

**"IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY
THEY OVERCAME THE FOE"**

*(I wrote this as a P.S. to my 2010 poem
"Honors Flight" when it was on the news
they put up barriers and refused to admit
visitors at the WW2 Memorial)*

*"Bravo" "Well done" what can we say
About What you veterans did today.
You survived the war and deserved
This honor in Washington.
The World War 2 Memorial
The war you helped to be won
You overcame adversity
Nothing would stop you now
If they wanted a fight you knew
You could show them how
By the motto you fought under
When you served
This was an honor all
WW2 veterans deserved
So we at home watching
All of you that day
Want to honor you and
Proudly say
"Integrity First and "Navy Strong"
You were where you belong
"Can Do" and YOU DID with pride
You weren't here just for the ride.
"Be all that you can" and YOU WERE
Whether you were a him or a her
"Semper Par" and "Semper Fi"
Exemplary mottos you stood by
To all of you on that Honors Flight
We proudly say
You fought the good fight
In your own way
So accept a grateful fellow
veteran's humble tribute
As we shake your hands
And proudly salute.*

*(I am reminded of several famous quotes
About Adversity
Abraham Lincoln said: "Nearly all men can
stand adversity but if you want to test a man's
character you give him power"
Your showed power when you took a stand to
overcome their power"
Also that of Maya Angelou:
"You may encounter many defeats, but you
must not be defeated. In fact it may be
necessary to encounter defeats so you can
know who you are; what you can rise
from and how you can still come out of it."*



Poems written
by
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"HONOR'S FLIGHT"

*(In 2010 I had to honor to be selected
As one WW2 veteran to be on the 1st
Honors Flight out of Tucson. It was the
Highlight of my 87 years.)*

*World War 2 veterans
From all over the U.S. A.
Are being honored
In a "special way"
They are flown to Washington
And it's a beautiful sight
To see those men and women
On The "Honors Flight"
The WW2 Memorial honoring
The war that was in history
To be "the war that would
end all wars" you see
How could they forget?
They would always remember
When all hell broke loose in
1941 The 7th of December.
This was a memorable tribute
That was long overdue
To all these courageous veterans
Of World War 2
These Honors Flights will continue
Until that day
When all WW2 veterans are honored
Throughout the U.S.A.
(Helen Anderson Glass with my
And to Barbara Brownlee
her staff-HONORS FLIGHT
And the wonderful volunteer
"Guardians" I will be eternally
Grateful.)*

