



THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT A PRETTY GIRL...

...that'll turn these guys heads!! The Ladies for Liberty accompany us on all our trips to D.C., and they love singing for our troops!

Our Mission

Our sole mission is to fly our heroes to Washington, DC to visit their respective memorials and reflect upon their service, sacrifices, and memories.

Every service member deserves a first-class THANK YOU and WELCOME HOME in the grandest style ever. Honor Flight Bluegrass honors our heroes and recognizes their sacrifice. It is with extreme pride, unwavering gratitude, and utmost respect that we provide this service to World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans.



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FROM THE BOARD

To All of Our Veterans and Supporters,

On behalf of Honor Flight Bluegrass, we want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for an amazing year! We have had the opportunity to fly 240 Veterans to Washington, D.C. and honor their service and sacrifice. In addition, we have had several events and birthdays to celebrate throughout the year. And, we have ended this year with our Christmas Cheer Campaign to make sure that our Veterans realize, that along with us, there is such a fan club that wants them to know they are in our hearts throughout the year and especially at Christmas time.

We cannot go without mentioning how grateful we are for such a dedicated volunteer base that loves and admires our Veterans too! From cheering the Veterans on at the airport as they are welcomed home to simply writing a Christmas card to them...every bit of time, treasure, or talent you bring to the table helps us carry out the mission. Please put us on your 2023 schedule again to help us out this coming year...We Want and Need You!

In closing, as Honor Flight Bluegrass looks back over the last 15 years of flying, we think of the stories that were told and the smiles that were brightened. One of our goals this year is to do a little reminiscing with all of these memories through our social media platforms. In turn, we look forward to creating more memories with our new Veterans that will be flying with us in the Spring.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And, to our Veterans, we SALUTE you!



WALL OF HONOR

Honor Flight Bluegrass is reliant on the public to fund our mission of serving Veterans, and our Wall of Honor not only helps us raise money, but also gives you an opportunity to recognize your loved Veteran. Your gift of \$100 or more will help us fulfill our mission and acknowledge your special veteran with a picture and words of appreciation. You can visit our website <http://www.honorflightbluegrass.org> and submit your information, a picture of your Veteran, and a donation of \$100 or more. Your loved one will stay on our Wall of Honor for a lifetime and your generous gift will go toward serving our Veterans. We truly appreciate all who support our mission.

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|  <p>In Memory of Walter L. Jones</p> <p><i>Served with honor</i></p> <p>United States Navy - WWII</p> |  <p>In Memory of Shirley Jackson Baker</p> <p>WWII Veteran</p> |  <p>In Memory of Ansel Curry, Jr.</p> <p><i>Proud Veteran</i></p> <p>United States Navy - WWII</p> |  <p>In Memory of Raymond J. Peterson</p> <p><i>Served his country</i></p> <p>US Air Force - Korean War Veteran</p> |
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|  <p>In Memory of Henry Floyd Hogan, Jr.</p> <p><i>A fine man and a credit to his uniform. He will be missed.</i></p> <p>1854 Aviation Engineers - Army Air Force - WWII</p> |  <p>In Memory of Kenneth S. Leistler</p> <p><i>Ken thoroughly enjoyed his Honor Flight. He would certainly want to help another veteran enjoy this opportunity as much as he did.</i></p> <p>USAF - Airman 2nd Class - Korean War</p> |  <p>In Memory of Maurice Douglas Schrader</p> <p><i>In memory of a great man, veteran, husband, father and grandfather.</i></p> |  <p>In Memory of Pedro Carrillo</p> <p><i>A great man, proud Navy and Army WWII and Korean War Veteran, and loyal friend of Honor Flight Bluegrass.</i></p> |
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THE WALL OF HONOR

SEPTEMBER 7TH FLIGHT

Our last flight of the year was September 7th and we proudly flew 82 Veterans including 8 World War II Veterans, 11 Korean War Veterans and 63 Vietnam War Veterans. We had the opportunity to capture so many stories and witness true healing on this trip. The “touch” of the Vietnam Wall connected several Veterans to the ones they had lost and brought reflection, tears, and closure. Thank you to all who flew with us and allowed us to be a part of your big day!





VETERANS DAY PARADE

Every day is Veterans Day for us, but some of our Veterans were recognized on November 5th at the Veterans Day Parade at Southeast Christian Church. While it was a bit wet and windy, it did not dampen the spirits of those who came out to pay their respects to these treasured heroes. From Boy Scouts to Police Officers, everyone was lining up to shake their hands and thank them for their service.





PEARL HARBOR DAY

The attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941), was a date which will live in infamy. This rings true even 81 years later, as we remember those lives lost and the cost of war. Twenty World War II Veterans joined us that afternoon at the Zachary Taylor American Legion Post 180 for a short program that was followed by music from the New Tones and the Ladies for Liberty.





“Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they’ve suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us.”
- President Ronald Reagan



CHRISTMAS CHEER CAMPAIGN

We are proud to bring Christmas Cheer back to our Veterans for the third year in a row! We received over 20,000 cards from friends, church groups, Veterans organizations, and patriots to mail to over 2,000 Veterans this year. Santa was even able to deliver over 700 cards to 105-year-old WWII Army Veteran Horace Harrod!







This photo, taken on September 7th at Arlington Cemetery by staff photographer Michael Montgomery, speaks volumes in our mission to serve Veterans.

The reflection in the sunglasses of the Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is of several Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam Wars.

Those who served and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice go hand in hand with the Sentinel's duty to recognize and honor these treasured Veterans.

Your Gift

Makes it possible for OUR VETERANS to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

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Every service member, regardless of age, branch, or duty station deserves a thank you in the style that makes Honor Flight Bluegrass legendary.

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