

Thank you for the opportunity
to be a guardian on the Devil
Forgotten Honor Flight. It was
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how he felt.

Board of Directors,

Thank you so much for an amazing day! To experience the Never Forgotten Honor Flight as a guardian was something I will never forget. My veteran was a soft-spoken man, but so many times during the day he was so full of emotion. It was truly a gift to see in person how much this day means to the veterans. The compassion + passion for these men was so moving to see.

My father was a World War II vet + he is one of the reasons I volunteer. Having an opportunity to carry his dog tags to his memorial is a gift. I hope to pay this opportunity forward someday.

Thank you again for the opportunity. It was a day I will always remember. Hopefully I made a difference to my veteran too
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Another reason for the veterans to share their stories:

For my father World War II was a time in his life of deep friendships & adventures both good & bad. Unlike a lot of vets he talked about the war. When he developed dementia he told his stories again & again & again. He lived with my husband & myself & 2 of our sons for the last 3 years of his life. He told his war stories while he forgot almost everything else in his life, until one day he forgot those too. Nothing breaks your heart in a good way as your teenage son telling his grandfather his stories in his words and having him laughing or asking "Dad & do that?". His grandson telling him yes grandpa - you were a soldier.

When I got back from the trip I called my son & asked if he still remembered the stories 10 years after my dad's death - Absolutely, miss him & those stories.

Someday the veterans may forget their own stories & the only way they can hear them again is if they share them ~~now~~.