



Squirewell, center, poses with other World War II veterans.

Deloris Squirewell | For the Herald

Ridgeway veteran takes Honor Flight



Squirewell, left, shares a moment with Al Jones, a representative of trip sponsor Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators.

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RIDGEWAY — After 94 years, World War II veteran Sidney Squirewell visited Washington, D.C., for the first time thanks to the South Carolina Honor Flight program. Squirewell joined over 89 veterans for the Nov. 7 trip which was sponsored by Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (PGBA), a Blue Cross Blue Shield subsidiary and InStil Health.

Squirewell was nominated for the flight by the brother of his daughter-in-law, Deloris. Deloris Squirewell attended the honor flight as his guardian.

During the trip veterans and their guardians visited the Vietnam, Korean, and Lincoln Memorials, as well as the Iwo Jima

Memorial and the national museum of the U.S. Navy. They also attended the Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The highlight of the trip, though, for him was seeing the memorial to World War II and standing in front of the South Carolina portion of the monument.

The visit to the memorial was touching to Deloris as well. She watched Squirewell just stand still as if he were remembering events that happened while serving in the war.

“He could not believe how every state was represented at the World War II memorial,” she said. “Look at this, every state is on a post, just standing at attention,” is what he

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