

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

In October of 2010, six lives came together in a way none of us expected, but in a way that left an indelible mark on each of us. It began when Tina and I served as guardians and got to introduce ourselves to four WWII veterans around a table at the preflight dinner, and it ended when the last one died. The days and years in between proved richer than any of us might have imagined.

Tina's vets were Charlie and Kaz. Mine were Frank and Ralph. We started our Honor Flight experience as strangers, but ended as friends.



Tina and I will never forget when we were driving to the Air Force Memorial and Kaz was eating his lunch and chatting with Tina when the bus passed the edge of Arlington National Cemetery. He stopped talking, put down his sandwich and took off his hat.

I recall Frank telling me about owning a bunch of antique fire trucks. I didn't know whether to believe him or not! But when he passed away, several of those restored fire trucks joined us in the funeral procession.

We got to enjoy the hospitality

of Charlie and his wife, and when I visited Ralph in his home, I saw what a highly decorated soldier he had been in WWII – though he never gave a hint of it on the flight.

The Honor Flight experience is more than a dinner and a trip to DC. It's the intersection of lives that will never be the same again. Thanks for your part in making it happen.



Here's a look at our scoreboard:

Veterans flown				Waiting to fly			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,048	1,270	2,896	5,214	0	2	405	407

For the heroes,

Ken Moberg
President, Never Forgotten Honor Flight