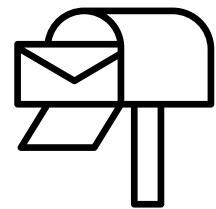




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If you are, please give us a call or drop a note to us so we can update your address for future issues and other things throughout the year. If the Vet addressed on this letter is no longer with us, please let us know so we can make a tribute post as well. If you have flown with another Honor Flight and are still on our waiting list, please let us know.



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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.



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Greetings Veterans!



Welcome to the next issue of Mail Call - a quarterly publication from Midwest Honor Flight. Our hope is 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 fall ahead with two flights and many fundraisers!

What a busy but great summer! There were so many different fundraisers and events that took place and thankfully, we raised more funds for more of our Veterans to travel with us in 2023 and next year. Thank you to everyone that stopped by our fundraisers or booths. It was great to see so many Alumni stopping by and also great seeing many of you who have applied and are excited for your chance to go in the future.

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! Mission 16 will take place on Tuesday, September 26 and is the second flight sponsored by the Seed for Success Foundation. Mission 17 will take place on Tuesday, October 10 and is the third flight sponsored by the Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation.

AMAZON SMILE DISCONTINUED IN 2023:

We encourage everyone that was supporting us through AmazonSmile to sign up for RaiseRight. Raise funds simply by shopping gift cards from 750+ brands to use on your everyday purchases. With gift cards from RaiseRight, you automatically earn 2-20% for Midwest Honor Flight! No extra money spent. Learn more by visiting our website at www.midwesthonorflight.org/donate or checking out the inside of this edition.

With more than 760 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

- Monday, September 18 - Dine to Donate Event at Sioux City & Sioux Falls Texas Roadhouses - must mention MWHF
- Tuesday, September 26 - Seed for Success Foundation Mission 16
- Saturday, October 7 - Sioux Center Middle School Vendor Fair - serving breakfast and lunch from 9 AM - 2 PM
- Tuesday, October 10 - Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation Mission 17
- Saturday, October 21 - Elvis Night/50's Dance - Sioux Falls at The Alliance - \$25 online, \$30 at the door - see flyer for link
Last year this event SOLD OUT - The Alliance will be open prior to the concert for food/beverages - bar at event
- Monday, October 16 - Redeemer Lutheran Church Fundraiser - Sioux City, IA - 4-7 PM - Sneaky's Chicken and Sides
- 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 - see flyer for details, food truck onsite
- Thanksgiving Weekend to Christmas - Christmas for a Cause, MWHF to serve hot chocolate out of Doc's Cafe
Christmas lights at Heritage Village in Sioux Center every night, see flyer for more details and when serving
- 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

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2024:

- Announcement of Spring 2024 Flights - March 2024
- 5th Annual Reunion - Saturday, June 29, 2024
- 4th Annual Honor Ride - Sunday, June 30, 2024
- Announcement of Fall 2024 Flights - June 2024
- 3rd Annual Elvis Night - Saturday, October 12, 2024
- Wreaths Across America - Saturday, December 14, 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 email aaron@midwesthonorflight.org

Event information was current at time of publication

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ALUMNI CORNER

Join us at the Sioux Falls Arena to welcome back Mission 16 and Mission 17! Doors open at 7:30 PM with our anticipated arrival being around 9:30 PM. Flights this fall will take place on Tuesday, September 26 and Tuesday, October 10.

We have been 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



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.

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Christmas For A Cause

Christmas for a Cause is a free walk-through Christmas light display at Heritage Village in Sioux Center, sponsored by Peoples Bank. The display will run from Friday, November 24, 2023, until Monday, January 1, 2024, from 5:00-10:00 PM each night.

While Christmas for a Cause is free, attendees can support Midwest Honor Flight by giving a freewill donation at the event and online.

There will be a hot chocolate stand on the dates listed below for a freewill donation to Midwest Honor Flight. The hot chocolate stand will be open inside Doc's Cafe at Heritage Village (701 2nd Ave SW, Sioux Center, IA 51250) from 6:00-9:00 PM (weather permitting):

- November 24 & 25
- December 1 & 2
- December 7, 8 & 9
- December 15 & 16
- December 22 & 23

Learn more about the event, sign up to volunteer, or purchase a Midwest Honor Flight Ugly Christmas Sweater, visit www.midwesthonorflight.org/christmas