



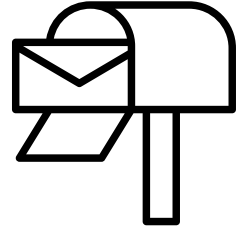
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**MOVING?**

Please give us a call or drop a note to us so we can update your address for future issues and other things throughout the year.



**MIDWEST  
HONOR FLIGHT**

**RESPECT. HONOR. CLOSURE.**

*Midwest Honor Flight is a non-profit organization in Northwest Iowa, South Dakota, Northeast Nebraska, 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**

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION  
FROM MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

VOLUME 5, ISSUE 2



JUNE 2022

Greetings Veterans!



Welcome to the next 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.

What an amazing spring flying season we had! We are so thankful that more than 160 Veterans were able to experience and reflect at their memorials in the Washington, D.C. area. We are also grateful for all the supporters that made the Sioux City Musketeers Mission 9 and the Midwest Honor Flight Mission 10 flights possible. We also want to send out a huge thank you to Hope Haven for donating 100 wheelchairs (AKA Honorchairs) to be used for all our future flights. Ever since Mission 1, they have allowed us to borrow them for our flights. This spring, we were able to use our own set and thanks to the support of so many community members and businesses, we were able to purchase and wrap a trailer to be able to store and haul them. Check out our post on Facebook to see the design!

This fall, we were able to contract three charters to be able to honor more than 250 Veterans. We thank the Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation for awarding us with a grant of over \$62,000 towards Mission 11. We also thank the Seed for Success Foundation for awarding us with a grant of \$150,000 towards Mission 12. We are also grateful for the support of the South Dakota American Legion for being our Medal of Honor Flight sponsor for Mission 11 taking place this October. In 2021, the Department of South Dakota challenged each post in the state of South Dakota to raise enough money to "Send One" Veteran on an Honor Flight. Together, all posts across the state raised over \$180,000! Mission 11 will take place on Saturday, August 27, 2022, Mission 12 will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2022, and Mission 13 will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

If you are on our waiting list, we ask that you be patient with our volunteers and allow them the time to make their calls to confirm Veterans. With 700 Veterans on our waiting list, we are doing all we can to make these flights possible for every Veteran who has applied to be able to experience their Memorials in Washington, D.C. From all of us at Midwest Honor Flight, we are eternally grateful for your faithful and honorable service to our country and to those across the globe. Take care and see you all soon!

One Final Tour with Honor,  
Aaron Van Beek | President & Director

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, June 4 - Sioux Center Summer Celebration Food Stand - 1000-2000 - Serving Coney Dogs and Funnel Cakes
- Friday, June 10 - Reunion RSVP due mailed or online at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/reunion](http://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](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/ride)
- Tuesday, June 14 - Sioux Falls Chick-fil-A Day of Sweetness - Proceeds from Cookies and Brownies support MWHF
- 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
- Saturday, July 2 - Mitchell Veterans for Veterans Poker Run - Leaving from Mitchell Depot at 1300
- Saturday, July 9 - Sioux Falls Chipotle Fundraiser - 1700-2100 - Donating 33% of sales, MUST MENTION Honor Flight
- July 11-14 - Sioux County Youth Fair Food Booth - 1100 - 2000 - Daily  
Serving Taverns, Creamed Chicken, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Pie and Ice Cream, Strawberry Blasts, and more!
- Monday, August 22 - The Barrel House Day of Giving for MWHF - Sioux Falls - Donating 10% from the entire day's sales
- Saturday, August 27 - Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation Mission 11
- Saturday, September 10 - Seed for Success Mission 12
- Saturday, October 1 - South Dakota American Legion Mission 13
- 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](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/dance)
- Monday, November 14 - The Barrel House Day of Giving for South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Wreaths Across America
- Saturday, December 17 - Wreaths Across America Day - 1100 - South Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Find other locations throughout the area by visiting [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2023:

- Culver's Regional Day of Giving - Tuesday, March 28, 2023
- 4th Annual Reunion - Saturday, June 10, 2023 in Sioux Falls
- 3rd Annual Honor Ride - Sunday, June 11, 2023

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](mailto:president@midwesthonorflight.org)

\*Event information was current at time of publication\*

## ALUMNI CORNER

You should have received an invitation to our 3rd Annual Reunion soon which will be on Saturday, June 18, 2022. If this has not arrived by now, please call us at 605-215-1319 to confirm the correct address. You can also register online until June 10 at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/reunion](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/reunion)

Join us at the Sioux Falls Arena as part of our Alumni Veteran group on the evenings of Saturday, August 27, Saturday, September 10, and Saturday, October 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. **Note: our last issue had the wrong URL:**

Find us at [www.facebook.com/groups/mwhfalumni](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mwhfalumni).



# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH | 5-9PM  
4035 WEST 41ST ST, SIOUX FALLS, SD, 57106

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **A9K4HL6**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



## Day of Sweetness FUNDRAISER



June 14th, 2022  
Chick-fil-A Empire Place  
6:30am - 10pm

100% of all brownie and cookies sales will benefit:  
**Midwest Honor Flight**



## Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

ANNOUNCING THE 2ND ANNUAL



## HONOR RIDE

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT



"RIDING TO KEEP THEM FLYING"

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](http://MIDWESTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/RIDE)

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



## FIFTH ANNUAL HANGAR DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 / 7P - 10P

LIVE MUSIC BY:



DOORS OPEN AT 7P / DANCE LESSONS 7:30P / LIVE MUSIC & DANCING 8P

**\$35 IN ADVANCE**  
**\$50 AT THE DOOR**

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE DANCE LESSONS, 90 MINUTES OF LIVE MUSIC, AND A SILENT AUCTION

\$75 VIP TICKETS / INCLUDES A TWO-MEAT DINNER  
BUFFET AT 6P WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT,  
MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT WINE GLASS,  
AND GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE EVENT

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