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JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Shipmates:

Gosh where has this year gone! I can't believe it is going to be September next week and our reunion in Mobile will be the next month.

For those that are attending our reunion, The total cost for banquet and entertainment is going to be \$47.00 per person instead of the \$45.00. If you have already paid in full, then pay the other \$2.00 when you arrive at reunion. If you have not paid in full, then add \$2.00 per person to your next payment.

Don't forget to bring something from your State for our drawings.

This will be the last newsletter until after the reunion and I hope to have some good pictures to put in the next one from the reunion.

Hope to see you in Mobile!!!

Have a safe trip for those that are going to be driving!

God Bless each one of you, our Veterans that came back injured to where they can't enjoy their way of life, our military serving around the country and their families and above all
GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!!!!

Elisabeth Kimball
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Listed below are our Association Officers. If you need information, please feel free to contact one of them.

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Austin Steven
Bahr Fred
Balascio Peter
Berry David
Bunker Edward
Caldwell John
Candor Raymond
Carlisle Martha
Compton Ed
Cramer Peter
Cusato Paul
Dooley Troy
Dutchuk John
Eertmoed Donald
Endter Bill
Ercek Ronald
Fernandes Jim
Frederiksen Gary
Gannon Jack
Gergens Steve
Gray Clarence
Hagee Charles
Hawes Eugene
Hays William
Heller Richard
Hill Les
Horch Linda
Huff Ronald
Huml CDR Vincent
Landwehr Donald
Long Leroy
Mauldin John
McFadden Charles
McKallagat Peter
McKenna Eugene
McLoy Mackie
McMurdo James

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Morrissey Thomas
Murphy Obie
Nicol Dale
O'Quin Edward
Owens William
Parker David
Payson David
Payton Johnny
Pohl Art
Pratt Shannon
Price Earl
Ringel Richard
Robinson Lee
Roche Frank
Rott Raymond
Ruel Donald
Satterfield Stan
Scheeder Richard
Shanahan John
Spencer Robert
Stansberry Roger
Strickland Gene
Syverson Norris
Thompson Ross
Throm Larry
Torriglia Paul
West Bill
West Tom
Williams Thomas
Wiseman Len
Yonkofski Ben



**WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND TO THOMAS MORRISSEY YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS! PLEASE SEND TO THE FOLLOWING:
ADTOMORRISSEY@MSN.COM (small letters) or mail to him at:**

**3240 South 76th
Lincoln, NE 68506**

**Ray Candor's wife, Evelyn, passed away recently. If you would
like to send Ray and his family a card you can send to the
following address:**

**The Evelyn Candor Family
7865 3rd Street S.E.
Masury, OH 44438-1329**

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**PLEASE SEND ME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO
canerday@centurytel.net**

Rick Campbell has a best seller at Barnes and Noble, (Empire Rising). He has given us one of his books called "Trident Deception" which is considered the best submarine novel since Tom Clancy's classic "The Hunt for Red October". If you would like his email address it is rickcampbellauthor.com to find out about books that he has written. I will have his book "Trident Deception" in one of our drawings at the Mobile, Alabama reunion.



Sweatshirts, Golf Shirts, and Caps

Cost of Golf shirt is \$20.00

Color is Navy of White

Sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

You can get Golf shirt with or without pockets.



Cost of Sweatshirt is \$18.00.

Color is ash (Gray)

Sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

You can order the following items from Bill West, 450 Old Furnace Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385 or call him at 423-261-2202 if you would like to have a Wilhoite shirt or ball cap. Ball Cap is \$10.00

The mailing of anything will cost \$5.00. You need to send him a check for the shirt/cap plus \$5.00 for mailing. Be sure to tell him what size and color you want.

WILHOITE ATTACKS PEARL HARBOR

In late 1959 or early 1960 the Wilhoite was returning from a patrol on the DEW line in the mid Pacific. These were 30 day patrols and fuel was always in short supply at the end of a patrol. Sometimes if the weather had been unusually bad it required diverting to Midway to refuel prior to return to Pearl. Stopping at Midway was not something we wanted to do since it extended the patrol by several days. Midway was not on our normal return course to Pearl. We had managed to bypass Midway but were burning vapors and desperately needed fuel.

Upon arrival at Pearl Harbor, Wilhoite was assigned a berth at the fueling pier ahead of another ship of Destroyer Escort Squadron 5. As the Wilhoite approached the fueling pier it became apparent that the Squadron Commander was holding a full dress inspection on our sister ship. We were to pass to her Port side to reach our assigned berth. The ship had her Port anchor lowered halfway to the water. As Wilhoite passed the lowered anchor it first caught a Lifeline Stanchion on the Starboard side of the Fantail. The Engine Order telegraph became very busy as the Conning Officer tried to minimize the damage. The sound of screeching metal and Popping stanchions caught the attention of the Commodore and the crew of our sister ship.

A viewing gallery formed along her upper deck Lifelines—all eyes on Wilhoite. It was almost like passing in review with the crew manning the side. The engines responded to astern bells but the ship's motion carried her forward and the anchor pulled more stanchions and Lifelines. Then the Lifelines, Stanchions and anchor hooked the Depth Charge rack. It hung for a moment and then pulled the rack loose from the deck. Depth charges fell to the deck and rolled around. At least one split open on the deck and at least one more fell over the side into Pearl Harbor. About the time the anchor reached the last Depth Charge rack support the ship's forward motion stopped and she began to move astern. There was much shouting, running around and moving the Engine Order telegraph back and forth at high speed. Finally the ship came to a stop—held in place by the anchor of our sister ship and our lifelines and stanchions. The Commodore's attention was no longer on our sister ship. It was now concerted on Wilhoite caught on an anchor with Depth charges rolling all over the deck and in the bay.

Recovery was time consuming because we could not use torches to cut the Wilhoite loose until the Depth Charge situation was made secure—remember Wilhoite was at the refueling pier requiring an extra measure of safety restrictions. We had our sister ship tied to us and she was tied to the pier. After several hours the Depth Charges were collected and moved ashore and we were able to cut Wilhoite loose with minimal damage resulting from her attack on Pearl Harbor.

Love, is the greatest gift of all.

Count your age by FRIEND'S, not years.

Count your life by SMILE'S, not tears.

Submarine Hunter Grabs Spotlight at Paris Air Show

Paris - submarine-hunting aircraft don't typically get the kind of attention that the US Navy's P-8 Poseidon has received at this year's Paris Air Show.

The P-8, built by Boeing Company doesn't necessarily stand out on the flight line here at Le Bourget airport compared to some of the more exotic combat aircraft on display, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Adam Pace, a naval flight officer, who's a tactical coordinator onboard a Poseidon, described the aircraft simply as a "militarized version of a 737" commercial airliner.

However, what sets the plane apart are the sensors, radios and sonobuoy launcher, as well as the working stations inside the aircraft, that allow sailors onboard to hunt submarines and surface warfare ships.

The aggressive actions of the Chinese and Russian navies have thrust the P-8 into the international spotlight, and the plane received a surge of attention here at the show. During recent deployments, the aircraft have tracked Chinese submarines.

The decision to bring a film crew aboard startled some in the Navy, Pace acknowledged. He was somewhat surprised by the move, but he also said part of their mission as P-8 would try to ensure that people around the world are aware of what's going on.

The P-8A was built to replace the P-3C as the Navy's long-range maritime patrol and was first aircraft that was delivered in 2009. The US Navy has six test aircraft and 26 operational planes located across the globe.

Overall, the service plans to buy 114 of the new P-8 aircraft at an estimated cost of billion dollars, according to Pentagon budget documents.

"As it's getting operationally deployed, we're learning more and more," Chris Raymon Vice President at Boeing, said in an interview. Crews are coming back and describing performance as a game-changer, he added, "so I think as the capability gets out their starts being exercised, it's doing what it's supposed to do."

The Chicago-based aerospace giant also has contracts to deliver as many as a dozen aircraft to the governments of India and Australia, and is working to find more internal customers.

I got the following letter from Mr. Radle and I found out he also is a Plank Owner!

HARVEY RADLE
1019 HOARSAINE ST
PHILA PA. 19116

DEAR LIZ

Sorry I can't make the reunion but I thought I would give you a little story of my duty on DE 397.

I am a plank owner, we put the ship in commission at Houston Tex in Jan 1944, when completed we went on our shakedown to Bermuda.

Returning to Norfolk we picked up a convoy to Casablanca and Gibraltar. After several more the last one took us to Tunis.

Returning to the States we found we formed a Hunter Killer group with the carrier Bogue CVE9. We had many contacts but no luck but on Aug 20 1944 our work

payed off. Our depth charges brought the sub to the surface and a plane from the Bogue strafed it and the crew

abandoned ship. We picked up 43 prisoners and took them aboard to a POW camp at Newfoundland. For this

the Hunter Killer Group received the Presidential Unit Citation, I was proud of that.

We had a good crew and I was sorry to leave when

I was transferred back to
Newport RI. to advance
Torpedo School.

So that's a little story of my
duty when it was just
USS Wilhoite DE 397.

Maybe you could pass this story
along at one of your meetings

I hope you can read all my
writing as I'm now 90 yrs old
but still walking good without
a cane. I stayed in the navy
for 9 years till after the
Korean War.

Thanks for writing to me
and have a good time at
the reunion.

Harvey

**We just learned of Ray Candor wife, Evelyn, passed away recently. If you
would like to send condolences to Ray and the family the address is as follows:**

To Ray Candor and Family

7865 3rd Street S.E.

Masury, OH

44438-1329

John Caldwell, our Chaplain, wanted you to know that his sermons are now being streamed every Sunday. Just in case some of the shipmates might want to hear a message, they can click on:

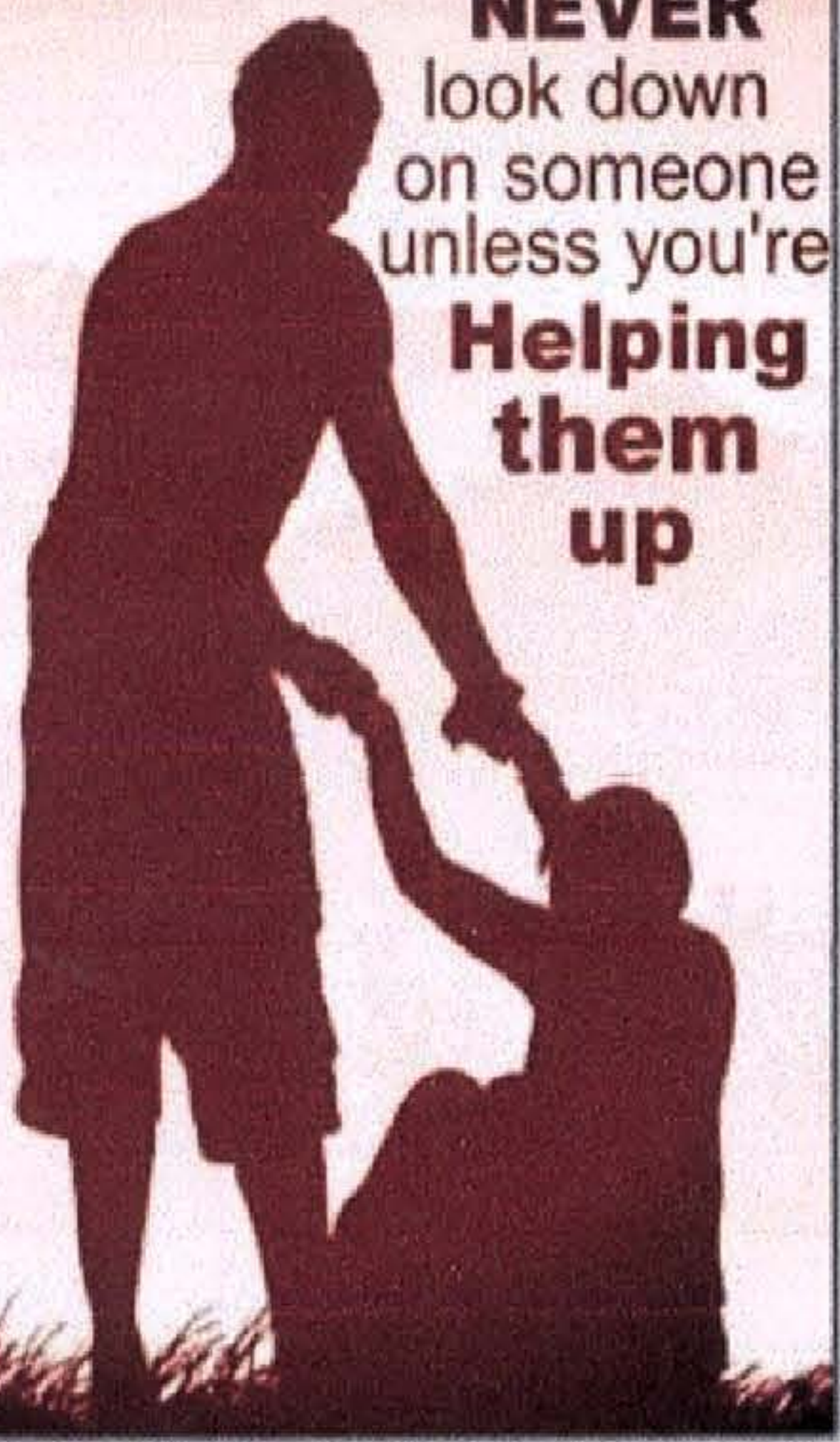
<http://livestream.com/mynjbc>

It will take them straight to all of my messages and they can listen at their convenience. If they want a live broadcast, they can go to the same link on Sunday mornings around 12 noon.

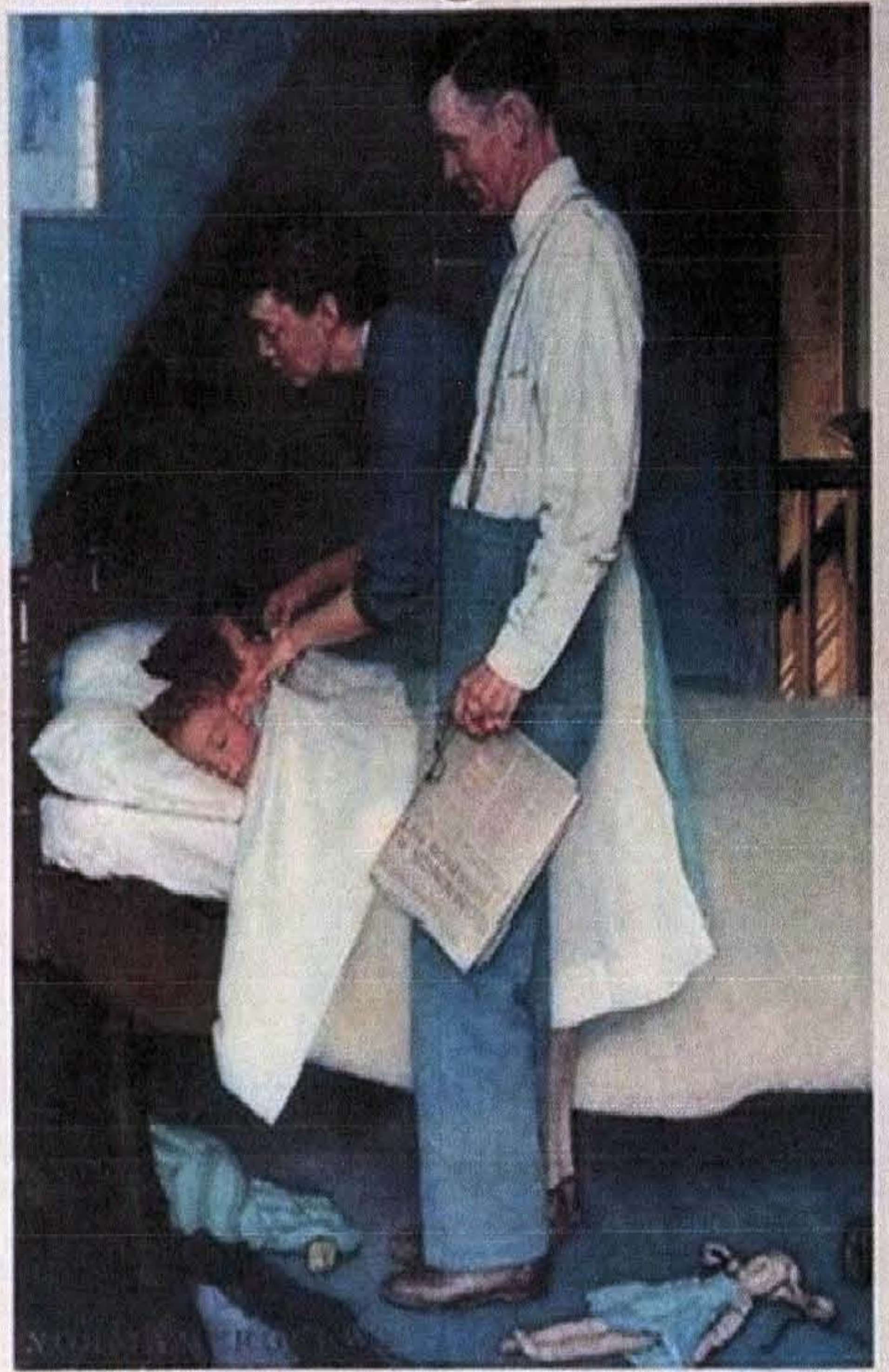
Hope all is well with all you shipmates!!!!

John

NEVER
look down
on someone
unless you're
Helping
them
up



OURS...to fight for



FREEDOM FROM FEAR

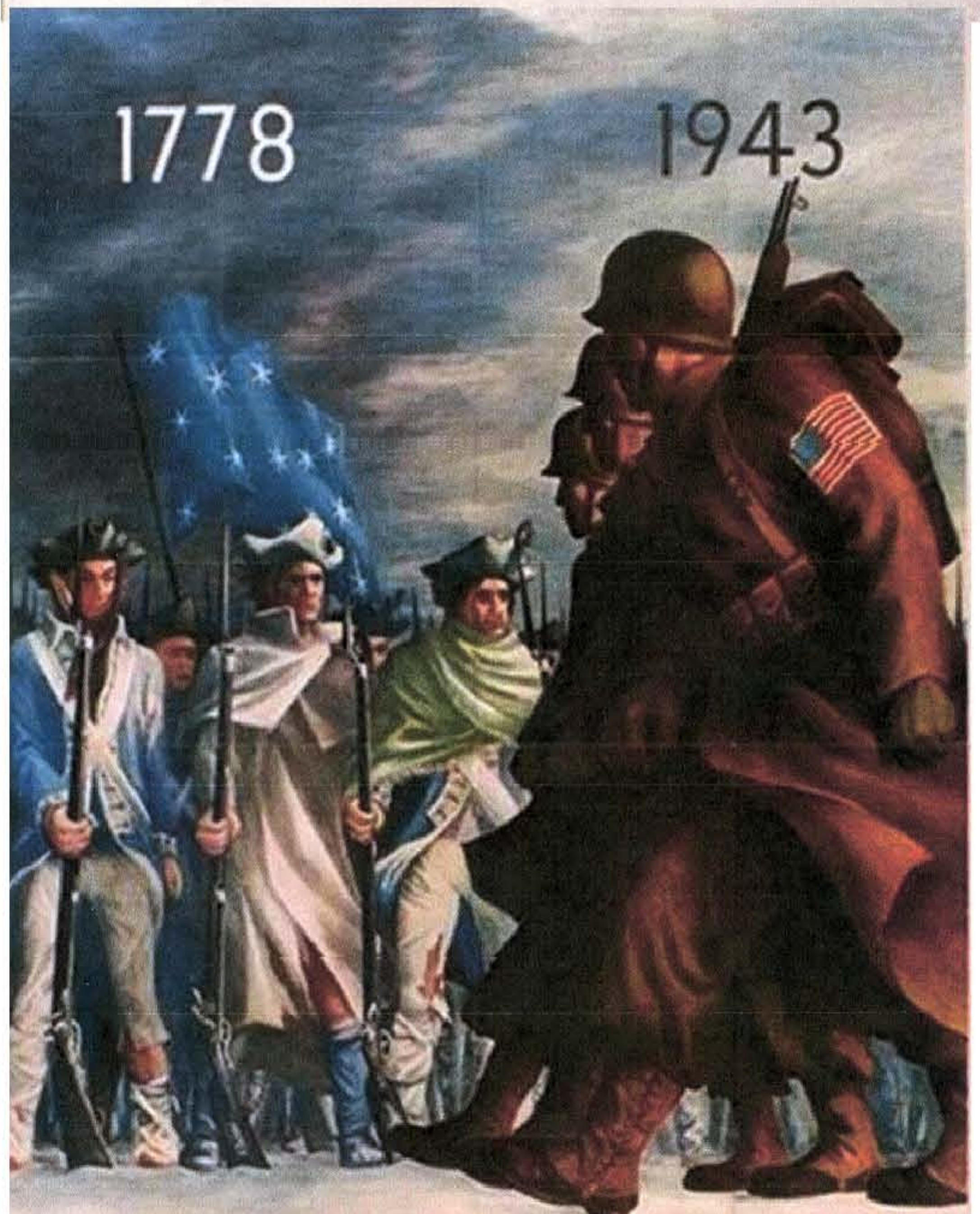
Tell me again about the day you brought me home and I was all cold and hungry and you became my forever human...



It's my favorite bedtime story...

1778

1943



AMERICANS
will always fight for liberty

"I love people who make me laugh. I honestly think it's the thing I like most, to laugh. It cures a multitude of ills. It's probably the most important thing in a person."

Audrey Hepburn

WRITTEN BY ANDY ROONEY

Sent by Charles Breitbach

I've learned...That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned...That when you're in love, it shows.

i've learned...That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned...That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned...That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned...That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...That I can pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned...That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned...That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned...That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned...That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned...That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned...That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned...That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned...That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned...That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned...That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned...That when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned...That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned...That one should keep his words soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned...That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned...That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned...That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned...That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

NAVAL HISTORY, IN INTRICATE DETAIL

The U.S. Naval Academy Museum, about 35 miles south of Baltimore in Annapolis, Maryland, offers a comprehensive, chronological voyage of Navy history from the Barbary pirates to astronaut training, complete with multimedia graphics and videos. The museum also houses a vast collection of rare Navy art prints, flags, weapons and artifacts.

On the second floor of the museum inside Preble Hall, the Rogers Ship Model Collection is "The second largest collection of these kinds of models in the world," says Major Grant Walker, an education specialist at the museum and a leading world authority on dockyard ship models. Many of the models at the museum date back to the 17th century, purchased by Col. Henry Huttleston Rogers and later donated to the academy. The donation necessitated the construction of the museum.

More than 1200 of the intricate, hand-carved models came from the Rogers collection, and several more were carved from bones by French prisoners of war held in England during the Anglo-French war period between 1756 and 1815. Because the collection is so distinctive and unique, ship modelers and collections visit from around the world.

Admission is free at the museum which is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more, visit www.usna.edu/museum.

Goodbye shorts; Hello sweaters

Goodbye iced coffee; Hello Pumpkin Spice Lattes

Goodbye swimming; Hello crisp morning walks

Goodbye camping; Hello fireplaces

Goodbye sunflowers; Hello crunchy leaves

Goodbye flip flops; Hello boots

Goodbye August; Hello September

Goodbye Summer; Hello Autumn

HAPPY AUTUMN THE 7 UPS!!!!

- 1. Wake UP!!**
Decide to have a good day. "This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24
- 2. Dress Up!!**
The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve our looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7
- 3. Shut Up!!**
Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul". Proverbs 13:3
- 4. Stand Up!!**
for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good". Galatians 6:9-10
- 5. Look Up!!**
to the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me".
Philippians 4:13
- 6. Reach Up!!**
for something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6
- 7. Lift Up!!**
your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING"!
Philippians 4:6

A Positive Thought

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary. Face it, He's crazy about you.

GOD ANSWERS KNEE-MAIL!

REUNION FOR 2015 - MOBILE, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 5-8, 2015

HOLIDAY IN AT AIRPORT

1-251-344-7446

MONDAY.....CHECK IN.....12:00 - 5:00 P.M.
RECEPTION.....
6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY... HISTORIC MOBILE & DELTA SAFARI TOUR.....9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Board your coach at 8:45 a.m. for a leisurely tour of Mobile, AL by land and by sea (well Delta). We will tour Mobile's downtown historic districts; Church St. East, De Tonti Square and the Oakliegh Garden District. We are sure you will appreciate the architectural diversity, natural beauty, and rich history of our communty. We will visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Catholic Cathedral, featuring beautiful stained glass, intricate gold leaf, and marble. We will also stop and tour the Richards DAR House. A Beautiful Italianate anti bellum home where tea will be served. We will enjoy lunch at one of our area's great local restaurants. Following lunch off we go to Five Rivers Environmental Center to explore the Mobile/Tensaw Delta! We will tour the environmental center and be introduced to this amazing eco-system, one of the most diverse and important in the country! We will meet, up close and personal, some of the rescued wildlife. We will then board the Osprey (a large comfortable pontoon boat) for a tour of the Delta. You may see gators, birds, and turtles, Oh My! This well narrated trip has been enjoyed by scores of visitors Cost is \$73.00. This includes Transportation, Admissions, lunch and Guide.

BUSINESS MEETING.....4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY: PENSACOLA NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM..... 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Board your coach at 8:45 a.m. for a trip to America's premiere Navan Aviation Museum! This outstanding collection covers the entire history of Naval Aviation, from fabric wings to supersonic speeds. You can tour on your own or join in with one of the volunteers who will give you the history and background of the aircrafts and our rich Naval Aviation history! Lunch will be served at Qubie's on site! Cost is \$54.00. This includes: Transportation, Lunch and Guide.

THURSDAY: USS ALABAMA MEMORIAL PARK TOUR & MEMORIAL SERVICE: 9 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Board your bus at 8:45 a.m. for the USS Alabama Memorial Park. We will have a Memorial Service on site. Lunch will be served in the Ward Room aboard ship and then you will be free to tour The Mighty Alabama, the Aircraft Pavilion, and the submarine USS Drum. Color Guard and a Wreath will be furnished for our Memorial Service.

Cost is \$59.00. This includes transportation, admission, lunch Wreath, Color Guard and Guide.

PICTURES.....5:00 P.M.

BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT.....\$47.00.....6:30 P.M.