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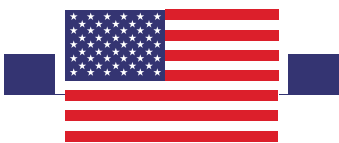
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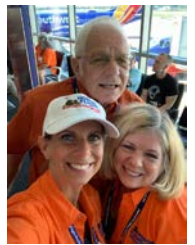
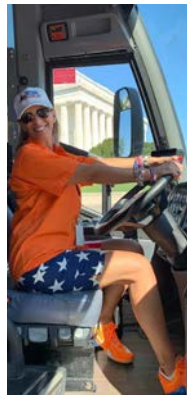
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**WE LEAVE NO  
VETERAN BEHIND**





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# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE YOU'LL NEED TO FLY NEXT OCTOBER: WHY REAL ID IS REAL CONFUSING.

The Transportation Security Administration has begun verbally notifying travelers about the upcoming REAL ID deadline.

Oct. 1, 2020, is the day the Real ID law will finally be enforced. Conceived as part of 2005 legislation in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it requires people to show security-enhanced IDs to pass through airport security checkpoints or to enter certain federal facilities, such as military bases. (You will also be able to use passports or certain other federal documents as an alternative to a Real ID.)

Sometimes called the Star Card, because most states are marking their Real ID cards with a gold or black star in the top right corner, it also must include an encoded “machine readable zone,” like a passport’s, with a person’s scannable information. Many state driver’s licenses already have this feature. The key thing that makes the card “special,” is that the federal government requires you to provide certain identifying documentation to obtain one from your state.

“REAL ID implementation is [less than] a year away,” TSA Acting Deputy Administrator Patricia Cogswell said in a statement. “Now is the time to prepare.”

***The rollout has caused confusion for various reasons, so here are a few helpful basics:***

- To get a Real ID, you need to present documents to your motor vehicle department proving your age and identity, Social Security number and address. That generally means bringing a birth certificate or passport, a Social Security card or tax form such as a W-2, and two proofs of address. If you’ve changed your name through marriage, you’ll need a marriage certificate.
- Although the Real ID is also a driver’s license, the old-style driver’s license is still lawful for driving and still available as an option in many states. (Some, such as Arizona and Kentucky, are trying to make this clear by calling the Real ID a “Voluntary Traveler ID.”)

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To fly, however, a “regular” driver’s license won’t be sufficient to get through security and onto a plane. The Real ID technically is not mandatory because you can instead use a passport or an ID from the federal government’s Trusted Traveler Program, such as a Global Entry card. For international travel, you’ll still need a passport.

That all may sound simple enough, but, nearly 15 years after its conception, many people still are unable to get their new cards. While some states and Washington, D.C., have been issuing Real ID cards for several years now with little fanfare, others (including Maine) have only recently made Real ID available — and a few are still working on it. Oregon and Oklahoma won’t begin offering the cards until mid-2020. You’ll find more detail on your state government’s site.

## PRIVACY CONCERNS

Many states have delayed getting the cards in circulation because some residents and legislators worried that Real ID was a way for the government to collect personal information for a national database. State lawmakers in Idaho, Kentucky and elsewhere passed laws banning their motor vehicle departments from implementing the new federal requirements and now are playing catch up to meet the upcoming deadline (which was meant to be Jan. 22, 2018, but delayed with all the foot-dragging).

In Kentucky, privacy concerns were initially an issue, says Naitore Djigbenou, director of public affairs for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. But, she adds, “We’ve communicated to people that this is a state-maintained card. There’s no national database or anything.” Kentucky, which still offers old-style driver’s licenses, has started issuing optional Real IDs in certain counties, but hasn’t announced when the new cards will be available statewide.

The DHS website <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> stresses, “Real ID is a national set of standards, not a national identification card,” and each jurisdiction “maintains its own records, and controls who gets access to those records and under what circumstances.”

## PAPERWORK PROBLEMS

For some people, getting the proper paperwork is a problem because their birth or marriage certificate isn’t actually from the state and therefore not sufficient. In Maryland residents who are 65 or older are allowed to submit other documents in place of a birth certificate, including military discharge paperwork, says Christine Nizer, administrator of Maryland’s Motor Vehicle Administration: “We wanted to provide alternatives to make the process as easy as possible.”

### *Now is the Time to Become Real ID Compliant*

Many people remain unaware of, or are simply confused by, the new rules, and the clock is ticking. Now is the time to sign up at your Motor Vehicle Department.

## REAL ID



# MAIL BAG

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I have just returned as a guardian from Honor Flight Mission 68. The entire experience was beyond my wildest dreams but the reception at the Rochester Airport was absolutely phenomenal. God bless everyone who made this wonderful experience possible for my step dad Frank and I.

– Kevin

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Thank you for the wonderful opportunities you provide for our veterans.

– Cathy & Michael

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Before Dad's death he wanted so badly to contribute to HFR because it had such a profound effect on him when he took the Honor Flight in 2014; Mom chose HFR as his memorial charity for this reason. Dad's Honor Flight shirt and hat were hung by his casket as his final show of appreciation for all that HFR did for him. You made an old man very, very emotional and proud. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

– Liz

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Words cannot express my thank you to Honor Flight for the unbelievable weekend my son & I had in Washington.

The planning, the crew that went with us, the airport reception in Baltimore and Rochester was overwhelming. I could not get over the number of people at both airports.

Mail call was a special event, I received 17 heart warming letters, that I will answer.

Lastly, the ceremony at the Rochester airport was outstanding and very moving.

Thank you again,  
*John, M68*

Dear Honor Flight Crew & Mission Leaders for Flight #68,

A huge heartfelt thank you for all of your personal efforts, sacrifices, and countless hours of planning, coupled with a sincere selfless attention to detail and special surprises throughout the trip.

You and the leadership of the Honor Flight - Rochester have organized and honed the execution of the Flights in all areas of design, thoughtfulness, comfort, honoring, thanking, and welcoming home the veterans. Care and comfort devoted to each and all veterans during the trip has given me a once in a life time experience with a special meaning that may never be surpassed.

You are angels cloaked in humility and a gift of sharing yourselves with the veterans that will never be forgotten. A special thank you goes out to Rodd Riesenger, Kirk Nelson, Joe DiTucci, Anthony DiMattia, Christian Cordts, Lori Chiapperi, Jerry Butterbrodt (his gift to the Vietnam veterans is notable), and to my Friend and Guardian Eileen Jungbluth.

My thanks and gratitude go out to all involved in the Honor Flights, especially those who come out on Saturday in Baltimore and Sunday in Rochester to welcome us home with a genuine outpouring.

Sincerely Yours and With Immense Affection,

*Ron*

Dear Mission 68 Team and all Volunteers,

I wish I could find the words to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts exhibited by everyone involved. At times it appeared that you're attempting to herd cats, but you managed to successfully bring it all together.

This morning I put the last of the replies in the mail box to the 19 letters and cards I received at Mail Call from students and teachers. They were all read with cheerful tears flowing. The cards and letters were from 1<sup>st</sup> graders to professional letters from a college senior journalist. While walking back in the driveway, I knew I had one more THANK YOU to write. This is it.

In the past, I had been a visitor for the return flight a couple times but had no idea of all that goes on. I will now be a visitor much more often proudly displaying my orange shirt and name tag.

I know several veterans, mostly Cold War Veterans that feel there was no fight during their time and they are not deserving. I knew that feeling.

Thank you all again

– Bill, M68



# TALKS & EVENTS – NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Canandaigua Chamber Society of the Daughters Of The American Revolution Speaking Engagement <hr/> Waterloo Veterans Stand Down
3	4	5	6	7	8 Dansville American Legion Speaking Engagement	9 Chapter BE, P.E.O. Sisterhood Speaking Engagement <hr/> Three Heads Brewing Fundraiser
10	11 Ogden Senior Center Speaking Engagement <hr/> Stars & Stripes VeteRun presented by L3Harris Mendon Ponds Park	12	13	14	15 Rochester Americans Military Appreciation Night	16
17	18	19	20	21 Rotary of Canandaigua Speaking Engagement	22 Skycoasters Memorial Art Gallery Ultimate Disco Party	23
24	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

**VETERANS DAY  
HFR DOCUMENTARY  
Premiere Viewing Party**

Location TBA  
7 pm Nov 11

**AMERICAN HEROES  
CHANNEL  
Discovery Network**

## DECEMBER

December 7

Avon Holiday Spectacular



# PRESIDENT'S NOTE

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**WHEN** Honor Flight Rochester was formed nobody imagined how successful it would become. The Greater Rochester area volunteers and veterans have made HFR one of the most flourishing hubs. With that has come the challenge of the Fly List, previously known as the wait list.

Veteran applications never expire. We are as anxious as you to take all veterans on their Honor Flights. We ask everyone's patience. On our most recent mission twenty-eight Vietnam era veterans traveled. However, our Vietnam list is lengthy. By my guesstimate a newly received Vietnam era application will remain on the Fly List for about thirty months. Our protocol is oldest era veterans and those with catastrophic illness first. We continue to receive pre-1965 veterans' applications.

Thank you for your patience and thank you for making Honor Flight Rochester a leading hub. We will contact the veterans when it is their turn to fly.

Community support funds Honor Flight Rochester. As a recognition and thank you to volunteers here are recent events where they participated: Quarter Auction to Benefit HFR by the Girl Boss Network, The Outdoor Store / Bullseye Archery Custom Bow Raffle in Bloomfield, Sports Car Club of America Races at Watkins Glen, Brockport H.S. Class of '59 Reunion Charitable Cause Donation, BOMA (Building & Office Managers Assn) Golf Tournament at Ravenswood, Naked Dove Brewing Company Fundraiser, York Valley Fest, Webster Garlic Festival, Purple Painted Lady Festival in Palmyra, Tahou Cup Golf Tournament at Greystone, Elvis Night at Barnard's, Rochester Elks Lodge #24 Spaghetti Dinner, Three Heads Brewing Fundraiser, Blossom Road Pub Fundraiser, and the Lilac Festival-(Springut Group Donation).

Of course along with staffed events HFR receives generous direct gifts from individuals, families, organizations, foundations and businesses.

Thank you volunteers for all you do.

**Rich Stewart**  
*President & CEO*

