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**Honor Flight of the Ozarks Announces Dates for Next Veteran's Flights to  
Washington D. C. and Next Gala**

Springfield, MO-- OUT OF CONCERN FOR VETERANS' HEALTH AND SAFETY, SPRINGFIELD'S HONOR FLIGHT OF THE OZARKS HAS POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 ALL VETERANS TRIPS TO THE MEMORIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C, AS WELL AS ITS MAJOR FUNDRAISING DINNER - AUCTION AT BASS PRO'S WHITE RIVER CONVENTION CENTER.

Flights for 2021 are confirmed for May 11, August 24 and October 26 2021. The Greatest Generation's Gala to be held at White River has been postponed until March 13, 2021.

Honor Flight of the Ozarks founded in 2013 was organized with one mission: to take local U.S. Armed Forces veterans, who served honorably during World War II, the Korean Conflict and/or the Vietnam era, to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam era, Navy, Air Force, Iwo Jima Memorials and Arlington National Cemetery. The Greatest Generations Gala is the major fundraiser event for Honor Flight of the Ozarks. This Gala consists of a 4-course dinner at White River along with live auction, silent auction, and entertainment. The trips to Washington D.C. include: roundtrip nonstop travel on chartered aircraft from Springfield to Washington, D.C., bus transportation, police escorts, breakfast, lunch, dinner, hats, t-shirts, and a backpack filled with travel incidentals. Honor Flight of the Ozarks is one of over 140 individual hubs located all over the United States and is a IRS 501 (c) 3 tax exempt charity with all donations being tax deductible.

Honor Flight of the Ozarks Board President Christopher J. Stark said, " Honor Flight of the Ozarks' volunteers spend thousands of hours each year without pay solely because of their love for our country and our veterans. Without their hard work and dedication these Springfield's Honor Flights would not happen. Each year Honor Flight of the Ozarks must raise in excess of \$450,000.00 for aircraft, buses, police escorts, hats, t-shirts, ponchos, backpacks, food, and fundraising. Springfield's Honor Flight Hub has taken over 1260 vets to Washington, D.C. and is a true charity with over 97-cents out of every dollar received going directly to the vets. Veterans travel free and their guardians each pay \$500."

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Veterans wishing to go on an Honor Flight should contact the Honor Flight of the Ozarks' office located at 2200 East Sunshine Street, Suite 204, Springfield, Missouri 65804, with a mailing address of PO Box 3964, Springfield, Missouri 65808-3964. The phone number is 417-268-9052 and the website is [Honor Flight of the Ozarks.org](http://HonorFlightoftheOzarks.org). The Honor Flight office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are strictly enforcing COVID-19 social distancing guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control and local rules and ordinances.

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