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## Images from the Past for a 90 Year Old Audience

Sunday, August 13, 2017



What are these sailors doing?



It's 1945 and they are watching the USS Augusta where King George VI of England is visiting President Truman in Plymouth harbor. Both the US and Royal flags are flying.

This is just one of the nearly 200 newly discovered negatives sent to me recently by the son of a deceased sailor. This project is the reason for my reduced time on Spark.

How do I know the exact date and the circumstances? The negatives have minimal identification. This one said "Plymouth 1945"

Fortunately my Dad's WWII diary had this entry.

August 2, 1945

"We went to quarters at 08:30. We were supposed to man the rail when the president or King arrived but the English don't have enough men on the Renown to man the rail so it's been decided to fall in at quarters and break all rules by saluting in rank. This is for the King and President only.

About 0930 the King goes by the farther end of the Bay in a motorboat to the Renown escorted by the other boats & Barges. We all stood stiff even though he was almost a mile away. The President came about a half hour later.

Finally after all the rigamaroll, we notice the Augusta crew falling in at quarters. Well we all knew for sure the President was getting set to make the historic visit with the King of England."

Dad's album has this photo

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The lesson here? Label your photos!

You just never know who might be looking at them 72 years or more later.

Because of the Spark influence I'm remembering to get up at intervals for some kinds of exercise during the 8+ hours per day that I've been working on this project.

Sometimes it's a quick session with the dumbbells. Sometimes it's just 10 minutes walking around the house or a yoga stretching exercise.

Yesterday morning my DD Jeannie (Hayburner1969) and I ran a race. After 21 years away from public education, she just took a full time teaching job and has been occupied with preparation for that. We both needed a break.



I won my age group in the 5K.

Jeannie won her age group too with a 1:53 in the half marathon.

Now back to my project. When your main audience is over 90, there isn't time to waste.

In fact none of us have any time to waste do we?

That's another lesson from Spark.

Make good use of your time and enjoy the journey

Note: My Dad's ship's reunion begins on Wednesday. Lot's of work still to do.

Also this project is not just for the remaining members of the "greatest generation"

I regularly get email from descendants searching for information about their loved ones. Amazingly some have even found photos of their own sailors in the nearly 1000 photos, documents, news articles and mementos on the website I maintain.

[www.brigs.us/Phila](http://www.brigs.us/Phila)

Edit:

The half marathon awards were fancier (as they SHOULD be)



The LOVE graphic is the image of the LOVE sculpture located near the start of the course. Nice choice, I think. What the world needs now is:



That's Jeannie and DH Eddie (inside the "O") on their 25th Anniversary earlier this month

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**MARYJEANSL**

Lovely project - you are doing so much for the remaining men and their families/descendants.

1319 days ago



**KELLIEBEAN**

I'm behind in my blogs! I love these pictures and the research you are doing!

Congrats on your win!

1357 days ago



**CHANGINGHORSES**

Very cool! Congrats to you and DD on your AG wins. Awesome sauce!

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**BEESHELL8**

what a great project. You are so right, people are hungry for information especially when their relatives are gone. I know this for sure. You are doing such a service. And congrats on the age group win!!

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**JSTETSER**

Great project!  
Thanks for your interesting blog!





Have an awesome day!



1389 days ago



**HARROWJET**

What an interesting project. I agree - label your pictures. My sister and I were looking through family pictures from 60 (or more) years ago and we have no way of knowing who we were looking at. Our uncle was able to help a bit but he didn't know most of the people either. It's sad.



Congratulations on the run with your daughter.

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**BLUEJAY1969**

Awesome blog! Congrats on the race!

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**SPARKFRAN514**



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**DONNALEE-53**



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**GINIEMIE**

What a magnificent contribution to the maintenance of historical documentation and what a gift

to family and Veterans to see the love and labor you are doing. God Bless you.



1394 days ago



**THOMS1**

Wonderful blog. What a great project. They are going to be so pleased!

1394 days ago



**PHEBESS**

Your father's former shipmates are going to LOVE this project!!!

And yay for continuing your runs!

PS - we found PortaLoos in New Zealand - free-standing electronic portable bathrooms - and they ALL played "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love," every single one of them, when someone went inside and shut the door. I checked every one we encountered just to see!

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**PENOWOK**

Congrats to you both for your runs! What an amazing project!! Best of luck to DD on her first day back at school!

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**SUNNYBEACHGIRL**

You have a lot of commitment and persistence

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**CHAYOR73**

Thank you for the wonderful history, need refreshers every now and then.



1395 days ago



**BJAEGER307**

That is so great of you doing what you're doing. I checked out your website, and forwarded it to a friend of mine whose father was in the Navy also. He's been going through the photos, and he has saw other sailors that were with his Dad but not his Dad yet.

So I salute you for the wonderful thing you are doing. Kudos on your race and your daughter also. That's super. Keep up the good work.

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**CD5900706**

Wow! My dad was in the navy in WWII. He served on an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. He was very close mouthed about most of his experiences and wrote down very little. I don't know which ship he was on or much else.

And Double Wow! to you and your daughter for your race results!! Awesome!

Thank you very much for what you are doing! It is so important for all of us to have good information about our history.



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**HARRIETT14**

You'r doing such great work for the men that deserve the best that we can offer for risking their lives for us. My DH is one of them too. He was Army.

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**SHARON10002**

to you and your daughter on your medals, and your achievements. What a wonderful project. All my family connections to WWII are sadly gone now. I remember all the talk at family gatherings.

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**LIZANDRASHAW**

Congrats on the victory!

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**SPEDED2**

Congratulations! I agree that the world needs love. Also more tolerance for each other.

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**SWEDE\_SU**

what a great project! and congrats on the race!

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**PATRICIAANN46**

Congratulations on both your Race and your WWII Project. When I first read about your project, I went through all of my Dad's Navy Photos. I remember some of his stories (told directly to me) but I really wish that he would have labeled his photos too. It is frustrating to NOT KNOW exactly where he was and at what time. He was a radio man on a destroyer.

I am sure that all of your work will be much appreciated.



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**MARTHA324**

Thanks for sharing. This is Great

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**ALEXSGIRL1**



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**REDROBIN47**

Great project you are working on. Thanks for the great blog.

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**ELAINEB1972**



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**MORTICIAADDAMS**



Good job on the photos! Congratulations to both you and your daughter on the race!  
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**WBERRY57**



You are a champion,  
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**GRACED777**



Great project! Congrats to you and your daughter on your race!  
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**RAZZOZLE**



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**LIVEDAILY**



More people than you could possibly imagine will be grateful for the work you are doing to preserve these photos into a permanent data base!! Congrats on winning your race! Great job!! Love the LOVE statue! They need something like that up in Charlottesville.  
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**QUARTERMASTER3**



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**AZMOMXTWO**



you are awesome thank you for sharing  
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**NANASUEH**



Wow! Kudos on your win! And big kudos on your project from the heart.



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**ONEKIDSMOM**



It's what makes the world go 'round, in whatever form. LOVE!  
1396 days ago



**PACEKA1**



I think it's so great that you have these photographs - a huge piece of history! Yes it is important to label our photos - even my children don't know who people are in my photo albums. That's on my project list for winter!  
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**SLENDERELLA61**




Love the LOVE! Congrats on the bling. Good job on this important project. Thanks for sharing.  
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**MBPP50**



 on your race win. I'm fascinated by the history and all the work you have done on it. Thank you for sharing.  
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**QUILTYENGINEER**

Thanks for sharing! It's great work that you are doing on your project. Congrats to you both on the race.


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**VISUALLYRICS**



Sending YOU Huge from Texas for this blessed blog - You have outdone

yourself...spent good use of your time and brought me to happy tears.  My 94 year old grandma loves to talk about her history and her fathers....we all love listening to her reminisce. She has such a grand memory even now - and history is fascinating to us. Yes, she IS still a spring

chicken.....busy and still teaching music to children....my heroine forever! 



YOU, my are such a blessing to me....and I am grateful for the time you put into these lovely blogs.





Excellent mantra - "Make good use of your time and enjoy the journey" ~ Laura  
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**DAWNMOORE40**



Wonderful job you are doing on this project!  for sharing photos and a piece of

some amazing history!  on winning your age group in the race!



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**CD4114015**

AWESOME blog and Jeanne looks JUST like Mom! Beautiful!



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**HAYBURNER1969**

Wow. That is just awesome.

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**52BINCE**

A most beautiful blog...

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**SHAWFAN**



to you and to Jeannie! Fascinating job, going through all those photos from days past. My husband is a photographer. He has books and books and books of photos. Even he is bad about reliably keeping track of when each was taken and who was in each photo.

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**MTN\_KITTEN**



What a wonderful "task" going through history.

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**GREYTDOLPHIN**

Love those photos. I can see how you would get almost lost in the research, fascinating. I have some old family photos without descriptions or notations of any kind. Any relative who could have explained is now gone.

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**SYLPHINPROGRESS**

The new store of photos is a thrill. Many will remain without notes, but the materials that you've had thus far will help with some. Your father's diary is a mine. Thank you for updating us.

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**JEANKNEE**

Thanks for sharing the photos and taking the time to piece together the history they document. Enjoy your self this week at the reunion and do share how it goes.

Congratulations to both you and Jeannie on winning your age group in yesterday's race.  
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