

*Memory is a tricky thing*

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*Memory is a tricky thing. Particularly as we get older. You may know the story about three women who were talking. The first said, "Sometimes I go to the refrigerator and forget what I need by the time I get there." The second shared, "When I go upstairs, I can't remember whether I'm going up for something or I'm on my way back down." The third woman said, "I'm lucky, I don't have that problem." (knocks on wood) "Oh, there's someone at the door."*

*Memory is a tricky thing. There are some things, however, that we should never forget. One of these is the sacrifices that others have made in our behalf.*

*Just before take-off, a line of ten soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats. A man asked, "Where are you headed?" "Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan."*

*After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. The man overheard one soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. "No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch" Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base." His friend agreed.*

*The man looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. He walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty-dollar bill. "Take a lunch to all those soldiers." She grabbed his arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked him. "My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him." Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated.*

*Others caught on to what was happening, and purchased more sack lunches for the soldiers to eat on the way to their base.*

*Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. Watching, the man thought, "These soldiers are giving their all for our country. We could only give them a couple of meals. It seems so little..."*

*Memory is a tricky thing. There are some things, however, that we should never forget. Happy Memorial Day!*

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