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## A Veterans' Day Surprise

Monday, November 11, 2013

First, thanks to all who visited my website, Tribute to the Crew of USS Philadelphia [www.brigs.us/Phila](http://www.brigs.us/Phila)  
This morning I received an email from a visitor to the site who solved a 70 year old mystery.

I got my love of sports from my Dad, specifically NY Sports – The old Brooklyn Dodgers and even the Yankees once the Dodgers deserted us for Los Angeles.

Dad told me that during WWII he served with Lt MacPhail who was the general manager of the Yankees. He even had a picture of the ship's baseball team which is now part of my website. I could never confirm Dad's memory although 2 of the surviving crew members backed up his story.

This morning's email was from a man whose boss was the former Lt. MacPhail. It seems that Lt WILLIAM MacPhail was the SON of Larry MacPhail and BROTHER of Lee MacPhail who are now both in the baseball hall of fame. So Dad got it almost right.

My source told me that he remembers a plaque on his boss's desk with Lt - USS Philadelphia under his name. After the war Lt MacPhail joined the family business (baseball), but left for a career in Sports Broadcasting (President of CBS Sports and founder of CNN Sports).

So although Dad's shipmate wasn't running the Yankees as he thought, he was responsible for much of the sports we watched together on TV and that's a nice memory.

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Cool!  
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I love when this kind of 'stuff' happens when I'm working with genealogy. I refer to it as 'happy dance time.'  
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**SUZYSMOBILE**  
Wow!  
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**MISCHAKEO**  
Nice story for veteran's day.



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**MARYJEANSL**  
What a wonderful story!  
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**WATERMELLEN**  
Very nice indeed -- and what appropriate timing!  
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**LOLATURTLE**  
Such a cool story! I'm glad they got in touch with you.



My grandfather was once Walter Cronkite's boss, that's our claim to fame. haha.  
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**GINIEMIE**  
So cool that you solved this after all this time, and that your dad was so close to having it right.



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**CD8126238**  
Thanks for sharing.  
I love to here great family story's and yours a great one.  
Have a great week!



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**BOOKAPHILE**  
Don't you love it when mysteries are solved just when you thought you might never know?  
Congratulations.  
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**CELIAMINER**  
Great story on this Veterans' Day!



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**CD575791**



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**CD12146214**  
Wow that is a great memory to have! See you were meant to get involved in that project!



Happy Remembrance Day from Canada.  
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