

****Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Inc.~Mission #54***** As many of you know, Jim was selected for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. This honor and experience was nothing short of phenomenal. From the moment we checked in we were treated like royalty. The numerous volunteers made sure that the events ran smoothly and directions were clear. Jim flew out with his Guardian **Mike Wiles** as well as 8 other men from **American Legion Post 343-Wisconsin**. In total, there were 98 veterans, 75 guardians, medics and media that were on board this flight. Sunday evening we were treated to a dinner with USO entertainment at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wausau. Monday morning all veterans boarded the buses at the hotel by 430am and were transported to the CWA Airport in Mosinee. There was a special area for spouses to view the takeoff. From there the adventure began to DC. They had tour guides and viewed numerous memorials, the 911 memorial at the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Upon their arrival home, they were greeted to a celebration/welcome home at CWA Airport. The **American Legion Riders WI District 8** escorted the wives down the flag line to their special seating area. The **American Legion Riders WI District 8** and the Patriots for Warriors motorcyclists escorted the buses back to the hotel from the airport. They were then treated to a Welcome Home party where they could talk and share their day. This is a lengthy post, but so many to thank: Never Forgotten Honor Flight, all of the volunteers, the Guardians, the entertainers, the numerous American Legion Posts, the Sheriff's departments, the **American Legion Riders WI District 8**, all of the many sponsors, donors and benefactors and the supporters at the airports. Thank you to all of the friends and family that took a moment from their busy lives to send a note for mail call. This simple act meant more than you will ever know. For Jim, this was truly the trip of a lifetime! An experience he'll never forget.