



# OPERATION BRAVO ZULU 75TH D-DAY ANNIVERSARY

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## Honor Flight Bluegrass “Operation Bravo Zulu” to Honor Veterans on 75th D-Day Anniversary

**LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY** -- Seventy-five years ago, on June 6, 1944, United States (US) forces led the Allied Nations in the largest amphibious invasion in history—Operation Overlord, known as D-Day. Over 73,000 U.S. soldiers and marines set in motion, the final phase of World War II (WWII), risking their lives to preserve and protect the freedoms we enjoy today in America.

On June 6, 2019, in a very special and memorial event, Honor Flight Bluegrass will honor these American heroes who served in WWII with a celebration at Louisville Memorial Auditorium, an historic site that was built to commemorate those who fought in WWI. This special celebration “Operation Bravo Zulu” (Thanks for a job well done!), will feature honored guest, 95-year-old WWII Medal of Honor recipient, Hershel “Woody” Williams, who will join his fellow WWII Veterans on this historic day. He will lead the ceremony with 75 or more WWII Veterans and their families as we recognize and pay tribute to these members of the “Greatest Generation.” Included in the program are exhibits, the Ladies for Liberty singing troupe, the Don Krekel Orchestra and a special recognition of each WWII Veteran. The public is invited to join these Veterans and their families for the ceremony followed by a meet and greet. Emcees include Heather French Henry and Rachel Platt.

Honor Flight Bluegrass is proud to host this event and is expecting a celebration worthy of heroes.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to meet and thank these great American heroes for their service to the country,” said Jeff Thoke, HFB Board Chairman. “Their sacrifices made the freedom we enjoy today possible.”

Veterans will be on hand for media interviews, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Louisville (KY) Memorial Auditorium, 970 South Fourth Street. Doors open to the public at 6 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission to Operation Bravo Zulu is free for WWII Veterans and three of their guests. Additional tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased through the Louisville Memorial Auditorium website at [www.louisvillememorialauditorium.com](http://www.louisvillememorialauditorium.com). Veterans will be onsite at the event for media interviews at 4 p.m.

