



# USA KIA/DOW Family Foundation

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## Events Planned for Moss Landing to Honor U.S. Killed in Action and Died of Wounds

*A nonprofit organization benefiting kin of killed in action (KIA) and died of wounds (DOW) announces events and programs for 2007.*

San Jose, CA (I-Newswire) April 11, 2007 -- The USA KIA/DOW Family Foundation (USAKIA) plans two events this year. Its Free KIA Flag Program had an eventful month in March while the organization's officers help wounded vets as well. As previously announced, 2007 is USAKIA's final-determination year for the IRS to grant permanent status as tax deductible and tax exempt.

The nonprofit plans some sort of event at Moss Landing for Memorial Day again this year, the second year in a row. Organizers have not finalized plans, but it plans another small event honoring KIA and DOW with a booth with products and food sales from a barbecue at the J&S Surplus & Outdoor Store site.

On the other hand, organizers have finalized the date for the much larger Labor Day Weekend event this year, its third year in a row. The Labor Day Weekend event has attracted hundreds of attendees the Saturday before Labor Day. Last year's event had a military-vehicle show and swap meet along with a ceremony. Motorcycle groups again participated, including Rolling Thunder, and the California National Guard provided a color guard. Speakers included USAKIA's president and Rolling Thunder's California chapter president, as well as Congressman Farr's office, and a Gold Star Mother. It will again be the Saturday before Labor Day, September 1, 2007.



The nonprofit's Free KIA Flag Program had about two dozen families of the fallen request packages in March alone. The program sends flags and other items via Priority Mail for free to families in honor of a loved one who was classified as KIA or DOW by the Department of Defense (DOD). Casualties from hostile action in any U.S. operation qualify for a large, red KIA flag. USAKIA sent at least 15 free packages in March alone.

Packages to KIA and DOW families, sent via Priority Mail, currently include a large, 3' x 5', red KIA flag, just like ones the nonprofit sells in a store on eBay. Currently, parcels also include one 4" x 6", red KIA sticker, and packaging gets personal treatment with the name of the loved one attached. The nonprofit has heard families think it a "beautiful flag," and they thank USAKIA and provide testimonials for the program.

USAKIA's officers and directors also have contacts to benefit our wounded vets. Contacts includes its secretary-treasurer who recently received recognition for his donations to organizations for wounded veterans, and the organization's CEO also helped at an event at a local VA hospital in February. In addition, USAKIA Director Randy Hoge's father was wounded in Korea and later became commander of a Disabled American Veterans post in Oregon. Randy also served in the Vietnam era, and his son currently serves, three generations of service and another example of a relationship to those with service-related wounds.

USAKIA plans future projects. One future project in the works provides tutoring for children of KIA in California, and the nonprofit has put time into getting something done about it, providing contacts to KIA and DOW families. A second project would involve free tickets for K-12 relatives of KIA to Paramount's Great America for the Fourth of July, and the group applied for a program through the PGA to receive two tickets through a program for 501(c)(3) organizations.

Other programs the nonprofit envisions include scholarships and other educational assistance, family anniversary home memorials, and general benefits for KIA and DOW families. Along with the aforementioned tutoring program, they also discuss a program where an active-duty U.S. Marine will supervise school children's letters to KIA and DOW Families. Please send tax-deductible donations to USAKIA, P.O. Box 720123, San Jose, California, 95172.

About the USA KIA/DOW Family Foundation:

The USA KIA/DOW Family Foundation (USAKIA), based in San Jose, California, is an IRS-approved, tax-deductible and tax-exempt nonprofit. KIA families incorporated the 501(c)(3) organization in the fall of 2003 to benefit families of those killed in action and died of wounds while in the U.S. armed forces. Current services include memorial events, membership, and a free-flag program for KIA and DOW families.



The public-benefit corporation has had a group approach it for a California Medal of Honor Project (CAMOHP) and another one for a free tutoring program for K-12. New proposals for programs include: 1) an active-duty U.S. Marine helping kids write thank-you letters to families of KIA, and 2) providing free tickets to children of combat dead to San Francisco and Monterey Bay Area attractions such as Paramount's Great America.

USAKIA also has products honoring U.S. KIA. America Remembers KIA allows USAKIA the use of its trademarked KIA flag and symbol. See the organization's Web site at <http://usakia.org> for further information or to make a tax-deductible donation.

USAKIA opened two blogs in early 2006, Your Shield on Blogger at <http://usakia.blogspot.com> and USAKIA's Blog on Yahoo at <http://blog.360.yahoo.com/usakiadowff>. The not-for-profit corporation also began an eBay blog in late 2006, Fallen Heroes' Remembrance, at <http://blogs.ebay.com/usakia>.

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