



*Greetings! We need your help!*

Your veteran is on the STANDBY LIST to travel to Washington, D.C. as part of Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois. If your Veteran is chosen to fly on Mission 14, he/she will travel to visit the sites on a day of commemoration and reflection, but Honor Flight has a **SECRET** that happens on the flight home – it's called - **Mail Call**. Mail Call is a treasured part of their D.C. journey and is designed to lift their spirits and put a smile on their face just as mail from home did when they served.

As one of the primary contacts for this veteran, you know the important people in your loved one's life. Just in case your Veteran is chosen for the flight, we want to have cards/letters ready for him/her. Please contact those close to your Veteran and ask them to write a letter or card of thanks to your Veteran for his/her service to this country. Relatives, Friends, Work colleagues, VFW/American Legion buddies, Neighbors, & Local community leaders are just a few ideas. On the flight home from D.C., the letters that you helped collect will be distributed "military style" to the Veterans. Many veterans who have been on previous flights say that Mail Call was the highlight of their trip; some have said that it was "one of the most memorable things I have had happen in my life".

You can either mail letters individually or gather and drop-off the letters/cards in ONE PACKAGE to the following address:

**Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois**  
**Attn: MAIL CALL (VETERAN'S FULL LEGAL NAME)**  
**10400 Terminal Drive, Suite 200**  
**Marion, IL 62959**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

The letters must arrive at the above address by **FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

- Letters received **AFTER** the flight **WILL NOT** be forwarded to the Veteran, so please make sure that everything is delivered/mailed to the airport prior to the deadline above.
- We have several Veterans whose names are either the exact same or spelled very similarly, so it is incredibly important that the Veteran's **FULL LEGAL NAME** be on the front of the envelope(s). We want to ensure that mail is placed in the correct stack.
- Save your larger items (such as hats, t-shirts, framed pictures, and papers larger than 8x10) for when the Veteran returns as these don't fit into the Mail Call envelope.
- **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY TYPE OF FOOD/CANDY (large or small)**
  - o Lots of snacks will be available to the Veterans, so there's no need to send any.

We appreciate your help in making your Veteran's Mail Call very memorable!!

**Kimberly Stevenson**

**VHFSI Mail Call Coordinator**

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