

Flight Report #18

September 12-14, 2015

Honor Flight #18

On September 12th, 23 **WWII veterans**, 2 **Korean War veterans** along with 23 guardians and 2 team leaders flew out of Tucson on our 18th official Southern Arizona Honor Flight. Since 2011, we have flown **568** veterans from Tucson! We anticipate adding more Korean War veterans to our flights in the spring – but WWII veterans will always have priority. It is hard to believe that we have come so far in just 4 short years. Our thanks to a very generous Southern Arizona community, job well done!

Acknowledgements for Honor Flight #18

Veteran Sponsors:

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Helping make this flight possible:

Operation Race for Vets Fundraiser (March 2015):

Jim Click Automotive Team
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Pizza Hut of Tucson
Stewart Title and Trust of Tucson

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Keller Williams of Southern Arizona
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Culver's National Day of Giving Fundraiser (July 2015):

Culver's Sierra Vista
Culver's Tucson (4 locations)

Tucson Airport Authority (employee donations)
Fry's Community Rewards Program
US Navy Cruiser Sailors Association
WAC Veterans Association – Palo Verde Chapter
The Huachucans, Inc. (Sierra Vista)
Pima Lodge 47 – Knights of Pythias
Bank of America Charitable Foundation (employee match)
AT&T Employee Giving Campaign

Note: If your donation is not listed above, it is being directed to an upcoming flight.



I would like to give a special thanks to **Dee Brunner** and everyone at the **TAA** for overall coordination with our group and for providing the send-off and welcome home crowds with parking validation. Our relationship with the **American Airlines, DM Desert Lightning Team** and **Color Guard**, the **Patriot Guard Riders**, the Ft Huachuca **Military Intelligence Corps Band**, **Cienega HS NJRTOC/Vail Naval Cadet Corps**, and the **Arizona Rangers** make our send-offs and returns very special for everyone in attendance.

The generosity of the entire community has enabled us to send these vets on their well-deserved trip. It is a very big effort and takes an amazing amount of collaboration to bring business, organizations, clubs, schools and volunteers together to make it all happen. What a special group of people, and I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization.



As you were,

Thom Mansur

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Honor Flight Volunteer



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