

Mike, Jim, and Jeff,

I just wanted to drop a note and say thank you for the wonderful day that my father and all the other vets had on Monday the 17th. As a guardian, the experience that I had not only with my father Oopie, but also Glen Johnson and the others, was truly a life changing event. Listening to the war stories on both Sunday and Monday from several vets made me appreciate their service even more.

Trying to convince my dad to go on a Never Forgotten Honor Flight was very difficult. He repeatedly said no until he started talking to vets who had previously gone on flights, and had really enjoyed the experience. On the flight home Monday he told me he was so glad that he had agreed to go.

For my father the highlight of the flight was the interaction with strangers at the monuments, mail call, and the awesome reception when we returned to the airport in Mosinee.

For me the highlight was to be able to serve these heroes and help make their day a little easier. To see strangers, especially young people, come up to the vets and thank them for their service was especially heart warming. It was almost like you guys planned it that way, though I know you did not.

A real bonus for all was the presentation at the Iwo Jima Memorial by Al and the speech by Mark Bradley. It was a real nice surprise. I even overheard one young person from the tour bus say that he couldn't believe how lucky they were to be there at the same time as the veterans.

So again thank you for a wonderful experience, and on behalf of my father, thank you for a day that in his words, he will never forget. Also please thank all the other blue shirts, red hats, boy scouts, honor guard, singers, and all other volunteers that helped with this trip. You are all very special people.

Sincerely,
Bruce English