

Jim,

I've been in Global Account Sales my entire career and have a keen appreciation for the value of planning, preparation, practice and execution. Also as a sales guy, I typically am not at a loss for words but in this case, coming off the May 7 flight, I can't find the right adjectives to describe the experience the NFHF team provided for my dad and the other Veterans and Guardians on this flight.

My dad is very quiet, soft spoken man who was brought up to follow orders and be satisfied with what life provided, however little. In the last few years (he is 89) he has begun to open up, sharing his life experiences with us and especially his grand children.

Tuesday morning, we had coffee as he opened his "Mail Call" envelope. The tears flowed freely. Once he composed himself...I've seen him cry less than five times in my life...he looked up and said..."This is the first time in over 65 years that I felt that I was finally welcomed home" . For a man that never discussed or complained about his experiences or return from service, this spoke volumes.

On behalf of my father and family, please convey our deepest thanks to the NFHF board and volunteers.

My next assignment is to sort through the 298 pictures that I took along with the ones provided, and make him a book so that he can re live this very special time. I've replaced my HP lanyard with the NFHF to remember that day as well.

Best Regards,

Alan R. Passow