

Honor Flight (HF) (<https://www.honorflight.org/>) is a national network of independent Hubs working together to honor our nation's veterans with an all-expenses paid trip to the memorials in Washington, D.C., a trip many of our veterans may not otherwise be able to take. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the chance to share this momentous trip with other veterans, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with each other.

The Honor Flight Network is currently serving veterans who served from World War II to the Korean War and through to Vietnam. We also serve terminally ill veterans from any era of service. In 2019, 23,045 Veterans and 18,284 Guardians made this trip. Each older Veteran has a Guardian, although some Guardians may be assigned two younger Veterans (Viet Nam era).

In a normal year over 200 groups fly through BWI Airport, with another 200 coming through Reagan National and Dulles Airports. Groups coming from east of the Mississippi usually come in and go home on the same (long!) day. Those from the West will spend one or two nights in a hotel.

The Ground Crew at each airport meets each flight at the gate, organizing the nearby passengers into a cheering section. We then escort the group to their waiting bus or busses. Some groups have as few as 15 Veterans while others may have up to 200 Veterans on two charter planes. We also meet the returning busses and help each group get back through TSA security for their flight home. I have been doing this also since early 2007.

Anyone interested in attending an Honor Flight (we hope starting in Spring 2021) should contact Jim.Shiffrin@gmail.com for instructions. Basically, we need each person's name and date of birth so we can get a Gate Access Pass. The other option is to meet us coming out of Security – no pass is needed for that.