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TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

"Thank You', two little words used daily by many...in passing, and with appreciation of a kind gesture...but sometimes without true meaning. I wish to convey to the entire group of fine people that was/is responsible for arranging the fantastic " trip of a lifetime", my most, deepest, heartfelt meaning of the words "THANK YOU'. You all are special people and I hope you realize the impact you bestow on all veterans, and the general public that see your efforts everyday.

I served my country with honor and pride from 1965-1969 in the U.S. Navy as a Dental Tech/Hospital Medic. The majority of my enlistment was state-side, and did not ever see "in country" as many of my Flight #28 buddies did. But the memories  and the stories intertwine when conversations are the center of attention.

I cannot get over the receptions that we all received at every stop along the path of our special day. The turnout, the warm smiles of strangers, the hugs, and the handshakes of people that really wanted to show their understandings of what a lot of us went through 50 years ago. It was a long time coming to many. I truly believe that you and your staff closed a lots of wounds that day, and turned the page on the final  chapter of many of these veterans minds.

Again, please accept this "thank you" with passion, and gratitude from all of us veterans from past and future "trip of a lifetime" flights. Speaking for all vets, we are humbled by your love and caring efforts to make our life a little bit better from this point forward.

Please post this letter for all the people to read that Was responsible for a lasting, wonderful memory for a bunch of old veterans that had a warm, friendly day that will be talked about until our last breath.

Sincerely Yours:

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