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BATTLE CREEK, Mich. – Veterans and motorcycle enthusiasts alike will descend on the VA hospital in Battle Creek July 14 for a great event. *Talons Out Honor Flight* Fundraising Veterans Poker Run stops by the VA to celebrate the sacrifices of our Veterans just before they enjoy a screening of the movie *Honor Flight*.

These two events pay tribute to our Veterans while raising funds and awareness for the local Honor Flight hub: *Talons Out*. The Poker Run begins at the American Legion post in Schoolcraft. Bikers leave at 11:00am to make several stops, including a stop at the VA hospital around 12:00 pm. Bikers will wrap up their day in Three Rivers with a barbecue dinner. All proceeds go to funding an Honor Flight out of Southwest Michigan in October.



A screening of Honor Flight the Movie at 2:00 pm at the VA hospital not only pays tribute to our local Veterans, but also gives Talons Out the opportunity to offer WWII Vets the chance to get to know us, and apply for an Honor Flight. Part of the presentation of the documentary film will include a display of World War II vintage memorabilia, time to visit with the Vets and other surprises. Plus, the VA and Talons Out will offer a “media pit” for our media friends to have time with Veterans to hear their stories, (Trust us, they have astounding stories to share) and view the movie so they can learn more about what an Honor Flight is and how much they mean to our veterans.

“These men and women fought to save the world,” Talons Out board member Dan Moyle says. “Because of the World War II generation and other Vets, I’m able to live at home with my kids in a free country. I didn’t have to serve in the military – so this is my way to thank them for saving our world.”

Founding board member Bobbie Bradley adds, “We all have family who has served, or who is serving right now. My family history includes some amazing Veterans. Talons Out is my chance to show the generations before me, and our active duty service members that I appreciate all they do, if only in some small way. It’s just an honor to be a part of this amazing organization. It has been amazing to work with these veteran men and women.”

This is a movement in southwest Michigan that is already growing in a tremendous way. We hope our area media outlets send representatives to interact with our veterans, motorcycle enthusiasts and Talons Out volunteers so they can be a part of this movement at the beginning of this adventure.

About Talons Out Honor Flight: Talons Out is a volunteer non-profit organization with the goal to fly World War II Veterans to Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Veterans. Talons Out is the Southwest Michigan hub of the national Honor Flight Network. Learn more at <http://talonsouthonorflight.org>

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