

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

I returned home for supper and found there was no supper. “We’re going *out* for supper tonight,” my wife said. “Get in the car and drive. I’ll tell you where to turn.” My wife certainly knows how to raise my curiosity. I couldn’t wait to find out what she had planned for us to experience.

Our travels brought us to a supper club I had passed a hundred times but had never thought to stop at. When we pulled into the parking lot, my wife told me why she picked this place. “It’s run by a 93-year-old veteran of the 101st Airborne Division,” she said. “He was at Normandy.”

I couldn’t wait to get in.

The man’s wife, younger than him but no spring chicken, seated us. And there he was, behind the bar. “I’ve got to meet him,” I thought. We ordered our supper and I made my move. I shook his hand and said, “I understand you served with the 101st in World War II.” “*That’s right,*” he said. I told him I had served with the 101st in the 1970’s. I didn’t expect him to be impressed, and he wasn’t. But it did give us just a bit of common ground.



“I understand you were at Normandy,” I offered. “*That’s right,*” he replied.

Knowing my father had entered France through Normandy sometime after the invasion on D-Day, I asked, “When were you at Normandy?” He looked at me like I had asked him a strange question. Then he replied, “*Why, the night before the invasion, of course.*”

I about fell over. Here was a man who had jumped in behind enemy lines to help secure the beachhead for the Allied invasion of Europe. And he was living in my hometown.

We have heroes in our midst. They may not have jumped in behind enemy lines, but their contribution to our nation’s defense is nonetheless valuable and worthy of recognition. And we in the Never Forgotten Honor Flight organization want to shake their hand and thank them for stepping up to the call of duty.

Thank you for your part in giving these worthy heroes, wherever and however they served, the trip of a lifetime. Without your efforts, we couldn’t do this.

Here’s a look at the scoreboard as it stands before our May flight:

Veterans flown				Waiting to fly			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,048	1,268	2,598	4,914	0	2	614	616

For the heroes,

Ken Moberg
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