OPERATION BRAVO ZULU
75TH D-DAY ANNIVERSARY
PRESENTED BY HONOR FLIGHT BLUEGRASS

Honor Flight Bluegrass “Operation Bravo Zulu”
to Honor Veterans on 75th D-Day Anniversary

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY -- Seventy-five years ago, on June 6, 1944, United
States (US) forces led the Allied Nations in the largest amphibious invasion in
history—Operation Overlord, known as D-Day. Over 73,000 U.S. soldiers and
marines set in motion, the final phase of World War II (WWII), risking their
lives to preserve and protect the freedoms we enjoy today in America.

On June 6, 2019, in a very special and memorial event, Honor Flight
Bluegrass will honor these American heroes who served in WWII with a
celebration at Louisville Memorial Auditorium, an historic site that was built
to commemorate those who fought in WWI. This special celebration
“Operation Bravo Zulu” (Thanks for a job well done!), will feature honored guest,
95-year-old WWII Medal of Honor recipient, Hershel “Woody” Williams, who will
join his fellow WWII Veterans on this historic day. He will lead the ceremony
with 75 or more WWII Veterans and their families as we recognize and pay
tribute to these members of the “Greatest Generation.” Included in the program
are exhibits, the Ladies for Liberty singing troupe, the Don Krekel
Orchestra and a special recognition of each WWII Veteran. The public is
invited to join these Veterans and their families for the ceremony followed by a
meet and greet. Emcees include Heather French Henry and Rachel Platt.

Honor Flight Bluegrass is proud to host this event and is expecting a celebration
worthy of heroes.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to meet and thank these great
American heroes for their service to the country,” said Jeff Thoke, HFB
Board Chairman. “Their sacrifices made the freedom we enjoy today
possible.”

Veterans will be on hand for media interviews, beginning at 4 p.m. at the
Louisville (KY) Memorial Auditorium, 970 South Fourth Street. Doors open to
the public at 6 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission to Operation
Bravo Zulu is free for WWII Veterans and three of their guests. Additional
tickets are $10 per person and can be purchased through the Louisville
Veterans will be onsite at the event for media interviews at 4 p.m.
"Everyone who has had the privilege of escorting a Veteran on an Honor Flight will tell you that it is one of the greatest experiences of their life. It certainly has been for me. And it is an honor to be part of this upcoming flight on May 28th as we have the opportunity to escort over 80 Veterans to Washington DC to see their Memorials. I am proud that from its inception, the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs has supported Honor Flight Bluegrass in their mission. There are not many events that make such a profound impact on both veterans and those who support them. As Commissioner of the KDVA, I hope every Veteran and family member takes advantage of this outstanding program to show how much America appreciates their sacrifice and service to our Nation."

-- Benjamin F. Adams, III
Brigadier General, US Army (Ret.)
Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
WE WANT YOU AGAIN!
CALLING ALL WWII, KOREA, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS FOR AN HONOR FLIGHT MISSION TO WASHINGTON DC

Veteran Information for Consideration

Honor Flight Bluegrass recognizes American Veterans for their service, sacrifices and achievements by flying them at no cost to Washington, DC to visit THEIR memorials. Top priority is given to WWII Veterans, then Korean War Veterans, followed by Vietnam War Veterans. Those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness from those service eras are also given top priority.

“Qualified Guardians” travel with Veterans on every trip, providing assistance and helping Veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience.

Please consider this opportunity to take an Honor Flight as a small token of appreciation for your service to our country. *It is because of you that we have our freedom!*

**FULL LEGAL NAME (No Initials)**

First __________________________ Middle ______________________ Last __________________________________

GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female  DATE OF BIRTH ________________________________

ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________________________________ STATE: ____________ ZIP: ____________________

PHONE: Day: ( _______ ) _________________________ Cell Phone: ( ________ ) _____________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________________________

**SERVICE HISTORY:** BRANCH OF SERVICE:

□ WW II (12/7/41-12/31/46) ___________________________
□ Korea (6/29/50-1/31/55) ____________________________
□ Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) __________________________

Please fill out this form and mail back to:

Honor Flight Bluegrass, PO Box 991364, Louisville, KY 40269-1364

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Special thanks to the three local unions, IBEW Local 369, Sheet Metal Workers Local 110, and the Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Techs of Local 502, who donated $6,000 to Honor Flight at our Telethon on March 7th.

The entire crew at WHAS 11, along with telethon emcee and reporter Lisa Hutson, did a fantastic job in getting the word out about our upcoming flight. WWII Veterans Ernie Micka and Glenn Fisher stopped by the studio to help answer the phones and raise money for the 2019 flights.

We raised $24,000 in just 2 1/2 hours!
HONOR FLIGHT IS ON THE MOVE

Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin signs a proclamation marking March 29th as Vietnam Veteran’s Day.

Honor Flight Bluegrass Board Member Doug Foster, WWII Veteran John Mooney and his daughter, Mary Ellen Routin, take to the airwaves to promote Honor Flight’s upcoming 2019 missions.

The kickoff ceremony for the fundraising for the October Sons of Bardstown Vietnam Veterans flight was held April 25th.

Volunteers spend countless hours raising funds to fly our treasured Veterans to Washington, DC.

Several members of the 138th Artillery, Battery C attended the Vietnam Veterans Day at the Capitol in Frankfort.

Our Medical Team does an outstanding job taking care of our Veterans on flight day.
ATTENTION WWII VETERANS

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY June 6, 1944

Requesting your reenlistment for one evening
D-Day June 6, 2019

Join us as we celebrate and pay tribute to the largest gathering of WWII veterans in the state of Kentucky

#wwiioperationgratitude

Contact Kelli Oakley 859-433-6495
WORLD WAR II OPERATION GRATITUDE UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

*Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory at 800 West Main Street*
9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. All WWII Veterans and their families are admitted free for tours

*Frazier History Museum at 829 West Main Street*
Noon - 4 p.m. Snacks, meet & greet, and free museum tours. Includes panel discussion with WWII Veterans.

*Louisville Slugger Field for Bats Game, WWII Veteran Gratitude Night at 401 East Main Street*
5:30 p.m. Free game tickets will be available for WWII Veterans and their families. Veterans will be introduced on the ball field prior to the game, with one of them throwing out the first pitch. Game begins at 7pm

Thursday, June 6, 2019

*Louisville Memorial Auditorium, 970 South Fourth Street*
4:00 p.m. Doors open for WWII Veterans and their three (3) guests. Food and refreshments available and WWII vehicles and exhibits set for viewing
5:45 p.m. WWII Veterans and guests gather in Memorial Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Doors open to the public
6:30 p.m. Program begins: Tribute to all WWII Veterans with Emcees Heather French Henry and Rachel Platt Entertainment by the Ladies for Liberty and Don Krekel Orchestra
Special Guest Speaker, WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams
8:00 p.m. Meet and greet with the public

Friday, June 7, 2019

*Bowman Field, Hangar 5*
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. WWII Veterans fly FREE in a B25 Bomber. Contact Jeff Thoke at 502-645-5421 for info.