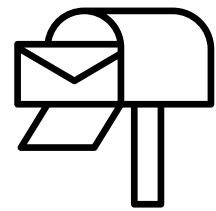




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**MOVING?  
 LIFE CHANGES?**



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.



**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

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Greetings Veterans!



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've got a busy summer ahead and hope to see many of you at our events!

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 the grant of \$87,500 that made the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 14 possible and to the supporters who helped Elsie raise over \$80,000 for the Elsie Honors Mission 15. Our hope is by the middle of July to have photos and videos sent out to everyone on these two flights. We thank all our volunteer photographers and videographer for coming along to capture these days.

We are thrilled to announce that two flights have been sponsored and will take place this fall! We are so appreciative of the Seed for Success Foundation for donating \$175,000 to fully sponsor the 84 Veterans and some of their board traveling on Mission 16! We also are thrilled to announce that the Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation donated \$60,000 to help sponsor Mission 17! We are still waiting to get confirmation on our flight dates from American Airlines. We hope to announce on our Facebook page our fall dates on or by June 15th - our website will reflect these dates as well as be published in our next newsletter. All Veterans that are being considered for these two flights will receive a letter later this month (June) and a call at the beginning of July. If you do not receive a letter, 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.

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 and see you all soon!

One Final Tour with Honor,

Aaron Van Beek | President & CEO





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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 17 - Pars & Pubs Mini Golf Pub Crawl - Downtown Sioux Falls - 1100-1600, registration required

Saturday, June 24 - 4th Annual Reunion - Sioux Falls - deadline to RSVP is June 10 - All Past Veterans, Guardians, & Crew

**ALUMNI: You should have received an invitation by now, those on spring flights did on flight home from DC**

**If not, you can register online at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/reunion](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/reunion)**

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

ALLIANCE will be OPEN for lunch for our group, a meal after ride will be at The Alliance (included with ride)

Monday, July 10 - Tee It Up for the Troops Sioux Falls Golf Tournament - Midwest Honor Flight getting part of proceeds

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

Tuesday, July 18 - Chipotle Fundraiser - Sioux City - MUST show flyer or enter the code for us to receive credit

July 29-30 - Sioux Falls Airshow - MWHF will have a booth - learn more at [www.siouxfallsairshow.com](http://www.siouxfallsairshow.com)

Saturday, August 19 - Sioux Falls VA Show and Shine - 10 AM - 4 PM - MWHF will have a booth with volunteers on site

Monday, August 28 - Barrel House Day of Giving for Midwest Honor Flight - 10% donated from sales all day

Saturday, October 21 - Elvis Night/50's Dance - Sioux Falls at The Alliance - \$25 online, \$30 at the door while tickets last

Tickets go on sale July 15th! Visit [www.midwesthonorflight.org/Elvis](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/Elvis) for more information and tickets

Last year this event SOLD OUT - The Alliance will be open prior to the concert for food/beverages - bar at event

Monday, November 13 - Barrel House Day of Giving for SDVC Wreaths Across America - 10% donated from sales all day

Friday, November 17 - MINGO Night at Severance Brewing Co in Sioux Falls - SAVE THE DATE, more info to come

Saturday, December 16 - Wreaths Across America Day - 1100 - South Dakota Veterans Cemetery and 3700+ locations

Find other locations throughout the area by visiting [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2024:

5th Annual Reunion - Saturday, June 29, 2024 in Sioux Falls

4th Annual Honor Ride - Sunday, June 30, 2024

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 [aaron@midwesthonorflight.org](mailto:aaron@midwesthonorflight.org)

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

## ALUMNI CORNER

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 should have received an invitation in the mail in April (call if you did not). This is for all those who have flown on Missions 1-15. Those that flew on Mission 14 & 15, you received this invitation on the plane ride home from DC.

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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mwhfalumni).



## Chick-fil-A Day of Sweetness FUNDRAISER



Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Chick-fil-A Empire Place

6:30am - 10pm

100% of all brownie and cookies sales will benefit:



## ANNOUNCING THE 3RD ANNUAL



## HONOR RIDE

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

"RIDING TO KEEP THEM FLYING"



Sunday, June 25, 2023 | 2:30 PM

Registration begins at 1:00 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:

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



SATURDAY,  
JUNE 17th  
11am - 3pm

PRIZES • GIFT CARDS • BAR TABS • COSTUME COMPETITION

AT ALL YOUR FAVORITE DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS BARS

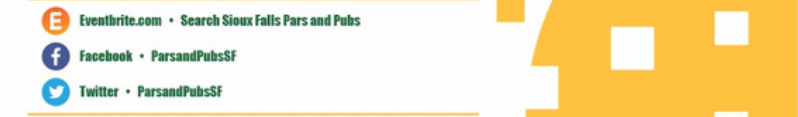


REGISTER TODAY! • DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!  
4 PERSON TEAMS • \$120 PER TEAM

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE 21 LIMITED NUMBER OF TEAMS

REGISTER ONLINE AT [EVENTBRITE.COM](http://EVENTBRITE.COM), SEARCH FOR SIOUX FALLS PARS AND PUBS

This event takes your regular old pub crawl and combines it with mini golf to make an exciting and fun social event that we call Pars and Pubs. Teams of 4 will go from bar to bar, playing a total of 9 challenging and fun custom made mini golf holes. All bars will be downtown within walking distance. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. There will be a prize for the best team costume, so get creative and have fun with it! There will also be prizes for best team score, worst team score, and plenty of individual hole prizes along the way. The event will start at 11:00am and end at 3:00pm. At that point, teams will take their scorecards to Wileys, where we will hand out awards at 3:30pm. Teams that are present at Wileys will have the opportunity to win door prizes as well.



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TUESDAY, JULY 18TH | 5-9PM  
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