

## Land Of Lincoln Honor Flight Of Springfield, IL

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Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (LLHF) of Springfield Illinois announces the cancellation of the in-person 2021 Annual Business Meeting due to health and safety concerns as well as public gathering restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In lieu of this meeting, LLHF has developed a 2020 Annual Report addressing all information normally imparted at the Annual Business Meeting. This report includes a recap of 2020 activities, a list of major donors and in-kind donation partners, the proposed 2021 operating budget and projected 2021 flight dates. Copies of this report are available on our website (<a href="www.Landoflincolnhonorflight.org">www.Landoflincolnhonorflight.org</a>). Additionally, a written copy of this report will be mailed to any person upon request.

The National Honor Flight Organization has suspended all flights nationwide through June 30, 2021 due to health concerns, restrictions and public availability of the memorials in Washington, DC. In consideration of this directive, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight has tentatively scheduled flights on July 20, August 17, September 14, October

12 and November 9 – all subject to approval by our National organization and the status of the pandemic in the country.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight provides a free, one-day trip to Washington DC for Veterans to visit their memorials and receive the thanks they earned and truly deserve. This trip includes round trip airfare from Springfield's 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 honoring true American heroes – our Veterans.

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. However, any certified terminally ill Veteran should contact LLHF directly. Guardians 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.

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 with our service area.

To request a written version of the 2020 Annual Report, a Veteran or Guardian Application, or any additional program information please contact us through our website (<a href="www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org">www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org</a>) or by contacting Joan Bortolon, Board President, <a href="JMB4604@aol.com">JMB4604@aol.com</a> or 57 Country Place, Springfield IL 62703 or by phone (217-585-1219, 217-652-4719).