



The Face in the Wall

How amazingly unpredictable life can be. Consider the story of Jarrell Burke. Jarrell is from a generation of Americans who never sought notoriety or fame. Americans who boarded ships to foreign shores. Baby-faced boys, full of innocence and passion, until the quiet ocean waters gave way to a hail of gunfire and sulfuric smoke. American boys would enter the war theater as acquaintances, and leave as more than brothers. What they experienced joined soul to soul for eternity. Their brother's face etched into the mind's eye until they leave this earth. For Mr. Burke, the image of his Navy brother, affectionately known as Buzz, is forever etched in his mind and, as he would learn, also etched on the Korean War Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital. And, wouldn't you know it, so is Burke's.

As he walked the Korean War Veterans Memorial grounds on his Honor Flight Houston visit, he would never have guessed he would see himself and Buzz, whom he first met in boot camp in 1951, on one of America's most notable monuments. "Cold chills" ran through my body, Burke explained about seeing their image on the wall. This was but one experience, albeit a monumental one, in a weekend full of memories. Mr. Burke joined Honor Flight Houston's September 22-23 flight to

Washington. Upon his return he said it all hit at once: the adoring crowds, the patriotic and thankful children he met, the newly formed friendships with fellow veterans and, of course, The Mural Wall on the Korean Memorial's grounds.

"Hard to describe," says Burke of his Honor Flight experience. This is why we do this! These men are national treasures. When men like Mr. Burke thank our staff, it is humbling. He, they did so much for you and I that a trip to DC to see the memorials raised in their honor is not a gift but a requirement. We love and cherish each and every veteran, and we know you do, too. Please help us continue our mission of honoring every veteran in the Houston area with the trip of a lifetime.

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