

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for, living in the greatest country on earth and working together in a great cause.

We've been looking at the core values of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. This month's core value is *service*.

What's a veteran to say when someone says, "Thank you for your service"?

- "You're welcome" would be appropriate, but it seems a bit condescending.
- "I was just doing my job" is true as well, but it doesn't really recognize the considerable risk associated with that job.
- When someone thanks me for my military service, the best answer I've been able to come up with is this: "It was my privilege."

The Never Forgotten Honor Flight, as an organization, is an attempt to say "Thank you for your service" on a grand scale. It is our desire to show honor to those who have responded to the call of duty and stepped into harm's way on our behalf.

So what are *we* to do when a veteran, appreciative of our attempt to show them honor, thanks us for our service to him or to her? I've tried a lot of responses on for size, but the one I keep coming back to is the same: "It's my privilege."

And it is! Serving those who served us when duty called is our way of acknowledging that we could never repay them for signing the blank check that said, "I will pay any amount, up to and including my life, in service to my country." The amount of that check was left blank from the day they raised their right hand until the day they were separated from service, but their signature remained on the bottom line the whole time.

All that we are able to do for our veterans is our response to their service to country. It's a privilege we get to experience. All the time we put in, all the funding we provide, all the effort we expend in service to our veterans, is a privilege. Words are not enough, so we *serve* to say thanks.

So thank you for your service to our veterans – green shirt, red shirt, blue shirt, donor – you're making a difference as you serve those who served us.

Here's a look at our Scoreboard:

Veterans flown				Waiting list			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,045	1,247	2,107	4,399	0	4	719	723

For the heroes,



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