

B-25 BOMBER "SHOW ME" RETURNS TO KY!

Our Mission

Our sole mission is to fly our heroes to Washington, DC to visit their respective memorials and reflect upon their service, sacrifices, and memories. Every service member deserves a THANK YOU and a WELCOME HOME in the first class and grandest style ever. Honor Flight Bluegrass honors our heroes, recognizes their sacrifices, and takes extreme pride with our unwavering gratitude and utmost respect to provide this service to World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans who served during that time.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings to All! We hope our Honor Flight Bluegrass family and friends are doing well! As you will see throughout this newsletter, we have been finding ways to serve our Veterans... birthday celebrations, B-25 flights, card campaigns, etc. We are excited to announce that suspensions have been lifted and we have been given the go ahead to fly again! We are doing everything possible to make this Honor Flight happen for our treasured Veterans on October 20, 2021!

Operations have been suspended since early 2020, and we have lost so many opportunities to fly, so it is imperative we locate and fly our WWII or Korean War Veterans who have never been on an Honor Flight. These Veterans are 85 years and older...so there is no time to lose. Over and over, we hear from our Veteran alumni that their trip was one of the best days of their life...so, we are ready to create more memories for our wonderful Veterans.

We are truly grateful for the estate of Cynthia Shaw for being our major sponsor for this upcoming flight and supporting our mission. In addition, we appreciate our long-standing donor that is sponsoring this flight as well, the Kentucky Colonels.

As always, we also want to take time to recognize our HFB community and the media for continuously supporting us with our flights and all the events that we do for our Veterans. We have seen you...and, WE THANK YOU! We hope to see you on the evening of October 20th to welcome our Veterans home...it is a great opportunity to show the gratitude and love to our Veterans.

If you know of a WWII or Korean War Veteran that has not been on a flight, please go to our website www.honorflightbluegrass.org and sign up or call us at 1-888-998-1941. For updates on our flight, please follow us on our social media platforms and our website. We hope and look forward to flying on October 20th and seeing you at our Welcome Home!

Sincerely,

Jeff Thoke
Chairman, Honor Flight Bluegrass



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Wall of Honor
Your gift of \$100 or more will help us fulfill this mission, and give you an opportunity to recognize a special veteran in your life.
www.honorflightbluegrass.org

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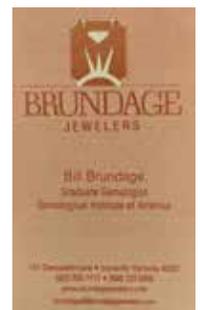
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WALL OF HONOR

Honor Flight Bluegrass is reliant on the public to fund our mission of serving Veterans, so we have started a program to recognize veterans that our donors wish to memorialize and/or honor. Your gift of \$100 or more will help us not only fulfill our mission, but also give you an opportunity to recognize a special veteran in your life. You can visit our website <http://www.honorflightbluegrass.org> and submit your information, a picture of your Veteran, and a donation of \$100 or more. Your loved one will stay on our Wall of Honor for a lifetime and your generous gift will go toward serving our Veterans. We truly appreciate all who support our mission.



THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



CELEBRATIONS

Being grounded from flying didn't keep us from serving our Veterans! We find ways to celebrate and honor their service whether it be their birthday parties, presentations of medals, or just hanging out with them. Below is WWII Army Veteran Art Raderer celebrating his 103rd birthday while the Ladies for Liberty entertain! Art has been an Ambassador for Honor Flight for many years, along with his brother, Herb, 95.



Shown above is WWII Marine Veteran Stanley Parnell being pleasantly surprised with the presentation of his medals and a full Marine Corps ceremony.

Above is WWII Army Veteran James Greathouse, who celebrated his 100th birthday in April with family and friends.



Shown above are the members of the Kilroy Chapter MVPA celebrating WWII Army Veteran James Cutliff's 95th Birthday in April with a parade of jeeps and other well-wishers who stopped by with cards and balloons.



WWII Army Veteran Verner Ferguson celebrated his 100th birthday in June. We presented over 600 cards that were sent from well-wishers across the country! The VFW Post 1693 from New Albany, Indiana brought the patriotism to his party at Mission BBQ Restaurant in Clarksville, Indiana.



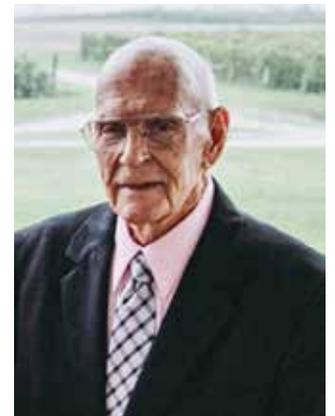
Another young WWII Army Air Corps Veteran, William C. Polen celebrated his 95th birthday in March. Mr. Polen flew with Honor Flight Bluegrass in September, 2018 and last year took a ride in the B-25 when it came to Louisville.



A few years ago, at age 90, WWII Marine Veteran Dale Faughn was the oldest regular blood donor, holding the Guinness Book of World Records... and nothing stops him because in March, he received an award for reaching 35 gallons of blood donated!



HFB Alumni and WWII Marine Veteran Bud Farmer passed before he could receive his induction into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame this year. Not forgotten, his family stepped up to receive his honor and recognition. Rest In Peace, Sir.



Korean War Navy Veteran, Pat Raidy celebrated his 94th birthday in July and enjoyed a collection of birthday cards from Honor Flight Bluegrass fans.



Korean War Army Veteran, John Shircliff was not surprised by his 90th birthday party in July, but he was pleasantly surprised when he was presented all of his medals that had been lost for several years! Medals were presented by NCOs Matt O'Leary and John Wright of American Legion 244 of Jeffersontown.



WWII Navy and Korean War Army Veteran, Pedro Carrillo celebrated his 95th birthday in July. He got to sit and reminisce in a '46 Plymouth, a '76 Corvette Stingray, and other classic cars and trucks.

B25 BARNSTORMING

Honor Flight Bluegrass hosted "Show Me," a WWII B-25 Twin Engine Bomber on a barnstorming tour across Kentucky on June 18, 19, and 20th. With the help of the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund, their sponsorship allowed us to fly 32 WWII Veterans and 3 Korean War Veterans in this WWII bomber which was built in 1944 and is owned by the Commemorative Air Force out of St. Louis, MO. Our goal was to honor our treasured WWII Veterans by flying this WWII airplane across Kentucky and give these members of our Greatest Generation an opportunity to fly in it at no charge.





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MOREHEAD

AVENGER TBM FLIGHT

We are always finding other ways to serve our Veterans! As the Thunder Over Louisville event was approaching, these two WWII Veterans, John Mooney and Howard Griffin, had the chance to enjoy a taking flight in an Avenger TBM with their families on the tarmac cheering them on! As always, thank you to Commemorative Air Force Missouri Wing for always being there to serve our Veterans by our side!



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Honor Flight Bluegrass hosted its first annual Classic Car Show July 17th at Mike Linnig's Restaurant! The cloudy skies cleared for us and we had over 100 classic cars for our Veteran Alumni to judge and raised over \$6,000. We want to thank our sponsors: Coldwell Banker McMahan, Karl Truman Law Office, AllTerrain Paving & Construction, and the Frank Lay Family. We'd also like to thank all the attendees, volunteers, donors, the Kaintuck Band, emcee Mike Cummins from WAKY Radio, DCorey Johnson, and most of all our Veterans!





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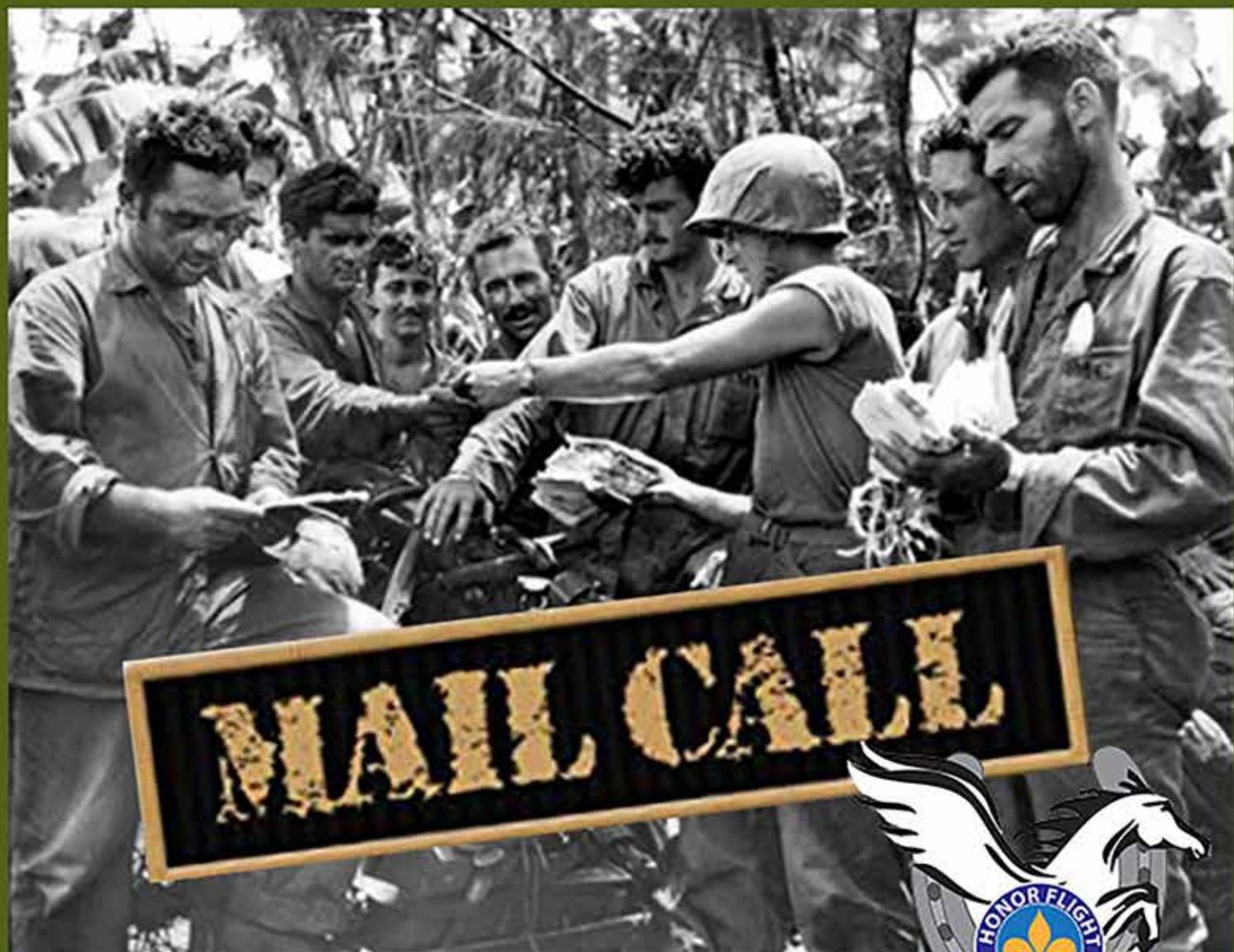
Proud to announce that we are returning to our mission of escorting WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans to visit their Memorials in Washington, DC.

These Honored Veterans will spend the day with their comrades visiting their memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery.



HONOR FLIGHT BLUEGRASS

Please visit us at: www.honorflightbluegrass.org



Honor Flight Bluegrass is flying WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington DC to see their Memorials October 20th. Just like back in the day when they were serving, Mail Call was a highlight, so we want them to experience it again.

Please take a moment to share your gratitude with a letter or a simple thank you card to these forgotten veterans.

Ask your friends to help.
THE MORE THE BETTER

Address them to: An Honored Veteran
Take or Mail to:
806 Cannons Lane Louisville, KY 40207
NO LATER THAN Sunday, October 10



2021 Kentucky Veterans Day Parade

IN REVERSE

Parade Units will be on display as you parade by in your vehicle to cheer them on.

Saturday, November 6, 2021
11:00am - 3:00pm

Southeast Christian Church
920 Blankenbaker Pkwy.
Middletown, KY



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