



Team Osaic Honor Flight Local Committees Fall 2024

How to Support Honor Flight's work with veterans

Write Appreciation Letters | Welcome Home Ceremonies | Be a Guardian

Osaic financial professionals & their staff, home office employees, and families and friends are all invited to participate as part of Team Osaic in any of the local Honor Flight events listed below. See page two of this flyer for guidance on letter-writing; these can then be sent to the chapter contact ahead of the next flight for that city, for distribution to the participating veterans on the flight. Flight times vary by city.

Register your interest by contacting the Osaic leads listed for these cities. If you would like to initiate an Osaic team in an area not listed that has an Honor Flight chapter, send a message to: osaicfoundation@osaic.com. The formation of a local support team can bring a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation to that chapter!

<i>Site / Airport</i>	<i>Osaic Lead</i>	<i>Next Local Flight Date(s)</i>	<i>Local Honor Flight Chapter Homepage</i>
Appleton, WI	Danielle McClenahan	Oct. 23	Old Glory Honor Flight, Inc
Baton Rouge, LA	Darlene Carey	Fall TBD	Honor Flight Louisiana
Fort Wayne, IN	Dindy Bridges	Oct. 16	Home - Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (hfnei.org)
Holbrook, NY	Bill Donahue	Oct. 5	Veterans Honor Flight Long Island New York
Scottsdale, AZ	Leslie Ayers	Oct. 9 & Oct. 23	Honor Flight Arizona – Honoring AZ WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans (honorflightaz.org)
St. Petersburg, FL	Kaffie Latson	Oct. 22	West Central Florida Honor Flight

Tips for writing messages of appreciation to veterans

While veterans are on their Honor Flight plane, a **surprise** “mail call” is held and each participant receives a quantity of letters to open and review.

The messages include cards, drawings, and other items of appreciation and gratitude for the veterans' service to their country from family, friends, students and the local community. These have proven very impactful to the flight. Here are some tips for writing mail for Honor Flight”

Address the mail as "**Dear Veteran**" if you don't know the veteran's name.

Be meaningful...

- Keep your message positive....Brief messages are fine.
- Express gratitude for their service.
- Share hopeful messages, well wishes, and positive thoughts.
- Prayers are welcome, however please avoid excessive religious comments.
- Share about yourself, family, hobbies, work, school, pets, travel, interests, etc.
- Abstain from writing about violence, killings, illness, injury, death, and dying, etc.
- Avoid all mention of politics.

Be creative and have fun !

- Consider drawing or painting a picture instead. Please add a note to kids’ drawings with their age.
- Please refrain from using glitter or confetti.
- Include your name and return address (optional) so veterans can write back. (Although they may not.)
- Don't seal or date the mail so veterans can easily open.

Send it early to the address indicated by your local Honor Flight chapter -- at least two weeks before the flight.

