



## HONOR FLIGHT BLUEGRASS SALUTE!

In effort to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day and to honor your noble service to our country, Honor Flight Bluegrass is inviting you to **"75<sup>th</sup> D-Day Anniversary Operation Bravo Zulu"** at Louisville Memorial Auditorium, June 6, 2019. We are grateful to have the opportunity to host a reunion that includes you and 75 or more of your comrades. Your service and actions during World War II (WWII) were the vital springboard to the liberation of Europe and the end of the Second World War. We commend you and want to take this opportunity to honor each of you with an evening of gratitude and entertainment. As General Dwight D. Eisenhower was setting in motion the greatest combined operation of all time, his immortal words were "Ok, Let's go!"

Included in this historic reunion, special guest and your comrade, Hershel "Woody" Williams, WWII Marine Medal of Honor Recipient, will join in the celebration. There will be musical entertainment by "The Ladies For Liberty" and The Don Krekel Orchestra, plus tributes to "the Greatest Generation" by emcees Heather French Henry and Rachel Platt. As part of the program, you will receive recognition and commemorative items. Following the program, guests will be invited to meet and greet members of our Greatest Generation!

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Operation Bravo Zulu Agenda**

**Thursday, June 6, 2019, Louisville Memorial Auditorium, 970 South Fourth Street:**

- 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm** Reception for WWII Veterans and up to Three (3) Guests  
Food and Refreshments Available  
WWII Vehicles and Exhibits Set for Viewing
- 5:45 pm** WWII Veterans and Guests Gather in the Memorial Auditorium
- 6:00 pm** Doors Open to the Public
- 6:30 pm** Program Begins: "Tribute to All WWII Veterans"  
Emcees Heather French Henry and Rachel Platt  
Entertainment by Ladies For Liberty and Don Krekel Orchestra  
Special Guest Speaker WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams
- 8:00 pm** Meet and Greet with the Public

**Please complete the enclosed RSVP Form and return by emailing or scanning to [honorflightbluegrass1944@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightbluegrass1944@gmail.com).** We will reserve your ticket and three tickets for the names of the guests you provide. As we continue to search for and invite your WWII comrades, please do not hesitate to pass on their name and contact information to us so we may honor them as well. We are proud to host this important and memorable occasion and look forward to seeing you and your guests.

Gratefully,

Honor Flight Bluegrass Board Chairman  
Jeff Thoke

75<sup>th</sup> D-Day Anniversary Committee Chair  
Kelli Oakley



# 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY D-DAY OPERATION BRAVO ZULU

## RSVP FORM

**PLEASE RETURN ASAP by emailing or scanning to [honorflightbluegrass1944@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightbluegrass1944@gmail.com)**

### Veteran

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write something about your service you would like to share with us:**

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### Family Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**If possible, please include your service photograph (if you do not have one please send a current photograph.**

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER CAN EMAIL THESE PHOTOGRAPHS, PLEASE SEND THEM TO [honorflightbluegrass1944@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightbluegrass1944@gmail.com))

### WWII Reunion and Reception

Do you plan to attend the 4:00 pm WWII reunion and reception? **Yes or No**

***Additional friends and family members can purchase tickets (\$10 each) to attend the ceremony that begins at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm for those attending the ceremony. You can contact Kelli Oakley or purchase tickets online at [louisvillememorialauditorium.com](http://louisvillememorialauditorium.com).***

### Guests

**You may invite up to three (3) guests to join you at no cost for the WWII Reunion and Reception 4pm to 6pm activities:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Accommodations:

If you need overnight accommodations, D-Day guests receive an \$89 (plus taxes) special rate from Hawthorn Suites (751 Cypress Station, Louisville). Please call reservations at 502-785-0823 and use special code BRAVO ZULU.

### **YOUR 75<sup>TH</sup> D-DAY ANNIVERSARY HONOR FLIGHT CONTACT:**

Kelli Oakley, Committee Chairman      106 Bruner Drive, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390  
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## **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY D-DAY OPERATION GRATITUDE ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

In addition to our D-Day event, Louisville Slugger Museum, Frazier History Museum, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, Kentucky Veterans Trust Fund, and the Commemorative Air Force would like to take the opportunity to thank our WWII Veterans. Please see additional events below:

### **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

#### ***Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory at 800 West Main Street, Louisville***

**9:00am to 12pm (Tours Set For 10am, 11am, and noon):** All WWII Veterans and their families are admitted free. This tour includes: actual gunstock made by H & B during WWII on display, photographs showing gunstock production, and info on MLB players who served during WWII

#### ***Frazier History Museum at 829 West Main Street, Louisville***

**Noon to 1pm:** Free snacks and drinks served to WWII Veterans and their families at the Gateway Garden

**1pm to 4pm:** Meet and Greet and museum tours. Free to WWII Veterans and their families

**2pm to 3pm:** Panel discussion with WWII Veterans

#### ***Louisville Slugger Field for Bats Game, WWII Veteran Gratitude Night 401 East Main Street, Louisville***

**5:30 pm:** Doors open. Please enter front doors of ballpark on Main Street side. Free game tickets will be available for WWII Veterans and their families.

**6:15pm:** WWII Veterans will be instructed where to gather to be introduced on the ball field prior to the game.

**6:45pm:** WWII Veterans will be introduced, with one of them throwing out the first pitch.

**7 pm:** Game begins

### **Thursday, June 6, 2019**

***75<sup>th</sup> D-Day Anniversary Reunion, Louisville Memorial Auditorium, 970 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street***

### **Friday, June 7, 2019**

#### ***Bowman Field, Hangar 5 Louisville***

**10:00am-4pm:** The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund is sponsoring the WWII B-25 Bomber "Show Me" so that WWII Veterans can fly in it for free out of Bowman Field. For more information and to schedule a reservation, please call Jeff Thoke at 502-645-5421 to schedule a time to fly. Seats are limited, so reservations must be made in advance. Flight times are 10 am, 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm. The B-25 "SHOW ME" is from the Commemorative Air Force based out of St. Louis.

**For more information on these events (June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>), please  
call Jeff Thoke at 502-645-5421**