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WWII vets 'a big deal'

"Thank you for your service" was the operative phrase at an organizational meeting Sept. 12, held at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and sponsored by the Rotary Club of DeLand. Never have so many done so much for so few. The purpose was to plan a trip for World War II veterans, who would be flown to Washington, D.C., for a visit to the WWII War Memorial.

As one old vet was heard to say, "I never knew we were such a big deal."

For us vets to see all the executives and staff of Embry-Riddle, all of the fine young people of the various ROTC units in full uniform greeting us, and all the volunteers from the Rotary, to say the least, was beyond words of appreciation. The university not only donated all the food for the program but also a gift of \$5,000 to help defray the expenses of the trip. Each group of three vets will have a chaperone to aid in any way needed, and these persons are paying their own way in order to be of service to the vets.

I'm sure that I speak for all the veterans included in this magnificent venture, saying thanks to all. Mission accomplished, and a job well done. God bless America.

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