

Lodges 2406, 2355, and 2512 Collaborate to Serve Veterans



The Veterans



The Lunch Crew, L to R: Geoff Cox, Dieter Schneider, Dean Blake, Laura Blake, Wayne Blake, Linda Johnson, and Dana Petrak

Loudoun 2406 was honored to participate in the Freedom Flight program. This was a collaborative effort with Woodbridge 2355. Freedom Flight was founded by Diane Hight of Forever Young Senior Wish. Additional information can be found by visiting their website at foreveryoungseniorwish.org.

Loudoun 2406 provided lunches for the veterans to take on their trip to the WWII Memorial and the next day for their trip to Arlington National Cemetery. Loudoun 2406 ER Geoff Cox, PER Dieter Schneider, PER Dean Blake & wife Laura, PER Wayne Blake, member Linda Johnson, and Dana Petrak, member of Manassas 2512, worked as the Lunch Crew. The Lunch bag contained either a ham or turkey sandwich, cookies and other snacks, fruit and water. Bread for the lunches was donated by Mark Horrigan, a member of Manassas 2512. Woodbridge 2355 provided walkers and wheelchairs. There were 54 veterans and their loved ones. Most served in WWII and the Korean conflict.

PER Dean Blake, his wife Laura and PER Dieter Schneider delivered all the items and had an opportunity to talk with the veterans. Each veteran received a heartfelt *"Thank You for your Service"*. All received a flag pin and a 2406 lodge pin in remembrance of the visit.