

Honor Flight Nevada Founder to Receive VFW's Top Civilian Honor

We're excited to share that Jon Yuspa, Founder of Honor Flight Nevada, has been named the recipient of the 2025 VFW National Distinguished Citizenship Award, to be presented at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio on August 11.

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Honor Flight Nevada is proud to announce that its Founder and President, **Jon Yuspa**, has been selected to receive the **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Distinguished Citizenship Award**, one of the highest civilian honors bestowed by the VFW.

This national recognition celebrates Yuspa's extraordinary dedication to honoring America's veterans through his leadership of Honor Flight Nevada—an organization that has flown over 3,500 veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gold Star families and Holocaust Survivors and beyond to be honored and visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

In a letter of commendation, **VFW Commander-in-Chief Alfred J. Lipphardt** praised Yuspa for his "devotion to honoring veterans and fostering camaraderie" and for creating "lasting bonds between veterans and their families." The award will be presented during the **126th VFW National Convention on Monday, August 11, 2025**, at the **Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio**.

"This award belongs to every veteran, every volunteer, every donor, and every supporter who has stood beside our mission," said Yuspa. "It's a reflection of the power of community, patriotism, and the lasting debt of gratitude we owe to those who have served."

Yuspa joins a distinguished list of past honorees, including:

- **Chef Robert Irvine**, celebrity chef and founder of the Robert Irvine Foundation
- **Jared Allen**, NFL All-Pro and founder of Homes for Wounded Warriors

"Jon Yuspa exemplifies what it means to be a servant leader," said **Alfred J. Lipphardt**, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "His commitment to honoring veterans and Gold Star families has created ripple effects with powerful, life-changing moments for thousands."

In addition to this national honor, Yuspa's work has earned him several accolades, including:

- **RGJ Citizen of the Year** (Reno Gazette Journal)
- **Veteran Supporter of the Month** – Nevada Department of Veterans Services
- **Jefferson Award** for Public Service
- **President's Award** from Southwest Airlines

About Honor Flight Nevada

Honor Flight Nevada is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to honoring America's veterans by transporting them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. These trips are offered at no cost to the veterans and are made possible by generous donors, volunteers, and community partners.

About the VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) is a nonprofit veteran's service organization with over 1.6 million members across nearly 6,000 posts worldwide. The VFW advocates for veterans' rights, provides assistance through community programs, and works to ensure that "No One Does More for Veterans®."

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