



NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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RIDING TO KEEP THEM FLYING

The 5th Annual Honor Ride will be held Sunday, June 29, 2025, which promises to be bigger and better than ever! Honor a veteran you know and ride to raise funds for Midwest Honor Flight.

They want to remember your loved ones while honoring all veterans, past, present, and future. Participants are encouraged to take along a picture of a veteran they wish to honor during the ceremony to ride along with them.

Registration begins at 1:00 PM at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance and will close at 2:00 PM. Ride includes a slow salute past the Sioux Falls VA Hospital before an escort to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. At the cemetery, there will be a short ceremony to honor all veterans, remember those no longer with us, and offer any participants the chance to share about who they are riding in honor of (not required).

The fee is \$30 for each bike and rider (which covers a veteran's lunch and dinner on flight), \$45 for a bike, rider, and a passenger (which covers a Veteran's breakfast, lunch, and dinner on flight). Registration fees are 100% deductible. Each participant will receive a MWHF rocker patch for this ride (while supplies last), a raffle ticket, and a meal ticket for after the ride. The Alliance will be open before and after the event for meals and beverages

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"RIDING TO KEEP THEM FLYING"



HONOR RIDE
MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT



Sunday, June 29, 2025 | 2:30 PM

Registration begins at 1:00 PM at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance (they will be open for lunch at 12:00 PM). 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. A meal is included after the ride.

MORE INFORMATION:

MIDWESTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/RIDE

All proceeds from this event go directly towards future Honor Flights and more importantly, our local Veterans.

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

Step back in time on Saturday, October 18 to the fabulous 50s, 60s, and 70s with "Shake, Rattle, & Roll" - an electrifying concert and dance event that promises to transport you to the era of rock 'n' roll, poodle skirts, and greased-back hair! Get ready to twist and shout as we celebrate the iconic music and style that defined a generation.

Don't miss out on this nostalgic blast from the past! Whether you're reliving fond memories or discovering the magic of the 50s, 60s, and 70s for the first time, Midwest Honor Flight promises a night of music, dancing, and timeless fun. Grab your saddle shoes and slick back your hair - we'll see you there! Ticket sales and a silent auction throughout the night will benefit future Midwest Honor Flight Missions.

Doors open at 6:30 pm with the show beginning at 7:00 pm.

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT PRESENTS
SHAKE, RATTLE, & ROLL

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

MUSIC 7-10 PM
@THE ALLIANCE
SILENT AUCTION
14 LOCAL ARTISTS

1600 W RUSSELL ST
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104

FEATURING MUSIC FROM THE 50'S, 60'S & 70'S

Proceeds to Benefit: **MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT**

\$25 ONLINE IN ADVANCE
\$30 AT THE DOOR

MORE INFO & TICKETS AT:
MIDWESTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/DANCE

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the ALLIANCE South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.
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BINGO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$5 BINGO CARDS

\$1/PINT DONATED BACK

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701 N PHILLIPS AVE SUITE 110
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104



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Chick-fil-A[®] EMPIRE PLACE (SD)

Day of Sweetness



Join us for a sweet fundraiser to support

Midwest Honor Flight

June 10th | 6:30AM - 10PM

Chick-fil-A Empire Place

100%

of all cookie and brownie orders
will go to the organization!
Includes dine-in, carry-out, drive-thru,
delivery, and catering



2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 12-13 VFW State Legislative Conference—Moose Lodge—Fort Pierre
- Jan 13—VFW State Legislative Open House—AmericInn—(312 Island Drive)—Fort Pierre—5:00—8:00 pm (CT)
- Jan 14—Governor’s State of the State Address—1:00 pm
- Jan 14—Legislative Session starts
- Jan 15—SD Veterans Council Meeting—American Legion Post 8—(520 S. Pierre Street)—Pierre—2:00 pm (CT)
- Jan 15—SDDVA/SD Veterans Council Legislative Reception—American Legion Post 8—(520 S. Pierre Street)—Pierre—5:30—7:30 pm (CT)
- Jan 20—State Offices Closed—Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 6—SDNG Dining Out—Ramkota Hotel—(920 W. Sioux Avenue)—Pierre—6:00 pm (CT)
- Feb 14-16—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Oacoma
- Feb 17—State Offices Closed—President’s Day
- Apr 15—Dine to Donate for Midwest Honor Flight—Texas Roadhouse—(4307 W. Empire Place)—Sioux Falls—3:30 pm—10:00 pm (CT)
- Apr 25-26—State DAV Convention—AmericInn—Aberdeen
- Apr 27-30—VFW Proficiency Training Conference—Annapolis, MD
- May 6-8—SDDVA Mini Conferences
- May 26—State Offices Closed—Memorial Day
- Jun 10—MWHF Day of Sweetness—Chick-Fil-A—(4005 W. 41st Street)—Sioux Falls—6:30 am—10:00 pm (CT)
- Jun 14—MWHF Pars and Pubs—Downtown Sioux Falls—11:00 am—4:00 pm (CT)
- Jun 19—State Offices Closed—Juneteenth Day
- Jun 19-22—VFW State Convention—Ramkota—Pierre
- Jun 19-22—American Legion State Conference—Huron
- Jun 29—MWHF Honor Ride—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—1:00 pm (CT)
- Jul 4—State Offices Closed—Fourth of July
- Jul 14—Black Hills Tee it up for the Troops Tournament—Arrowhead Country Club—Rapid City
- Aug 4-5—Your Journey Matters 2025 Behavioral Health Conference—Sioux Falls Sheraton Convention Center
- Aug 9-13—National VFW Convention—Columbus, OH
- Aug 11—Barrel House Day of Giving for Midwest Honor Flight—(4701 E. 54th Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am—Midnight (CT)
- Aug 27-Sep 1—South Dakota State Fair
- Aug 28—Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair
- Sep 1—State Offices Closed—Labor Day
- Sep 9-12—SDDVA Annual CTVSO Benefit School
- Sep 21-26—VFW National Skill Level and Basic Training Conference—Annapolis, MD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 13—State Offices Closed—Native American Day

Oct 18—4th Annual Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—7:00 pm

Nov 7—MWHF Bingo—Severance Brewing—(701 N. Phillips Avenue)—Sioux Falls—7:00-9:00 pm (CT)

Nov 10—Barrel House Day of Giving for the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery WAA—(4701 E. 54th Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am—Midnight (CT)

Nov 11—State Offices Closed—Veterans Day

Nov 27—State Offices Closed—Thanksgiving

Nov 29—Side by Side MWHF Poker Run—Pilot Mikes Roadhouse—(4901 N. Ellis Road)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

Dec 13—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

Dec 25—State Offices Closed—Christmas Day



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