

Hello Commanders,

My name is Diane, I'm a volunteer for American Airlines and I could use your help. American Airlines is proud to offer an opportunity for a limited number of World War II veterans to be a part of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. This historic 9-day trip will take them to Dallas/Ft. Worth for a kickoff celebration, then fly on a chartered Boeing 787 flight to Paris for two nights, and then a casual bus ride to the Normandy region, where we will honor those who have served and sacrificed as part of our Greatest Generation. We are currently recruiting healthy WWII veterans to apply for this special opportunity and we could use your help. CA, IL, IN, MI, NY and WI are 'my' states to spread the word of this special opportunity so I thought you all are a good place to start.

Do you know of or have access to WWII veterans who may qualify for this event? If yes, I'd love for you to help us recruit and sign these veterans up, application link is highlighted below. Or I'm happy to reach out directly if given the permission and contact info. If you have any questions, please reach out and thank you for helping us honor our heroes.

A little more about the trip. The basic schedule for this historic trip is as follows:

May 30, 2024	Individual flights to Dallas/Ft. Worth. WWII-themed kickoff dinner
May 31, 2024	Charter flight to Paris, France
June 1, 2024	Arrive Paris
June 2, 2024	Tour of Paris
June 3-5, 2024	Various tours/events in the Normandy region
June 6, 2024	D-Day commemoration at the American Cemetery
June 7, 2024	Return charter flight to Dallas/Ft. Worth followed by individual flights back home

A few things to consider:

- While we would love for all WWII veterans to join us, the health/welfare of the veterans is our top priority. The veterans' health will be evaluated by our doctor initially and monitored prior to the trip to ensure the medical team feels that they are healthy enough to travel. Medical personnel will accompany the veterans on the trip in its entirety.
- Seats are limited, so priority will go to veterans who were a part of the D-Day landings and European theater, but all veterans of World War II will be considered. Invitations to selected participants will go out in February.
- Each veteran will be allowed one person to join them as their "guardian escort" and caregiver. The guardian will be evaluated to ensure they are well-suited to provide basic care of the veteran. Priority goes to a family member of the veteran, but more importantly, the guardian must also be healthy as they'll be responsible for their veteran's immediate care and must be able to assist with medications, bathing, toileting, personal hygiene, pushing wheelchairs, etc... The Vet/Guardian pairing will be sharing hotel rooms so both parties need to be comfortable with one another.

- The trip is free to the veterans and their guardian with a few exceptions. American Airlines will fly invited participants from their home airport to Dallas/Ft. Worth and then on to France, and in reverse on their way home. Hotel accommodations, air fare, ground transportation and meals will be covered during the trip once you arrive at Dallas/Ft. Worth. Expenses that are the responsibility of the participants include ground transportation from their home to the airport, parking at the airport, passports, medical insurance, souvenirs, and other incidental costs along the way.
- Per U.S. Customs requirements, all passengers must have valid passports for at least six months after the end of the trip (at least Dec. 7th, 2024). No exceptions.
- Please do not post this invite to social media but rather reach out and send to those who may know an interested WWII veteran. Thank you!

If you know of a World War II veteran that is healthy and wanting to travel on a rigorous 9-day trip, we invite you to assist them in applying to be a part of this historic mission at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AA80thDDayTrip>.

Questions can be sent to Randy at Randall.Stillinger@aa.com or Diane MacDonald at diane@oldgloryhonorflight.org.

Thanks

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