



Twin Tiers Honor Flight Annual Report 2016



Executive Summary

In 2016, we took Mission 5 to Washington, DC from Binghamton, NY. Our chartered jet took 54 veterans along with guardians and support staff on November 12. For the first time, our honored veterans included Vietnam veterans. We had cadets from the nearby Naval Academy as the Honor Guard for two Flags of Our Heroes ceremonies at the WWII Memorial. Our most senior veteran on the trip is shown above, with his service photo.

As of 2016, Twin Tiers Honor Flight has taken over 200 veterans from the southern tier of New York and the northern tier of Pennsylvania to visit their war memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

In 2016, we also received our Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations recognition, and will begin raising funds in PA as well as in NY. Due to the closing of the York Honor Flight hub, we took on the counties around Scranton, PA, and hope to fly out of the Wilkes Barre Scranton International Airport (AVB) soon.

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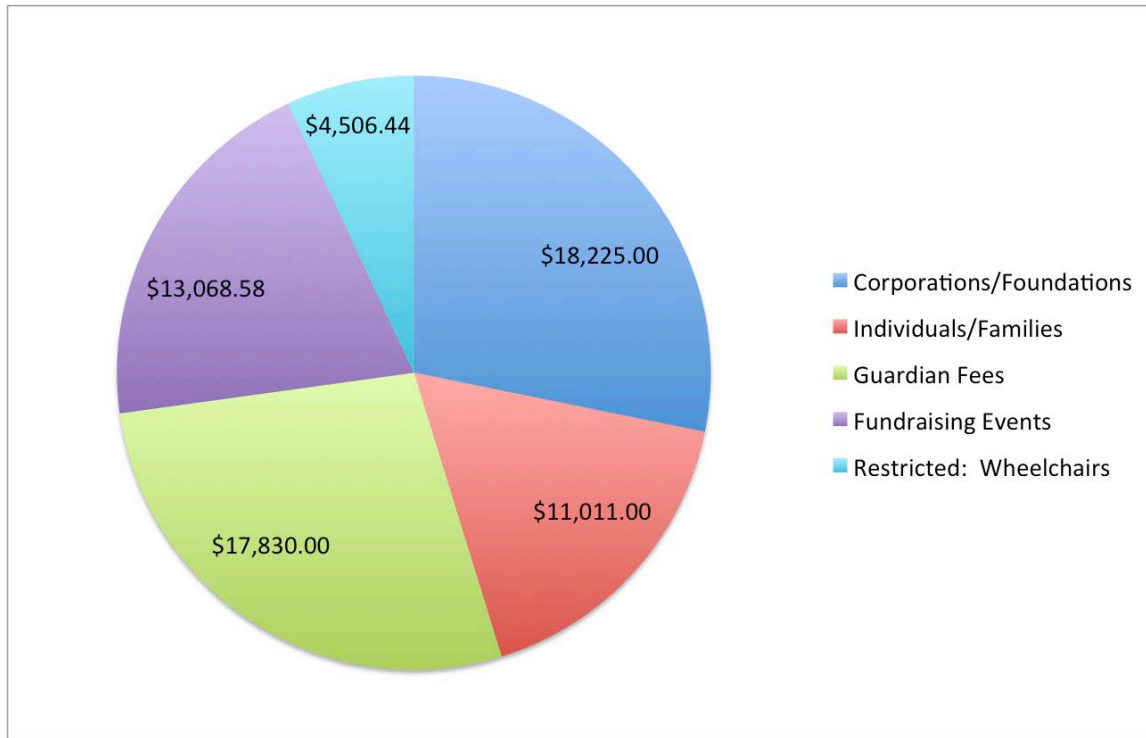
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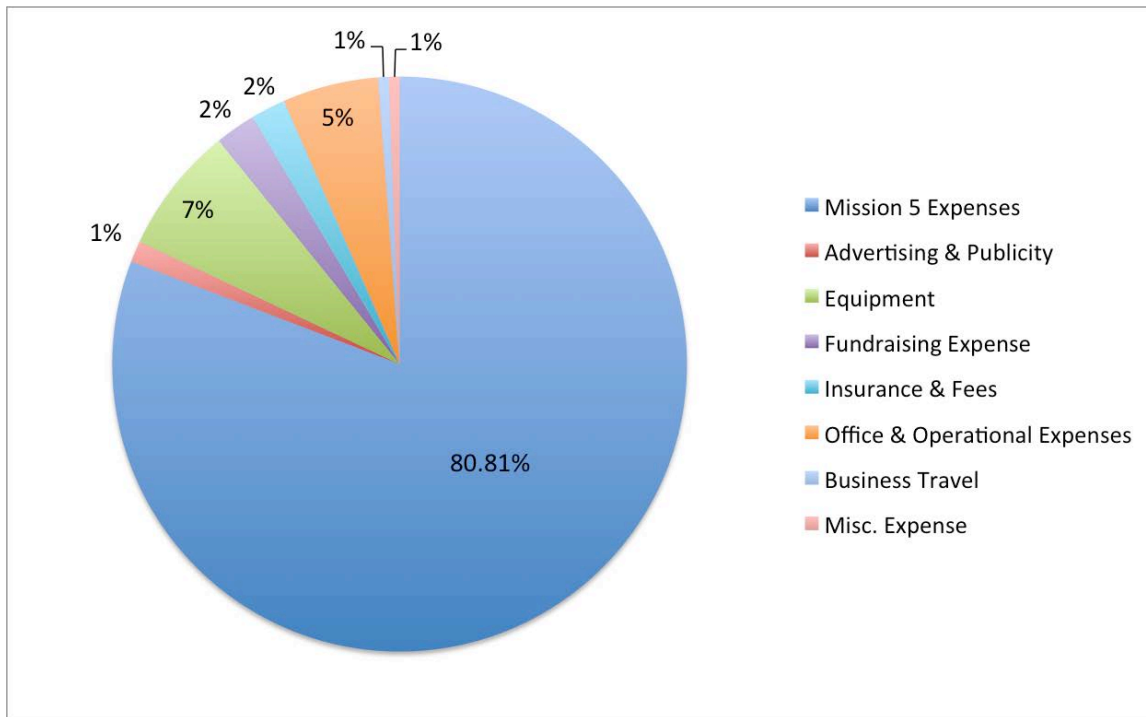
A family receives a flag in memory of a deceased family member who served in the armed forces. The ceremony, at the World War II Memorial, is an emotional tribute to a loved one, and includes display of the veteran's photo and obituary, if available, during the ceremony. Twin Tiers Honor Flight does not charge families for this service, which is part of the national Honor Flight Network's array of veterans' services.

All photos in this report by William Ennis, 2016 Mission 5

Sources of Revenue



How Resources Were Spent





Viewing the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery

An important part of the Honor Flight experience is seeing the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery. This somber ceremony reminds us of those veterans who did not make it home and provides a moment of quiet reflection. If a member of the guard notices that a veteran is present, they may make a scuffing sound with their shoe as a sign of respect.

Our Donors

We gratefully acknowledge our donors, without whom we could not continue to transport veterans to Washington, DC for the trip of a lifetime.

This year, we completed a successful capital campaign with the help of Guthrie Medical Supply to acquire our own set of wheelchairs.



Welcome for our veterans in Washington, DC at Reagan Airport

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Opportunities for Giving

Every gift supports the safe transport of local veterans to Washington, DC. Your support gives these heroes a day full of honors on the trip of a lifetime, and creates a bond with their community that brings living history into the lives of families, schools, local organizations, and the general public.

Gifts of Cash

This gift is usually made by credit card or check payable to Twin Tiers Honor Flight and is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Honor and Memorial Gifts

Gifts may be given in honor or in memory of a specific individual or loved one. When a commemorative gift is received, the honoree or the family of the deceased is notified.

Matching Gifts

Matching gift programs boost your contribution and provide strong dollar support by doubling or even tripling donations.

Corporate matching gifts offer an exceptional opportunity for you to substantially increase your gift to Twin Tiers Honor Flight and help us to reach our goals.

Planned Giving

One of the best ways for you to help us ensure that veterans will continue to be able to take trips with Twin Tiers Honor Flight is through Planned Giving.

A planned gift is any major gift made in a lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate plan. Planned giving often allows individuals to make larger gifts than they could make from their annual income.

These planned gifts include gifts by will, gifts from retirement plans, gifts of paid life insurance, or gifts by estate note. Gifts by will are a type of bequest that may be for a specific sum, or for a specific percentage of an estate, the residue of an estate, or on a contingent basis. The estate will receive a charitable deduction for the value of the gift passing to Twin Tiers Honor Flight.

If you intend to include TTHF in a will or trust, please call Nancy Kane at (800) 683-5403.



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