

International Forest of Friendship Newsletter
Preparations for 2018 (Our 42th Year)—Security and Solace Through Flight

Save the Date

The International Forest of Friendship (www.ifof.org) is getting ready for our 42nd anniversary ceremonies, which will be in Atchison on **September 21-22, 2018 (Fri-Sat)--Save the Date**. Please note the new month. As outlined below, it's being shifted from June to be part of a significant expansion of aviation-related activities in Atchison. This will involve the AE Airport, the AE Birthplace Museum, the new AE museum at the airport, and the Forest.

This year's theme will be "Security and Solace Through Flight" – emphasizing contributions by military aviators, organizations like Angel Flight, flying doctors, aerial delivery of medicines, etc. The deadline to receive nominations is July 15, 2018. In addition to this year's focus, all those will be welcome who have contributed or are contributing to all facets of aviation and aerospace, as they are every year. We welcome suggestions for other initiatives to highlight!

The Friday evening cocktail party will be held on September 21, 2018 at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. On Saturday morning we will attend the girls fly-in at the AE airport, followed by lunch with an address by our keynote speaker. The induction ceremonies will be at 2:00 at the Forest, followed by opportunities to explore Atchison. In the evening there will be a dinner and a hangar dance at the AE airport. There also will be opportunities to check out construction progress on the AE Airport Museum.

Future newsletters will explore the themes in more detail, but we wanted to get the "save-the-date" note to you. We'd welcome suggestions for new candidates and initiatives and to follow up on previous windows of opportunity that have been opened, but not exploited fully.

We hope to see you in Atchison on September 21-22 for the ceremonies.

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