

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

Herb Haydock flew with us in September of 2016. But getting him to go wasn't easy. Herb and his wife Helen were world travelers. They'd been to every continent including Antarctica, and every country in Europe, South America, and Central America. They'd been to every province in Canada and all 50 of the United States, and also many of the Caribbean Islands, Japan, China, Korea and Thailand. For 31 years they enjoyed spending their winters in Costa Rica.

Washington DC? Yeah, been there, done that.

Herb had to be persuaded to sign up for the flight by some of his breakfast buddies who had been on an Honor Flight themselves. But after Herb finally flew, he couldn't stop talking about his Honor Flight experience. From the day he got back until the day he died, Herb wanted to tell others about what it was like for him, and to urge them to sign up themselves.

Helen Haydock sponsored our September 2023 flight in honor of her late husband Herb. Honor Flight meant that much to him, and it continues to mean that much to her.

When we invite someone to go on an Honor Flight, one of the answers we often get is, *"I've already been to DC."* But there's nothing like going with others who shared a military experience like yours *then* and can share in an Honor Flight experience with you *now*.

One of our core values at the Never Forgotten Honor Flight is *empathy*, which is defined as the ability to *understand and share* the feelings of another person. *Understand and share*. Many of the volunteers who serve our honored veterans are veterans ourselves, and all of us seek to *understand and share* in the experience of those we serve. But one of the greatest things about an individual Honor Flight is watching veteran meet veteran, knowing that they *understand and share* in a common experience. There is a bond between them that raises this trip to a whole new level. Seeing the memorials together with other veterans makes the Honor Flight experience stand out above any ordinary tour of our nation's capital.

It's a joy to set the stage for that, and even better to watch it happen again and again. Thanks for your part in *understanding and sharing* in our veterans' experiences.

Here's a look at our Scoreboard:

Veterans flown				Waiting list			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,045	1,246	2,001	4,292	0	1	671	672

For the heroes,



Ken Moberg
President
Never Forgotten Honor Flight

