

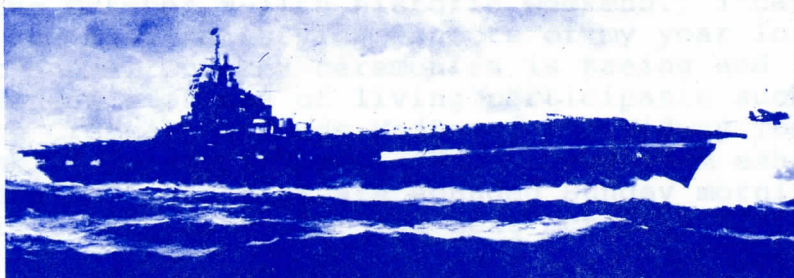
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December 18, 1987

Dear "Jimmie" Taylor Children and Grandchildren:

Not having anywhere near the facilities of a CEO, I will try and express in a joint letter a multitude of thanks and appreciation to all of you who helped make my 45 year dream come true.

First, and foremost, thank you so much Aileen, J.B. and Dave for your very generous financial support, without which the Taylor Memorial Room and Test Pilots Hall of Honor wouldn't have gotten off the ground.

Secondly, thank you, J.B., for your countless hours, your hundreds of letters and telephone calls, your invaluable input of ideas and suggestions, the framed pictures, articles and other memorabilia, making possible the innumerable contributions of Jim Greenwood and Marge, and for the tremendous free publicity you have generated for "The Fighting Lady" and Patriots Point in the executive suites of the aerospace industry, Fortune 500 companies and with VIP's all over the world.

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Thirdly, thank all of you for your very enthusiastic participation in the October 9-11th historic weekend. I can assure you that one of the most satisfying aspects of my year long involvements in our annual October ceremonies is seeing and feeling the pleasure and deep emotions of living participants such as yourselves. John Crommelin, Swede Vejtasa, the Midway Torpedo Squadron and Franklin survivors, etc. Even though I'm exhausted and thoroughly drained when taps are sounded Sunday morning, it automatically cranks me up for the next October.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have sent me such very nice letters which will be prominent additions to my ever enlarging Yorktown scrapbook. The one's from the "younger" generation are especially welcome and indicate that we "oldies" have passed along a few of the old traditions we learned from our fine parents.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and again, a million thanks to the great family of one of my very special heroes.

As always,

Uncle Jim

I agree 100% about "not being strangers".
Would love to get you down to D? while Jay and Canoll are here the week after Christmas. Did you know Canoll Kyser at URC? You must have heard of her Dad, Kay Kyser. She was in the class of '71 - I believe - or '70.

For sure let's keep the renewed Taylor-Bryan close contact alive.

U.J.

P.S. Just remember your saying you lived in Cambodia for a couple of years so I'm enclosing some material on Day's venture into North Carolina politics.