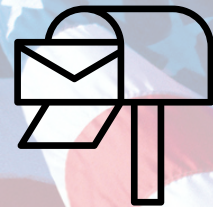




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**MOVING?
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If you are, please give us a call or drop a note to us so we can update your address for future issues and other things throughout the year. If the Vet addressed on this letter is no longer 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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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.



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A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION
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Greetings Veterans and Happy Holidays!



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 had a busy year and appreciate seeing so many of your at events!

What an amazing fall flight season we had with 2 full charters! We are so thankful that nearly 170 Veterans got the chance to travel to Washington, D.C. to experience their memorials. We thank the Seed for Success Foundation for sponsoring Mission 16 and the Clifford & LaVonne Graese Foundation and other donors for sponsoring Mission 17.

We are also happy to announce that we have flown 1,487 Veterans since our incorporation! Thinking back over the last 17 flights and the amount of Veterans we have had the chance to meet and honor, it has truly been a life changing experience for our board, our volunteers, and the families. Our waiting list continues to add more Veterans and for that, we are grateful for you sharing your stories with those who have not had the chance to go. For those of you waiting for the chance to go, know that we are doing all we can in these off months to get donations and sponsorships for 5 flights in 2024 to allow an additional 420+ Veterans the chance to go on One Final Tour with Honor.

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." **In order to fly with us in 2025, all Veterans, Guardians, and Crew must be in compliance with the REAL ID Act.** Check with your local DMV for the requirements or visit www.dhs.gov/real-id for more information.

With more than 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, 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

Christmas for a Cause - Heritage Village in Sioux Center, Iowa - There will be a hot chocolate stand for a freewill donation to Midwest Honor Flight. Santa will be visiting on **Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 16**. The hot chocolate stand will be open inside Doc's Cafe at Heritage Village from 6:00-9:00 PM on the following dates (weather permitting) - visit www.midwesthonorflight.org/christmas for more information, ugly Christmas sweaters, or weather updates:

- November 24 & 25
- November 30
- December 1 & 2 (Dec 2nd serving from 4-9 PM)
- December 8 & 9
- December 15 & 16
- December 22 & 23

Saturday, November 25 - Side by Side Poker Run - Registration at Pilot Mike's Roadhouse (SF) from 11 AM to 12:30 PM

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

Saturday, January 13 - Rapid City RUSH Chuck-a-Puck with MWHF and Tee it Up for the Troops Rapid City

Monday, March 25 - "DRIVE TO FLY" - Great Shots Golf Tournament - more info at www.midwesthonorflight.org/golf

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2024:

Thunder on the Missouri - Sunday, May 26, 2024

5th Annual Reunion - Saturday, June 29, 2024

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

Tee it Up for the Troops Rapid City - Monday, July 15, 2024

Barrel House Day of Giving - Monday, August 26, 2024

Freedom Festival - Saturday, September 21, 2024

3rd Annual Elvis Night - Saturday, October 12, 2024

Always visit www.midwesthonorflight.org/events for the most current event list, more information, or to confirm.

Having an event that will benefit future Veterans on 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 correct at time of publication

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ALUMNI CORNER

SAVE THE DATE! Our 5th Annual Reunion is set for Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the Sioux Falls Arena. More details and an invitation will come this spring. In the next issue (March) we will more than likely be able to share spring flights.

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.



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
- November 30 (Part of Sioux Center's Hometown Holiday)
- December 1 & 2 (Dec 2nd serving from 4:00-9:00 PM)
- December 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

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MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

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1,487 VETERANS FLOWN SINCE 2017 17 MISSIONS	12,000+ VOLUNTEER HOURS 473 GUARDIANS & VOLUNTEERS	

DOES YOUR LICENSE FLY?

Beginning May 7, 2025, 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 star 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.