

April 24, 2012

Never Forgotten/Honor Flight Attention: Mr. Jim Campbell P.O. Box 5056 Wausau, WI 54402-5056

Dear Jim and Board of Directors of Honor Flight:

It is Tuesday morning (April 24th) and I am back in my office doing what I usually do! The last 36 hours have been a "blur"--from starting with the training, followed by the wonderful reception and dinner for my father and his war colleagues and then the next day (starting at 3:30) a.m.) and finally hitting the bed sheets at 11:30 p.m. -- one can certainly understand.

My father was originally reluctant to go on this trip but I am SO glad that he agreed to attend because realistically we are in the final chapters of his life. Even though he is a quiet man, when it comes to war, the trip brought out never before told stories. Seeing all those men and women who served in the military during that time of tyranny, was emotional—to say the least! The pictures do not lie; the smiles were infectious at the airport when we returned.

I want to thank all of you for putting on an excellent, well rehearsed opportunity for these Veterans. You could certainly tell "this was not your first rodeo". Congratulations to you and your team and I wish you the best in the transition from WW II Vets to the Korean, and eventually Vietnam Vets, and so on down the line. Every Vet deserves to have that—not just the World War II Vets. The challenge will be to embrace the public's perception of all Vets being heroes-not just a certain war.

Even though the weather didn't cooperate, it had little effect on the enthusiasm and genuine thanks that my father and I had on your outstanding efforts.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Prehn, D.D.S.

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