

After waiting six years for the phone call, Jack and I were selected to be guardians on the October 16 Never Forgotten Honor Flight from Wausau, WI. We were so blessed with the Vietnam Veterans we were assigned. Archie was Jack's veteran and saw nasty combat. Janet served in Germany but her contribution to the effort was valuable. We had training on Sunday afternoon, met our veterans just before the banquet and then settled in for a very long day on Monday starting at 4 am. Fr. Kevin Lenius is a friend of Janet's and wanted to surprise her in DC. Thanks to Facebook and a lot of text messages, it happened to everyone's delight. Archie's wife Sue was so understanding because although 107 veterans & their guardians traveled together, the four of us saw each other about 3 times on the whole trip so most of the pictures she received were of Janet but at least she knew what he was seeing. We did manage to get some of Archie and Jack to her. Jack helped with the surprise mail call on the way home distributing letters, packages and Girl Scout cookies to all the veterans. Arriving back in Wausau at 10:30 pm, each veteran was welcomed home by name, reunited with his or her family and as we walked behind them, they were thanked by at least 1000 people, bands, veteran's groups and the Freedom Riders. These veterans finally got the homecoming they deserved and was long overdue. Every veteran should go on an Honor Flight and we can't say enough of the incredible volunteer organization in Wausau. It was a true blessing and we are ready to help more veterans have the experience of a lifetime if they call us again.

Merry Christmas and wishing you the best in the New Year. Love, Sue & Jack

*Thank you for this incredible opportunity!*

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