

Dear Friends and family,

I am writing to thank you for the notes I received during my Never Forgotten Honor flight mail call. The experience was amazing, and I think about it every day. The trip has changed how I look at everything! Your cards and notes are each special in their own way, and Jane is putting together a scrap book so I can read them over and over again.

Some of you are familiar with the honor flight; for those that are not --- When we arrived in Washington DC, we were met at the airport by hundreds of people welcoming us and shaking our hands, thanking us for our service. The same happened in Wausau when we returned. We even got a motorcycle escort taking out buses back to the hotel. The support was simply amazing. All expenses were covered by the generosity of the volunteers who donated time and sponsored fund raisers to cover costs. One generous donor gave \$70,000 toward our trip expenses. Volunteer "guardians" who accompanied us to keep us safe and on task paid their own way for the trip.

There were 98 vets on our trip from all branches of service. I met nine other Marines; we shared stories and memories. I hope to stay in touch with them.

Thankyou again for taking the time to write me a note, send me a card. It meant a lot to me. Thank you to those who made me aware of this event and encouraged me to sign up. I will never forget!

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