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# Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Annual Public Meeting

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Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (LLHF) of Springfield, Illinois announces the **Annual Business Meeting** to be held **Saturday, March 7, 2020** at Lakeside Christian Church located at 226 Toronto Road (I-55 Exit 90 west) in Springfield. Beginning at **1:30 pm**, this meeting is open to the general public, including veterans, guardian escorts, volunteers and supporters of LLHF. A complete recap of the 2019 flight season, which consisted of six flights, will be included along with operating costs and statistics of veterans served, announcements of upcoming plans and dates for the planned six (6) 2020 flights, upcoming events, and salutes to LLHF's partners and donors.

Our special guest speaker is Melvin Bein (US Navy) who was a crew member on the USS Yorktown which served as the recovery ship for Apollo 8. Mr. Bein will provide a 15-minute presentation and will have military, NASA and Apollo memorabilia on display.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight provides a free one-day trip to Washington DC for Veterans to visit their memorials and receive the recognition and gratitude they earned and truly deserve. This trip includes round trip airfare from Springfield Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport, all meals and snacks, ground transportation in luxury touring buses and a t-shirt and cap. Every Veteran travels with a Guardian escort - a trained volunteer who pays their own way – who ensures the Veteran's comfort and safety and has the rare privilege of spending the day with American heroes.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is currently serving Veterans from World War II, the Korean War era and the Vietnam War era. Veteran applications continue to be accepted with flight priority given in the following order: World War II (person enlisted by 12/31/1946), then Korean War Era (01/01/1947 to 12/31/1957), followed by the Vietnam War Era (01/01/1958 to 05/07/1975). Medical conditions and limitations can be accommodated on flight day. Guardian applications are also currently being accepted. A Guardian must be an able-bodied person, 18-70 years old, except for Veterans who have already been honored with a flight or a spouse/significant other of a Veteran on a flight. Veteran and Guardian Applications and additional information may be obtained at [www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org](http://www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org) or by contacting Joan Bortolon, Board President, at 217-585-1219, 217-652-4719 or at JMB4604@AOL.COM. Consider also following us on Facebook.

LLHF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that receives no government funding or grants. It is only able to honor our Veterans because of the generous donations, sponsorships, fundraising events, merchandise sales and supporting efforts of the many local corporations and businesses, individuals and organizations within our service area.