

The 22nd NFHF to Washington D.C. was an event that will never be forgotten in the hearts of many.

Starting at the beginning with the meeting of guardians, having a fine dinner and presenting the colors, super entertainment and an excellent program with guest speakers. A great way to start the entire affair.

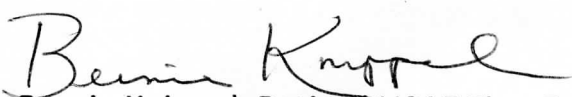
Arriving at the airports and walking through security without questions at both the Mosinee and Washington D.C. is itself a wonder. So many people have no idea the effort and coordination it takes to make these events happen. Everything, and I mean everything, we did was in a most timely manner and flawlessly accomplished. We were blessed with police escorts everywhere we went in Washington D. C. and it was a sight to behold. People looking at the caravan obviously thought there had to be some very special people on board. As Jim Campbell said, "There were".

We stopped at all of the military memorials and of course that was very special and the reason for being there. We were provided box lunches several times on the trip and no one went hungry, that's for sure. The photographer that went with the flight did a wonderful job getting everyone to be where they were supposed to be and did so with a great deal of humor. Great job and great guy.

I know everyone on the flight was as appreciative as I am. To name all the people involved in the NFHF who made this all happen would be too great a task. They were all very professional, courteous and an absolute pleasure to be with.

Once again, my most sincere thank you to everyone involved in flight 22. You made a miracle happen and made the dreams of many come true.

With Respect to all involved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bernie Knippel".

Bernie Knippel, Retired USAF First Sergeant, Vietnam 1970-71