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Brother Faust,

It was our deepest honor, on behalf of the men and women of the Wisconsin labor movement, to thank you for your service, sacrifice and dedication to our country, having served from 1949 to 1957 in the United States Navy. We congratulate you as you experience the proud tradition of visiting war memorials built in your honor in Washington, D.C. with the Honor Flight. We hope you have a great day as you visit the WWII Memorial and other memorials erected to honor veterans like you.

We wish to extend our sincerest appreciation for the sacrifices you have made as one of the Tin Can Sailors in the name of our country. Veterans like you have gave so much in defense of freedom, democracy and the American Way. Your brave heroism and dedication to country above self is a model for all of us and your impact will be felt and appreciated for future generations.

Along with serving our country in the Armed Forces, you continued to strengthen democracy in the workplace, expand worker rights and build up the middle class as a proud 55-year union member of the United Auto Workers Local 291. As retiree chair and future President of the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans, you continue to carry the torch to advance the lives of working people in Wisconsin. Thank you brother.

You earned this honor through your unselfish service. We are proud to be American, proud to be union, and proud to have this great opportunity to tell you how much our country appreciates your efforts in defense of our democratic way of life.

Veterans like you make our country the best in the world. You gave so much for the freedom and liberty of our country. We will never forget you, your service and all that veterans have done for us.

In Strength and Solidarity,

Handwritten signature of Phil Neuenfeldt in black ink.

Phil Neuenfeldt  
President

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Bloomingdale in black ink.

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