

Walking Day #155...Saturday, February 9, 2013...farewell Alabama, hello Florida...thank you, James!!!

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WOW!!! What a day!?!?!? A wrong turn, picked up the mail and sent some paperwork off, ALL before 8:30 AM!!! Today I walked for a friend who recently passed away, Joan Donnell and the sister of I.V. Webb, Pattie, who is battling cancer. All the best to Joan and Pattie's family and friends.

The day started out clear and sunny with a wee bit of spring crisp in the air. Shortly after I got started I stopped to chat with a gentleman working on his fence. "Al", a retired truck driver, former Marine, current farmer and VA volunteer was out moving a fence line before the state of Alabama mandated it. Thank you, Al, for your service and thank you for your volunteerism. There are seven billion of us crawling around on the planet and ALL we have to do is a single kindness to another person and what do we have? Perhaps a stretch goal would be seven kindnesses. Some time after my conversation with Al a pickup with "Disabled Veteran" plates stopped me. "James" had heard about me at a convenience store where I stopped and wanted to contribute to the "cause". A veteran and specifically a disabled veteran will ALWAYS elicit an emotional response from this curmudgeon. You, SIR, have made your contribution and this gesture is well above and beyond. At some point St Peter WILL be giving you a free pass. Your contribution will be put to good use by Dr. Dave Okubo and Camp UTADA. Thank you again for your service and your generosity. Thank you, Robert Poole, (trucker driver) for your advice as to various roads in Florida. Turns out that both Robert's mother and aunt passed away from cancer.





giving me a good bye hug and saying "Welcome to Florida!"



Then with a wave of his hand, he says "Welcome to Florida!" and sending us off into Florida! Best (making some paper money) Florida



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