

Dear Honor Flight + Committee; May 21/2014

What a secret, I was told too make sure you go on that Honor Flight when you have a chance. I have been to Washington D.C. years ago and have seen the old Memorial's, However I have never seen any of the new Memorial's, so I said o.k.

What an unexpected reception, No one told me about that.

When I left for Korea, My wife and my 8 day old son took me to the Charles Hotel in Marshfield, Wis. 1951, In 1953 my wife and 16th month old son picked me up at the Charles Hotel!

Now 63 years later, what a super reception, I wish my wife could have seen this, But she passed away in Dec. 2013.

I was very impressed with the new Memorial's, the World War II and the Korean Memorial's were out standing

I was very impressed with the young school children coming to the Memorial's and if there Bus was there ahead of our Bus, they would line up and shake our hand and once in a while ask if we would take a picture with them.

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Our box lunches were very good,
I should have waited to eat our
evening box lunch while waiting for
our air plane.

Getting that water cannon salute on
take off and landing at D.C. was touching,
and the reception and music coming
and going.

I am sorry that I made the comment
that evening about it is taking longer
to get off the air plane than it does to
fly from D.C. to Central US.

I understand now, when I seen
the reception line when I got into
the terminal. I had almost as many
of my relation there as we do at a
family reunion.

I can't believe my family keep
that good of a secret about the letters
for mail call and being at the Air
Terminal.

Good job! Honor Flight Committee

Best wishes & God's Blessing

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