THE HISTORY OF HONOR FLIGHT

The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain. Earl wanted to honor the Veterans he had taken care of for the past 27 years. In May of 2004, the World War II Memorial was finally completed and dedicated in Washington, D.C. and quickly became the topic of discussion among his World War II Veteran patients. The inaugural Honor Flight took place in May of 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio taking twelve World War II Veterans on a visit to their memorial in Washington, DC. Today, the program has 127 hubs in 41 states.
Honor Flight® of West Central Florida, Inc. ("Honor Flight") was established as an official regional hub of the Honor Flight Network in October 2010. Our purpose is to recognize American Veterans for their sacrifice and service by flying them FREE OF CHARGE to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials dedicated in their honor. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill Veterans. Honor Flight is committed to fly Veterans from the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf Wars and others. The Honor Flight @ Home Program is also available for our Veterans who have reached a stage in their life that flying to Washington D.C. is no longer an option. This program is held in the local area.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Keep us in your prayers as we organize, develop and grow. We ask God’s blessings of wisdom, safe travel and good health for the Veterans and guardians.

Help spread the word about Honor Flight. Inform your friends and families, churches and school groups, social and civic clubs, and fraternal organizations about our program.

Identify and help register a Veteran by assisting with the application or by notifying us. WWII and terminally ill Veterans are our top priority, followed by Korean, Vietnam and other Veterans.

Give your time, talent or treasure. Become an Honor Flight volunteer. Sign up as a Guardian to accompany a Veteran and ensure that he/she has a safe and memorable experience. Write letters for mail call. Your time and energy helps thousands of local Veterans enjoy their honor flight. Attend the Welcome Home Celebration. Your presence is enough to show our Veterans how much they mean to us and our freedom.

Support our mission through your donation. Honor Flight is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and receives NO government funding. We need the continued support from grateful Americans like yourselves, and the generous participation of area corporations to honor these Veterans with a tour to D.C. in the manner they deserve. Your tax deductible donations are key to keep our Veterans flying Free of Charge. CFC#77887