

Robbie's Farewell Party

Reno, Nevada

May 2019

It was a long drive but worth the effort to spend a few moments with a terrific man. Captain Erner, Leonard Nielsen, Kevin Reidy, myself and my wife, Theresa, made the trip to Reno to join in Robbie's goodbye party. His daughters and son were there along with a few of his grandchildren. It was a sad yet joyous time. Robbie was in terrific spirit and fun loving as ever. We chocked back a few tears, told sea stories and ate some terrific Chinese food.



On behalf of the Association we presented Robbie with a letter from Tin Can Sailors that recognized his tireless quest to form the USS FLOYD B PARKS Association and conduct annual reunions. He told us that he truly loved the task and was grateful for all the shipmates that responded to his calls and letters.



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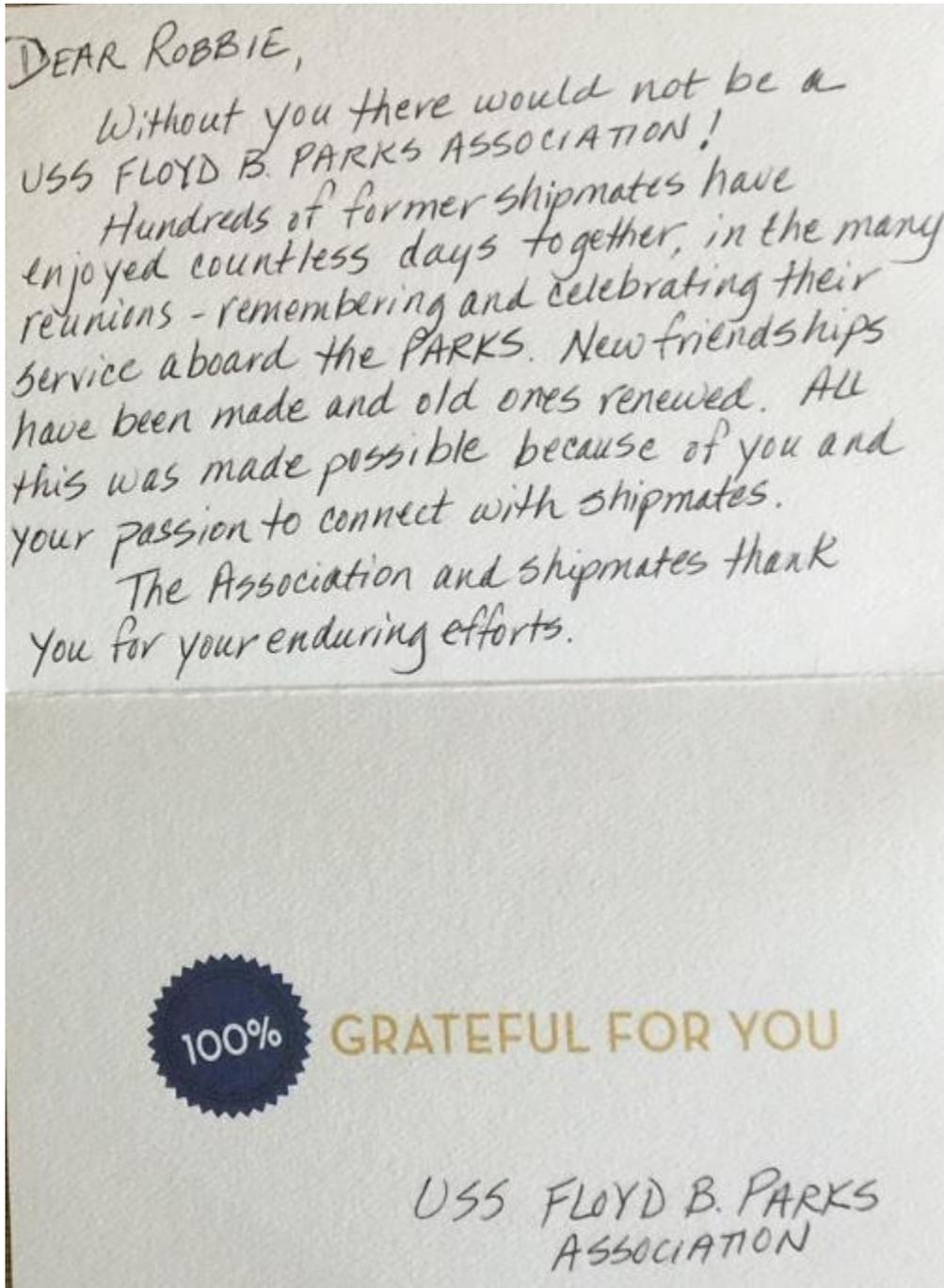
Dear Robbie and the Floyd B. Parks Association,

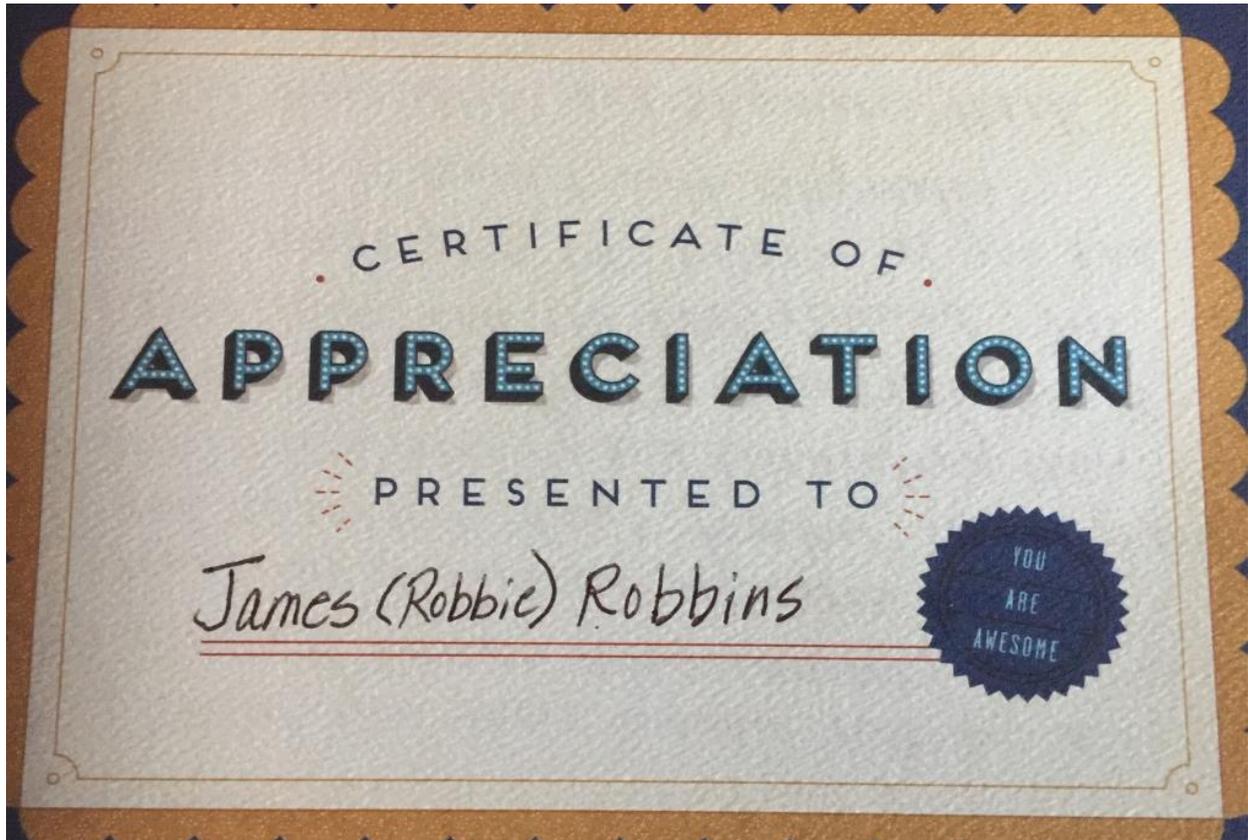
Robbie in honor of your dedication and passion for the Floyd B. Parks Association, a donation of \$5,000 has been made to Tin Can Sailors in your honor. This donation is a tribute to you from your shipmates for bringing them together through the years by the formation of the Floyd B. Parks Association, and for the years of devotion you have given to them, your ship, and the pursuit of preserving her history. We at Tin Can Sailors thank the Floyd B. Parks Association for your very generous donation and for the sacrifices you have made to serve your country. We plan to continue the honor your shipmates have bestowed on you by using your donation to preserve and honor, destroyers, their history, and the men who served on them.

Sincerely,

O. M. Little
cc: Denis Allion

Captain Erner paid tribute to Robbie and thanked him for all that he has done for the good of the association. He wished him fair winds and following seas and hopes that he will find safe anchorage.





Please see the attached photos - starting with his children, Cheryl, Brenda, Bruce and adopted daughter Cheryl (hope I have all the names correctly spelled). Cheryl was the organizer and did a wonderful job. Many of the guests were friends of Robbies from the assisted living facility where he is currently residing. All real nice folks.





Thank you for your support of the decision made to honor Robbie while he is still alive, I can't describe the look of genuine appreciation on his face when we showed him the letter. Today was a very moving experience for all of us. Let us pray that God takes Robbie into his arms swiftly so that he does not suffer a painful death. God bless him and all of his shipmates.

Sincerely,
Dennis

