

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

Tina and I were guardians on Never Forgotten Honor Flight #2 on October 4, 2010. We each had two WWII vets and did our best to give them “the trip of a lifetime.” Though we were strangers before the flight, we developed a close bond with each of those men, a bond that endured until the last one was laid to rest.

For one of my veterans, the Marine Memorial was of particular interest. Around its base are listed the names of all of the Marine battles of the Pacific Theater in WWII. One of those names is Bougainville, and though it was unfamiliar to me, it meant the world to him. It was there that my veteran was wounded when the jeep in front of his hit a landmine and he was injured by flying pieces of that jeep.



Seeing that battle listed on the Marine Memorial in our nation’s capital gave my veteran two things that day: an affirmation of the value of his sacrifice and a sense of closure.

Somewhere along the Honor Flight experience, each of our veterans gets an opportunity to experience both of those intangible but much needed gifts. And when a veteran experiences those gifts, the whole team celebrates because we all win. Thanks for your part in making that happen.

Here’s a look at our scoreboard, before the April flight:

Veterans flown				Waiting to fly			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,048	1,267	2,499	4,814	0	2	659	661

For the heroes,

Ken Moberg  
 President  
 Never Forgotten Honor Flight

