

NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT

ATTN. JIM CAMPBELL and COMMITTEE

I WANT TO THANK YOU PEOPLE FOR ALL OF THE PLANNING AND WORK, TIME, EFFORT, INCONVENIENCIES, THOUGHT, PLUS THE THOUSANDS OF INCIDENTAL THINGS THAT ALWAYS POP UP. YOU ARE THE CORP THAT MAKE THIS COUNTRY GREAT, THAT IS "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

AS A VETERAN, I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL MY COMRADES, "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, FOR YOUR SERVICE" THAT FLIGHT EXPERIENCE BROUGHT BACK MANY MEMORIES, THAT I HAD LONG AGO LEFT BEHIND ME, SOME GOOD AND SOME NOT SO GOOD, EXAMPLES "TROOP STRIPS" CROSSING THE PACIFIC WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHER MEN AND WONDERING, "WHY IN HELL ARE WE GOING THERE", THREE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISES AT CAMP PENDLETON AND ONE EXERCISE IN KOREA, CLIMBING DOWN THOSE ROPE LANDING NETS INTO A LANDING CRAFT, NOT KNOWING IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO IT. THOSE KIND OF EXPERIENCES, WITH OUT THE SHELLING, SHOOTING, KILLING, WOUNDING ARE REASONS TO SAY, "WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING HERE"!!

but due to the "Honor Flight" and seeing all the people there greeting you, thanking you, praising you, you realize that was why you served.

AGAIN I SALUTE AND THANK YOU!!

Dick Mc Carthy

P.S. THANK YOU FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PICTURE, IT WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED BY ME AND MY FAMILY.

P.P.S. Somewhere, I heard the definition of BRAVERY

"BRAVERY is when you, yourself is the ONLY ONE who knows you are scared shitless"
ALL the rest in the group are thinking the same, but NONE of them show it!!

"SEMPER FIDELIS"
