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Thank you so very much for your letter for mail call for my dad's Honor Flight! I managed to keep it a surprise until the event which was magnificent! All of the veteran's were so very surprised. How to sum up a trip of a lifetime? In 3 days, we managed to get to San Francisco and leave at the crack of dawn and fly to Washington DC. We were greeted with so many welcoming parties and parades I'm not even sure that I can count them. Some of them were also just random as this was considered a super Saturday and there were 14 other Honor Flight trips occurring that day. We were fed on the plane to and from courtesy of Alaska Airlines and many other generous people who gave us snacks along with a sweet gentleman in 1<sup>st</sup> class who bought everyone a round of drinks! We in total saw The World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, US Marine Corp (Iwo Jima), Navy and Air Force Memorials! They also managed to fit in a trip to the National Museum of the US Army and US Navy Yard/US Navy Museum. To top off the trip we went to Arlington National Cemetery and viewed the changing of the Guard as well as presentation of a wreath and participation in a wreath laying ceremony. We even got to have a private meeting with questions and answers from one of the guards who participated with the wreath laying ceremony and changing of the Guard. We were treated with performances by the Marine Corp Rifle Drill Team not just a few men but their entire platoon. To top it all off my dad was one of the participants in the wreath laying ceremony as he was one of the oldest veterans on this trip. What a truly amazing experience! For being 88 years old he held his own but was very tired upon returning home. I was equally as tired but had an absolute wonderful time!

Thank you again for your letter!

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