

I can hardly believe how the “Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday to WW-II veteran Ray Barber” fire spread so fast and so far, but it sure turned into a forest fire of birthday cards. I’m thinking that VFW Post 6196 (among others) and Channel 13 had a lot to do with it.

I received over 400 cards, from veterans (all branches), relatives of veterans, bus drivers, and people from the NY State Assembly and Senate, and many cards from students, in schools as far south as Ichabod Crane. The student cards were a real treat.

What humbles me most is that people were not just sending a card to Ray Barber but were sending a gigantic thank you to every veteran that has protected the light of liberty in America.

I (We) received many heart-felt words that filled me with Joy. Words such as “Because of ‘you’ guys...”; “We are first generation Americans because of ‘you’.”; “...have been given me lots of opportunities”; and “Without people like ‘you’ I wouldn’t be here”.

What joy filled my heart as I opened and read every one of them. I can’t possibly thank every person individually, but I can send this big “**thank you**”, and hope word gets back to everyone that touched this heart of mine, and the heart of every veteran that reads this letter.

I thank God for you and hope this will find you trusting in the word of God (Jesus). Jesus Christ has been my joy and refuge in this life, and the door to my salvation, through which I will enter God’s everlasting love when I leave this world.

Thank You and God bless you all,

Ray Barber, the 99-year-old Veteran, whose grateful heart is still full of your love.

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