMBUS** **FACT SHEET 2017**

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Team: Hundreds of volunteers who make it all happen!

Flights: 6 trips of ~82 veterans on these Saturdays in 2017: 4/15; 5/13; 6/10; 9/9; 9/30; 10/21

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 www.HonorFlightColumbus.org
- 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 \$59,000; partial sponsorship available (trips are *free* to our vets)
- WWII, Korean and Vietnam War veterans may make unsolicited donations only after they have flown

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 4,728 veterans 2007-16. In 2017 we expect to fly an additional 500 Veterans. Honor Flight Columbus is part of a nationwide network. Since its creation in 2005 the Honor Flight Network has flown 159,703 veterans (2015 figures). Honor Flight is active in 44 states with 130 hubs.

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

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 at Grace Polaris Church (date 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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