



American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Funds Used to Support Honor Flights



The American Legion Auxiliary national organization and the Honor Flight Network signed a Memorandum of Agreement in November 2021 providing guidance and agreement on the use of poppy funds contributed to Honor Flight Hubs from the American Legion Auxiliary. Honor Flight agrees to be bound by The American Legion resolution to use donated funds exclusively for the health and welfare necessities of service members and their immediate family.

Examples of Honor Flight Trip expenses that can be funded by American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Funds:

- Oxygen and oxygen related items
- Wheelchair accessible buses and wheelchairs
- Nutrition, including meals and beverages
- Medical teams on each flight (minimum of one medic per bus)
- Purchase of a veteran's keepsake bag, including a memory book and/or DVD of pictures
- Expenses related to the Veteran's family caregiver to serve as the Veteran's Guardian (for Veterans requiring assistance with activities of daily living), including the following:
 - Airfare to accompany the Veteran on the trip
 - Food and nutrition for the Caregiver
 - Hotel accommodations to remain with the Veteran on the trip
 - Guardian training and associated needs to execute necessary tasks (food, room rental, medical training, identifying articles of clothing)
 - Transportation to the airport with the Veteran
 - Hotel room with the Veteran the night before the flight

Examples of Honor Flight Trip expenses NOT funded through American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Funds:

- Reimbursement for completed projects
- Veteran's airline expenses

The national organization further clarified that donations must be made directly to Honor Flight, Inc. – such as Badger Honor Flight (Madison, WI); Stars & Stripes Honor Flight (Milwaukee, WI); Freedom Honor Flight (La Crosse, WI); Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wausau, WI); or Old Glory Honor Flight (Appleton, WI).

Donations cannot be given to corporations or other entities that are providing Honor Flights with any kind of support or merchandise. The money must go directly to Honor Flights and only to Honor Flights. The donation should clearly state it is from American Legion Auxiliary poppy funds to ensure the money is used for the purposes defined in the Memo of Understanding.