

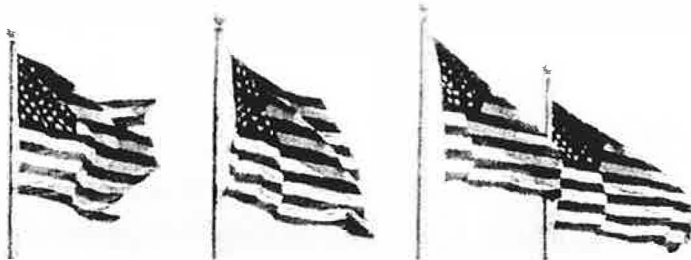


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**Mailed to you for my recent
medical history. Also consider
yourself invited to my 100th
birthday dinner - - April 21, 2014
at the Army Navy Country Club.
Regular invitations much later.**

**Best wishes for a happy, healthy fall
and a fully economically recovered
2010 new year.**

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Personal

The Honorable Chairman Dan Inouye
United States Senate
722 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Dan:

Please forgive the lengthy survival litany - - I wanted to explain my being AWOL the last several months from the telecommunications battlegrounds (I'm not a lobbyist, my consultancies are advisory).

Anyway, early last March, I told several communications friends I was planning another fund-raiser for a genuine WWII hero, Dan Inouye. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

Instead of fund-raising planning, I was rushed to the emergency hospital with: (1) 75% blockage of heart arteries, (2) massive disabling arthritis, and (3) kidney failure. At the hospital I developed a severe case of Pneumonia, lost 30 pounds, and almost "bought the farm" (burial ground). From the hospital, I was moved to a rehabilitation and therapy hospital for 4 weeks. I was released only by pledging to continue dialysis and other treatments while at home.

At home, liquid in my right ankle burst out causing a 4 inch lesion that turned into a staph inflammation. Again over my objections, I was rushed to the hospital for a six day treatment of three intravenous infusions a day and antibiotic ointment. Again I was released to home care only if I would continue antibiotic treatment, etc. It worked! I'm still continuing great life saving dialysis and therapy treatments - - I'm using a walker and hope to be promoted to a cane soon. I'm lucky - - I still haven't caught leprosy.

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How am I doing today? All my defensive measures are keeping heart, kidneys and staph infection under control. I have regained 16 of the lost 30 pounds. Hard to believe, but my prognosis is now favorable - - not bad for a 95½ year old fugitive from the actuarial tables.

So now for the good part - - a reminder that you and Chairman Ted Stevens advance reservations for my 100th patriotic birthday dinner are still in effect. Remember the date April 21, 2014 at the Army Navy Country Club. You and WWII Flying Tiger Ace, Chairman Ted Stevens will be honored guests. Dick Wiley, my former long time tennis partner and very effective bi-partisan chairman when I first joined the FCC, has promised to stay alive long enough to emcee the event.

I know the date April 21, has special significance for you. You were seriously wounded in northern Italy on April 21, heroically charging an enemy machine gun nest. I was in Italy at that time - - everyone in the army was admiring the brave exploits of the famous Japanese-American 442 regimental combat team.

Chairman Dan - - We World War II vets are becoming a scarce commodity so stay healthy and happy. God bless you - - (me too?)

Love



Jim

(Longest serving democratic FCC
Commissioner in history - - 23½ year service,
4 Senate confirmations)

cc: Chairman Ted Stevens
Dick Wiley
(Copies to mutual friends invited to 100th birthday who inquired about my health)