

Lynne and Bob Meyer: Their Amazing Experience Volunteering at the White House!

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Lynne Meyer was surprised to see an email from the White House in her inbox one day out of nowhere. She had no idea how the White House would have gotten her email and thought it might be a hoax, but the email contained an application to volunteer, so she and her husband Bob took a chance and applied.

They didn't hear anything back for months and had nearly forgotten about it when one day they received a letter congratulating them. After a background check, they had been selected to volunteer as official greeters for the White House Christmas tours for two days! Lynne and Bob were shocked and thrilled about the opportunity.

Lynne and Bob have both volunteered extensively with organizations and events including the Silicon Valley Charity Ball, the American Cancer Society, and the Bella Vista League. Lynne has 25-30 years of volunteer experience. They saw this as the ultimate volunteer job!

Lynne and Bob bought their tickets and traveled to DC. Their hotel was right across from the White House and they had a stunning view from their room. They were assigned times to greet people touring the White House, including everyone from VIPs like members of congress and ambassadors to groups of children and seniors. Lynne and Bob were the first people the visitors saw. They passed out books and answered questions from the excited visitors.

Secret Service agents accompanied Lynne and Bob the whole time. The agents rotated every half hour, so Lynne and Bob got to know all of them and enjoyed getting to talk to them. After the visitors had gone, the security team did a scan of the house to make sure there was no one else there. When it was just Lynne and Bob, the Secret Service agents gave them a private tour of the White House!

The theme in the White House was the Spirit of America. Additionally, it was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Lynne and Bob felt proud and patriotic being there, and they could tell that it thrilled the visitors too, bringing them the Christmas spirit and patriotic spirit. Lynne was a teacher for 27 years, so she loved greeting all the children who visited and showing them around.

It was a truly special experience seeing people of all ages and backgrounds light up with joy. Lynne and Bob met children, seniors, and people from all over the world, from China to the Philippines to Australia to Germany. They were on their feet for four hours both days and it was a whirlwind of excitement interacting with the visitors and seeing them take pictures and take in the special experience of a Christmas White House Tour.

Lynne and Bob are still unsure why they were selected, whether it had to do with Bob's military experience, having served 30 years in military as MP and JAG, or Lynne's volunteer experience. They both felt honored and greatly enjoyed their time in DC. They stayed there for a week and when they weren't volunteering, got to experience the monuments, memorials, and national archives. It was truly unforgettable!

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