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## Korean War Veterans Are Now Eligible for Their Honor Flight

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (June 5, 2016) – Talons Out Honor Flight announces the opening of applications to officially include Korean War Veterans. After 9 missions and more than 600 veterans honored – the majority of which fought in World War II – the non-profit honoring its nation’s veterans is ready to include the next round of vets.

“While World War II veterans will continue to receive priority status due to age, we are happy to officially accept applications from Korean War veterans and honor them with their own Honor Flight,” Talons Out President Bobbie Bradley says. “Our mission began as a way to honor our veterans of the Second World War, the war to end all wars. However, we know that men and women have continued to answer the call of duty, serving their country in peace time and war. Our Korean War is often called ‘The Forgotten War.’ We want to make sure our local veterans are remembered. This is why the board of directors has decided to continue our mission onto the next generation of veterans – our Korean War vets.”

Talons Out is currently planning a fall flight for September 10. As always, funding for these flights comes from community support. Because of this, Talons Out has issued a plea to the community: “From \$10 to cover lunch, to \$500 to sponsor a veteran’s entire trip, every dollar helps,” Talons Out Vice President Dan Moyle says. “We appreciate every donation, every gift. It takes a lot to pay for an Honor Flight for 80 veterans. And they deserve every penny. We’ve had businesses step forward and give \$5,000 and up – those are important community partners. Talons Out definitely enjoys working with large donors in addition to our everyday supporters. There are opportunities ranging from adopt-a-vet to naming flights. Any person or any business looking to donate a large sum should let us know.”

To date, 614 veterans have flown with Talons Out Honor Flight. Here’s the breakdown:

- WWII Veterans – 482
- Korean War Veterans – 98
- Vietnam Veterans – 3
- Original Rosies – 31

**About Talons Out Honor Flight:** Talons Out Honor Flight is a volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization honoring World War II Veterans with an all-expense paid Washington, D.C. trip to visit their memorial. Talons Out is the Southwest Michigan hub of the national Honor Flight Network. Learn more at <http://talonsouthonorflight.org>

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