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NEWSLETTER



Shipmates:

Sorry this is so late. January 10, I fell and broke my hip in two places. I now have a rod in my right side. It has been tough, but I am on the mend now. The next newsletter will go out in either latter part of May or early June.

This why someone needs to take over this job. Besides this my eyesight is about gone and since hip surgery my right hand (nerves) is not working properly.

I am truly sorry it is late and I have changed the format a little bit. I am trying to get back on track so I hope you all have patience with me!

I hope this finds you all doing good and staying healthy.

As you know we will be in Omaha, Nebraska this coming up August. Tom is working on activities at this time and will let you know what the charge will be when he sends to me.

"Smooth Sailing"

Liz

THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS!

This helps pay postage for mailing!!!

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Berry David (2024)	Conway, SC
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Robert Johnson passed away

**The Family of Robert Johnson
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Don't forget that Gene Strickland and Bill Endter is in a rest home. You might think about dropping them a note. I don't hear anything from either one of these gentlemen. If someone does, please let me know. If you know of someone that is in rest home, let me know, I'll send them a newsletter.

I hope that John is doing okay after his open heart surgery.

SHIPMATES NEWS



GO NAVY



USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), the Navy's lead ship of its new class of fleet replenishment oilers, conducted initial Builder's Trials and returned to port, Feb. 4.

Builder's Trials consist of a series of in-port and at-sea demonstrations that allow the Navy and the shipbuilder, General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO), to assess the ship's systems and readiness prior to acceptance trials and delivery to the Navy.

"Ensuring readiness through sea trials is a crucial step to bringing this ship closer to fleet tasking," said John Lighthammer, program manager, Auxiliary and Special Mission Shipbuilding Program Office. "USNS John Lewis will provide much needed capability to the fleet as the primary fuel pipeline at sea. We are looking forward to getting the ship into the hands of Sailors and merchant mariners as another tool to support at-sea operations."

Photo from the General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) Builder's Trial of USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), the Navy's lead ship of its new class of fleet replenishment oilers. Photo from the General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) Builder's Trial of USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), the Navy's lead ship of its new class of fleet replenishment oilers. Builder's Trials consist of a series of in-port and at-sea demonstrations that allow the Navy and the shipbuilder to assess the ship's systems and readiness prior to acceptance trials and delivery to the Navy. (Courtesy photos by General Dynamics NASSCO)The new John Lewis-class T-AOs will be operated by Military Sealift Command to provide diesel fuel and lubricating oil, and small quantities of fresh and frozen provisions, stores, and potable water to Navy ships at sea, and jet fuel for aircraft assigned to aircraft carriers. The new T-AOs will add capacity to the Navy's Combat Logistics Force and become the cornerstone of the fuel delivery system.

NASSCO is currently in production on USNS Harvey Milk (T-AO 206), USNS Earl Warren (T-AO 207), and USNS Robert F. Kennedy (T-AO 208). The future USNS Lucy Stone (T-AO 209) and USNS Sojourner Truth (T-AO 210) are under contract.As one of the Defense Department's largest acquisition organizations, PEO Ships is responsible for executing the development and procurement of all destroyers, amphibious ships, special mission and support ships, and boats and craft.

Who was Thomas Jefferson?

here are two parts. Be sure to read the 2nd part (inRED).

Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped.

At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor.

At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French.

At 14, studied classical literature and additional languages.

At 16, entered the College of William and Mary. Also could write in Greek with one hand while writing the same in Latin with the other.

At 19, studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe.

At 23, started his own law practice.

At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.

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At 31, wrote the widely circulated "Summary View of the Rights of British America? And retired from his law practice.

At 32, was a Delegate to the Second Continental Congress.

At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence.

At 33, took three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom.

At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia succeeding Patrick Henry.

At 40, served in Congress for two years.

At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams.

At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington.

At 53, served as Vice President and was elected president of the American Philosophical Society.

At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of Republican Party.

At 57, was elected the third president of the United States.

At 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase doubling the nation's size.

At 61, was elected to a second term as President.

At 65, retired to Monticello.

At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine.

At 81, almost single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first president.

At 83, died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence along with John Adams.

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Thomas Jefferson knew because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government. He understood actual history, the nature of God, his laws and the nature of man. A voice from the past to lead us in the future:

John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

-- Thomas Jefferson

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"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms within his own lands."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."-- Thomas Jefferson

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Thomas Jefferson said in 1802: "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

Random thought to ponder

Still trying to get my head around the that 'Take Out' can mean food, dating or murder.

Just once I want a username and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH!

We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages....Metamucil and Ensure.

Anyone who says their wedding was the best day of their life has clearly never had two candy bars fall down at once from a vending machine.

My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself.

May today there be peace within you.

May you trust GOD that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.