

Flight Report #20

April 23-25, 2016

Honor Flight #20

On the morning of the 23rd, **8 WWII and 16 Korean War veterans** along with 21 guardians and 2 team leaders flew out of Tucson on our 20th official Southern Arizona Honor Flight. Including this flight, the total number of veterans flown stands at **617** since our first flight in September of 2011. We anticipate adding more Korean War veterans to our flights as we continue the mission – but WWII veterans will always have priority. It is hard to believe that we have come so far in just 5 short years. Our thanks to a *very* generous Southern Arizona community, job well done!

Acknowledgements for Honor Flight #20

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I would like to give a special thanks to **Dee Brunner** and everyone at the **TAA** for the overall coordination with our group and for providing the send-off and welcome home crowds with parking validation. Our ongoing relationship with the **Southwest Airlines**, the **DM Desert Lightning Team** and **Color Guard**, the **Patriot Guard Riders**, and the **Arizona Rangers** make our send-offs and returns very special for everyone in attendance.

I would also like to thank the **Cienega HS NJRTOC/Vail Naval Cadet Corps** for their help with escorting the veterans into the waiting area - and to our Sierra Vista friends **Bob Simon** and **Billy McLain** for their help in getting active duty members from Fort Huachuca, including the **Military Intelligence Corps Band** to drive up from Fort Huachuca. We had several new faces making a presence for this flight: the **Combat Vets Motorcycle Association**, the **DAV organization**, **Channel 9 News**, and the **Boy Scouts of America** had several troops represented. Thanks to everyone for coming to support our veterans, it was an honor to see such a big turn-out.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thom Mansur".

Thom Mansur
Honor Flight Volunteer



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