



“Mail Call”



Here's how you can help make the Honor Flight journey even more memorable for our Veterans!

“Mail Call” – There were no sweeter words for our homesick Veterans protecting the United States, our allies and the world. We need your help to say, “Thank You” to our Veterans in this very unique way!

Every Honor Flight is filled with cherished moments and 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!** Honor Flight San Diego volunteers coordinate a surprise “Mail Call” during the Honor Flight to D.C.

Mail call letter writing is the perfect project for families, friends, students, clubs, and organizations! You can also encourage others to continue writing letters to our Veterans!

Honor Flight San Diego is very excited to announce that we now will have two all-Vietnam Veteran flights this Fall. We will be taking our first flight on **Sept 30th** and have selected an extraordinary and unique group to be our first Vietnam flight - The HA(L) 3 US NAVY SEAWOLVES. They are the most decorated Navy Squadron in the Vietnam War, and in all of Naval Aviation History. Our second all-Vietnam Veteran flight departs on **Nov 4th**. This second flight is open to any Vietnam Veteran who was awarded a Combat Wounded Purple Heart or an Individual Distinguished Service Medal (not a unit citation).

The goal is to fly 85 Vietnam veterans on the first flight and another 100 on the second. We will be collecting mail call for both flights so we will need lots of cards & letters.

Please include your name along with a return address of your classroom, scout troop, or personal address on the back of the letter as many of our Veterans wish to write back to thank you! Also, please provide your email address with your package of letters so that Honor Flight can share photos with you after the flight. It is best not to seal the envelopes so that the Veterans can easily open the letters & cards. Please address all cards & letters as “Dear Veteran”.

Letters can be sent directly to: **Donna Hester, 645 Front Street, Unit 614, San Diego, CA 92101.** You can also contact Donna with questions or to request a letter pick up by emailing her: donna@thehesters.com or calling her cell: (619) 985-9729. Deadline to receive letters will be the week prior to each flight. **However, Honor Flight will be collecting letters all year long – so please forward them to Donna anytime.**

