



**UPDATE 18 July, 2010**

Several questions have been asked by our IOOB card holders, both men and Women. This is an attempt answer those question and clarify some things about our group;

- **We are not affiliated with any other organization calling themselves by the same name**, in fact, we are not affiliated with **ANY** organization at all. Our group was started by two couples over cocktails with one purpose in mind, that purpose being to raise funds to help older veterans get to their memorials in Washington, D.C. and to have fun doing it.
- **We are not a tax free chartered organization of any kind. We are just a group of people trying to help our older Vets and have fun in the process. If you are in dire need of a \$10 dollar tax deduction, I have no idea how to help you. If you cannot afford \$10 then God bless you and I hope 2010 blesses you with a better year.**
- We are not a part of the 40 & 8 although we are proud to have many 40 & 8 members be among the first to join us and we are grateful to the 40 & 8 Grand du Illinois for allowing us to post our information on their website.
- Although most of our initial card holders are from Illinois we are not expecting to donate our dues to only Illinois Honor Flight Network affiliates. In fact the donation checks to date have gone to the following local Honor Flight Affiliates;

**Honor Flight of the Quad Cities  
4130 Northwest Blvd.  
Davenport, IA 52806**

**Freedom Honor Flight  
P.O. Box 505  
La Crosse, WI 54602-0505**

**Central Illinois Honor Flight  
712 E. Jefferson  
Effingham, IL 62401**

**Alamo Honor Flight  
8807 Braun Valley  
San Antonio, TX. 78254**

**Honor Flight NE Indiana  
2111 Edenton Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804**

**Honor Flight Tri-State  
Headquarters  
8627 Calumet Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45249**

- We have no direct influence on the Honor Flight Organization or any of the local affiliates.

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- In order for a Vet to be selected for a trip to D.C. they or someone must fill out the appropriate application with Honor Flight. Honor Flight Network has many Local Affiliates and they can easily be located via the website at <http://www.honorflight.org>
- Every dollar collected for dues goes to the IOOB's donation to an Honor Flight. A local central Illinois affiliate has provided information indicating that it costs them approximately \$450 to provide the flight to each veteran. Some of you have indicated that a local chapter has said they do not charge for the veterans. That is true, every vet is taken free of charge. Where do you think the money for aircraft, fuel, food, etc. comes from? The answer is from donations like ours.
- Many of you have had you dues paid by someone else as a gift and therefore are not aware of what we are about. You may actually have been offended to have been designated an Old Bastard or Old Bitch. If so, I sincerely apologize and ask that you tear up your card and notify me that you want your name removed from the roster.
- The cost of the cards, letters, envelopes, stamps and printing supplies so far has been approximately \$200 and has been happily donated by my Wife and me. **None of the money collected for dues has been used for that purpose and never will be.**
- Because of the cost information mailings of this sort will be few and far between. However, I do email reports regularly to those O.B.'s that have provided their email addresses. If you wish to be included, please email me at [cearlock@aol.com](mailto:cearlock@aol.com). Our information is also updated at the website <http://www.illfortyandeight.com/IOOB.htm> on a regular basis and as the webmaster has time.
- The purpose of the card is to stimulate conversation on our goals and to have fun in the process. Please use for it that purpose and sign up as many more Old B's as you can. Our original vision was to try and donate enough money to send one Veteran a year. **To our amazement, we are already ahead of that goal thanks to the efforts of individuals like, Glenn Adamson, Chris Hinton, Wally Ciokajlo and Joe Dolwig. In honor of their extraordinary efforts I, as Arch Bastard, have appointed them as Ambassadors-at-Large.**
- Please remember the purpose of the organization and respect people's sensitivities. Please DO NOT offend those sensitivities!
- If you have any questions or concerns about our group feel free to contact me at the email address above or by snail mail at the address on the letter you received with your card.

Finally, let me say that our World War II Veterans had to wait until they were entering their 70's and 80's before they were accorded the respect of a memorial of their own in Washington, D.C. Now they are dying at a rate in excess of a thousand a day. My small community in Southern Illinois has already provided Military rites for over thirty since January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2010. This is obviously inevitable and the march of time cannot be stopped. Even now the loss of Korean War Vets and Vietnam Vets is starting to climb rapidly. If you know a World War II Vet who has not been to the Memorial and does not have good health or the means to get there, PLEASE, get an application filled out and submitted as soon as possible.

With Warmest regards and deep respect, we remain

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Bob Cearlock  
Arch Bastard

Bev Cearlock  
Queen Bitch

ILLIGITIMUS NON CARBORUNDUM EST

[Roughly translated "Don't let the Bastards get you down".]