



THE HEROISM OF OUR OWN TROOPS... WAS MATCHED BY THAT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATIONS THAT FOUGHT BY OUR SIDE... THEY ABSORBED THE BLOWS... AND THEY SHARED THE FULL BURDEN OF THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMY.
PRESIDENT THOMAS STEVENS



Dear Honors Flight,

My name is Rebecca Osborne and I am an 8th grader and Student Council President at T.J. Walker Middle School in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Our main focus in Student Council is helping our school and community.

Our members were asked to come up with organizations that we could help raise money for. Honors Flight came to mind because my Grandpa Donald Geneske served in Korea. He had just signed up for Honors Flight at the time, and my Mom had signed up to go as a guardian.

As I researched more about Honors Flight I knew that this is a foundation that our Student Council had to help. Not just help by raising money, but also by spreading awareness throughout our school about wars and the Veterans that served. I think a lot of kids my age, including myself, sometimes take things for granted, because our lives are easier than of those 50-80 years ago.

I really didn't want this to be just an ordinary fundraiser that you just ask for money. It had to be something special; where people can still remember the veterans. As I watched a video explaining Honors Flight the saying "Never Forget the Greatest Generation" was said; which sparked the idea. Year by year more people are born and more generations are created. At one point in time everyone around us was the "new generation," and everyone should be aware of what our Veterans did for us.

From all of this came the idea of a red, white, and blue wristband. The inside saying "THE NEWEST GENERATION WILL...", and the outside saying "NEVER FORGET THE GREATEST GENERATION." Together it says, THE NEWEST GENERATION WILL NEVER FORGET THE GREATEST GENERATION.

The fundraiser for these wristbands started April 26th and lasted until the last day of school. We were able to sell 209 wristbands throughout our school. We were also given the opportunity to sell these wristbands at a AMVETS pancake breakfast in Sturgeon Bay. The response from the Veterans was amazing. Some talked to us about how they went or were looking forward to going on an Honors Flight. What I could tell immediately was how grateful they were, and how much they appreciated this.

Lastly, our 8th grade class took a trip to Washington D.C. this spring. Everyone who bought a wristband brought it along with them to D.C. Along with the money that we raised are some pictures of our class in D.C. We took a group picture at the Iwo Jima Memorial with all the kids from our class that bought wristbands. Thank you so much for everything you are doing for the Veterans.

Sincerely,
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