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**MIDWEST  
HONOR FLIGHT**



**LYON COUNTY**  
RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION

**LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR VETERANS ON FUTURE  
MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT**

*\$60,000 grant to fully fund the trip for 79 Veterans on September 18, 2021 flight*

LARCHWOOD, IA (June 14, 2021): The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation announced today that \$60,000 was donated from their grant process and donated to the Midwest Honor Flight organization to sponsor 79 World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans for an all-expenses-paid flight to visit the nation's capital. The sponsored flight will allow Veterans and guardians to fly to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifice.

"We are grateful to have the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation sponsor a flight for our veterans who are so deserving of this once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Aaron Van Beek, Volunteer President and Director of Midwest Honor Flight. "This is a way to show our appreciation and say thank you to those who served, and we are grateful to the grant committee for showing their support and gratitude for military Veterans in such a generous way."

This will sponsor the seventh-ever flight for the Midwest Honor Flight organization, named "Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 7: 18 SEP 2021," for Veterans located throughout northwest Iowa, South Dakota, and southwest Minnesota. Veterans on the flight will together experience the power and solidarity of Arlington National Cemetery, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The donation was part of a grant proposal in November of 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Honor Flight have been grounded until this fall. The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Mission 7 was originally scheduled for May 30, 2020 and will be the first flight with the Midwest Honor Flight since October 2019, nearly 23 months.

"We were very excited to have Midwest Honor Flight apply for the grant. Personally, I have had 3 uncles and 1 cousin fly on the Honor Flight and they come back with a new perspective and were able to see the Changing of the Guard and their memorials all in a day," said Jerry Keizer, President of the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation when the grant was awarded. "I want to thank the Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort for their continued support of our foundation. Without the casino, we would not be able to award grants to organizations like Midwest Honor Flight."

The Midwest Honor Flight is part of the Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization created to transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

### **About Midwest Honor Flight**

The Midwest Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created to honor America's Veterans for their sacrifices. The organization offers paid transport and tours to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of visiting veterans and those who have perished. The Midwest Honor Flight organization's service area includes veterans throughout Northwest Iowa, South Dakota, and Southwest Minnesota.

### **About Lyon County Riverboat Foundation**

The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation seeks to be the catalyst to help qualified organizations meet needs within Lyon County and beyond in the areas of development, beautification, education, and human and social issues.

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