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## [Speaker 2]

I don't know how this came to my hand, but I got it, I got it. That's about all I've got to say.

# [Speaker 1]

I still don't know what to do. We'll have to have a problem. Well, I don't know which story to tell first.

It seems to me that we're remembering Captain Wynn. And he was a very strange guy. I don't know if that's different to the level of my writing.

Incidentally, when I first came to Los Angeles, I was left without tents there that night. And I didn't know whether I was going to go overboard or not. But I was talking on the CBS to the 438, which was our sister ship.

But I could hear a friend of mine who went to gunnery school with me. And we were talking and all of a sudden I didn't hear him. And I kept trying to raise him, I kept trying to raise him.

And we got finished. The 438 had lost its entire superstructure, about 10 men, taken to the last further water during that same time. We managed to survive.

I love the story about Captain Wynn, in which our first captain made his sole defeat. I will tell you his first grade, when he first came on board the ship, he was looking for somebody to run the laundry. I think he mentioned some man who was no longer with us, a roving hummer or something like that.

And he asked for somebody who would volunteer to do something about the laundry. And he wrote, my father was a failure. He said, all right, you're going to go to school tomorrow, and you're going to learn all about how to run the laundry.

So he did, and he came back the next day. And the captain said to him, all right, I've got a set of wipes here, and I've got some skivvies. And he said, and I want those wipes absolutely crystal clear, and bright as can be.

I want you to bleach them and do a good job. So, well, he didn't remember exactly what he was in for, and he decided he'd put those wipes into the laundry machine and put a little bleach in there. He went to sleep, and the next morning he went to get out the wipes to finish washing them, and he pulled out a bunch of skivvies.

He just went forgetting. And he was in high standard. He was in good health for a couple of weeks.

Now, we had quite a session, as you all remember. And he asked, you know, about Mr. Hart. Well, I think that Ed Wynn was pretty much the woman I pursued.

He used to bring all these lovely ladies and girls and kiss for dinner. And he had one night, he called up, he popped the skivvies into the ward room, and he said, well, now this evening, he said, I'm going to have Mrs. Wynn aboard. I want you all to behave yourselves and be very nice to her.

So it just so happened that I had looked, and I was assured. I came to board around quarter of 12 at night, and the test was on the quarter of that. And I said, will you be kind, will you be Mrs. Wynn?

He said, this isn't Mrs. Wynn. You'll see me up on my desk. So, about ten minutes later, he came up and he said, I said, you're in the tent, and you told me that you were having your wife aboard for dinner, and that we should all be very nice to her.

He said, she wasn't here for dinner. He said, well, I took her home, and I brought back Mrs. Wynn. He said, Ed, you will be at hand for the next couple of days, because that wasn't the right thing, and you embarrassed me terribly.

Incidentally, I don't know if all of you know what happened to Captain Wynn. If you all remember, we did run aground on New York Island, just off of Staten Island. And as we always say, we ran into a submerged object.

The only point was, the night before we'd been out, he had forgotten to tell the executive offices to order a pilot. So, when it came time for us to leave the O-700, he said to Captain Wynn, well, he said, where's the pilot? She said, oh, sorry Captain.

And he said, I didn't order the pilot. You didn't ask me. He said, well, I've been out of this harbor a certain time.

She said, you don't have any trouble. We flew out in the harbor. Off we went, and Mr. Griffith was looking at the charts, and I was there standing watch, and Griffith was trying to figure out exactly which way to go. And he said, Captain, you've got to come left. He said, because we're on the wrong side of that boat. Captain said, don't tell me which way we're going.

And zoom, zoom, and the next thing we arrived at, behind the sands are off of Staten Island. We come back into shore, and we go into the Gulf of Nicaragua, and we had broken a screw, and we had oaster shells in our mains against us. Although, they had a little court for him to do a court of inquiry and find out just what was going on.

And so, we called on him to explain to him why not first. He happened to go to the board, and he knew the people on it. He was a graduate of, or rather, he went to Annapolis.

He never graduated, although he wanted everybody to think he did. And he got the people who were on the board to exonerate him, and he said that we got the oaster shells in the main convention on our sideline, and we went up to Oyster Bay, and you must have just shot me in the head when we got to Oyster Bay. And I'll tell you the sad story of what happened to this man.

You know, he got sick at the end, as we all know. He had what we call the drug, and he had those awful kind of creeping sickness that we got on our feet. And I think that Ralph was going to tell you his story a little later about how he got off the ship.

But when he got off the ship, he was sent back to the United States. And one of my colleagues, who I met many, many years ago, he said, you know what happened to him? He said, no, I don't.

He said, well, he committed suicide. And I said, I'm sorry to hear that. He said, well, did you know what happened to him after he left the 440?

I said, no, what happened to him? He got another disease. He said he conspired with the sewers officer and the storekeeper to rob the ship's payroll.

The storekeeper got sicker and he ratted on him. So he was given a gun and a whip. I think Ralph would have written a cameo for you.

Here are just a couple of stories for you that I remember, and maybe Ralph would have made you this. He said, well, I'm sure. He said, I don't know if I would do it if I were you.

Well, anyhow, when I went up to the captain's office, I was actually walking to the captain's office. I was walking, and he made a check, and I said, I wish I was a cop, and I truly was a cop. Well, he would not be able to do anything like that if he were me.

He said, well, that's not very kind of you to do my duty anyhow. I said, well, I'm just happy that he didn't do anything to me. Well, how about that?

He said, well, I'm the one who would have to see if I could cop myself. If there was something I could do, if there was something that was worth doing, he would have me out of the way. He said, you haven't had to run with it.

So I went back down, and he didn't give me a call. I said, I wish he would have given me a call. I went with him.

And months go by, and now it is, as I'm going to refer to it. And I'd like to thank you for your support. Thank you very much.

It was a real pleasure to meet you. And I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend. I want to walk away.

I just thought we could do that now, right? I wanted to return to the President of the United States. Not all of us did.

I was the president of some states. We wouldn't give up. We wouldn't give up.

Well, I've had a couple of options open to me at that point. One of which I really wanted to exercise, but I was told it was kind of too hard, given the nature of the matter. But I thought I would point this out to you, and, you know, make violations of the regulations and things like that.

But other than that, what do you think the other options are? I don't know exactly. There's a number of choices.

I don't need to say anything. This man is a few years up as well. But I would like to tell one other little story, because there's one other little story, and I'm getting tired of it.

But I'd like to tell a little story about two or three little stories. When I got back, I was trying to decide what story to tell. One after the other.

One after the other. After going over a number of books, whether it's David's favorite or not favorite, Well, I certainly knew the story. and you get it on the other hand.

So he did it. He passed, and I went up to him. Our lawyer just went up to him and signed, and it was very early in the morning, and they were arriving, and he was drunk, and I took some of his papers out, and he said, I don't know what I can do.

I don't know about that. He signed them out, and by night, they were gone. So he got back, and he wrote a paper.

And I heard about this man for the first time. He was a very good counselor. But by night, he was completely drunk, and he couldn't walk at night.

He couldn't walk at night. He was paralyzed. He couldn't walk.

He thought about getting me a job, but he couldn't get a job out of it because he was a drunkard. He was a drunkard. He couldn't get me a job.

He couldn't find a job. I left Obi-Wan myself, okay? He was kind of the kind of the showbiz guy for me.

He was kind of the showbiz guy He dropped me in. He said, you know, he said, you know, And I don't know what for, but they wouldn't let me in, they wouldn't let me in, so I thought I'd see what the real cause of who I was, what I didn't want, and who I was, so when I came back to the apartment I said I didn't want to go back in there, I said I didn't want to go ba

Do you remember? Do you remember that Maryland State program? That's where we got the balloons?

We really had a good start. We got the Panama, the O'Connell, the Lion's Den. That was wonderful.

Does anybody remember? We had a good start, I think. Like I said, great job to all of you guys.

It's not the end of the straight and narrow. We had a really good start. Thank you.

11th and 12th and 18th and 18th floor. The name is Wayne. That's about there.

Wayne, Wayne, you're not the same. You've got the leaf blower. You're different.

You've got a lot of things going on. Thank you very much. We really don't know what we're doing.

We are volunteers.

## [Speaker 3]

We are equal. I really do. We are volunteers.

That's what my strategy was. We never belong in the same place as anybody else. Thank you.

## [Speaker 1]

That was wonderful. I can't remember the rest of it. It was great.

You guys did a great job. Great job. It was incredible.

Thank you. Thank you, Matt. We had a lot of good things to talk to you about.

It was wonderful. I was one of the volunteers. Mr. Wayne was one of the volunteers. So, I grew up around the middle of my childhood, and I just wanted to do a good thing perhaps, and I did. But it was just a little bit, just a little bit, you know, just a little bit. And I just, you know, just, you know, just, you know, it was just, it was just difficult.

But after a few years, I was able to get it back, and I still try to do it. Well, it wasn't until I was two that I was able to make that call. Actually, I don't remember.

So, I've been doing social a lot. Just doing that for a half an hour. And then, between school and my work, and then about five hours of driving, and I was supposed to pass.

There wasn't anything that was going on at the time. And here we were, four or five stops in a row, I was supposed to get there maybe five miles away, because I didn't know where I was going. I didn't know where I was going.

I didn't know where to get there. No food, no nothing. So, I was going to the parking lot, and there was a beach.

And we walked around the beach, you know, secured by a fence, and I was going to the stairs, you know, and I didn't know where I was going. And I would just sit, you know, four or five minutes together. I was just like, half-dazzled, because I'd lost so much weight.

So, all we did was, look around, and we found one of these little shops, and we'd come over and have a drink. And that was that. And we were just going along up and down, and I'd have to go up over the road, and up and down, and up and down, and up, and up, up and down, and up, and up, and up.

So, I was starting out, After that, he was moving and turning himself out of the way. After we came to the third, we had to turn the van slowly. Pardon!

You can stay here empty for seven days, I will rest here. My aunt is working in Ohensloot and a lavatory, but I don't know anything about the air of Ohensloot. I hope that you'll come to it.

I hope you'll come to it. I hope you'll come to it. So, thank you very much.

Together you confronted danger and endured terrible hardships, and together you rose to the challenge you never thought of. Many of your brothers gave their last full measure of devotion so that others might fall in freedom. Your defense of liberty will never be forgotten, and America's debt to you will remain far more than we can ever repay.

I take a moment with you to honor your brothers who can no longer answer those calls. God bless you all.

# [Speaker 2]

First, we'll sign a bond on the road.

## [Speaker 1]

I have copies of those two letters for each crew member, and at this time I'd like you quickly to grab a copy and one person from each table come up and we'll give you enough for it. Now, we have enough copies for each crew member, so that doesn't mean there's enough to sign, but just one for each side. So if one person from each table comes up, count how many you'll need for your table and come up and get one copy for each of those letters.

And all the letters I've received from people, one of the things that kept coming in, over and over and over, was he tended to me with B&B, he was a super kind of a man, and without him we probably wouldn't have come through. The best part of that is that he's gone, dead and gone. Applause Thank you, Rob.

I really didn't know that anybody found out about that. Laughter You know, there's one thing that we really should do before we go to anything, is just thank Rob and Ollie for all the work they've done to participate with her job. Applause Applause We had a lot of experience offering the story today.

It's well thought that the crew might like to hear what it was like going through that eye of the typhoon that day in June. From the point of view of the captain on the open bridge, and the wives and guests and the children, they might also like to know something about what happened on that night, which you probably haven't heard from your wife and children. We were part of a circular stream, a circular stream around a supply fleet about a hundred miles northeast of Okinawa.

The supply fleet serviced the carrier and export, which was going to Japan. And we'd been out there for quite a while, and we were still just in the general area. But this day, the typhoon was approaching, so we were heading to the south and trying to move.

Generally, the typhoons in that area are born in the Philippine Sea. They circle counterclockwise, and they have a path that goes up and down past Taiwan, and it swings over to Japan. That is known, but they're unpredictable.

Sometimes they'll go out to the east, and sometimes to the west, and they stop, they flatten them, they can do anything. And you just hope. Well, about five o'clock that afternoon, the patrol overhead sent a message to all of the Okinawans that the center of the storm was a great deal further east than they'd previously thought.

That sounded like it was part of one of these button-ups for shipping, that they were going on a solo course, or something like that. So we changed course to the north. And that meant going by wind.

Now, that's not a good thing. Because the wind kept getting stronger and stronger. The first winds on a typhoon are so strong that if you haven't had time to float swell, then they hit you off the top of the waves.

And you try to explore. You try to get out as close as you can, get out as close as you can, so you can't sink into the system. You're going to explore.

You're going to be able to lift up the solar distances. But you then have to give me up. Now, the swell started to pick up.

And I was having a little bit of PBS. This was back in July. The ocean was deep and clean.

The sea was fine. The sea was clear. The ocean was fine.

We had just lost two men on the boat. They were just a pair of deep-shark weapons. There was not a variety of life jackets on the ship.

But there was nothing you could see. And the stock of those water systems was impassable. There was no wind.

There was no high waves. And then we started to go. And the sea breeze came to the end on us.

59, 69. The swell was going up. And all of you just hang on.

Just hang on. Then July, we just picked up the two men and they were in good condition. This was impressive.

And not that it was a miracle. It's only that there were any reasons to talk to them. There was no reason.

There may be a reason to think that. Then the swell kept going. And we were going downwind.

We picked up behind us. Then we took the course and fell back into the fast. And we drove and drove.

In Hampton they tell me now how tough I was. We just couldn't fight. It was easy to be in the sand.

So this was the story. Back on the other side of the road, give it a little more speed, go a little faster. Do anything to keep control and keep position.

Because there were a lot of high winds coming by the ship. And we had to keep breathing. And we just couldn't let everybody go.

So we whipped away. And we tried to keep the formation. But it wasn't really good.

And as we were going, there was a bump in the back end. You just couldn't figure out. You couldn't feel it.

You couldn't see it. And then all of a sudden, B.B.S., Baxter, that was our airman, came around us slightly. This was staircase.

Staircase is a man in the infantry. So we had to fight. Because anything we didn't do was a man in the infantry going down.

And besides that, sometimes the war gets kind of personal. But that's not a staircase. That's where you go.

It's a school. And I hated the school at this time. But the way we were, that was the situation.

So pretty soon, one of the carriers, he was about, I think, about 100 knots. One of the carriers reported that a plane was going to leave on its hangar there. It was a plane.

It was over there on one side. And it went back over on the other side, grappling one of the men in front of the security team. I don't know how they ever got to those individuals.

Then, the officer said, Well, I think we ought to leave, too. Because that's what we're going to do. And if you want to leave, we think that would be good.

Well, that's fine. We'll just turn off the engine and let the wind take you where you want. There's heavy wind.

The clouds get to the deep black. You just kind of lie and let the wind come up your throat and go all around you. And you go.

But it's a lot of fun. There's a cutaway stern. There's a flat bottom.

There's a lot of leaf. There's a leaf sail on the side. I just thought that we couldn't handle that.

If we would yell too much, we'd probably trip over. So we kept down at our feet. And I was supposed to look up the formation.

And when they saw that we were leaving the formation, I thought, Well, that's not what we're doing. And we moved back to the side. Because we were diving a little further west.

And that's a little too windy. It allowed us to make a gap in the screen. So then the wind blew up to 120 knots.

That's as high as the anemone would have been. That's 135 miles an hour. That's a lot of wind.

And staircase we took, it was fire. So that was good. Nice to have that thing.

Then, well, we were going and going and about midnight, a little after midnight, they were going to change the weather. I was wet skinned with it. One corner of the boat was an arm around the stanchion.

And that's where the duct is. I was wet skinned with the other corner. I could see how it was.

And right behind me was a green light. And you know, that's the only light in the entire world you can get on when you have a mission light. And I wasn't very familiar with it.

But a green light, it seemed, was only one thing. It was probably the only light of another ship I made right. Right.

This. So we grabbed the weather screen, changed course, turned the screen, increased the speed to 30, 50 knots, picked up the speed, and said, I'm 12 o'clock. We're close enough.

We're 12 o'clock. I hope you're 12 o'clock too. The road comes up behind me, styling with the props.

Up the street, back again, 12 o'clock, there was no green light. A couple of days later, no green light. That's where our plan was.

We needed to secure it. So we kept going. Right across the street, and that's how we were alone.

We went on about five miles, or what we thought was five miles, across the street. And the wind was blowing in so hard, and this thundering back there wasn't helping anything. But, our world, the wind tonight confirmed it, and then we were at 55 degrees.

And then back over there, that's where our plan was coming out of the street. And you know, we were critical at 72 degrees. Critical means that you keep that on rolling after that, until you get it.

But when we went low over there, it was howling, howling, and then you come back and you're low over there. And you're low, and you're coming down in front. And the wind was real.

I mean, it was still up in there, and it was blowing, and it was splashing, and it was just like busting, and it was splashing, and it was up, and it was, and it was real, and it was really, and it was really, and that wind was just howling that way. So, about five o'clock in the morning, well, let me tell you this. That's where I was, where we were for a while.

Now, let's change the run, let me explain this to you. That barometer got to dropping a tenth of an inch every 15 minutes. It ran down through the 29s and the 28s and the 27s.

I didn't know the barometer just got that way. But about five o'clock, I was getting close to, and that wind was howling, howling, and I looked down, and it looked a little different to me. So, first of all, what the hell is this?

And then all of a sudden, it broke through this sheet of wind and it was blowing out. Flat, smooth, I don't know what this was, but it was blowing around us by this flat, solar wind, and it was nice and comfortable. It was blowing around us for about a half an hour.

I don't know how big this was, maybe two-thirds of an inch, I don't know. But, you know, they're not pollution. I'd like to say they're a danger, you know what I mean?

And I didn't know how close they were to the shore. Besides that, if you run up too far, then you've got to get back. You don't want to have so much fuel.

So, you want to try to clean it, you have to go out. There is a supposedly safe project for that, but they're not working. What was for it to do that?

Well, they didn't use it. But we had allowed them to go upwind, and they were going for six knots, very steady waves, in the first swell, up the little cabin, slam down into the shore. And up the little next swell, you know, solid water is coming with a big, big uplift, and that's the number one thought.

And all of a sudden, you're just up on top and then down, and that ship just shudders as you dive into the shore. And all of a sudden, you find that the wind is getting a little bit empty, and you expect it to go down, but there are also winds coming from other directions. So the winds from up here making these big swells, they jump down and leave.

And when they left, we had these huge surroundings like that. And I would look at those things come rushing at us, and I knew we were just going to splash into the side and just knock us flat. But they didn't.

They were so big that they would just pick us up like a chip up on top and slam down into the shore. And dive into the next swell, up and over, and slam and down into the next swell. All of a sudden, the wind bustled up and alongside and splashed into us.

And I'd look up, and we were on a height value of 28 feet, and I knew it was going to be high, F50 to 62 miles. Those waves were huge and massive as well. So, we kept coming to about 75 feet and we couldn't get up.

I hit a surface down to about 70 feet and we couldn't get up. So, I had to have a check on the land history after that to make everything was good. We had to report to our depth charges because something was happening with all our depth charges.

Not only on the way back, but also underneath. So, I was in top dock and the only high on the deck was the side. The third one, which was about 45 degree wind, which was about 45 degrees wind.

So, we had to our charges and we had to report to our depth charges and we had to report to our charges and we had to to our depth charges and it was the only thing we do. So, that's all we're going to do. That was a good shift.

You know, the world's leadership they used to say she was well-bound. Well, that's what we know now. The world didn't tell us that.

She was well-bound. And well-acquainted. So, about ten o'clock we caught up with the captain of the fleet.

And a picture of the raft came out. It was pulling off right before an event happened. The miracle of that was that they got five of those men back in the green part of the ship, and then they didn't see it.

They just found it, and it just fell out. The aircraft carrier, the hull of the plane that was back on the roof, that was just draped down like a fishnet. It was one of those things that dipped into the water, and it would just come off.

The hulls were stripped. The damage was there. It was frightening.

There was a lot of damage to all of it. But the thing that really hurt was that the last of those carriers, which had to go back to the ships where they were brought to repair it, blew off shortly after. And that was the damage that happened.

I didn't know anything about it, but it was a frightening experience. Thank you. Applause Thank you, Captain James.

We were out in business for a time, but the lighting of it was the first thing that we were not aware of. It was a real trying experience. Thank you for letting me up here.

At this time, we're going to ask the President of the United States of America to go out to the schools to remember our deceased shipmates. Child of Jesus, we believe in you. We want to ask you to go back on your feet and come to the streets of New York City.

# [Speaker 2]

Applause Every one of our shipmates, the marine class of McCoy-Wendell, has been called to the higher leagues. They are with us in these chairs tonight as we honor them.

### [Speaker 1]

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### [Speaker 2]

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## [Speaker 1]

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## [Speaker 2]

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## [Speaker 1]

Guy O'Tack Radio and First Class Richard Butler, Theophilus Coach of Mason County Out of control It was a great honor. Thank you. Thank you, Robert.

We appreciate it so much. Do you want to have another reunion? What do you feel is important?

Bill, would you come up, please? We'd like to discuss with you just for a few moments the things we need to do to find our next one. And we'd like to ask you to help out, volunteer and so on.

So this time, ask Bill to help us out. Thank you, Walt. This is certainly going to be a hard act to follow.

After all, Walt had 43 years. He wants me now to find something and have it ready for tomorrow morning. Good morning, Walt.

I'm impressed with the fine job that's being done, Walt. And I'm just so happy to be asked to have some volunteers to look over the registration form that we all completed. As we register, to make some selections, review the registration.

It shouldn't take more than a few minutes of our time. And make some decisions regarding where and when we would like to have our next reunion. So, Walt, I don't know if you want to call the procedure here.

We can ask the volunteers, or if you would recommend or allow, we can have the semiconductor procedure. But I think the simplest thing would be from the interest that has been generated here, if after we group up here as well as you who are interested in spending 15 to 20 minutes for a reunion with me and then forming a committee to make a decision as to when and where to make a report. So, Walt, I really feel confident that we will carry on the position here that has been fabulous.

Well, thank you, Walt, for the recommendation. It was just one of those times. I look out and I see the faces.

It's just so thrilling for me to be here and to listen to Captain James, who likes to throw in the towel and to just feel the pride, as well as feeling the pride of being here tonight. And I know as someone who certainly wants this to continue, I haven't had a chance to bring my wife, my children, my grandchildren to be a part of this. I hope that we can do that as early as next year.

For those of you who would like to work with me, at the end of our meeting, we'll meet at the table and we'll put some thoughts together. Thank you very much. Thank you.

I'd like to get now after we've dismissed the meeting with Bill, as many of you indicated on your sheet today, that you just may want to fill out your registration form and help out. So meet with him after we've dismissed. Now for the highlights of this meeting.

You know, we ask you if you will think of the most interesting experiences you had on one of the four nights. I know all of you remember the final score. Maybe some of you will not like the score.

So if you would, I'd like to ask you, what I'm doing, you don't know what I'm doing, I'm obviously following you, by what's the way you're going to do it, you have to follow me or you're going to do it.

[Speaker 3]

So, I just want to run up first with Edwin.

[Speaker 1]

Edwin? Edwin?

[Speaker 3]

I guess he has one of the most interesting ones.

### [Speaker 1]

Now, if all of these can be noticed, please stand up. I'm going to move those two chairs up here. I'd like to have two volunteers come up to those chairs.