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Greetings:

I wish to thank you and the sponsors for the Honor Flight to Washington which I received on May 7th. The organization was fantastic, simple directions and ample people available with smiles on their faces to supervise the smooth execution of the trip details.

The pre-flight dinner at Howard Johnson's was excellent. That was the first time in years that I ate potatoes that tasted really good. Again the program was well organized and the entertainment was especially enjoyed by the veterans.

Our flight to Washington was uneventful except for one person who became ill, again we had a doctor aboard and everything had a happy ending. The itinerary given us for Washington was very helpful in knowing what to expect. It was a cloudy day and I had a little problem keeping myself oriented with the bus rides in between stops at the memorials. Perhaps a sketch of the Washington area showing the relative location of the principal points of interest would be helpful. Of course "Iwo Jima" was my favorite. On the flight home, it was surprising that almost all of the passengers stayed awake. The distribution of the letters from friends and well wishers contributed to the days excitement.

When we arrived at CWA, I thought that Jim Campbell's chain of thought had skipped a link when he had the wheelchair travelers get off first, I had no idea of the crowded reception awaiting us. That was a complete surprise. When I came home from WWII and the Korean War, I was satisfied that no one looked disappointed. It was amazing that the organizers could pack the terminal with such an enthusiastic crowd at 10:30 pm.

The sponsors and workers are to be congratulated. I had no idea that I would enjoy the day as much as I did.

Thank you