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Colleagues,

Thursday was the 68th anniversary of V-J Day – the end of World War II, and **Charles A. Welsh Jr.** was serving in the Navy aboard the USS San Francisco on that day, Aug. 15, 1945. Welsh, who had joined the AP in Philadelphia in 1942 before entering the Navy, served in the Pacific Theatre, participating in the invasions of Okinawa, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Leyte. During his 17-month stint, he wrote his wife almost every day, a compendium of nearly 500 letters. He returned to the Philadelphia AP office after being discharged in the latter part of 1945, later headed bureaus in Pittsburgh and Louisville, and moved to AP New York in 1964, serving there until his retirement in 1977.

Wanting to be sure this important date in U.S. history is not forgotten, his son **Charles A. "Bucky" Welsh** wrote a remembrance of V-J Day, featuring a letter his father wrote to his wife that day, that appeared Thursday in two Virginia papers, the Staunton News Leader and the Waynesboro News Virginian. Bucky published a book in 2010 about his dad's letters, "Treasures From the Attic, My Father's Letters, 1944-1945" appearing two years after his father's death in 2008 at the age of 96. Here is a Word document of his remembrance:

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With the recent death of my dad, an Army veteran who also passed away at 96 years of age, it hit home when Bucky noted that an average of 1,000 World War II veterans die each day.

Paul

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### **Were Journalists Deliberately Targeted In Egypt?**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/15/journalists-deliberately-targeted-egypt\\_n\\_3761047.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/15/journalists-deliberately-targeted-egypt_n_3761047.html)

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### **It's a first: ASNE and APME join forces for 2014 convention**

[http://asne.org/blog\\_home.asp?Display=1629](http://asne.org/blog_home.asp?Display=1629)

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**War as art through camera lens** (Shared by Chuck Zoeller and Paul Colford)

<http://www.boston.com/arts/theater-art/2013/08/10/vietnam-war-photographers-currier-museum-art/PbgWOD3sd35iBAQRL4RYOJ/story.html>

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**Mining Gold From Yesterday's News: News operations upgrade archive systems to monetize the past** (Colford)

[http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/494353-Mining\\_Gold\\_From\\_Yesterday\\_s\\_News.php](http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/494353-Mining_Gold_From_Yesterday_s_News.php)

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**Edward Snowden Says Media Being Misled 'About My Situation'**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/15/edward-snowden-media-misled\\_n\\_3764560.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/15/edward-snowden-media-misled_n_3764560.html)

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**New York Post axes journalist who wrote classic "Headless" hed** (Shared by Claude Erbsen)

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**Best of States**

<http://www.apme.com/?page=bestofstates>

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**APME Update: Aug. 15, 2013** (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt)

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- **Oct. 28-30, APME Annual Conference, Indianapolis**

## NEW TODAY FROM APME

### It's a first: ASNE, APME join forces for 2014 convention

For the first time, the two premier news leadership organizations in North America are joining forces to present a joint convention.

The American Society of News Editors and the Associated Press Media Editors have reached an agreement that will bring the two influential groups together in September 2014 in Chicago. A joint convention has been discussed for years, but has never materialized until now.

"In this day and age it just makes sense to hold one terrific conference for leaders of news organizations," said ASNE president David Boardman, dean of the School of Media and Communication at Temple University and former executive editor of the Seattle Times. "We've always had great conventions. This will be bigger, better and smarter than ever."

ASNE and APME members include senior editors of news organizations, deans and journalism educators, members of journalism foundations and news executives.

"I'm thrilled the stars finally aligned to make this happen," said APME President Brad Dennison, who is president of GateHouse Media's Large Daily newspaper division. "The list of great news minds working on programming, the cost synergies, the drawing power for both audience and high-profile speakers – it's an exciting proposition."

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- **Cleveland Plain Dealer:** Reinvestigating rape involves old evidence, new answers
- **Sun Sentinel:** Parents condone high school athletes' use of performance-enhancing substances
- **Los Angeles Times:** A closely guarded list on OxyContin prescriptions
- **Portland Oregonian:** Portland's paid-leave perk costs taxpayers
- **The Press of Atlantic City:** Millions in aid for Miss America contest
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**August 8, 2013**

### V-J Day Revisited, an almost forgotten date.

In recent months there have been numerous newspaper articles and television news programs highlighting our World War II veterans. The stories have been poignant, sad, informative and historical in nature. These heroic veterans are leaving this world at the rate of nearly 1,000 a day and many of their stories will be lost forever. August 15, 1945 is an important date in modern day history and of late has almost been ignored and often given short shrift in the news media. To the uninitiated, V-J Day stands for Victory in Japan – the official end of World War II.

Harkening back to our ever-diminishing heroes, the surviving World War II veterans, August 15, 1945 may very well have been one of the most significant dates in their lives. It meant that the dreaded war was over and that they would be coming home to their loved ones.

My Dad was one of these veterans, and although he passed way in 2008, his words about V-J Day endure to this day. I'd like to share some of his feelings on that long-ago date when he wrote from the deck of the USS San Francisco in the south Pacific off the coast of Manila in the Philippines. The following are some excerpts from the letter that he penned to my mother on August 15, 1945.

My dearest Betsy:

Salt water sloshed over the well deck, sprinkling on the little knot of men of men clustered about the radio speaker. A line if men leaning on the boat deck rail smoked and talked. Nobody seemed much interested --in anything. The 7 o'clock newscast had said pretty plainly no announcement was likely for several hours. And everybody had been waiting, so long, so very long that all the tang was gone from the expectancy.

Static crackled through the current newscast making it difficult to hear in most parts of the ship.

Suddenly a scrawny little fellow dashed on deck from the radio room whooping excitedly. There was excitement in the air! Then someone from below shouted up to us "The war is over" - - and we stood together in stunned silence.

It was too big, too good, too incredible this thing we had been waiting for and now that it was here, it was real, and it was true.

I wanted to hear it for myself; got into the radar room just in time to hear the announcer: "I repeat; President Truman has just announced Japanese acceptance of the surrender terms!"

There wasn't even a ghost of a celebration under way as I walked out on deck. Nor did I celebrate; leaning on the rail, looking out across the flat gray water I said a prayer.

There was a lot of chattering between the men. We talked mainly about home and our families.

However war, over or not, the ship got back to work. Scaffolds hang everywhere and we painted, the air filled with the soft, wet slap of brushes. Pay call was sounded. The morning passed swiftly - - I never saw the crew work so eagerly. At this rate the ship will be painted in two days!

And that my darling is about all there is to tell about V-J Day here aboard ship, or at least about what it looked like to me. Perhaps someday I can tell you how it really felt, but I'm not up to writing it now.

There is one thing, though, something that has been stowed away in a conveniently forgotten recess of each of our minds since that October Day we sailed from San Pedro, destination Pearl Harbor. Each one of us can, and doubtless has in one way or another said to himself: "Well it's over and by God I made it.

I know now that someday I'll be going home, not in pieces, not in a box. I'm going home!"

My Dad did go home, some two months later but not under happy circumstances. His father passed away unexpectedly and he was granted compassionate leave and subsequent discharge.

The point of this article is not to share information about my father, but rather to illustrate an example of a veteran's emotion at the end of World War II. We must not forget our World War II veterans and we must remember V-J Day – the day that gave them relief and signified the opportunity to return home and to return to life and loved ones.

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