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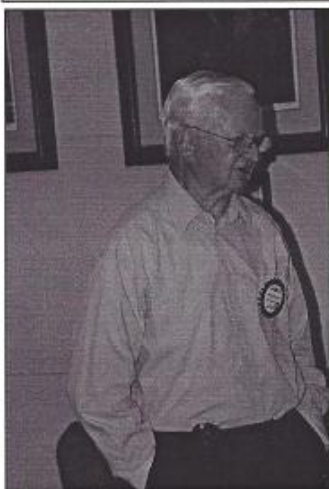
The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club

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The Greatest Generation Honored

Three Morehead City Rotarians Travel to Washinton D.C. To Visit the World War II Memorial

Last weeks program speakers were three members of the Morehead City Evening Rotary Club who participated in the Honor Flight celebration which took place in Washington, D.C. recently. Tommy Noe, spokesman for the group, told of their experiences during the trip. Tommy said: "The National World War II Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. in 2004. The veterans of WWII represent a generation whose youngest member is now 78 years old. Tommy said one of the most thrillings moments of the trip was "mail call". "I received a packet that contained eight letters--one that I had written my mother in 1942.

Council Renfrow talked about the superb treatment they received from their guardians and how well the flight to Washington went. "Everything was perfect. We saw and did so much. We visited the Marine Memorial, the damaged section of the Pentagon, and the Vietnam Wall. We packed a lifetime into a single day." Shelby Freeman concurred. "We rode buses to the airport. The guardians wore blue shirt and each guardian was in charge of one to three veterans. We were treated like royalty."

Honor Flight was initially conceived by Earl Morse, a Physician Assistant and Retired Air Force Captain, to honor veterans he has taken care of for the past 27 years. Its sole purpose was to fly veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices. With a man's average life expectancy at 74.4, it becomes increasingly difficult for World War II veterans to visit the memorial. And time is not on their side.

The first inaugural Honor Flight took place in May of 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio taking twelve World War II veterans on a visit to the memorial in Washington, DC. In August of 2005, an ever-expanding waiting list of veterans led to the transition of commercial airline carriers with the goal of accommodating as many veterans as possible. Partnering with HonorAir in Hendersonville, North Carolina, an "Honor Flight Network" was formed. Today, the network continues working aggressively to expand its programs to other cities across the nation.

In the future, Honor Flight Network will also pay tribute to America's other heroes who served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, followed by veterans of more current wars.

Program Schedule for Oct-Dec

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
Oct 21	John Nelson	Voc. Service
Oct 28	Tom Noe	Voc. Service
Nov 4	Herb Phillips	Club Service
Nov 11	Jim Phillips	Club Service
Nov 18	Council Renfrow	Club Service
Nov 25	Thanksgiving (no meeting)	Club service
Dec 2	Demus Thompson	Inter Service



Albert celebrates his 100th birthday...a milestone by anyone's standard. Live long and prosper, Albert.



Still swinging that racket at 100 years old. Albert has discovered the fountain of youth.

October Birthdays

Albert Gaskill	October 10
Stanley Harrell	October 27



Albert in His Dapper Days

Albert was not always 100 years old. This is a picture of him taken in 1945 as a young professor at North Carolina University.

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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?