

Hometown Hero Flight

Luke Days 2020 is all about showing our community their Air Force. The Hometown Hero program allows the public to nominate outstanding citizens to receive a familiarization flight in an F-16. This flight allows us to showcase Arizona citizens doing amazing things in their communities, paralleling the amazing efforts put forth by Luke Airmen every day.

Heroes might include, but are not limited to: a wounded warrior, an average citizen who heroically saved a life, a renowned teacher, a community humanitarian volunteer, a local firefighter, paramedic or police officer, one who mentors children or volunteers as a coach or tutor in a youth program, or someone who dedicates their life to working with at-risk children. Nominees need to be top performers and a positive role model. Due to approval protocols we are only able to consider U.S. citizens.

Self-nominations are permitted and must include the required two references.

People ineligible for the program include, but are not limited to: active-duty, reserve or guard military members, elected and appointed officials, unit honorary commanders, newscasters, reporters, board directors or other individuals who have the ability to garner publicity in their own right. To avoid misperceptions, we are unable to fly individuals whose main hometown hero flight justification derives from actions in support of their local military installation and its personnel.

People who have previously flown in fighter aircraft should not be nominated.

Persons with prior felony convictions are not eligible for a flight under the Hometown Heroes Program.

Finally, things to keep in mind:

(1) All medical briefings, Aircrew Flight Equipment fittings and additional training take place the day prior to the flight. Hometown Heroes will attend a pilot briefing which will begin no later than 3 hours prior to the scheduled takeoff time. Arriving late will cancel the flight. Note: This is a two-day commitment.

(2) Hometown heroes are authorized to invite up to 10 guests to the base on the day of the flight. All guests will be required to undergo a background check to gain access to the base.

(3) Air Force regulations dictate height, weight, and anthropomorphic measurement standards for familiarization fliers and are strictly enforced. Additionally all nominees must be in good health and will be required to submit a doctor's note verifying their physical/mental health if selected. All nominees must meet the minimum requirements listed below:

a. Age: 18-55

b. Weight: 103-245 lbs

c. Height: 5'4" - 6'5"

(4) The experience as a Hometown Hero will be photographed/videoed by Luke Public Affairs/local media. We want to celebrate the outstanding citizens in our community and their once in a lifetime experience in an F-16. The Hometown Hero and guests may be requested to conduct interviews.