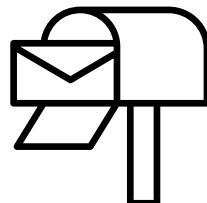




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**MOVING?  
 LIFE CHANGES?**



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. If the Veteran addressed on this letter is no longer with us, please let us know so we can make a tribute post as well.



**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**

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Greetings Veterans and Happy Holidays!



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 more than 250 Veterans got the chance to travel to Washington, D.C. to experience their memorials. We are also happy to announce that we have flown 1,153 Veterans since our incorporation! Thinking back over the last 13 flights and the amount of Veterans I have had the honor to meet, it has truly been a life changing experience for me and I know the same goes for our board and volunteers.

For those of you that have flown with us, you may recall the young girl that greeted you on the trip. This young girl happens to be my youngest sister, Elsie, who has made it to each of our 13 flights so far. In the summer of 2021, at the age of 13, she kept bugging me to go on a flight. Jokingly, I said if she raised \$50,000, I would make it happen. Well, just about 18 months later she is at \$44,000 of her \$50,000 goal. She has been selling cupcakes, running bake sales, and collecting donations at various events to get to this point. This fall, I challenged her to reach it by March 1st so she could be the sponsor of Mission 15 (as she will turn age 15 in May 2023). She calls her mission "Elsie Honors" and has a page on our website where you can learn more about her, her goal, and upcoming events and fundraisers that she is doing: [www.midwesthonorflight.org/ElsieHonors](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/ElsieHonors). You can also find her on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ElsieHonors](http://www.facebook.com/ElsieHonors). She is excited to meet more Veterans on future flights and as her older brother, I am excited to see her join on a flight to see where all her fundraising efforts go.



With more than 650 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, blessings to you and yours during this holiday season, and see you all soon!

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)
- Saturday, January 7 - Rapid City RUSH Game - 1905 - Honor Flight selling chuck-a-pucks  
Tickets sold at this link also support Midwest Honor Flight:
- Tuesday, March 28 - Culver's Day of Giving - 10% all day at Sioux Center, Sioux City, Yankton, Mitchell, and Aberdeen
- Saturday, June 3 - Sioux Center Summer Celebration Food Stand - 1000-2000 - Serving Coney Dogs and Funnell Cakes
- Saturday, June 10 - 4th Annual Reunion - Sioux Falls - deadline to RSVP is Friday, June 2 - Veterans, Guardians, & Crew  
**ALUMNI: You will be receiving an invitation in the mail in April as well**
- Sunday, June 11 - 3rd Annual Honor Ride - South Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
More info online at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/ride](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/ride)
- July 10-13 - 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, July 17 - Tee It Up for the Troops Rapid City Golf Tournament - Midwest Honor Flight getting 50% of proceeds
- July 28-30 - Sioux Falls Airshow - MWHF will have a booth - learn more at [www.siouxfallsairshow.com](http://www.siouxfallsairshow.com)
- Saturday, October 21 - Elvis Night/50's Dance - Sioux Falls - SAVE THE DATE ONLY! More information in future issues



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](mailto:president@midwesthonorflight.org)  
\*Event information was current at time of publication\*

## ALUMNI CORNER

**SAVE THE DATE!** We will be hosting our 4th Annual Reunion back in Sioux Falls on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and would love to have you join us! You will receive an invitation in the mail sometime this spring. We will also announce our spring flight dates in the March 2023 issue of Mail Call.



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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/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  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"> <li>Official birth certificate</li> <li>Valid US Passport</li> <li>Most recent US Citizenship and Immigration Services documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social security card</li> <li>W-9 or 1099 (must show your <i>entire</i> social security number)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility bill</li> <li>Bank or credit card statement</li> <li>Pay stub</li> <li>Piece of postmarked mail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marriage certificate if your last name changes</li> <li>Divorce decree indicating a name change</li> <li>Court order under petition for name change</li> </ul>

DOES MY VA CARD WORK FOR BOARDING? **NO!**



You **MUST** have a valid ID for boarding - VA Cards do not have your DOB or an expiration date. Acceptable IDs include a state issued Driver's License (REAL ID compliant as of May 3, 2023), a valid passport (US or foreign), or passport card

### 5 FLIGHTS

SCM 14 MAY 2022  
MWHF 1 JUN 2022  
CLGF 27 AUG 2022  
SFS 10 SEP 2022  
SDAL 1 OCT 2022

### 420 VETERANS FLOWN IN 2022

650+ WAITING

### 1,153 VETERANS FLOWN SINCE 2017

13 MISSIONS

### GREAT WELCOME HOMES

THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

### NEW FUNDRAISER ELVIS NIGHT

PLUS 32 LOCAL GROUP EVENTS

### 12,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS

524 GUARDIANS & VOLUNTEERS