Dear friends of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

When a 95-year-old man tells you he's just had the best day of his life, you know you did something significant.

Our mission at the Never Forgotten Honor Flight is "*To celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of respect, gratitude and honor at our nation's memorials.*" When a veteran tells us we've made a difference in his or her life, we know we've lived out our mission: the vet feels *celebrated*. That's what we're here for.

Here are some of the other things our veterans have said as they've reflected on their Honor Flight experience:

- "This is my welcome home that I never got."
- "You know what you gave me back? You gave me my pride, my pride to be an American Veteran, something I had lost for many years."
- *"When I got off the bus this morning, I was just another old man, after today I feel like a hero."*

People often thank us for what we're doing for the veterans, but the truth is that we feel honored to make such a difference in their lives.

The difference is felt not only in the life of the veteran, but also in the life of that veteran's family and friends. As of the end of 2022, 788 veterans have been honored with a donation by a friend or family member. The names of those veterans are listed on our website's Honor Wall (<u>Honor A Veteran – Never Forgotten Honor Flight</u>). It's a tribute to mission fulfillment.

I'm grateful for the volunteers and contributors who make it possible for us at the Never Forgotten Honor Flight to live out our mission. Please accept our humble thanks.

Here's a look at the scoreboard as of today to let us know how we're doing. 192 veterans have come off of the waiting list with the upcoming April and May flights (5 TLC, 4 Korea and 183 Vietnam) and will be added to the "veterans flown" list when they come back from DC. (By the way, "TLC" stands for "Their Last Chance." It's a category that denotes a condition in the veteran's life requiring a special sense of urgency in getting him or her on the next flight.)

Veterans flown				Waiting list				
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	TLC	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,045	1,239	1,694	3,978	3	0	0	796	799

For the heroes,

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Ken Moberg President Never Forgotten Honor Flight

