



# Hernando

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#### Meetings At:

The VFW on

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#### Upcoming Meetings

September 7<sup>th</sup>

October 12<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

### *Louis Hollander*

HONOR FLIGHT 5/10/22

5/10/22 up and out of my house at 3:15 AM to pick up Bill Wood and good friend who I worked with in the TPD and he is also a member of the Suncoast 10-13. He also was going on the Honor flight with me (we arranged that we would go together. Picked him up at 3:30 and we were off to Tampa/Clearwater Airport. At the airport we met up with our guides (each Vet was assigned a guide that had to always stay with us. All the guides wore green shirts)



My Guide Laura and me



Bill Wood, his guide Martha & Me

At the airport we had a boxed breakfast from McDonalds. At 6:00 AM we took off heading to BWI airport in Baltimore where we were welcomed with a fire engine water canon salute as we taxied to the gate. 3 charter buses were waiting for us at the airport. We boarded the buses and had a 3 car Maryland State Trooper escort for about an hour and fifteen-minute trip to DC.



The 1<sup>st</sup> stop in DC was the Air Force Memorial and that is where we had our Boxed Lunch from Arby's. After lunch we went to the WWII Memorial where we stayed for about 45 Minutes. Florida Congresswoman Kathy Castor's assistant greeted our group at the memorial. The next stop was the Korean, Vietnam and the Lincoln Memorials where we had a professional group photo taken.



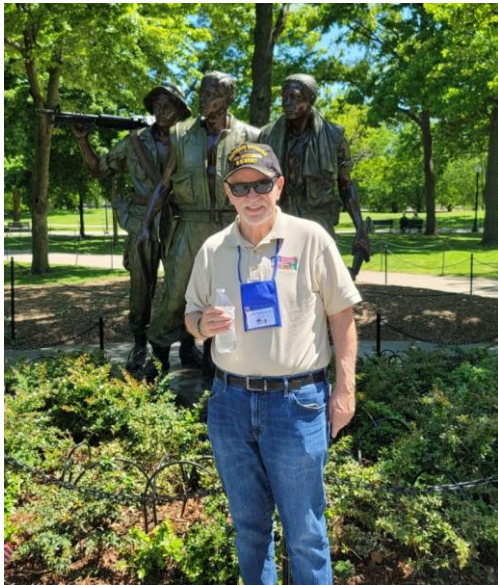
WWII Memorial with Congresswoman's assistant



Bill Wood and me



An unknown Korean Vet & me



Vietnam memorial

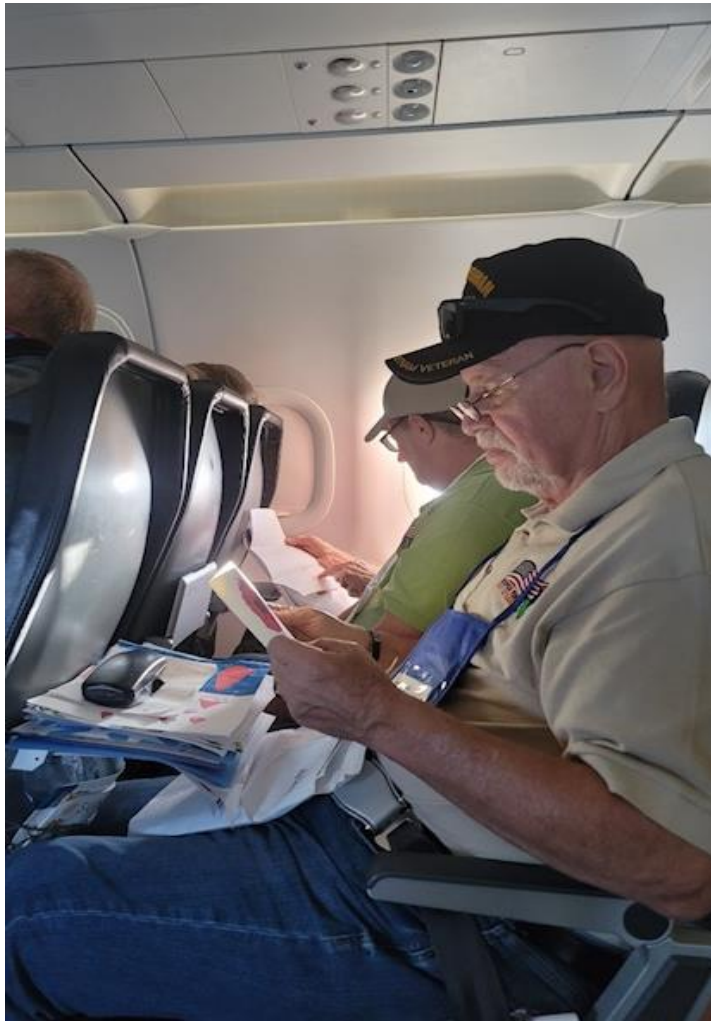


Reflection me looking at a friend's name



My guide Laura and me

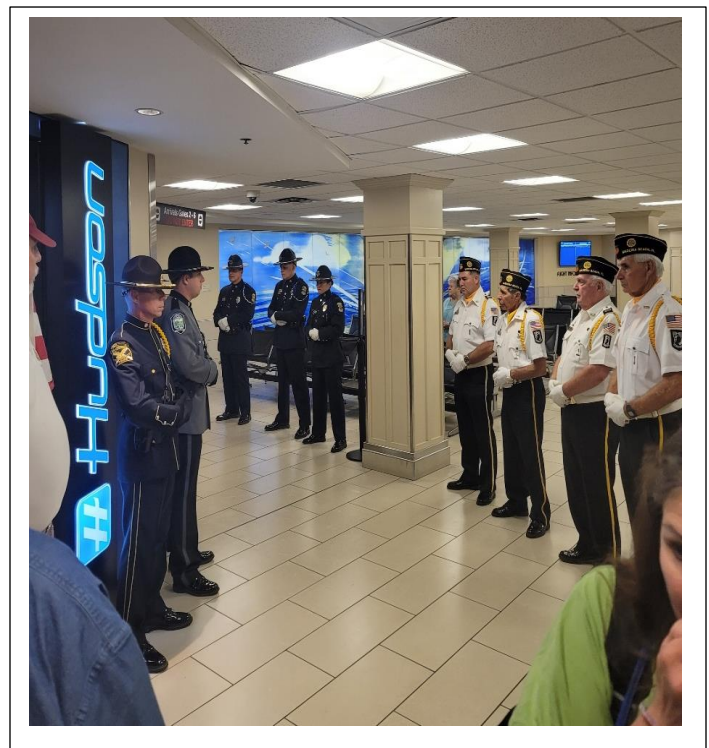




About 3:00 PM we headed back to BWI with our police escort. At the airport we had a boxed dinner supplied by Arby's. At 6 PM we boarded the plane and headed back to Tampa.

During the flight back they had "Mail Call" which every Vet received a large envelope with lots of Letters. (Little did I know that my wife Barbara was called by the group president to have her call family and friends to write letters to us thanking us for serving our country.) In the large envelope I received were a lot of letters from kids from various schools in the Tampa area, which were very cute and entertaining. Also in my envelope were about 16 letters from family and friends. Every one of those letters brought me to tears.

Upon arrival in Tampa, we got off the plane and as we were leaving this section of the airport we were in single file and the President of the Honor Flight shook our hand and thanked us for going and asked if we enjoyed the trip, and wished us a good night and wished us a good night and pointed to the direction to leave the airport. As we made the turn to leave that part of the airport, we were greeted by Honor Guards from 3 local police departments, Coast Guard, and Various Veteran organizations standing at attention and saluting us. At this point I totally lost it.



Then still in the airport there were over 1000 people there cheering us reaching out to shake our hand, thanking us. Many people asked to take pictures with us. I received beads, teddy bears from some of the people. I didn't get out of the airport till around 9:30 PM



I never experienced anything like the before in my life. I will never forget it.

*Louis Hollander*