TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PROPLE INVOLVED,

SORRY THIS IS A LITTLE LATE, BUT THE GOOD OLD MODERN TECHNOLOGY BROKE DOWN.

THAT HONOR FLIGHT IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO VETERANS. IT WAS A DAY THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET.

BACK IN 1954 WHEN I WAS DISCHARGED IN SEATTLE, WE WERE TOLD TO GET OUT OF UNIFORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER WE LEFT THE BASE. THEY SAID YOU VETERANS ARE NOT WELCOME HERE. WHAT A KICK THAT WAS. I HAD A BITTER TASTE IN MY MOUTH SINCE THEN.

THEN ALONG CAME THE HONOR FLIGHT. WHAT A CHANGE THAT MADE. BEING WITH A GROUP OF OTHER VET'S MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. HEARD LOTS OF STORIES THE SAME AS MINE. SEEING ALL THE MEMORIALS WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL THING

I COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR ANYTHING MORE. NOW I KNOW HOW ROYALTY FEELS. THE GREETINGS AT THE AIRPORT IN DC. AND THEN THE TERRIFIC WELCOME HOME IN CENTRAL WIS AIRPORT. WHAT A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ALL OF THAT COME TOGETHER ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS INCLUDING MY OWN, WAID FUNERAL HOME IN MERRILL. ALSO TO JIM CAMPBELL FOR A SPECIAL TRIP TO MERRRILL THE DAY OF THE PRESENTATION.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL DAY. TOOK ME TWO DAYS TO RECOVER BUT I'D DO IT AGAIN. GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND HAVE A WONDERFUL MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR. I COULD'NT HAVE GOTTEN A BETTER PRESENT.

DON RADLOFF

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