

JULY 2019 WORDS OF WISDOM

BEFORE WE START ALLOW ME RECOMMEND THE BEST BOOK I HAVE EVER HAD THE PLEASURE OF READING. I KNOW IF YOU READ IT YOU WILL ABSOLUTELY THANK ME AND SURLY RECOMMAND IT TO OTHERS.YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PUT IT DOWN.THE NAME IS' A LAND REMEMBERED' BY PATRICK D SMITH.YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPOINTEED.

AS I NOTICED LAST MONTH, SOME OF US ARE A LITTLE RUSTY ON THE RECITING OF: THE SAILOR'S CREED FORMALLY KNOWN AS " DEFINITION OF A SAILOR". "as it appears in the bluejacket's manual"
I AM A UNITED STATES SAILOR.

I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I REPRESENT THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF NAVY BLUEJACKETS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE ME TO DEFEND FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD.

I PROUDLY SERVE MY COUNTRY'S NAVYS COMBAT TEAM WITH HONOR, COMMITMENT, AND COURAGE.

I AM COMMITTED TO EXECELENCE AND FAIR TREATMENT OF ALL.

I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF MY SUPERIORS.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE A COPY YOU CAN RECITE WITH CONFIDENCE.

NAUTICAL TERMS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW OR JUST FORGOT

GANGWAY: A NAUTICAL WORD FOR "GET OUT OF THE WAY."OFTEN USED AS AN ORDER TO STEP ASIDE FOR A SUPERIOR NAVAL OFFICER.

LOOSE CANNON: TODAY THE TERM "LOOSE CANNON" REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO IS OUT OF CONTROL,UNPREDICTABLE,AND WHO MAY CAUSE DAMAGE,JUST AS THE CANNONS WOULD DO IF THEY WERE TO BREAK LOOSE ON THE DECKS OF OLD SAILING VESSELS.

MAY DAY:'MAYDAY' IS THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VOICE RADIO SIGNAL FOR SHIPS AND PEOPLE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE AT SEA.THE WORD COMES FROM THE FRENCH M'AIDEZ WHICH MEANS 'HELP ME'.

NAUTICAL: THE TERM "NAUTICAL" ORIGINATES FROM THE GREEK WORD 'NAUTI' MEANING SAILOR.

OLD SALT: NAUTICAL TERM FOR OLD, RETIRED SAILOR OR SOMEONE WITH MANY YEARS OF SAILING EXPERIENCE.THE TERM IS ALSO USED TO MEAN A "GENUINE" KIND OF A PERSON.

LET'S SUPPORT OUR ASSOCIATION AND THE CPO'S FROM THE NAVY'S NEWEST ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS DESTROYER, **USS PAUL IGNATIUS DDG 117** NAMED FOR THE 59th SECETARY OF THE NAVY, OUR RECEPTION FOR THEM IS ON JULY 23 AT EITHER THE VFW OR FREDDIES ANCHOR INN, THE PLACE WILL BE SELECTED AT THE NEXT MEETING. **'LET'S SPLICE THE MAIN BRACE WITH THEM.'**

DON'T FORGET THE COMMISSIONING AT PORT EVERGLADWS ON THE 27TH

THE STORY BEHIND THE WORD

ADMIRAL: FROM THE ARABIANS,THE ARABIAN WORD FOR AMIR MEANS "RULER" OR "COMMANDER" AND BABR MEANS "SEA." AN ARABIAN SEA COMMANDER WAS CALLED AMIR AL BABR OR "RULER OF THE SEA."

BITTER END: FROM THE TIMBER TO WHICH THE ANCHOR ROPE OR CHAIN OF EARLY SAILING SHIPS WAS FASTENED,IT WAS CALLED THE "BITT" AND WHEN THE ANCHOR WAS LET OUT AS FAR AS THE LINE OR CHAIN COULD GO,IT WAS PLAYED OUT "TO THE BITTER END."

BLUE PETER: HOW DID "HOIST THE BLUE PETER" COME TO MEAN GETTING READY TO GO? THE EXPRESSION IS A SEAFARING ONE.A SHIP ABOUT TO LEAVE PORT HOISTS A BLUE FLAG WITH A WHITE SQUARE IN THE CENTER THE CODE LETTER "P" WHICH IS CORRECTLY CALLED THE "BLUE REPEATER."

THIS STANDS FOR THE FRENCH WORD PARTIR, "MEANING TO DEPART." THE FLAG WAS ORIGINALLY HOISTED BY A SHIP TO RECALL SEAMEN WHO HAD GONE ASHORE TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE TOWN THAT ALL WITH CLAIMS FOR MONEY AGAINST THE SHIP SHOULD COME AND MAKE THEM BEFORE IT DEPARTED.

CLEAR THE DECKS: THIS IS A NAUTICAL TERM. BEFORE A NAVAL VESSEL GOES INTO ACTION, THE CREW MEMBERS TIE DOWN OR REMOVE ALL MOVABLE ARTICLES ON THE DECKS SO THAT THEY WON'T KNOCK OVER AND INJURE THE SAILORS DURING THE BATTLE.

REMEMBER AN ASSOCIATION ONLY EXISTS WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SHOW UP AND SUPPORT IT. YES I AM TALKING TO YOU.

MORE TIDBITS OF INFO NEXT MONTH, YES, YES, I KNOW YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT.

NEXT MONTH AN EXCITING ARTICLE ABOUT LOCKER CLUBS.

HAVE A GREAT NAVY DAY

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