



HONOR FLIGHT
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Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area announces 2025 flight date and availability of applications for all Veterans who served prior to 1975

WILMINGTON, North Carolina – November 11, 2024 – Following three successful flights honoring over 200 local Veterans, Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area (HFCFA) will fly its fourth mission to Washington, DC on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Next year, to accommodate more Veterans for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, HFCFA will charter a larger aircraft, enabling 85 Veterans to travel to the nation’s capital.

A hub of the national Honor Flight Network, HFCFA was established in 2020 with the sole mission of flying Veterans to Washington, DC for an all-expenses-paid day of honor and remembrance. The flights are open to Veterans who served prior to 1975 and those of any era that have a life-limiting illness. Veterans are not required to have served in combat to be eligible to travel with HFCFA.

“Participants in Honor Flight consistently tell us that the trip is a life-changing experience,” said Ruth Ravitz Smith, Founder and President of HFCFA. “We are thrilled that we can now open up the opportunity to even more deserving Veterans.”

Given the age of World War II and Korean War Veterans, HFCFA gives priority to Veterans from those eras, and to those from any era who are ill. Most participants are Vietnam-era Veterans.

Applications for the flight in April will be available on the HFCFA website, HonorFlightCFA.org, beginning November 18. Applicants who are not selected for the 2025 flight will be placed on a waiting list for the next flight. Specific criteria for Veterans and the guardians who serve as their one-on-one escorts or “battle buddies” for the day can also be found [on the website](#). The entire community will be invited to welcome home the Veterans at ILM Airport on the evening of Saturday, April 26, 2025.

A local 501(c)3, HFCFA depends on the generosity of the local community to support this experience for Veterans. Sponsorships and individual donations are accepted on [the website](#) or by check.

For more information about HFCFA, and for information on how to volunteer, visit HonorFlightCFA.org.

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