

USS BRISTOL DD857 VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

OCTOBER IS JUST THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN THE WORLD IN KENTUCKY. THE AIR IS CRISP, THE COLORS ARE BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL. THIS TIME EVERY YEAR WE TRAVEL TO A SPECIAL CITY FOR THE USS BRISTOL REUNION.

AS WE RODE ALONG THE ROAD THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE US TO PHILADELPHIA, PA. I COULD NOT HELP SEEING THE GOLDEN ROD, OUR STATE'S FLOWER. IN MY MIND'S EYE, I COULD SEE THE FALL COMING SOON. I KNOW THAT IN EARLY OCTOBER EVERY YEAR , WE ATTEND THE GREATEST REUNION OF ALL. A TRIP THAT IS ALWAYS FILLED WITH FUN, FRIENDS AND MEMORIES.

PHILADELPHIA, ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICAL CITIES IN AMERICA, IS A MECCA OF EARLY HISTORY FOR A PERSON LIKE ME. I NEVER GET ENOUGH OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EARLY YEARS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

THE TOUR THAT I EXPERIENCED TOOK ME TO THE VERY FIRST DAYS OF THE GREATEST COUNTRY OF ALL. I FELT THAT I COULD NOT SEE ENOUGH, I COULD NOT HEAR ENOUGH ABOUT HOW OUR FOUNDING FATHERS LAID OUT THE PATTERN FOR WHAT WE KNOW AS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

AS THE SHIPMATES AND FRIENDS BEGAN TO GATHER, THE HOTEL WAS ABUZZ WITH SMILES AND HUGS FROM EVERYONE.

THE BRISTOL REUNION IS INDEED THE GREATEST REUNION OF ALL. THERE WERE OLD FRIENDS FROM MANY YEARS BEFORE, AND NEW MEMBERS THAT WERE THERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EVERYONE WAS WELCOME AND MADE TO FEEL AT HOME.

IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES. WE HAD GREAT WEATHER, WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES, HAPPY TIMES AND ENOUGH MEMORIES TO LAST FOR ONE MORE YEAR.

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THE REUNION WAS

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
SHIPMATES AND FRIENDS
GOOD FOOD
USS NEW JERSEY
TOURS
MEMORIES
RECEPTION
BANQUET
DANCE
PICTURES
LIBERTY BELL
INDEPENDENCE HALL
OLD FRIENDS
NEW FRIENDS
STORIES
USS NAVY DAYS
USS BRISTOL DAYS
RAFFLE TABLE
THE LADIES IN PINK
MEMORIES AND MORE MEMORIES

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE GREATEST REUNION OF ALL
DICK BRISTOLSKI
ALWAYS DID THIS PART OF THE HISTORY.
ONCE MORE FOR DICK GOD BLESS

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