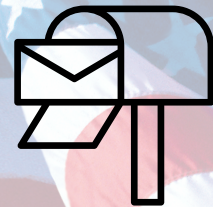




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**MOVING?  
 LIFE CHANGES?**



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.



**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.*

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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. 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 have a busy year coming up and appreciate seeing so many of you at our events!

We are thrilled to announce that THREE (yup, 3!) 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 18! We also received a donation of \$87,500 in memory of Louis C Woodward & Jack B Heiman which will be used to sponsor all the Veterans traveling on Mission 19! We also are so appreciative to announce that the Seed for Success Foundation has donated \$175,000 to fully sponsor Mission 20! The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 18 will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and be the third flight they have sponsored, Mission 19 in memory of Louis C Woodward & Jack B Heiman will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and the Seed for Success Mission 20 will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 and will be the third flight they have sponsored. All Veterans that have been accepted for these three flights have been notified by our volunteers and received all the necessary forms and information in the mail by this point. 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.

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](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id) for more information.

With more than 800 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. Our hope is three additional flights in the fall. 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 2 - Sioux County Sportsmen's Club Banquet - 1 Item to be Auctioned for MWHF - Dordt Rec Center
- Tuesday, March 14 - Midwest Honor Flight's Birthday! Incorporated March 2017
- Thursday, March 21 - Sioux Center Indoor Fair Meal - Dordt University Rec Center from 5-7 PM - Free Will Donation
- Sunday, March 24 - Brunsville Sons of the American Legion Pancake Feed - 8:30 AM - 1 PM - Brunsville American Legion
- Monday, March 25 - "DRIVE TO FLY" - Great Shots Golf Tournament - more info at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/golf](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/golf)
- Sunday, April 21 - Rock Rapids Legion & VFW Pancake Feed - 10 AM - 1 PM at the Rock Rapids Community Center
- Friday, April 26 - MINGO Night at Hay Camp Brewing in Rapid City - 6:30-9:30 PM - see the flyer for more information
- May 6-18 - Fareway Round Up Campaign - ONLY at the participating stores listed in this issue (see graphic on next page)
- Tuesday, May 7 - Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 18
- Tuesday, May 21 - Mission 19 in memory of Louis C Woodward & Jack B Heiman
- Sunday, May 26 - Thunder on the Missouri - Staging begins at Sgt Bluff American Legion at 12 PM, Ride leaves at 2 PM
- Wednesday, June 5 - Seed for Success Foundation Mission 20
- Friday, June 14 - Day of Sweetness at Sioux Falls Chick-fil-A - all day long, cookie and brownie proceeds go to MWHF
- Saturday, June 29 - 5th Annual Reunion - Sioux Falls - deadline to RSVP is June 10 - All Past Veterans, Guardians, & Crew

**ALUMNI: You will be receiving an invitation in the mail in April as well, those on spring flights will on flight**

- Sunday, June 30 - 4th 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**
- Saturday, July 13 - Rock the Ramp - 80's Concert, Air Show, Silent Auction, & Fireworks - Hawthorne Hangar Sioux City
- More info and tickets online at [www.midwesthonorflight.org/rock](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/rock) - Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate**
- Monday, July 15 - Tee It Up for the Troops Rapid City Golf Tournament - Midwest Honor Flight getting 50% of proceeds
- Monday, August 26 - Barrel House Day of Giving for Midwest Honor Flight - 10% donated from sales all day
- Saturday, September 21 - Freedom Festival - Midwest Honor Flight Benefit Concert in Brandon, SD - SAVE THE DATE
- Saturday, October 12 - Elvis Night/50's Dance - Sioux Falls at The Alliance - Tickets go on sale this summer!
- Monday, November 18 - Barrel House Day of Giving for SDVC Wreaths Across America - 10% donated from sales all day

Always visit [www.midwesthonorflight.org/events](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/events) for the most current event list, more information, or to confirm the event information (especially in terms of weather postponements).

Heard of one we missed? Reach out to Aaron at 605-215-1319, ext. 5 or email [aaron@midwesthonorflight.org](mailto:aaron@midwesthonorflight.org) to report it. Want to host a fundraiser for MWHF? Contact Aaron or visit [www.midwesthonorflight.org/fundraiser](http://www.midwesthonorflight.org/fundraiser) to submit your idea.

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


## ALUMNI CORNER

SAVE THE DATE! Our 5th Annual Reunion is set for Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the Sioux Falls Arena. We also invite you to welcome home THREE spring flights, all scheduled to arrive at 9:30 PM at the Sioux Falls Arena (dates above).

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](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. Find the "MWHF Mission Alumni" Group at [www.facebook.com/groups/mwhfalumni](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mwhfalumni).



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## SIoux CENTER INDOOR FAIR MEAL

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

### 5 PM - 7 PM

DORDT UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTER  
700 7TH ST NE  
SIoux CENTER, IOWA 51250

MENU TO INCLUDE:  
PULLED PORK, COLESLAW,  
CHIPS, & ICE CREAM

## FREE WILL DONATION TO SUPPORT:



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# MINGO

(MUSIC BINGO)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

### 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

HAY CAMP BREWING CO.  
601 KANSAS CITY ST  
RAPID CITY, SD 57701

\$5 MINGO CARDS  
\$25 FREEDOM BUNDLES  
\$1/PINT DONATED BACK



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## 25 MAR 2024

Registration 1:30 PM - Golf 2-5 PM

## REGISTER NOW

\$100 Per Person or \$570 Per Team of 6: Feb 1 - Mar 10

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# FAREWAY®

## MEAT & GROCERY

From May 6 - 18, "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
- 099 Worthington

SOUTH DAKOTA STORES:

- 178 Harrisburg
- 164 Sioux Falls
- 213 Sioux Falls
- 192 Tea