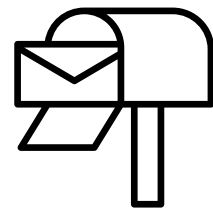




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**MOVING?  
 LIFE CHANGES?**



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. If you have flown with another Honor Flight and are still on our waiting list, please also let us know.



**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 Birthday to Midwest Honor Flight!



Welcome to the next issue of Mail Call - a quarterly publication from Midwest Honor Flight that has replaced 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.

We are thrilled to announce that two flights have been scheduled and will take place this spring! We are so appreciative of the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for awarding our grant request of \$87,500 to fully sponsor the 84 Veterans and some of their board traveling on Mission 14! We also are thrilled to announce that Elsie Honors surpassed her goal of raising \$50,000 and will be the sponsor of Mission 15 (at the age of 15). The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 14 will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and the Elsie Honors Mission 15 will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. All Veterans that have been accepted for these flights have been notified by our volunteers. If you did not receive a call, your application has not come up yet but rest assured that by receiving this newsletter, your application is current and you are on our waiting list.

**IMPORTANT UPDATES IN DC AND FOR FLIGHTS:** The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial is a new national monument to be built at the National Mall in Washington D.C. The groundbreaking took place on July 14, 2022 with a goal to dedicate the completed memorial in 2024. Also in 2022, the Korean War Memorial was rededicated on Korean War Armistice Day to include the names of all those who lost their lives during the Korean War. The Memorial and NPS are working on creating a tool to be able to locate individuals better. The Vietnam War Memorial announced last summer that they have completed their project of locating a photo for each of the 58,000+ names listed on The Wall. Their original goal for this project was to be completed in 2030. REAL ID requirements have been delayed again and were just announced after our last issue was sent out. These new requirements will take effect May 7, 2025 (originally scheduled for May 2023).

With more than 750 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, March 4 - Sioux County Sportsmen's Club Banquet - 1 Gun Auctioned for MWHF - Dordt Rec Center
  - Tuesday, March 14 - Midwest Honor Flight's Birthday! Incorporated March 2017
  - Saturday, March 25 - Trivia Night with Very Good Trivia Company - \$150/team of 6 with meal included - So. Sioux City
  - Tuesday, March 28 - Culver's Day of Giving - Sioux Center, Sioux City (Hamilton), Yankton, Mitchell, & Aberdeen ONLY
  - May 1-13 - Fareway Round Up Campaign - **ONLY** at the participating stores listed in this issue
  - Tuesday, May 16 - Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 14
  - Wednesday, May 17 - QDOBA Fundraiser in Sioux Falls - 25% donated, must show the code in this newsletter - 4-8 PM
  - Sunday, May 28 - Thunder on the Missouri - Staging begins at Sgt Bluff American Legion at 12 PM, Ride leaves at 2 PM
  - Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Observances
  - Wednesday, May 31 - Elsie Honors Mission 15
  - Saturday, June 3 - Sioux Center Summer Celebration Food Stand - 1000-2000 - Serving Corn Dogs and Funnel Cakes
  - Wednesday, June 14 - Day of Sweetness - Sioux Falls Chick-Fil-A - Proceeds of all Brownies and Cookies to MWHF
  - Saturday, June 24 - 4th Annual Reunion - Sioux Falls - deadline to RSVP is June 14 - All Past Veterans, Guardians, & Crew  
**ALUMNI: You will be receiving an invitation in the mail in April as well, those on spring flights will later**
  - Sunday, June 25 - 3rd Annual Honor Ride - Starts at The Alliance, ride to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
 More info online at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/ride](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/ride) - Registration at The Alliance starting at 1 PM
  - 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
  - Saturday, July 22 - Freedom Festival - W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds - Family Friendly Event - SAVE THE DATE, more to come
  - July 29-30 - Sioux Falls Airshow - MWHF will have a booth - learn more at [www.siouxfallsairshow.com](http://www.siouxfallsairshow.com)
  - Monday, August 28 - Barrel House Day of Giving for Midwest Honor Flight - 10% donated from sales all day
  - Saturday, September 19 - Hangar Dance/Silent Auction - Rapid City American Legion - SAVE THE DATE, more to come
  - Saturday, October 21 - Elvis Night/50's Dance - Sioux Falls at The Alliance - SAVE THE DATE, more to come
  - Monday, November 13 - Barrel House Day of Giving for SDVC Wreaths Across America - 10% donated from sales all day
  - Saturday, December 16 - Wreaths Across America Day - 1100 - South Dakota Veterans Cemetery and 3700+ locations  
 Find other locations throughout the area by visiting [www.wreathsassamerica.org](http://www.wreathsassamerica.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, 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 24, 2023 and would love to have you join us! You will receive an invitation in the mail sometime this spring. Also, please join us back at the Sioux Falls Arena on May 16 & May 31 for our two spring flights! Doors open at 7:30 PM with our ETA of 9:30 PM.

Starting in 2023, we will be taking requests for name rubbings at The Wall. This is currently only for those that have flown on a previous flight and didn't get the chance to get the rubbings themselves. Maybe it was because of the weather or maybe you didn't have enough information at the time of your flight, we want to make sure you get the rubbing of anyone on the wall. Submit the form as many times as needed and allow for 60 days to receive them in the mail at no charge to you. You can also mail us the information requested. [www.midwesthonorflight.org/names](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/names)



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).



**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**  
 DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM  
 TRIVIA STARTS: 7:00 PM

**\$150/TEAM (\$25 EACH) - 6 PERSON TEAMS**  
**MEAL AND TRIVIA INCLUDED**  
 LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT  
[WWW.MIDWESTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/TRIVIA](http://WWW.MIDWESTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/TRIVIA)  
 SOUTH SIOUX CITY AMERICAN LEGION  
 109 E 19TH ST  
 SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776

# MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT DAY OF GIVING



On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 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
- [culvers.com](http://culvers.com)



## FAREWAY® MEAT & GROCERY

**From May 1 - 13, "Round Up" your purchase at these stores and Fareway will donate it to Midwest Honor Flight!**

- IOWA STORES:**
- 014 Sergeant Bluff
  - 019 Sioux City
  - 022 Sioux City
  - 829 Sioux City
  - 912 Sioux Center
  - 719 Le Mars
  - 058 Orange City
  - 788 Spencer
  - 502 Cherokee
  - 021 Sheldon
- MINNESOTA STORE:**
- 228 Luverne
- SOUTH DAKOTA STORES:**
- 118 Harrisburg
  - 164 Sioux Falls
  - 213 Sioux Falls
  - 192 Tea



**FUNDRAISER FOR MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 4PM-8PM**  
 1900 W 41ST ST  
 SIOUX FALLS, SD 57101

**25% of sales donated**  
 Order online with the digital coupon on this flyer, or show this flyer in restaurant. Also valid on Catering orders.



QDOBA commits to donating 25% of product sales (excluding any tax, delivery, gift card purchases and alcohol purchases) made locally and in accordance with this agreement to your organization. In order to receive a donation, your organization must reach the minimum sales amount of \$250. If this amount is not reached, your organization will not receive a check for the fundraiser. QDOBA reserves the right to withhold donations if QDOBA's fund-raiser guidelines are violated or if your fundraiser website is absent and/or used in a manner not in accordance with this agreement. QDOBA Mexican Eats is a registered trademark of QDOBA Restaurant Corporation. ©QDOBA Restaurant Corporation 2023.