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Hello dear,

Thank you so very much to talking to me, when I called you about our almost forgotten Veterans from World War II + Korean-War + the Vietnam War!!

I myself was a Army-Dependant Wife for over 25 years. And I remember it well when our Soldiers and Husbands came back home, how cold and almost uncaring a lot of people back home here where treaten them and us to the Wives + Mother's + Father, or Brothers and Sister's!!

But we were proud and kept our Head's up high for all of them and the ones who never came home, we prayed for them + there Families. And myself, I did a lot of voluntare work for the wounded ones in the Hospital. And we allso visit the Families from the fallen ones and the wounded ones who come back home. It was hard at times and very sad. And I remember, how hard it was for the Veterans to get Jobs, A lot of Buisnesses had sorry excuses, why the do not have a Job available, and it was very hard on the Veterans. I guess I was a lucky one and my Husband to, he got a good Job on Post as a

Club-NCO-Manager. And my self, I had training in Food + Beverage-Management, so we worked together, most of the time,

Then when my husband pass, it took me a long time to get back to a allmost normal life. And I knew a lot of my Husbands Friends, the where all military - Retiered. And more and more the millitary changed very much. And more and more Veterans had a hard time to have a fairly desent life, because the had such a hard time to get Appointments in the VA Hospital. We have a very big Veteran-Hospital here in Fayetteville NC. And it gotten worth for the elder Veteran's to get treatment or had to wait at times 2-3 month to see a good Doctor. It was allmost like, "here take these Pills, and call me Later" !! I was so upset, every time I heard from Friends or just in general, how the got allmost ignored. And specially when some Veterans where living by them selves, the had it the hardest. No one cared about them and still dont care, and many of them, just faded away, by them selfs. That breaks my Heart, every time I hear about a elder Korean or Vietnam Veteran pass away by them

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selves. But I got older to and I have osteoarthritis very bad, so I could not get around so much any more to may help or look for some help for them.

I did go to the Veteran Hospital a couple of times, and what I saw broke my heart. Some of the older Veterans where at times sitting in there wheelchairs in the hallways and they looked so sad and so lonely. I ask some Nurses, Male + Females, are these Veterans here only visitors, or do they have some kind of gatherings to make them feel that they where not forgotten? The answer was almost the same every time, Oh, well we do what we can, but we have no time to do anything else and it is not our job to do that. Or, we do not have enough personal to worry about that, we have to many sick people who need our attention.

Well, I thought to my self, what about the ones in the wheelchairs, arent they sick? they would not be here if they where not sick? And most of them where sent home to soon, and then there was no help for them any more, how sad and hurtfull that is.

I did talked around, if there is

some kind of help out there. These lonely Veterans need help and some kind of different life, and to make it easier for them. And mostly the need some kind of fun or some gathering to let them know, We have not forgotten you!!

Then I got some mail, about a "Coming Home Foundation" Inc. And I found out that, it is a program where they go all over the USA to some VA Hospitals or some places where the Veterans can get together and they have a nice get together for the elder Veterans,

that made me very happy and I am interested if these program could come to Fayetteville NC and to visit or get the Veterans together and have some fun. Also to let them know and show them "The Are Not Forgotten!!"

And let them know, that they gave their time and very dangerous places they were sent to a Country to fight Wars, and so that we could feel protected. And also had to see, how these fellow Soldier's gave their lives, or got so badly wounded, and then come home to a very cold and almost unceasing Country. I am not saying every one was like that, but

it was too much, no matter what, We
can not ignore or forgett these brave
and these patriotic Men and maybe a
few Females, There war not too many, I
believe,

I think it would be so nice to let
these Veterans and seniors know, that
we do care, and put a smile on there
faces!!

So, I am asking for Our Veterans +
Seniors, if the "Coming Home Foundation"
could see if possible to come to
Fayetteville, NC and make some of
Our elder Veterans feel good and
know, that we do care and maybe
some people would open up there
Hearts and do something for them??
that would be so nice, and my self
it would make me feel good to,
that I tryed, even doe I am 74 years
old and can't get around any more,
but my Heart is with our Seniors
Veterans and all Veterans.

you see, Mr. Russell, I kind of know, what
it is like, when one gets older and can't
get around any more, one feels lonely,
Not that I would ever compare my
self with those brave and wonderful
Men. These Men gave so much and
then the still have to suffer, because
the being ignored and not cared for
like the should be, we need to

Let them know, that we love them
and still thank full what they had
to give us.

I will also pray more, that this will
change and that the Coming Home
Foundation, can do something for
them.

I know that you are trying so hard
and you have so many places to go,
but please try to include our
City Fayetteville, NC on your list.
And thank you so much, for what
you already doing, and Bless you
all. Let's put a smile on our
Veterans & Seniors, so that they can
have at least know, that we do
care very much!!

I hope that you will consider it, and
I know you will, and thank you from
the Bottom of my Heart, the Veteran
& Seniors need us.

I may self can't do much anymore, I
can't get around my self anymore, but
I was thinking to tell you, how much
we need some help here! And help all
of them here in Fayetteville, NC.

With many thanks
and warm
Regards from