

HONOR FLIGHT

ONE LAST MISSION

Q: Who can go on a Talons Out Honor Flight trip?

VETERANS are placed on our waiting list on a first-come, first-served basis. Right now, we are only accepting applications for World War Two veterans and terminally ill veterans of any conflict. Applications from veterans of other wars will not be accepted until our current wait list is resolved.

Q: How much does it cost? Who pays for the trip?

Our veterans have already sacrificed and given so much through their service to our country, therefore we feel they should not have to pay for the trip. All expenses for their Honor Flight are covered.

Flights are funded by donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other groups who wish to be an important part of honoring these heroes and recognize the need to get our veterans to see their memorial before it is too late. No funding is received from the Government. Guardians pay \$500 each for the honor of escorting a World War Two Hero to Washington DC.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways you can volunteer to honor our hero's. Below are some examples of volunteer opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- Administrative Assistance – In Office
- Administrative Assistance – From Home

OUTREACH

- Informational Booths
- Speaker's Bureau

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Event Planning
- Fundraisers

TRIP SUPPORT

- Contact Veterans
- Ground Transportation in Departure City
- Airport Check-In Assistance
- Guardian



Volunteer Rozlyn Ross supports our veterans at a local Memorial Day Parade

For more information or to complete an application, please visit www.talonsouthonorflight.org

We are honoring our Veterans with an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to see their Memorial



"Their dedication never faltered and neither shall ours"

**Talons Out is a local hub the national Honor Flight Network that has already flown over 98,000 veterans to Washington DC

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Q: What can I do to help?

DONATIONS are gratefully accepted from all non-veterans and more information is available on the "Donate" page on our website. There will also be various events held around southwest Michigan throughout the year to help raise the necessary funds. These will be highlighted on the "News and Events" page of our website under "Fundraisers."

VOLUNTEERS are also needed. It takes many dedicated volunteers to make these trips happen. A list of volunteer opportunities are listed on the back of this brochure or you can go to our website and click on the "Get Involved" button to get more information upcoming events and other ways you can get involved



Members of a local American Legion, V.F.W and Marine Corp League Color Guard honor WWII Veterans at a recent event.

To donate please visit our website listed below and click on the "Donate" button
www.talonsouthonorflight.org

Thank a Vet

Following the lead of Stars and Stripes, we had a mini mail call for WWII veterans attending the Honor Flight: The Movie screening. They thoroughly enjoyed this and you would have thought they won the lottery when their name was called. We want to continue this tradition on our Honor Flights too. While most mail is from the family and friends of the veteran, some mail is simply written to honor a veteran you may not know, but would like to thank for their service.

If you would like to organize a letter writing campaign for an upcoming flight, please contact us and put "Mail Call Request" in the subject line.



Why Talons Out?

Because we believe when a soldier takes their oath, they don't take it for a two year or four year tour, or even a twenty year career. It's an innate part of who they are for the rest of their lives. That if faced with a threat, no matter their age, a soldier is always at the ready to defend and protect. The name Talons Out comes from a poem written by one of our hub founders which can be found on the next tab.

Talons Out

In the early morning mist dawn breaks, and color paints the sky. The noble eagle takes to flight, a sentinel from on high

He dips, he glides, majestically ... effortless and full of grace. With an ever watchful eye, he soars through time and space

When on the horizon, danger he sees, he covers land and distance. He flies to face his foe head on, no hesitation, no resistance

Straight into the maylay, his mettle they will test
He's focused now, upon the foe, he'll give his very best

The moment's at hand, he knows his course; He knows he must do, not try. He's buried his own fear deep down inside, now hear his battle cry

He'll fight the fight, for hearth and home, for family he'll defend. He'll fight for freedom, love and life, until the very end

And when the challenge has been won, he'll return home to his nest. For long has been the battle today, and now it's time to rest.

No fanfare or parade through town, no crazy hoopla and show. It's a humble, average, everyday life, and about it he will go

For accolades and a hero's welcome, these are not what he seeks. It's coming home to family and friends; They are his solace and his peace

Life goes on without much change, though months and years pass by. Each morning he still makes his rounds, our sentinel in the sky

But should another threat arise, of this you'll have no doubt. This mighty eagle will fly again; He'll take them on.... **Talons Out.**