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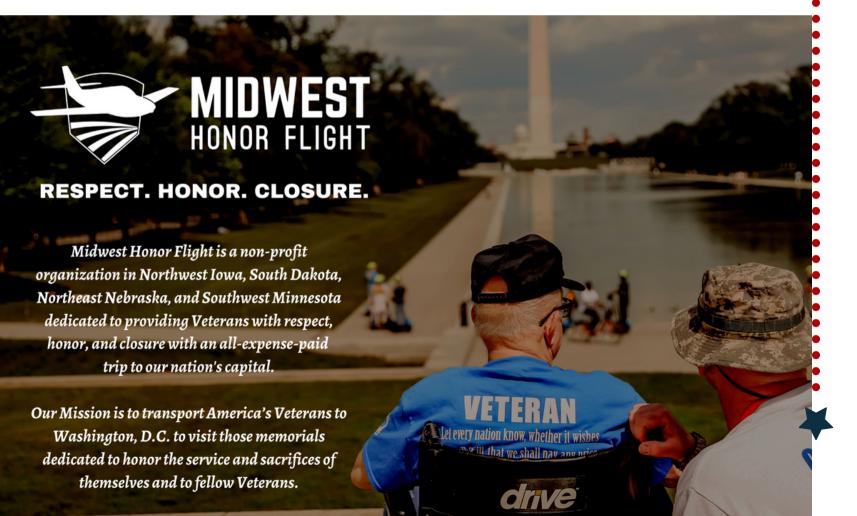






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Please give us a call or drop a note to us so we can update your address for future issues and other things throughout the year.





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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 first flight of the fall season we had! We are so thankful that 85 Veterans were able to experience and reflect at their memorials in the Washington, D.C. area. We thank the Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation for awarding us with a grant of \$67,000 towards Mission 11. This was the second flight that the Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation has sponsored, Mission 8 being their first in 2021.

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 13 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 nearly \$180,000! Mission 12 will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2022, and Mission 13 will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

With the busyness of flights this fall and all the events going on this summer, our board has not had the time to include our announcement from March in one of these articles. Effective July 1st, I became the CEO of the Midwest Honor Flight. While the day-to-day operations have pretty much stayed the same, this new position will allow our organization to reach more Veterans, more donors, and more youth through a full time position. We look forward to the future of our organization after making the first 5 years as volunteers. As of June 1, 2022, we have flown 900 Veterans over 10 flights and with three this fall and more next year, we look forward to honoring more of local Veterans on their Final Tour with Honor - their Honor Flight.

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 & CEO

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, September 10 - Seed for Success Mission 12

Monday, September 19 - Texas Roadhouse - Dine to Donate - 10% when you show the below flyer or mention MWHF This event is at the Sioux City Texas Roadhouse and Sioux Falls Texas Roadhouse ONLY

Saturday, October 1 - South Dakota American Legion Mission 13

Saturday, October 8 - Elvis Night @ 6 PM - Sanford Event Barn, 2510 East 54th St N, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 - \$20 tickets

Tickets and more information can be found online at www.midwesthonorflight.org/elvis

CANCELED - Saturday, October 15 - 5th Annual Hangar Dance - CANCELED due to high flight costs for entertainment Saturday, November 12 - Sioux City Musketeers Military Appreciation Night - Veterans get in free with ID

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.wreathsacrossamerica.org Saturday, January 7 - Rapid City RUSH Game - 1905 - Honor Flight selling chuck-a-pucks

### **SAVE THE DATES FOR 2023:**

Culver's Day of Giving - Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4th Annual Reunion - Saturday, June 10, 2023 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, ext. 5 or president@midwesthonorflight.org \*Event information was current at time of publication



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# **ALUMNI CORNER**

Join us at the Sioux Falls Arena as part of our Alumni Veteran group on the evenings of Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, October 1 to greet the flights when we return. We anticipate arriving to the Sioux Falls Arena by 9:30 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: one of our last issues had the wrong URL: Find us at www.facebook.com/groups/mwhfalumni.





than go towards on Saturday, December 17, 2022

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