

Saluting Grandpa

Celebrating Veterans and Honor Flight

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the family of Staff Sergeant **Andy Tolliver** and all families who have sacrificed and are sacrificing to preserve our freedoms.

Author's Note

On Andy Tolliver's final day with us, I got the chance to talk to him about how he inspired the idea for this book. I told him that through this story — he lives on. He smiled as I offered him my best salute — a final salute to a true American hero.

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Foreword

One of the most gratifying rewards of having written *The Greatest Generation* is the unexpected dividend of witnessing veterans from that difficult time sharing their experiences and wisdom with their grandchildren.

Certainly it happened in my family, and from what I am told by so many others, it continues to happen now with great-grandchildren as well.

These are the sinews of American life that make us stronger in every way, and we must relish them. Especially during times of trial and challenge.

In this wonderful book about those relationships, you'll be rewarded with the understanding and emotion that comes with generation to generation conversation and common experience.

Moreover, if you buy it and send to many friends, you'll be helping one of the most rewarding experiences a member of the Greatest Generation can have — an Honor Flight to the nation's capital to witness the memorial to all they did to save the world.

Tom Brokaw

