

## Flight Report #22

September 17-19, 2016

### Honor Flight #22

Early Saturday morning, **16 WWII** and **7 Korean War** veterans along with their guardians flew out of Tucson on our 22nd official Southern Arizona Honor Flight. Since our inaugural flight in September of 2011 we have flown **718** veterans from Southern Arizona on their Honor Flight. 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 #22*

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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 **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 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. Also present for this flight: the **DAV organization**, **MOPH Tucson**, **KVOA** and **KOLD News**, **Vail NJROTC**, and the **USN Sea Cadets, Tucson Battalion**. Special thanks to our quilt makers for the beautiful quilts we give the veterans returning home – and thanks to everyone who came 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.



Thanks again,

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

Thom Mansur  
*Honor Flight Volunteer*



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