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Dear Jim,

Who said Marines are tough?

My eyes still are not dry from all the love and kindness showed to me over the last couple of days as I sit down to write this letter.

This letter is addressed to you because you are the guy who pretty much told me (not asked me) I was going on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. I really didn't get it before that time thinking it was for the other guy. The guy down and out or less fortunate than me. As Bill Nietert said "I was wrong about the Never Forgotten Honor Flight" when talking about Vietnam veterans in his address last Sunday.

I would however appreciate your sharing my letter and thanking the many people that are part of your organization. The people that are truly dedicated to the veterans, Central Wisconsin Honor Flight and our nation. Nothing could be more obvious.

From the moment my wife and I got out of the car on Sunday afternoon though Monday evening when we left for home from Central Wisconsin Airport I was completely overwhelmed and humbled by what I experienced in those two days. Everyone of your associates takes their job, no matter how big or small, as the most important part of the team.

Sunday night's dinner and entertainment were great and the introductions and the keynote speech were a perfect start to a wonderful total experience. That was such an unbelievable event, as my wife and I shared on the way home that evening!

Jim, I can't tell you how blown away I was when I walked through Reagan National Airport to find hundreds of people cheering for a bunch of old veterans from central Wisconsin. And I want to tell you it only got better from there! The care and planning for the whole flight and once again the volunteers helping every step of the way was amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of them.

The tour of the monuments and the beautiful weather someone provided us, and the fabulous narration by our guide couldn't have been better. Then the mail that I read every piece of that was in my packet (looking for checks 😞) I was truly touched by the support of so many wonderful men, women and children out there.

Finally, the celebration at CWA has to be the best of any welcoming home Honor Flight in the entire country.

Once again thanks to all the tremendous folks who have any association with Central Wisconsin Honor Flight.