

THE HONOR FLIGHT

*Years ago, when we were in our youth,
Our world was being destroyed by war.
Europe and Asia had been brutalized,
Civilization would forever be scarred!*

*When our free nation came under attack
We had no choice but to enter the fray.
Men and women, fifteen million strong,
Banded together to save the day!*

*By the grace of God and the blood of men,
Good triumphed and our world was saved.
But the scars of battle will always remain
In our "home of the free and the brave."*

*World War II veterans now are honored
In the exquisite "Jewel of the Mall,"
Shouting for heaven and earth to hear,
"You are true heroes, one and all!"*

*Most of us could never visit our shrine
But for the devotion and efforts of the few,
Known as "Honor Flight" and dedicated
To honoring veterans of World War II.*

*Those of us who have been honored this way
Are happy and proud to know we were "there,"
And the bottom line when all's said and done,
Is "Praise the Lord! They really do care!"*

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