

Dear Sir ,

I would like to thank you and the other organizers for the experience of a lifetime. I was amazed on the execution of the mission in true military fashion. The mission was executed and successful completed despite the numerous challenges. It provided an extra unexpected military touch. As a retired veteran I can assure that very rarely do things go according to plan, especially during war. I understand that each military branch handles things differently. We received a warning operation order(WARNORD or WARNO) on the upcoming mission. We then received a operation order(OPROD) on the What, Where, When, Why and How. Then usually fragmentary orders (FRAGO) are issued when things start going sideways. All one can do is suck it up, drive on and adjust fire on the move. There is one thing that did arise and it may be known is that there are vets that know about the mail call on the flight. My father knew about it from other vets that have taken the trip that belong to the numerous vet groups. My father mentioned it out load and I explained that some vets don't know about it including my other vet Garry. I told him it was a surprise. One fact that I didn't know was that all inbound country mail during the Vietnam war had a postal mail mark of APOSF. All mail went through San Francisco CA. Even though my father knew about the mail call, a letter from a buddy he served with during the Vietnam war put that marking on his letter and still caught him off guard. So maybe that is something that could be added to bring some more historical value. Again it was a honor and privilege to be a part of such dedicated group people helping veterans experience the trip of a lifetime.

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