



## You can help make the Honor Flight journey even more memorable for our Veterans!

There were no sweeter words to our homesick Veterans protecting the United States and its allies during World War II than “MAIL CALL” and we need your help to say, “thank you” to our Veterans in this very unique way!

The World War II Memorial in Washington DC was completed in May 2004, almost 60 years after the end of the war and honors 16 million Americans who served in the United States armed forces, the 400,000 who died in that effort, and all those who supported the war from home.

Retired Air Force Captain Earl Morse founded Honor Flight in 2005 when he realized that most of the WWII Veterans would never see the memorial on their own due to financial, logistical, or health limitations.

Earl launched his initial Honor Flight in May 2005, taking 12 Veterans to D.C. with the help of six volunteer pilots and planes. Jeff Miller expanded the Honor Flight program and the non-profit now has 138 active hubs across the nation, including Honor Flight San Diego (HFSD) founded in 2010 to serve our regional Veterans.

While every Honor Flight is filled with cherished moments, one of the highlights is “MAIL CALL”. Veteran memories of Mail Call are vivid, two words that were most welcome during extended absences from loved ones and home. Veterans tucked precious letters into uniform pockets, close to their heart, so they could read and reread them at every opportunity.

**This is where you can help us!** HFSD volunteers coordinate a surprise “Mail Call” during the Honor Flight to D.C., an unexpected distribution of cards and letters secretly collected from friends, family and you! Letters and cards written by scouts and students mean so much to our Veterans who see firsthand that our younger generation knows and appreciates their stories and sacrifices.

Your letters can be collected by HFSD volunteers between now and one week prior (Sat, Sept. 28th) to the next flight departure date which is scheduled for **Friday, Oct 4, 2019**. Letters can also be sent directly to Donna Hester at the address below. This flight will include both Korean War & WWII veterans so please address letters to "Dear Veteran".

**Please include your name along with a return address of your school, classroom, scout troop or personal address on the back of the letter as many of our Veterans wish to write back to thank you!**

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