

Third Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight Announced

May 18 - Old Glory Honor Flight, in partnership with American Airlines, is organizing Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight III during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015 for Vietnam veterans in Northeastern Wisconsin. Up to 100 veterans will depart Wittman Regional Airport early Friday morning, July 24, then fly to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials honoring their service and recognizing their many sacrifices.

After a reception greeting at Reagan National Airport, the veterans will embark on a day-long tour of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, the Smithsonian American History Museum, and Arlington National Cemetery.

Upon returning to Oshkosh, the veterans will be treated to a hero's welcome on Boeing Plaza by EAA AirVenture attendees, followed by a concert performance by Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans and EAA Warbirds of America.

"Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight was originally designed as a onetime event in 2013, but with the continued generosity of American Airlines and encouragement of EAA, we are excited to bring the event back in 2015." said Drew McDonald, Old Glory Honor Flight president. "We are humbled to have the world-class venue that is EAA AirVenture Oshkosh to show our veterans how thankful the nation is for their service."

Originally designed as a onetime event in 2013, Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight for Vietnam vets has continued thanks to the generosity of American Airlines and the encouragement of EAA, MacDonald added.

This is a special event with a separate application process. Interested veterans may go to the [Old Glory Honor Flight website](#) to secure an application beginning today, May 18, and applications will be accepted through June 12. One hundred veterans will be selected at random from submitted applications.

"It is our honor and privilege to honor these veterans through this special flight," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and members programs, who coordinates EAA AirVenture Oshkosh features and attractions. "The freedom of flight we enjoy is dependent on the sacrifices of veterans such as these. We are happy to work with Old Glory Honor Flight and American Airlines to make this event happen and give these vets a homecoming and 'thank you' that they won't forget."

Old Glory Honor Flight also continues its commitment to transport Wisconsin's World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington throughout the entire year. Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight III will kick off EAA AirVenture's Salute to Veterans Day activities.