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DAYTON, OHIO

## FIRST HONOR FLIGHT OF THE YEAR

Saturday, 20 April 2019 – Dayton International Airport  
World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans Are Returning  
Please Come and Welcome the Honor Flight Veterans

Honor Flight Dayton is extremely pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of patriotic sponsors, approximately 110 WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans will be able to see the memorials built in their honor. Be part of this patriotic event and experience it first-hand. Come to the Dayton International Airport by 8 PM on Saturday, 20 April 2019. Happily, the charter flight schedule is back to a 9 PM arrival. Be there to welcome and cheer for the brave men and women who fought for our freedom. "The Dayton International Airport is proud to be the host airport and work with Honor Flight of Dayton in this great opportunity to honor our veterans," says Terrence G. Slaybaugh, Director of Aviation for the City of Dayton.

The veterans arrive at 4:15 AM to prepare to board an aircraft at 6:30 AM. The Dayton International Airport supplies complementary water, beverages, fruits, and pastries to the outbound veterans as they make their way to their departure gate in the morning. They then fly to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, USMC War Memorial, USAF Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the Changing of the Guard at the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers and other sites. It is an exciting day for them and this FREE once-in-a-lifetime tour is a "thank you" for the service they rendered and the freedoms they secured for all of us, when they served in the U.S. military so many decades ago.

Upon arrival back at the Dayton Airport, the veterans may think their day is over. Not so!! As they deplane, a Military Guard of about 200 USAF personnel welcome the veterans and form a symbolic Honor March to accompany the veterans from the arrival gate to the Honor Corridor for their final special welcome. The Honor Corridor is lined by the Color Guards of the United States Air Force, Air Force Junior ROTC, and the Miami Valley Young Marines. The entire corridor is lined by additional military groups, Vietnam Veterans of America, Boy Scouts of America, Patriot Pin-Up Girls, Knights of Columbus, members of Police and Fire departments and of course, a large multitude of the veterans' loved ones.

Join the cheers of the waiting families, friends and grateful citizens. See the smiles and tears of the veterans as they pass through the Honor Corridor under the colorful U.S. and Military Service Flags. Join in the singing of the National Anthem and the enthusiastic cheering. All of these assure a singularly memorable event for the returning veterans and those who honor them. For many veterans it is the welcome home they never received and a small tribute for those who gave so much.

Honor Flight Dayton is inviting **ALL** who wish to attend this event. Please come to welcome home the returning veterans. Patriotic attire and signs are encouraged. Present and former military and public safety personnel are encouraged to come in uniform. It's free, no charge and no reservations needed. Just show up, stand up, and cheer from the heart.

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