

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

I got a phone call a couple weeks before our May flight from Nate Luna of ABC News. He found out from Honor Flight Network that we would have a WWII veteran on the flight, and wanted to know if he could interview him at the WWII Memorial for a Memorial Day feature on national TV. I told him we could do that.



A few days later, I got a call from the granddaughter of that WWII veteran, saying she wanted to surprise her grandfather at the WWII Memorial when we got there. Then she added where she was calling from: Ukraine. She said she works at the embassy there and wanted to bring a couple of Ukrainian soldiers with her, who would be filming a feature of their own to bring back to their countrymen. I said that would be tremendous.

So I told the folks at ABC News about it, and they went nuts. The resulting interview and the time with the Ukrainian soldiers will be shown on *This Week with George Stephanopoulos* on Sunday, June 2. Catch it if you get a chance – otherwise they have past episodes on their website, <https://abcnews.go.com/ThisWeek>



The reunion of WWII veteran John Pempek with his granddaughter Brooke Harding was a wonderful and total surprise, and the Ukrainian soldiers put on a short performance for us, featuring one soldier who is a world-class violinist, another soldier playing who played the bandura (65-string instrument), and yet another who sang *our National Anthem*. To say it was moving would be an understatement.

This was just one of a thousand magical moments for our veterans, their guardians, and the volunteers who work hard at creating the Trip of a Lifetime. Thanks for all you do to make it possible.

Here's a look at our scoreboard as it stands after the May flight:

Veterans flown				Waiting list			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,046	1,260	2,302	4,608	0	4	614	618

For the heroes,

Ken Moberg President Never Forgotten Honor Flights