

Mike, Jim, and the whole Never Forgotten team,

I wanted to express my sincerest thanks for all of your help and support in bringing my grandpa, Spike Ehlers, and his childhood best friend, Kenny Pitsch, on their honor flight on September 28th. I am honored to serve as the airport coordinator for all Honor Flights at DCA - I have seen hundreds of flights come in, but I have never been more touched than by being on the family side of the Honor Flight. You all do such an incredible job of appreciating the Veterans - and meeting them where they are emotionally. Some are confused by their emotions and you provide encouragement. Others finally get to be excited and proud of their service and you provide a celebration. More than everything else, your staff and your volunteers allow the Veterans a safe place to experience exactly what they want to for the day. This trip was extra special for our family because of all the work your team did to transfer Spike + Kenny to your hub together after Kenny became a TLC Vet. Grandpa enjoyed himself spending time with me, my dad, but mostly, his best friend. This will certainly be their last trip together, and will be one of their very best memories. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please let me know.

My deepest gratitude,

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p.s. I included a few of our favorite pictures from the best trip ever - let me know if you want them digitally!



