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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your mail, for phoning or for sending the clipping about the Honor Flight

I was quite amazed at the Southern Arizona Area's commitment to the Honor Flight Project.

When we left Tucson Airport, hundreds of military and civilian people were there to form a pathway guiding us to the plane. There were uncountable handshakes and thankyou's as we walked or, if in a wheelchair, were pushed to the plane.

Upon return, the welcoming group was at least 3 times bigger. With a Junior ROTC member on each side, we were escorted through the airport to be met by a military band, a two star General, active duty personnel, other Vets, family members and fellow citizens.

During the trip we visited the World War II Memorial, the building of which had controversy than I never knew about. Then we went to the Korean War Memorial, one honoring Military Nurses, the Marine Iwo Jima Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. On the following day we visited Fort McHenry, where we helped to unfurl old flags and learn about their history.

I feel certain that the Memorials were differently meaningful to each of us but we all shared the feelings that arose when we thought of those who had gone before us. In most cases they had made sacrifices much greater than our own.

Should you want to hear more, I would be pleased to tell you in the future when our paths cross.

With sincere gratitude.....Don 

PS: Please forgive the form nature. The number of you folks has surprised me.