

Dear Comrades,

I want to personally thank you for the opportunity you gave me for the celebration and trip to Washington D.C. What a tremendous day it was. It makes you realize what a wonderful country the U.S.A. is. It is worthwhile fighting and sacrificing to keep our freedom.

Semper Fe,

Clarence Arendt

p.s. Here is Marilyn, my wife, to add a few words.

I too would like to thank you for the special events you provided for the wives. I had the chance to visit and exchange memories at the dinner and luncheon. All the details were handled with perfection. Barney returned this morning after a good night's sleep with a huge smile on his face and we spent several hours reading all the letters he received at mail call. It was especially touching to read the letters from the students thanking the veterans for their service so many years ago.

The reception the veterans received on returning home was heart-warming. And to top this off, the end of the day with the fire works reminded us of the Fourth of July.

Signing off, Clarence and Marilyn Arendt