

Veterans FAQ

Applying to go on a Tour of Honor

- Who qualifies as a veteran for a Tour of Honor?
 - Anyone who served in the US military in active duty or in a reserve capacity qualifies for a trip. US Military includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines.
- I understand that it is free for veterans to go on the trip. Is it really free?
 - Yes. All veterans go as guests of Honor Flight. All travel (air and ground), food and lodging is paid for by us. You only have to pay for any souvenirs that you may want to purchase.
- How do I apply?
 - Applications can be downloaded from our web site <http://www.honorflightccc.org/Applications.html> or contact us at PO Box 1750, Paso Robles CA 93447 or call us at (805)909-2030 or email honorflightccc@gmail.com.
 - NOTE: If you submit your application via email you don't need to sign it. We will get your signature later on in the process.
- Should I apply even if I'm not sure that I'll be able to go?
 - Yes. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Applications are prioritized based on when you served in the US Military and the date that we receive the application.
- How are veterans chosen to go on a flight?
 - Veterans are chosen based on when they served in the US Military. Currently first priority is given to WWII veterans, followed by Korea War veterans. The next priority will be Vietnam veterans. Veterans with a terminal illness get top priority.
- Will I get any confirmation after I apply?
 - Yes. You will receive a letter from us after we receive your application.
- How will I be notified that it is my turn to go?
 - We will contact you based on the contact information on your application.
- How many Tours do you do a year?
 - We currently, based on our fundraising efforts, do two Tour of Honor trips a year. Usually one in the spring and one in the fall.
- How many veterans go on a trip?
 - Currently we take approximately 22 veterans on each trip.
- How long will it be after I apply before I go on a trip?
 - It depends on how many veterans have applied before you and the number of flights that we can schedule. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible since the date that we received your application, and when you served in the US Military are the criteria for selection. If at any time you want to know where you are on the list you can contact us.

Once you are chosen to go on a Tour of Honor

- When will I get specific information about the trip?
 - Once you are chosen to go on a trip you will receive a letter from us outlining the process. The letter includes the detailed flight itinerary, hotel, and other information. A couple of weeks before the trip there will be a luncheon for the veterans and their guardians held at the San Luis Obispo American Legion where additional details will be given.
- What if I am unable to go on that trip?
 - You will keep your place on the list and we will contact you when our next trip is being planned.
- Will there be someone to help me on the trip?
 - Yes, at this time each veteran is assigned a guardian who will be with you for the entire trip. If a family member would like to go as your guardian, we strongly encourage it. If no family member can be your guardian, we have volunteers who can do this.
- Can members of my family come too?
 - We have limited space so only if space allows.
- I may need some assistance, how does that work?
 - The guardians are there to give you any assistance that you need on the trip.
- What is the general schedule of the trip?
 - In general it is a three day trip. You are responsible for getting to the San Luis Obispo airport, usually for an early morning flight. We arrive in Washington DC area in the late afternoon. The next two days are spent visiting war memorials and other sites of interest via bus. At the end of the third day we fly home, usually arriving in the evening. Someone will need to pick you up at the airport after the return flight.
- Will I have my own room or be sharing? If so, with whom?
 - All rooms have double queen beds. You will most likely be staying with your guardian, unless your guardian is not a family member and is of the opposite gender.
- What costs are covered by Honor Flight and what do I need to pay for?
 - All your costs are covered by Honor Flight. You only will need to pay for any souvenirs that you want to purchase.
- Will there be a lot of walking?
 - The Tour of Honor is designed to accommodate you; we make it as easy for you as possible. We have a wheelchair available for every veteran at all times.
- What will I need to pack?
 - Pack light. You won't check any bags for the flight. You will be given a flight bag with two t-shirts and a jacket for the trip. You will be able to bring the flight bag and one additional carry-on bag if needed. You will be given written instructions concerning packing at the luncheon.
- What if I have special dietary needs?
 - Please let us know when you are scheduled for a flight so we can make the necessary accommodations.

- What if I have special medical needs?
 - Please let us know when you are scheduled for a flight so we can make the necessary accommodations.
- What if I need a walker, cane, wheelchair, or oxygen?
 - Please let us know when you are scheduled for a flight so we can make the necessary accommodations.
- What about getting through the TSA checkpoints? It is such a hassle now.
 - We have made arrangements with the TSA at the San Luis Obispo airport and other connecting airports so we go through as efficiently as possible.