



I am late with my thank you notes for the messages you sent me on our flight to Washington DC. I was waiting for the photos taken hoping to pick out an appropriate one to include with this letter.

Half way home from our flight, our captain called out "mail call" and we were honored to have a packet containing the messages sent and yours was one of many I received. It was a thrill to receive them and I will always keep them and have them to read over the years to come. Thank you so much. The messages really were a big surprise.

I haven't been able to find the words to express what this flight has meant to me. It was awesome. Those men who planned this trip left nothing out. As we disembarked from our plane and buses, we were met with crowds of people who came up to us and shook our hands. The girls hugged and kissed us and thanked us for our service to our great country. It was so unexpected, and that love was so heart warming.

We never expected this. When we were discharged so long ago, we were given our discharge certificate and sent home. This flight was like the icing on the cake. It was awesome. We got to see the glorious monuments and witness the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. I hope you will have an opportunity sometime to see what we were privileged to see.

The topping of all this was the crowd that gathered at the airport when we arrived. The band played and people in uniform were there. Words can't express the feelings I had. Again thank you for your warm wishes. All this made this veteran's heart swell with pride to have been so richly blessed.

Thanks a million,

Donald Leitzke