



## Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois

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### Guardian Release, Agreement, Assumption of Risk, and Information

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am about to voluntarily participate as a passenger in various activities, including flying activities, of Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois. In consideration of this organization permitting me to participate in these activities, I, for myself, my heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, hereby covenant and agree that I will never institute, prosecute, or in any way aid in the institution or prosecution of any demand, claim or suit against the organization known as Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois for any destruction, loss, damage or injury (including death) to my person or property which may occur from any cause whatsoever as a result of my participation in the activities of the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois organization.

If I, my heirs, administrators, executors or assigns should demand, claim, sue or aid in any way in such a demand, claim or suit, I agree, for myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns to indemnify the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois organization for all damages, expenses and costs it may incur as a result thereof.

I know, understand, and agree that I am freely assuming the risk of my personal injury, death or property damage, loss or destruction that may result while participating in Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois activities, including such injuries, death, damage, loss or destruction as may be caused by the negligence of the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois organization.

I also understand and agree that I may be held liable for any damages or loss to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois organization which is caused by my gross negligence, willful misconduct, dishonesty or fraud and for limited damages or loss to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois organization which is caused by my simple negligence.

I further understand that the term Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois organization includes the non-profit organization known as Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, any officer, agent and/or employee thereof.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby grant *Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois* (Hereinafter referred to as Veterans Honor Flight) permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including but not limited to all of Veterans Honor Flight's printed and digital publications. I understand and agree that any photograph using my likeness will become property of Veterans Honor Flight and will not be returned.

I acknowledge that since my participation with Veterans Honor Flight is voluntary, I will receive no financial compensation.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Veterans Honor Flight to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Veterans Honor Flight's program or for any other related, lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Veterans Honor Flight, its officers, agents, and/or employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I have received and read the Guardian Guidelines and Flight Day Instructions for Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois (available at [www.veteranshonorflight.org/agreement](http://www.veteranshonorflight.org/agreement)). I hereby agree to uphold the expectations/responsibilities of a guardian to the best of my abilities on the flight for which I have been chosen to serve. I also understand that as a guardian, I represent Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois and do hereby agree that my actions and words will only be seen as upstanding, honorable and appropriate as a guardian who has high regard and admiration for our nation's veterans and respect for all others involved in this and other Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois trips/events.

I hereby acknowledge being aware of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, as declared by the World Health Organization, including the spread of coronavirus, the virus causing COVID-19, across the United States beginning in March 2020.<sup>1</sup> In addition, I acknowledge being aware that some individuals have developed severe illness from COVID-19 and that some individuals have died as a result. I hereby acknowledge that there are certain risks inherent with any travel with respect to potential exposures to and/or contraction of infectious diseases such as coronaviruses, including the recent COVID-19 virus and disease, as well as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome ("MERS") and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ("SARS") (collectively, "infectious diseases").



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I understand that by participating in a trip to Washington, DC and surrounding areas as specified herein ("Trip"), I may need to travel both by air and bus for extended periods of time, and that I will be present in crowded places including non-private areas accessible to and visited by many other members of the public.

I hereby further acknowledge that while the risk of exposure to and/or contraction of infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, can be mitigated to some extent, all risk cannot be prevented.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, I hereby assume those risks of exposure to and/or contraction of infectious diseases which are beyond the control of Honor Flight, Inc. (doing business as Honor Flight Network) and my local hub as specified below ("Hub"), including their respective board members, directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates, independent contractors, and representatives (collectively, "Honor Flight"). For the sake of clarity, I understand and agree that by assuming such risks, I am expressly releasing any and all claims against Honor Flight associated with exposure to and/or contraction of infectious diseases during the Trip, including but not limited to negligence claims against Honor Flight.

I acknowledge that Honor Flight does not have any particular expertise in dealing with infectious diseases such as COVID-19. I acknowledge that I am participating on the Trip of my own free will, having been offered the opportunity to postpone my travel until the COVID-19 situation in the United States—especially in Washington, DC and its surrounding areas such as Arlington, Virginia—is better understood and controlled. I acknowledge that Honor Flight has offered to reimburse any guardian fee payment made with respect to this Trip in exchange for my agreement to postpone making the Trip during this time of heightened concerns about exposure to infectious diseases, particularly COVID-19.

Finally, I agree that Honor Flight shall not be financially responsible for any medical bills or unexpected expenses that I may incur during the Trip, for example due to emergency or other medical treatment or any quarantine that may be required of me in connection with the Trip.

I acknowledge Honor Flight's willingness to discuss the foregoing with me and attempt to address any concerns I may have prior to my signing this document, and that I have agreed to the foregoing conditions in consideration for the opportunity to promptly make the Trip.

Signature of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor Flight Trip Date: **SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

I authorize Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois officials to release my contact information (home phone and address) to other requesting individuals who participate in the same flight for purposes of communication and camaraderie with other participants.

**Please circle one and initial:**    **YES**       **NO**       Initials \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization (WHO), Virtual Press Conference on COVID-19, March 11, 2020, [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/transcripts/who-audio-emergenciescoronavirus-press-conference-full-and-final-11-mar2020.pdf?sfvrsn=cb432bb3\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/transcripts/who-audio-emergenciescoronavirus-press-conference-full-and-final-11-mar2020.pdf?sfvrsn=cb432bb3_2)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on May 14, 2021, states that "[f]ully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread SARS-CoV-2" (emphasis added), available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>