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**MIDWEST
HONOR FLIGHT**

RESPECT. HONOR. CLOSURE.

Midwest Honor Flight is a non-profit organization in Northwest Iowa, South Dakota, and Southwest Minnesota dedicated to providing Veterans with respect, honor, and closure with an all-expense-paid trip to our nation's capital.

Our Mission is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and to fellow Veterans.



MAIL CALL

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Greetings Veterans!

Welcome to the first issue of Mail Call - a quarterly publication from Midwest Honor Flight that will replace our biannual letter. Our hope that both our Alumni Veterans and our Veterans awaiting their Midwest Honor Flight will find these updates helpful throughout the year. Each issue will be unique with articles, upcoming events, and updates on our Missions.

Happy 5th birthday to Midwest Honor Flight! In that time, we have flown 8 flights of more than 730 Veterans and have no intention of slowing down any time soon. I never would've imagined the amount of Veterans that have been impacted in such a short amount of time and look forward to leading Midwest Honor Flight again in 2022. It is with great excitement that we announce that flights will resume this spring! The COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement set forth by the Honor Flight Network in 2021 has been removed which means the vaccine will not be required in 2022. With 800 Veterans on our waiting list and clearance from the Honor Flight Network, it is time to get back to our Mission - to transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and to fellow Veterans.

This spring, we were able to contract two charters to be able to honor more than 160 Veterans. We are also grateful for the support of the Sioux City Musketeers for being our Medal of Honor Flight sponsor for Mission 9 taking place this May. Over two Military Appreciation Night games hosted by the Sioux City Musketeers, fans raised over \$84,000 to go towards this flight. This will completely fund the 85 Veterans on their specific flight with additional funds being used to assist with other costs associated with the flight. The Sioux City Musketeers Mission 9 will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022. In addition to Mission 9, we are also excited to be able to have fundraised enough to fly an additional 85 Veterans on our 10th Midwest Honor Flight on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. At this time, both of these flights are full and those on flight have been notified of their selection.

For those of you on our waiting list, we look forward to getting you on a flight as soon as we possibly can and appreciate your patience as we work on scheduling 3 additional flights for the fall.

One Final Tour with Honor,

Aaron Van Beek | President & Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, March 5 - Sioux County Sportsmen's Club Banquet - Dordt University Rec Center
- Thursday, March 17 - Sioux Center Indoor Fair Meal - 1700 - 1900 - Dordt University Rec Center
- Saturday, March 26 - Ireton, Iowa AL Fundraiser - 1630 - 1900 - Ireton Community Center
- Saturday, March 26 - Rapid City Rush "Chuck a Puck" Fundraiser
- Tuesday, March 29 - Culver's Regional Day of Giving - Limited Locations in 2022 (see below)
 - Sioux Center - Sioux City (Hamilton) - Yankton - Aberdeen - Mitchell
- Saturday, May 14 - Sioux City Musketeers Mission 9
- Wednesday, June 1 - Midwest Honor Flight Mission 10
- Friday, June 10 - Reunion RSVP due mailed or online at www.midwesthonorflight.org/reunion
- Sunday, June 12 - 2nd Annual Honor Ride - South Dakota Veterans Cemetery
 - More info and pre-registration online at www.midwesthonorflight.org/ride
- Saturday, June 18 - 3rd Annual Reunion - 1100 - Sioux Falls Convention Center - RSVP by June 10
 - Missions 1-10 Veterans, Guardians, and Crew are invited to this event
- July 11-14 - Sioux County Youth Fair Food Booth - 1100 - 2000 - Daily
- Monday, August 22 - The Barrel House Day of Giving - Sioux Falls
- Saturday, October 15 - 5th Annual Hangar Dance - South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance
 - Tickets will go on sale July 15th - more info at www.midwesthonorflight.org/dance
- Saturday, December 17 - Wreaths Across America Day - 1100 - South Dakota Veterans Cemetery
 - Find other locations throughout the area by visiting www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Having an event that will benefit future Veterans on Midwest Honor Flight? Have you heard about one that we missed? Reach out to Aaron at 605-215-1319 or president@midwesthonorflight.org

Event information was current at time of publication

ALUMNI CORNER

You should be receiving an invitation to our 3rd Annual Reunion soon which will be on Saturday, June 18, 2022. If this does not arrive by April 1st, please call us at 605-215-1319 to confirm the correct address.

Join us at the Sioux Falls Arena as part of our Alumni Veteran group on the evenings of Saturday, May 14 and Wednesday, June 1 to greet the flights when we return. We anticipate arriving to the Sioux Falls Arena by 9:00 PM but doors will open to the public at 7:30 PM.



We have created an Alumni group on Facebook and would love for you to join this group to keep in touch with your fellow Veterans, Guardians, and Crew as well as meet new friends that have flown on other Missions with us. Find us at www.facebook.com/mwhfalumni.

DOES YOUR LICENSE FLY?

Beginning May 3, 2023, you must show a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card at the airport - this includes our flights.

A REAL ID card has a star in the top right corner. If you do not have a REAL ID, you will need to show a different TSA-approved identity document (like a passport) to fly.

SEE BELOW TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET A REAL ID

REAL ID is the result of a nationwide federal act meant to protect you from terrorism and identity fraud. You can get a REAL ID card when it's time to renew your license/ID. If your license/ID has not expired, you will still need to get this REAL ID replaced at your local DMV.

HOW DO I GET A REAL ID CARD?

Go to your local state driver's license service center and bring the following ORIGINAL documents (no photocopies):

Proof of identity	Proof of social security number	Proofs of residency	Proof of any legal name changes
one of the following	one of the following	two items showing your name and address where you reside	only required if applicable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official birth certificate Valid US Passport Most recent US Citizenship and Immigration Services documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social security card W-9 or 1099 (must show your entire social security number) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility bill Bank or credit card statement Pay stub Piece of postmarked mail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marriage certificate if your last name changes Divorce decree indicating a name change Court order under petition for name change

- 2 FLIGHTS LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT 18 SEP CLIFFORD & LAVONNE GRAESE 9 OCT
- 203 VETERANS FLOWN IN 2021 750+ WAITING
- 731 VETERANS FLOWN SINCE 2017 OVER 8 MISSIONS
- GREAT WELCOME HOMES THANK YOU SUPPORTERS
- HONOR RIDE - NEW FUNDRAISER PLUS 25 LOCAL GROUP EVENTS
- 8,432 VOLUNTEER HOURS 358 VOLUNTEERS

MWHF 2021 IN REVIEW

Thank you does not even come close to what you made possible. But to our Veterans, your acts have made an impact that they will cherish for the rest of their lives. Thank you.



Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT DAY OF GIVING



On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, participating Culver's restaurants in Iowa and South Dakota will donate 10% of sales to Midwest Honor Flight.

The mission: to fly WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans to see their memorials in Washington, DC.

Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over! A representative of the Midwest Honor Flight will be present at each location from 5-8pm.

Thank you for your support.

IOWA

Culver's of Sioux Center
Culver's of Sioux City-Hamilton Blvd.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Culver's of Mitchell
Culver's of Yankton
Culver's of Aberdeen



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ANNOUNCING THE 2ND ANNUAL



HONOR RIDE

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT



Sunday, June 12, 2022 | 2:30 PM

Registration begins at 12:30 PM at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance. Honor a Veteran you know and ride to raise funds for Midwest Honor Flight. Ride includes a slow salute past the Sioux Falls VA Hospital before a ceremony at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

MORE INFORMATION & PRE-REGISTRATION:
MIDWESTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/RIDE

All proceeds from this event go directly towards future Honor Flights and more importantly, our local Veterans.