

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

My unit underwent a “100-hour ARTEP” (Army Training and Evaluation Program) when I was the Fire Direction Officer of an artillery battery in the 101st Airborne Division. 100 straight hours of constant action, blanketed by evaluators who rated our every move. At one point when we were about to relocate the battery to another firing position, a job normally led by the Executive Officer (XO), the senior evaluator said, “XO, you’re dead. FDO, you’re the new XO. Move the battery.”

Yow. I wasn’t expecting that one.

I gathered the section chiefs and briefed them on the move, though I had never led one before. One senior NCO said, “Don’t worry, sir. We’ll get you through.” And they did. Like the seasoned pros that they were, they each stepped up and contributed to successfully completing the mission.

I related that story to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight board on the night they elected me to succeed Mike Thompson as president. I told them, “If I’m going to lead this organization, I need you to *be that for me.*”

And they have. Each one has communicated in one way or another, “*You can count on me.*” Board member Jeni Hinz, who oversees our data entry, went so far as to have a button printed for all of our board members, and they often show me their buttons to remind me they’ve got my back.



What is it that lets you know you can count on someone when the chips are down? In a word, *integrity*. It’s one of our core values, and it shows up in every board member and volunteer in the organization. It allows each one of them to say, “*You can count on me.*” And it allows the rest of us to know we can.

I’m proud to serve on such a board. And all of us can know that the Never Forgotten Honor Flight will act with *integrity* as we serve the veterans of 13 counties in northcentral Wisconsin.

Thanks for making a difference in the lives of our veterans.

Here's a look at our Scoreboard. In addition to the 105 veterans planning to fly in September and the 102 veterans planning to fly in October, here's where we stand:

Veterans flown				Waiting list			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,045	1,242	1,899	4,186	0	0	642	642

For the heroes,



Ken Moberg
President

Never Forgotten Honor Flight

