

Tabs and Transportation with Sam McClure



By HERMES BOYATIS

OUR dedicated tab collector is revealed in these two photos, taken at Worcester's private Bancroft School.

"In the photo to the left," he said, "you see little **Danya Li**, who was treated at the Burns Institute when she was only two, scalded by an accident from an iron. At the end of school a year ago, she was instrumental in getting kids from her school to collect 35 pounds of tabs. She is now in middle school."

"In the one to the right, I am joined at Bancroft School by two children: second-grader **Sydney Kennedy**, who is being treated in Springfield for scoliosis, and third-grader **Benjamin Landry**. The two have already presented me with 40 pounds of tabs!"



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OUR calendars are filled with special holidays of remembrance: Patriots' Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, and many more!

Resounding through all these observances are the names of US presidents and Shriners who wore medals for their actions beyond the call of duty. Your editor cannot enumerate them all here, but will name just a few: Paul Revere, Al Flight, Jimmy Carter, Peter Stone, J.F.K., Harvey Waugh, Lyndon Johnson, Douglas MacArthur, Jeff Hodgson, John McCain, George Herbert Walker Bush, and Gerald Ford.

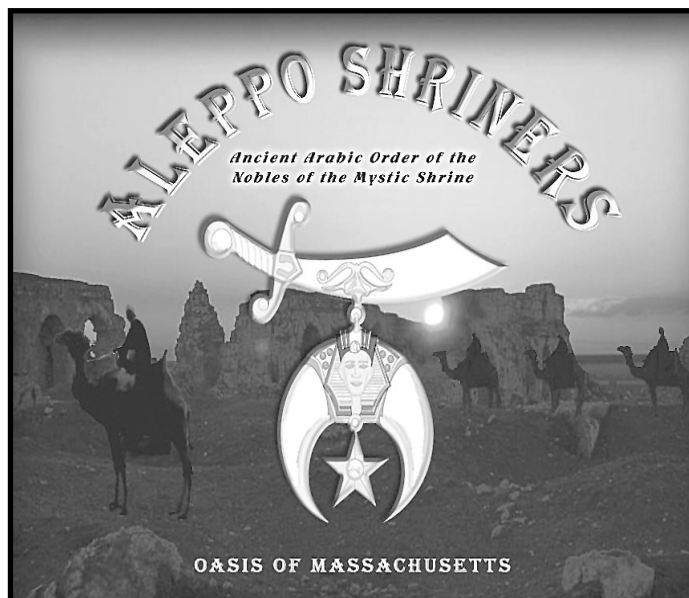
In the latest issue of USS Arizona Reunion Association Newsletter is an intriguing list by **Eric Mills**: "High Seas Hollywood: The 25 Best U.S. Navy Movies." We know that President **Ronald Reagan** served in the Army Air Force, making training films, but how about the Navy films? We query our Aleppo News readers: How many have you seen?

They are: Dive Bomber; Destination Tokyo; They Were Expendable Task Force; On the Town; Men of the Fighting Lady; The Caine Mutiny; The Bridges of Toko-Ri; Mister Roberts; Away All Boats; The Wings of Eagles; The Enemy Below; Run Silent, Run Deep; Torpedo Run; Operation Petticoat; The gallant Hours; The Bedford Incident; In Harm's Way; The Sand Pebbles; Tora! Tora! Tora!; The Last Detail; Top Gun; The Hunt for Red October; Crimson Tide; and Men of Honor.

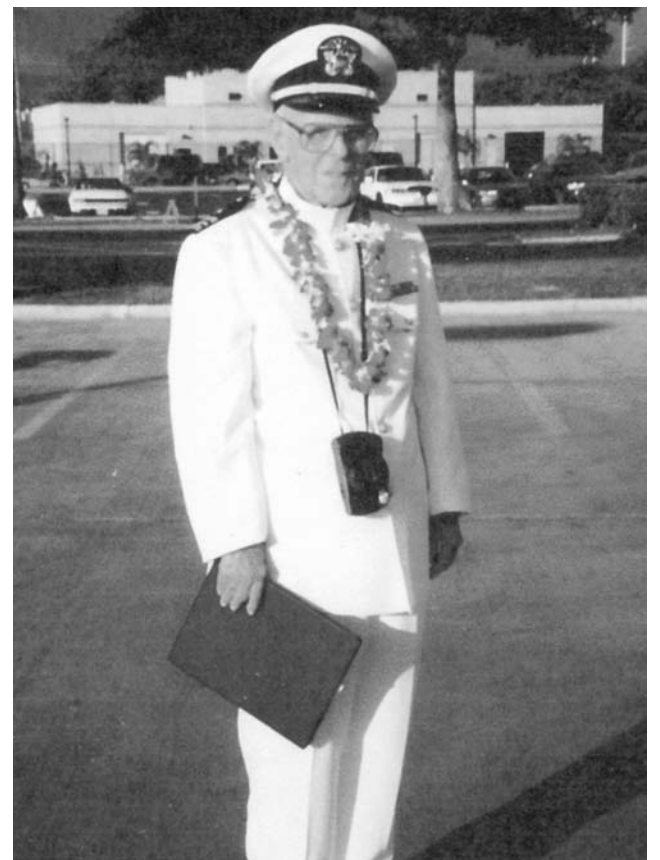
All this reminded your editor of an article in our Aleppo News a few years ago: "Survivor of the Day of Infamy." Described are the World War II experiences of **Joseph Kopcho Langdell**. Now, at the age of 95, despite some medical problems, he can still wear his uniform and salute with pride. He was first featured in an A & E documentary and later interviewed by CBS aboard the USS Missouri. Initially he survived his service on the USS Arizona and later served in Sitka, Alaska; Guadalcanal, and beyond.

Joe, as we call this survivor, was raised in Good Samaritan Lodge in Reading Massachusetts. He is now affiliated with Nicolaus Lodge No. 129, Wheatland, California and Ben Ali Temple A.A.O.N.M. Sacramento; is a 32nd Degree, Scottish Rite, Valley of Sacramento, Orient of California; and recipient of the Golden Veterans Award from the Grand Lodge of California. He has attended three local Blue Lodges. In his earlier days he played 1st cymbals with a Shrine Club Bugle Corps.

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