



For you're among
the nicest people
I have ever known,
And you'll never be forgotten
for the thoughtfulness
you've shown.

Thanks for Everything "Pal"

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Never Forgotten Honor Flight
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Mission 21
Wausau Wisconsin

My sincere THANKS to all members
Board of Directors
Executive Committee
Mike Thompson, President
Members at Large

I am especially grateful to the B.
and Esther Greenheck Foundation, Brian
Sandy Guinness and the Foundation's Board
Trustees for funding this memorable 21st
Never Forgotten Flight.

THANKS!

Thanks is a simple six letter word with multiple potential meaning full messages.

This memo is an attempt to express my thanks, and it comes from a 90 year old WW II Navy Veteran who served "for the duration" as a QM2 (Quarter Master, petty officer second class - navigation) aboard the USS Bowie, A.P.A. 137, an Amphibious Attack Troop Transport.

Please accept my humble, sincere heart felt thanks to the Never Forgotten Honor-Flight Organization for arranging this life time opportunity for retired military veterans to visit and contemplate the significance and meaning of the war memorials. This unparalleled experience stirred in me endless expressions of sincere gratitude to every one responsible for this happening.

The massive hours and days of planning, preparation and unending King, caring thought full and helpful personal service from loving Volunteers and committed sponsors is acknowledged with special thanks. The actual numbers of Volunteers and Creative organizers involved in expediting the Honor Flight is almost impossible to comprehend.

A personal note to share. 1946 was the close of my military service. Arriving back home my ultra conservative family expressed their love and relief for my safe return, but for many reasons there was an absence of Homecoming celebration. However the Honor Flight's full day of celebrating memorable events rekindled a flood of memories which were further enhanced by sharing military and personal experiences

with fellow Veterans. It provided a time for soul searching, recalling life-changing events, to remember my valued shipmates and to believe that period in my life which helped immensely for me to grow into manhood and eventually earned the love of my wife of 64 years resulting in a wonderful family, which continues to be a positive blessing during my remaining years. My wonderful wife left me in 2013.

The Honor Flight was a welcome once-in-a-lifetime experience which I will reflect and savor the many memories.

Hugs and warm wishes to each and everyone who made this event a top highlight of my life.

Thanks to Everyone

Harold J. Schrage

"Idol"

Navy - Retired.

P.S. Please excuse the printing
I never learned to type.