



NEWSLETTER



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General



By Gene Walker

(Editor's Note) Let me just say that I'm sure all of us have been in this situation at one time or another. I might be cool, calm and collected when I arrive at the Dr's office but by the time I get in to see him, my blood pressure is up, I'm breathing heavy and I'm beet red. Not from being nervous about seeing the Dr. but because I had to wait so long. So let's go along with Gene for his Dr. appointment.

Some things just drive me crazy!!! Consider this:

On the 3rd of July I drag myself into my doctor's office for the purpose of taking a stress test. Now understand I have done this so many times I do not even have to study for them anymore. Of course I had to fast for 16 hours prior to taking the test. To me this was stress enough since I do some of my best eating after 2100 hrs, which is 3 hrs past the time I was to start fasting. I went to bed hungry and dreamed about food all night.

Jump to 0800 next day. As I was running on the treadmill, gasping for every breath, and, embarrassingly, breaking wind with every left step, the good doctor announced that it appeared my heart was functioning well. With that the good doctor exited and his able nurse finished things up with more picture taking, before sending me home happy and glad I was not facing more tests or surgery. Now you would think that would be the end of that. I sure did. **WRONG!**

Two days later I get a phone call from one of the good doctor's assistants informing me that I was to come to their office at 1415 hrs to discuss the result of the stress test. "Whoa, hold it?" I said. "I was told by the good doctor that all was well; this time it was not my heart. I was sent home happy and glad, remember"? **Woe was me.** At this point the good doctor's assistant informed me there were some irregularities presented from the stress test and they wanted to discuss that with me. Oh No, I thought - I have been through this before and the news was not good. Again, **Woe is me.**

Arriving 15 minutes early I shuffled into the good doctor's waiting room, where I was greeted by a lot of gloomy faces; Ten exactly. Not too worry I told myself. I am here for a consultation; I should be in and out pretty quick. **WRONG!** - Again. Soon it was 1415 hrs – my time to be called. I sat and watched people go and more people come. But I was not going anywhere and the longer I sat the more concerned I got about the pending consultation.

At 1710 hrs my name was called, 2 hrs 50 min past my appointment. By now I was certain I was going immediately to the hospital where they would again cut me open and fiddle around with my heart. I was not happy; I was in fact getting quite anxious. I glanced around expecting some applause or high-fives; something to mark this moment. But shoot, there were only two other people still waiting and both of them were taking a nap. Now, to my surprise, this little nurse tells me to mount the scales, takes my temperature, checks my blood pressure and tells me to take my shirt off for an EKG test. Now I had been really patient and calm up to this point, but I really did not like the path I was being led down. I told the nurse, that I was there to go over the results of my stress test and to my knowledge that was it. She went out, came back in and informed me that I was right. Ah! A RIGHT not a WRONG. Five minutes later in strolls the good doctor, all smiles. At this time he informs me that the stress test results were fine, no issues with the heart to be concerned about. Have a good day I want you back in 1 year. The good doctor was with me for exactly 22 seconds. **22 SECONDS!** I waited for nearly three hours for a 22 second consultation which was nothing more than he had already told me two days earlier. It could have been told to me again when they called to ask me to come in. And I still don't know what the irregularities are that the Assistant mentioned. **Woe is me.**

Joan, being Joan, rolled up her sleeves, opened up a beer, growled a couple of times (practice, I guess), bared her teeth and started calling doctors (I don't know what the beer was for – she doesn't drink beer. I got to drink it later – hot).

The end result being I now have an appointment with a new cardiologist. Of course getting to this point was not uneventful; never is when Joan is on the warpath. Seems the new good doctor would not make the appointment on her request, had to be watashi (“Me” for the non-Japanese speaking). Well, as things go around our place these days, my dementia checked in at the absolute worst time. While talking with good doctor's appointment maker, I thought I would add a little joviality to the moment. Well I guess I did, just not what I had intended. My intentions were to say ‘I have to make this new appointment or my wife would never again give me any peace’. When I got to the “peace” part my mind shut down and I could not think of right word. I got through the “any” and froze. After a few seconds all I could hear was this lady cackling over the phone, then in a short time the whole room was laughing out loud. I was so embarrassed that I could not tell them that was “Old News”. **Woe is me – again!**

(Editors note) A whole day wasted, not really, someone has to pay the good Doctors country club fee. By the way let's hear it for Joan, don't know what the boy would do without her. Least ways we know Gene's doing OK for now, just in case it won't hurt to keep praying.



Bulletin Board by Barney Fisher:

The website has a few new offerings on it and I sure hope that everyone is taking advantage of it. Lately with all the problems the government has been having with hackers, the RAO Bulletin is coming in very handy, it keeps us up to date on what is being done and what is being offered to those affected. For those that get meds, it contains the changes to the formulary which determines what prescriptions will cost. Another good item contained in the RAO Bulletin is the updating of the bills that are in legislation that are important to us as veterans. Don't miss reading these and then write your representative and let them know how you feel about the bill and remind them you vote. I know it's hard for those of you that do not have computers to garner anything from the website but I'm sure neighbors, family and friends would be happy to bring it up for you. In most area's you can use your local library and do the same thing. Once you're on line, type in www.af-acw.com and enjoy. Don't forget that the website and

newsletter are possible only through your financial support. I've cut the newsletter to the bare bone in order to keep the cost down, if I cut much more it won't be worth sending out. It would help if folks would let me know if they still want to receive the newsletter, It's like I'm in a dark cave, I don't know if it's worth the effort or not. So please LET ME KNOW!!!!

Get Together: Well there have been a few people getting together and from what I know all have been enjoyable. Gene and Joan Walker (Alabama) came up to visit us.(Ohio). Chris Smith (Michigan) also stopped in for a visit on his way to Mississippi. In March, Bill Benner and wife (New York) and Jim Clough and his wife(Pennsylvania) got together in Jims hometown. In May, Ray Roberts (Ohio) visited with Jerry Pierce (Virginia) they did some historical sight seeing and I think another get together is being planned. How about the rest of you folks? I know you're not all staying at home, share the news, it might just get a few more people interested in doing the same.

Cruise: Being as the 2006 cruise went so well, and those folks have talked it up, I've had a few ask if there is going to be another one. I know all those that made the cruise are ready to go again and to answer the question we have to talk to Dino. He did such a great job organizing this one that I asked him, would he do it again. Well he said yes, but that we should wait awhile before having another one. So I'm letting it up to the expert on cruises and see what he comes up with. Keep watching the web site and for those that don't have computer access send me a letter as to if you're interested or not.



Day Room by Barney Fisher::

Ferd's Words of Wisdom:

Put only your initials and last name on your checks.

Don't sign your credit cards, write in Photo ID Required.

When paying your credit card bill, don't put your full account # on the For Line, the last 4 digits will do.

Use your work phone and address on your checks.

Don't put your Social Security # on your checks.



Inform and be Informed by Barney Fisher

Changes to the Master Roster: Since you received the Master Roster there have been many changes and I tried to bring them up to date in the last newsletter. Well I sent out a mass email for Flag Day and low and behold if I didn't get some more returns, so if you have any idea on the correct contact information for any of the following I'd appreciate hearing from you. Those that the email kicked back on were: Jerry Hedberg – Harley Jenson – Dave Lehnerr – John Madigan – Dewitt Mitchell – Del Turner and Art Wilson.

Sick Call: Please remember the following members that have been having medical problems over the past months: Bill Allison – Ralph Briggs – Barney Fisher – Harley Jenson – Judy Johnson – Benhard Koski – Mike McKeever – Stanley Sakai – Ronald Sam – Ray Sanders – Ron Schumacher – Pete Sessions - Ken Shoup – Gene Walker – Don VonBank We have quite a few members that have family

going through medical problems also, so please add them to your list. I'm sorry if I missed anyone. Please, if you have any input on our members, let me know.



From Headquarters

by Barney Fisher

Last report from our inside man at HQ says that everyone is holding their own. The monthly dinners are going strong and he said that anyone traveling in the area is invited to attend. Mel Townsend went up to HQ for the last dinner but had the times mixed up and missed it. Mel said, he and Joe Sullivan are going to try and make one of them during the summer.



Sound Off

by Barney Fisher

You got a gripe, not happy about the way things are going. Here's your chance, let me know and it'll appear right here for all to see.

I'm glad that everyone is happy with the website and newsletter, you must be I haven't heard a complaint in a long time. Or is it no one is looking at the site or reading the letter?

PICTURES: There have been some new photo's added to the Photo Gallery, take a look and stroll down memory lane. Don't forget we're always looking for pictures from the past or present. Thanks.



Taps

by Barney Fisher

This spot reserved for reporting the passing of our brothers. Also, please visit the website and take a few minutes to reflect and say a prayer for a friend now gone ahead.

Well I'm glad to report that to my knowledge we don't have any additions to the Taps page. If you know of anyone that has suffered a loss, or is ill, please keep us informed so we may acknowledge them, and keep the members aware. Thanks



Dismissed by Barney Fisher

In closing I'd like to appeal to everyone to PLEASE keep me informed of any information regarding our members and yourself. PLEASE, send me stories/memories of the 707th, my contact information is listed below. You might want to keep this page for future reference. In order to cut cost, even further, I might decide to drop it. You can always find my contact information on the Master Roster. Thanks.

That's it for this issue, Take Care and **God Bless America**

Be safe and be happy!

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