

# **HONOR FLIGHT AFTER THOUGHTS**

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I was kinda Leary on going, after being away from the military aspect of life for so long. My brother told me that he had just signed up for the flight, and wanted to see if we could go together on the same flight, so I did just that. We got notification that after some special considerations on the honor flight personnel that we were except on the same flight, which I can never say thank you enough for the honor flight doing that for us.

The flight was so much more than I had ever expected. The dinner and USO show was absolutely fantastic, myself and my special quest were so excited, not knowing what to expect from our time there. The rooms were one of the best we have ever stayed in, please give the Hotel my full appreciation for the stay there.

I absolutely enjoyed the tour of all the memorials we had seen through the day. I think the biggest thing I had taken away from the tour, was something I had taken for granted, after I came back from Vietnam. All the deaths of all the wars were just dates on the calanader and numbers on the death toll. After seeing all the grave sites, at Arlington Cemetery, and on all names on all the walls, it became so much more personnel to me.

The homecoming was unbelievable, How many people, families, were there to welcome us back at such a late time of the night, almost brought me to tears. There is no words for how that made me feel, and so different from when we actually did come back from Vietnam.

I want to thank everyone, who made this trip possible