

Team Osaic Honor Flight Local Committees 2025

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!

Site / Airport	Osaic Lead	Next 2025 Local Flight Date(s)	Local Honor Flight Chapter Homepage
Appleton, WI	<u>Danielle</u> <u>McClenahan</u>	April 16, May 27, July 25, Aug. 16, Sept. 2, Oct. 28	Old Glory Honor Flight, Inc
Fort Wayne, IN	Dindy Bridges	April 23, May 21, Sept. 10	<u>Home - Honor Flight Northeast Indiana</u> (<u>hfnei.org)</u>
Holbrook, NY	Bill Donahue	May 3	Veterans Honor Flight Long Island New York
Pittsburgh	Elizabeth Kendall	May 3, Sept. 27	Honor Flight Pittsburgh
Scottsdale, AZ	Osaic Foundation	March 25-27, April 9-11, April 22-24, May 7-9, May 19-21	HonorFlightArizona – Honoring AZWWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans (honorflightaz.org)
St. Petersburg, FL	<u>Kaffie Latson</u>	April 15	West Central Florida Honor Flight



Honor Flight "Mail Call" Guidelines

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 u sing 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.

