

May 1, 2024

Dear Sara, Jim, Richard, Ken, Dave and Jan,
Thank you for the opportunity to participate
in the 47th Never Forgotten Honor Flight,
April 21-23 from Wausau to Washington DC.

You were the hub of the wheel that made
the trip possible and I thank you for
all the details that made the trip a never
to be forgotten trip.

Greeting all the veterans, spouses and
guardians with a banquet dinner and

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and meaningful program was the
setting for more memories to come.

Your volunteers really set the veterans
with confidence they would be well cared
for all the way to Washington DC and back
home.

I was especially touched when I could do
a rubbing at the Vietnam wall of the name
of a friend killed in Vietnam two weeks
after he arrived.

The "mail call" was the surprise of many
people I know and many I did not know,
with kind messages.

The "surprise" Welcome Home line up of millions, or so it seemed at 11:30 PM almost brought me to my knees. What a climax to all you did for all the veterans.

Watching David Junims videos and photos are treasures to hold the memories.

Thank you for the luncheon for the spouses. The program of beaded dresses was so delightful and unique.

Thank you for all the big and little things you did for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight #47.

Jerry Severson

P.S.

When I was printing the David Junior photo, the man next to me said his brother will be going on the flight from Wausau May 20 and many family members are sending cards for mail call and they will surprise the veteran on Monday night at the airport welcome home. We visited and I'm so happy to tell our story - he will have one too!

Reflection

Jerry Severson kneeling at the
Vietnam Wall April 22 when he
visited Washington DC with the
Never Forgotten Honor Flight #47
The rubbing was the name of his friend
killed 2 weeks after he arrived in
Vietnam 12/1968

