



HONOR FLIGHT

CAPE FEAR AREA N★C

Guardian Application

April 29, 2023 Flight

Being an Honor Flight guardian requires total focus on and dedication to the Veteran you are assigned to escort. Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area (HFCFA) sponsors the trip to Washington, D.C. to say “thank you” and provide a “welcome home” that few Veterans received. The day is about comradery and shared experiences with their brother and sister Veterans. It is a life-changing day for many of them. The guardian’s sole duty is to make sure the Veteran is safe and fully experiences all that Honor Flight offers.

Each guardian is assigned one Veteran to escort on the flight. Spouses/significant others of traveling Veterans are not permitted to be guardians on the flight. Adult children and grandchildren (18 and older) are welcome to apply. A guardian will be assigned to a Veteran if the Veteran does not designate a specific person to escort him/her.

Guardians must be physically fit to care for themselves, as well as for their assigned Veteran for a 15+ hour day.

Caring for the Veteran assigned to you includes, but is not limited to:

- Ensuring they have all the information and assistance they need prior to the flight. This can include making sure they have provided all necessary information and have made travel arrangements to get to the pre-flight training and to the flight. In some cases, guardians themselves may provide that travel.
- On flight day, the guardian is responsible for assisting the Veteran with getting in and out of his or her seat on the aircraft, the bus, and possibly pushing a wheelchair all day long. You will need to ensure the Veteran stays on time, get meals, drinks, bathroom breaks, and that they take whatever medicines are required. You are required to stay with the group, and at no time are you to allow your Veteran to wander off alone.
- Most importantly, a guardian needs to become a trusted companion very quickly for the Veteran. Your Veteran needs to be comfortable reaching out to you for anything prior to and on flight day.
- Be aware that many of these Veterans are elderly—the WWII Veterans are in their 90’s, most of the Korean War Veterans are in their 80’s, and the Vietnam Veterans are in their 70’s in many cases. They will all need some amount of patience and understanding on your part. In some cases, your Veteran may want to have some private time since Honor Flight can be a highly emotional experience. You’ll have to judge just how close you need to stay to them. But it is essential that you never let them out of your sight. You are responsible for this individual all day. If the Veteran gets overcome with emotion, you need to be there to assist them physically and emotionally.

There will be a **mandatory** guardian training session, followed by a Meet and Greet with your Veteran, on April 1, 2023 in Wilmington. At that session, you will also be issued all your gear for flight day, so it is important that you attend.

You must have no convictions for violence of any kind; no felony convictions; and not be a registered sex offender.

HFCFA Board of Directors reserves the right to deny any application at the Board’s discretion.

IF YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE... please submit your application, a valid REAL-ID for airline travel, AND your \$535 contribution. The contribution is for the privilege and honor of escorting the Veteran on the trip.

You will not be charged any additional trip expenses.

NO GUARDIAN APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE CONTRIBUTION.
THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO ASSIST OUR VETERANS!



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2023 Schedule: Mandatory Pre-Flight Training Day: April 1, 2023 | Flight Date: April 29, 2023

Contribution Requirement: This application and a \$535 contribution are required of all guardians. Please include your contribution by check made out to Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area along with this application, or pay on the HFCFA website, noting it is for a guardian contribution. **Your application will not be considered without payment.** If for some reason you are not accepted as a guardian, or cancel your participation, you will have the option of having your contribution returned to you, or you can designate it as a contribution to HFCFA.

Physical Assistance Requirement: Some of our Veterans are in need of a lot of physical assistance to get around. If you do not think you are able to help a 200+ pound person in/out of a wheelchair and/or assist them up/down stairs numerous times over the course of the day, please fill out our Volunteer application to assist with other flight-related activities.

Please print clearly. Name must be exactly as it is on your REAL ID-compliant license/photo ID you are submitting for airport TSA security reasons.

Guardian Details:

Note: List your full name as it appears on your REAL ID driver's license

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ MIDDLE: _____

NICKNAME (if any, for your nametag): _____

Please circle your unisex T-shirt size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE(S): WORK: _____ HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ D.O.B.: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

IF YOU ARE A VETERAN:

BRANCH: _____ HIGHEST RANK ACHIEVED: _____

CONFLICT(S) DURING WHICH YOU SERVED: _____

Month/Year FROM: _____ Month/Year TO: _____

Guardian Emergency Contact Details (someone who will NOT be on the flight and available on flight day):

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE(S): WORK: _____ HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Applicant name: _____

Guardian Desired Veteran Assignment:

All Veterans are assigned a guardian to accompany them the entire trip. If you'd like a specific Veteran, please identify:

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: _____

If you have you served as a guardian on a prior Honor Flight, please indicate the Honor Flight hub location, and the year(s) of your service: _____

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND SIGN AND DATE WHERE INDICATED

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

1. As photographic and video equipment are frequently used to document **Honor Flight** trips and events, I am aware that my image or voice may appear in a public forum, such as the media or a website, to acknowledge, promote, or advance the work of the **Honor Flight** program. I hereby release the photographer, **Honor Flight**, and **Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area, Inc.** from all claims and liability relating to said photographs, videos, and sounds. I hereby give permission for my images and voice captured during **Honor Flight** activities through video, photo, or other media, and any photos or video I may post to social media, to be used solely for the purposes of **Honor Flight** promotional material and publications, and waive any rights or compensation or ownership thereto.
2. I further state that medical insurance is the responsibility of the guardian and I understand that neither **Honor Flight** nor the provider of private aircraft ("Flight Provider") nor Wilmington International Airport provides medical care. I understand that I accept all risks associated with travel and other **Honor Flight** activities and will not hold **Honor Flight**, the Flight Provider, **Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area, Inc.**, Wilmington International Airport, Veterans, guardians, other volunteers, **Honor Flight** Support Members, or any person appearing or quoted in any advertisement or public service announcement or on behalf of **Honor Flight** responsible for any injuries incurred by me while participating in the **Honor Flight** program.
3. I have not been convicted of any crime involving violence or a felony and that I am not a registered sex offender.
4. Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area Board of Directors reserve the right to deny any application at the Board's discretion.
5. This document shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Signed: _____ Printed: _____ Date: _____

Please submit a check or contribute online along with your application. Your application will not be processed until payment is received. Please mail completed form, a photocopy of your license/photo ID, and check for \$535 to:

Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area
310 North Front Street
Box 292
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Attn: Guardian Application

You may also scan and email your application, along with your photo ID to: Guardians@honorflightCFA.org

Questions?

Contact Kevin Parker, Guardian Coordinator, at 910-547-0821 or Guardians@HonorFlightCFA.org.

NOTE: If your phone number(s), address, or email address changes between now and the training day date, please let us know as soon as possible. Likewise, if for any reason you cannot go on the trip, please notify us as others may be waiting for a seat.