

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

One of the more interesting stories that comes out of the Korean war concerns a mechanically minded man named Wahlstrom, who enjoyed going to Army surplus stores and buying various pieces of equipment. He would then dismantle them and reassemble them in different combinations. After a while, he had a whole room full of gadgetry, all interconnected. You could push a single button and watch as wheels would begin to turn, and then lights would begin to flash, and then bells would begin to ring. Soon the whole room was full of whirring wheels, flashing lights and ringing bells.

People were fascinated, and “Wahlstrom’s Wonder” became the talk of the town. One visitor asked Wahlstrom the question nobody had thought before to ask: “*What does it do?*” Wahlstrom replied, “Well, you push the button, and wheels turn and then lights flash and then bells ring.” The visitor replied, “Yes, I can see that, but what does it *do?*” With all the motion and activity of Wahlstrom’s Wonder, it really didn’t *do* anything.

So what do we *do* at the Never Forgotten Honor Flight? Why are we here? What motivates us? All three of those questions can be answered very simply: *we honor veterans*. We are here to *honor veterans*. We are passionate about *honoring veterans*.

We want to give veterans the trip of a lifetime, not just to help them have a fantastic day, but to honor them. It’s about more than the experience, as good as we can help that experience to be. It’s a matter of how we *deliver* that experience. At every step along the way we want to show them *honor*. From the first phone call that lets them know they’ll be on the next flight, to the check-in at the Hilton Garden Inn, to the interaction between veteran and guardian, to the heroes’ welcome home, we want our veterans to feel honored.

That’s our passion. Thanks for being a part of making it a reality.

Here’s our current Scoreboard:

Veterans flown				Waiting list			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,045	1,242	1,899	4,186	0	0	628	628

In addition, 218 veterans (6 Korea, 212 Vietnam era) are scheduled to fly in September and October. Let’s give ‘em the trip of a lifetime.

For the heroes,



Ken Moberg
President
Never Forgotten Honor Flight