

On April 23, the second-to-last Heartland Honor Flight left Omaha, headed for Washington, D.C. with 375 World War II veterans aboard.

Among those making the trip was Clifford Sexson of Grant, who described the trip as “awesome.”

Buses were waiting at the airport to take the veterans to their first stop at the World War II Memorial. The buses were welcomed by huge crowds of school children and others. Among the crowd were Milt and wife Laura of Ogallala who spent the day with their dad, making it extra special.

The memorial is a beautiful tribute to the veterans and a meaningful two hours were spent there. A stop was made at the U.S. Marine barracks where the drill team performed.

Arlington National Cemetery came next where the “changing of the guard” was viewed. The Marine Corps Memorial was also a scheduled stop. A tour of Washington to view the Capitol and the White House ended the day and it was return to the airport for the return flight to Omaha.