Councilwoman Walsh Helps Provide the 'Greatest Generation' with Flight of Honor
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Washington, DC - Few of the remaining WWII Veterans are able to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington without assistance. Nearly all of our nation's surviving World War II veterans are over 80 years old and travel has become a difficult task for these brave member of The Greatest Generation.

The Honor Flight Network provides these courageous men and woman with an opportunity to visit our nation's capital. Volunteer Guardians pay their own way and personally escort these veterans on their emotional journey to explore their personal past in American's history.

Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh (District 3), is no stranger to answering the call as a Volunteer Guardian. For the past several years, Walsh has played a very active role within The Honor Flight Network, making five trips in the last three years alone.

She praises the Honor Flight Network's efforts, "Our goal at Honor Flight is to give every WWII veteran the chance to get down to D.C. and view their memorial. This is about them and we can still honor our WWII vets today with a gentle touch and a helping hand to guide and assist them as they make their journey."

Walsh along with Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, and former Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-N.C) welcomed 250 World War II veterans to the World War II memorial Thursday morning. HBO and The Honor Flight Network brought the veterans to Washington for a ceremony coordinated to the premiere of The Pacific on Sunday, an HBO Mini Series Event. The 10-part miniseries will celebrate the incomparable heroism and bravery of the greatest generation.

As the daughter of a WWII vet that served in the Pacific, Walsh praised the members of our armed forces. "I have a special place in my heart for these men and woman," she said. "They truly are our greatest generation."

Many of the veterans in attendance were friendly and in good spirits, enjoying the copies of The Pacific book they were given and HBO the Pacific jackets, snapping pictures and sharing stories of their time six and a half decades ago.