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## ***Southern Michigan Middle and High School Students Have a Chance to Fly with Honor Flight***

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (December 1, 2016) – Talons Out Honor Flight has announced an essay contest for area middle-and-high school students. Students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in schools across the Talons Out service area can submit an essay to honor a Michigan WWII or Korean War veteran of the past, and possibly travel with the next Honor Flight to read a portion of their essay at Arlington National Cemetery.

“We’re looking forward to connecting the generations,” Talons Out President Bobbie Bradley says. “As an organization that works closely with schools throughout southern Michigan to ensure that the heroic stories of our veterans are shared, our hope is that future generations will fully appreciate the sacrifices made on their behalf. We now want to take that mission to a whole new level with this exciting new student essay contest for students in grades 6 through 12.”

The 2017 essay contest launched December 1, 2016 and will conclude with the due date of February 28, 2017 (essays must be received by 5:00pm EST). Details on the essay requirements can be found at <http://talonsouthonorflight.org/essay/>

**About Talons Out Honor Flight:** Talons Out Honor Flight is a volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization honoring World War II and Korean War Veterans with an all-expense paid Washington, D.C. trip to visit their memorials. Talons Out is the Southern Michigan hub of the national Honor Flight Network. Learn more at <http://talonsouthonorflight.org>

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