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### Pretty Much Puts You In The Swimming Pool



If you're following the weather forecast, and there's a good chance you are, you've probably noticed that our 2014 reunion destination is not part of the "Polar Vortex". Should you visit our website for a look at the current temperature in St. Pete Beach it will probably put you that much closer to the "I'm Sick Of Winter" syndrome. What better time than right now to get busy and make your room reservation and register for the 21st Annual Ship's Company Reunion?

If you'd like to take an aerial tour of the area go to <https://maps.google.com> and enter "4900 Gulf Boulevard, St Petersburg Beach, Florida". If the map appears as a street map, click "Satellite" in the upper right corner. This is a great way to get a "Birds-eye view" of almost any location on the planet. You'll also find it is an easy method of creating a custom travel map for any purpose.

### Events Are Special

Each year the Reunion Host spends considerable time and energy to find local activities that you will enjoy and remember for many years to come.

We've eaten dinner in a barn, had a pig roast in City Hall, visited an exotic nursery, went to a horse race, held a Business Meeting by candlelight, saw the Grand Old Opry and nearly 40 other events, many of which we hold dear in our memory. This year, however, we may be seeing the *Crème de la crème*.

Certainly, the planned evening dinner cruise on the Intercostal Waterway will be delightful, especially anticipating a sumptuous meal on board. The Florida weather in late May should be gorgeous but what we're really referring to is "*The Ringling*".

Wikipedia writes: "The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is the state art museum of Florida, located in Sarasota, Florida. It was established in 1927 as the legacy of Mable and John Ringling for the people of Florida. Florida State University assumed governance of the Museum in 2000.

Designated as the official state art museum for Florida, the institution offers twenty-one galleries of European paintings as well as Cypriot antiquities and Asian, American, and contemporary art.

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**Room Availability and  
Price Guarantee Expires  
Midnight, April 13, 2014**

# Room Reservations

If you intend to arrive a few days early and/or stay a few days after the reunion **you need to make your room reservations very soon.** This is a very busy property with groups arriving/departing before and after us. Our room block only guarantees rooms Monday thru Thursday nights. Delays in making reservations may result in rooms not being available on the desired nights.

## Reservations:

Online [www.ussrich.org](http://www.ussrich.org)

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USA TODAY readers named The Ringling as the 2nd best attraction in Florida! Read about it here: <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-florida-attraction/>

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# The Ringling

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The museum's art collection currently consists of more than 10,000 objects that include a variety of paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, photographs, and decorative arts from ancient through contemporary periods and from around the world. The most celebrated items in the museum are 16th-20th century European paintings, including a world-renowned collection of Peter Paul Rubens paintings. Over 14 other famous artists are represented.

In all, more than 150,000 square feet have been added to the campus, which includes the **art museum, circus museum, the Ringlings' mansion, the historic Asolo Theater.** New additions to the campus include the **Visitor's Pavilion, the Education, Library, and Conservation Complex, the Tibbals Learning Center** complete with a miniature circus, and the **Searing Wing**, a 30,000-square-foot gallery for special exhibitions attached to the art museum. Aside from the art museum, also on the estate are:

Cà d'Zan, the waterfront mansion residence built for Mable and John Ringling.

Mable Ringling's Rose Garden completed in 1913.

Circus Museum and the Tibbals Learning Center established in 1948, the first museum of its kind to document the history of the circus. The adjacent Tibbals Learning Center contains the Howard Bros. Circus model. Built by Howard Tibbals, this 3/4-inch-to-the-foot scale replica of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus from 1919-1938, is the "world's largest miniature circus"

"The Wisconsin", one of the Ringling personal railroad cars, on display while it is undergoing final restoration.

Ringling Art Library is one of the largest art reference libraries in the southeastern United States. The collection of nearly 90,000 volumes includes some 800 books originally owned by John Ringling himself."

This event certainly must be one of those "once in a lifetime" events knowing that it is unique in so many respects. Unless you plan on returning to the area, do yourself a favor and plan to take advantage of this opportunity. No worries about transportation, parking or admission fees... it's all inclusive including taxes. Go... enjoy!



# Service Officer's Notes

from Chuck Weber, Association VSO



## VA Burial Benefit - New Monetary Burial Award Rules

[Source: TREA News for the Enlisted 9 Dec 2013]

The VA has proposed to change and simplify the rules for a surviving spouse to receive the basic monetary burial award. Basically it is recognizing that any funeral will cost more than the allotted benefit. Thus to make it easier on the survivor they will not require a written application with attached receipts. They also say that they will be simplifying the descriptions and regulations to make it easier for the survivor to understand. Following are the VA's proposed guidelines for the benefits for a non-service related death:

### *Non-service-Related Death*

For deaths on or after October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$700.00 toward burial and funeral expenses (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a \$700.00 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300.00 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300.00 plot-interment allowance. The plot-interment allowance is \$150.00 for deaths prior to December 1, 2001. If the death happened while the Veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some of all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed. An annual increase in burial and plot allowances, for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011, begins in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.

### *Monetary Burial Benefits Regulation Change*

VA is proposing to change its monetary burial benefits regulations to pay eligible survivors more quickly and efficiently. If approved, these regulations would authorize VA to pay, without a written application, eligible surviving spouses basic monetary burial benefits at the maximum amount authorized in law through automated systems rather than reimbursing them for actual costs incurred.

- Under current rules, VA pays burial benefits for burial and funeral expenses on a reimbursement basis, which requires survivors to submit receipts for relatively small one-time payments that VA generally pays at the maximum amount permitted by law.

- The proposed amendments to the burial regulations will permit VA to pay, at a flat rate, burial and plot or interment allowances thereby enabling VA to automate payment of burial benefits to eligible surviving spouses.

The changes are intended to help survivors of Veterans bear the cost of funerals by changing regulations to get them the benefits they deserve more quickly. The proposed regulation, if approved, would do the following:

Restructure, consolidate, and clarify VA's current monetary burial benefits rules to make them easier to understand by Veterans, their survivors, and other stakeholders; Clearly establish VA's priority of payments and enable automated payment to eligible surviving spouses; Remove the requirement for *eligible* surviving spouses to file a claim for basic burial allowances and simplify the burial claims process for all beneficiaries; Establish in regulations a presumption that VA will pay the service-connected (SC) burial allowance for Veterans that were rated totally disabled from service-connected conditions at the date of death; and Implement portions of Public Law 112-260, authorizing monetary burial benefits for Veterans without wartime service whose remains are unclaimed.

### **Statement**

**"VA is committed to improving the speed and ease of delivery of monetary burial benefits to Veterans' survivors during their time of need. The proposed changes will permit VA to automatically pay the basic burial or interment allowances to eligible surviving spouses, without the need for a written application. VA wants to help survivors of Veterans bear the cost of funerals by changing regulations to get them the benefits they deserve more quickly."**



# 2014 Reunion Events and Activities

## **Monday, May 12, 2014**

- + Travel Day- No Planned Activities
- + Shipmates arriving throughout the day.
- + Hospitality Suite will be open sometime after mid-day
- + All Meals on your own.
- + 0000 Hospitality Suite secures.

## **Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

- + Breakfast & Lunch on your own.
- + 0900 Bus departs for Ringling Museum (\$34/person)
- + 1600 Bus returns from tour
- + 1700 Light Dinner in Hospitality Room (*Cost included in your registration*)
- + 2000 Annual Auction in Hospitality Suite
- + 0000 Hospitality Suite secures.

## **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

- + Breakfast on your own.
- + On Your Own throughout the day
- + (Activity suggestions in Registration packet)
- + 1830 Bus departs for Dinner Cruise (\$55/person)
- + 2200 Bus returns from Dinner Cruise
- + 0000 Hospitality Suite secures.

## **Thursday, May 15, 2014**

- + Breakfast & Lunch on your own.
- + 1000 Annual Business Meeting
- + 1700 Cocktail Hour Cash Bar.
- + 1800 Banquet (*Cost included in your registration*) Cash Bar.
- + 0000 Hospitality Suite secures.

## **Friday, May 16, 2014**

- + Travel Day—No Planned Activities
- + Shipmates departing throughout the day.
- + Hospitality Suite secures at 1300
- + All meals on your own.

## **HOTEL and RESERVATIONS INFORMATION**

### Dolphin Beach Resort

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# USS RICH ASSOCIATION 2014 REUNION REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RATE/RANK WHILE ABOARD: \_\_\_\_\_ TOUR DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

A	<b><u>REGISTRATION FEE(S) FOR CURRENT PAID*</u></b> ASSOCIATION MEMBERS (Please Print)	
	NAME _____	1 @\$65= _____
	GUEST _____	1 @\$65= _____
	GUEST _____	1 @\$65= _____
		Sub Total _____

\*Including Plank Owners and Life Members

B	<b><u>REGISTRATION FEE(S) FOR NON-MEMBERS*</u></b> (Please Print)	
	NAME _____	1 @\$85= _____
	GUEST _____	1 @\$85= _____
	GUEST _____	1 @\$85= _____
		Sub Total _____

\*Persons who are not paid-up members

C	<b><u>OPTIONAL EVENTS</u></b>	
	Tour of World-renowned The Ringling	_____ @\$34/per= _____
	An Evening on the Intercoastal Waterway Dinner Cruise	_____ @\$55/per= _____
	Sub Total _____	










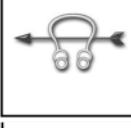






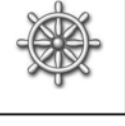

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You may also register online with your credit/debit card!		Total Amount Enclosed _____	

**CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND TOURS:  
Midnight, April 13, 2014**  
(Better to make reservations then cancel if necessary)

[Back of registration form]

# How Do You Rate?

You may be surprised to know that things have changed since we were in “this man’s Navy”. Time and technology have changed the way things are done today and what used to be an important job aboard ship may no longer exist. Some rates have been retired or given new names, new rates added and yet others have been merged. Here’s a little quiz we hope you find interesting. We’ve put the answers at the bottom. No peeking!

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Answers: A-Boatswain's Mate B-Logistics Specialist (SK+PC) C-Master At Arms D-Machinist Mate/Boiler Tender E-Machinery Repairman F-Missile Technician G-Sonar Technician H-Personnel Specialist I-Quartermaster J-Information Systems Technician (RM+DP+CTO) K-Culinary Specialist L-Damage Controlman M-Hull Maintenance Technician-Sonar Technician O-Engineerman P-Fire Control Technician Q-Electricians Mate R-Ship's Serviceman



# And Then It's Winter

You know. . . Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... The winter of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is... my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!!But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live

for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

- Live It Well!
- Enjoy Today!
- Do Something Fun!
- Be Happy !
- Have A Great Day!

Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

Live happily in 2014! Lastly, consider the following: Today is the oldest you've ever been yet the youngest you'll ever be. Enjoy this day while it lasts.

- Your kids are becoming you... but your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good... coming home is better!
- You forget names... but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything... especially golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"... "when?" ... ?
- Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet... 2 of which you will never wear. But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, old movies, and best of all, *old friends!*

It's "Not What You Gather", but "What You Scatter" that tells what kind of life you have lived.

Author Unknown





# Things You May Not Know About The Navy

## The Navy's birthplace is in dispute.

Beverly, Massachusetts, and Marblehead, Massachusetts, have long argued over which was the birthplace of the Navy. Each town claims to be homeport of the schooner Hannah, the first armed sea vessel of the American Revolution, and founding boat of the U.S. Navy. (It was so named for Hannah Glover, wife of General John Glover of the 21st Marblehead Regiment.) Marblehead provided the crew; Beverly outfitted the ship. (The men of Marblehead are notable for another action during the American Revolution—they rowed General George Washington across the Delaware River just before the Battle of Trenton.)

## All submariners are volunteers.

Most attack submarines in the U.S. Navy are 33-feet wide, and about the length of a football field. Ballistic missile submarines are the length of the Washington Monument. Submarines stay submerged for months at a time. There are no windows, there is no night and day, you have fifteen square feet of living space and no privacy—and there's a nuclear reactor right behind you. (They don't just let anyone in a submarine. All submariners are volunteers, and have passed rigorous psychological and physical tests. Claustrophobics need not apply.) Those serving on submarines are among the most highly trained personnel in the military.

## How the Navy names its ships?

In 1819, the United States Congress placed the Secretary of the Navy in charge of naming ships—a power he or she still enjoys. Generally, names are compiled by the Naval Historical Center based on the suggestions of the public, sailors, and retirees, and from naval history. The Chief of Naval Operations formally signs and recommends the list to the Secretary. Ships named for individuals are christened by “the eldest living female descendent” of that individual. Commissioned ships are prefixed with USS, which stands for United States Ship. Though the convention had been in use since the late eighteenth century, it was not standardized or formalized until 1907, by Teddy Roosevelt.

## Why was TOPGUN founded?

The United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program—previously called the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School, but more popularly, “TOPGUN”—was founded during the Vietnam War. The Navy was concerned by the poor performance of its air-to-air missile attacks against the North Vietnamese, and ordered an evaluation of its combat aviation program. Inadequate crew training was decided to be at fault, and TOPGUN was established, where pilots would engage in realistic dogfight training against

aircraft comparable to the enemy of the day. By the 1970s, Navy kill-to-loss rates went from 3.7:1 to 13:1—a testament to the profound and radical success of the program. It later became the basis of a Tom Cruise movie, and not to spoil anything, but don't get too attached to Goose.

## You've heard of a few people who know the words to Anchors Aweigh.

- Neil Armstrong flew armed reconnaissance as a Naval aviator during the Korean War. In 1951, he landed on Korean soil after his plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire and he had to eject. Eighteen years later, he landed on a more famous patch of ground.
- There's a good argument to be made that Robert Heinlein's literary universe was influenced by his time at the United States Naval Academy, from which he graduated, and his time on the USS Lexington and USS Roper.
- Humphrey Bogart enlisted in the Navy in 1918 and served on the USS Leviathan and USS Santa Olivia.
- Before he was MC Hammer, he was AK3 Stanley Burrell (short for Petty Officer Third Class Aviation Storekeeper).
- Bob Barker's time as a Navy fighter pilot probably informed his celebrated golf course pummeling of Adam Sandler.

NCIS isn't just a TV show. (Although the guy behind the TV show also brought us Quantum Leap. Oh boy.)

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is a federal law enforcement agency operating from 140 locations in the world. Special agents for the largely civilian organization are charged with criminal investigations (obviously), counterterrorism, and counter-intelligence. It was founded as the Office of Naval Intelligence, and at the time was responsible for gathering information on foreign vessels, passengers, bodies of water, and naval infrastructure. During World War I, its mission expanded to espionage and sabotage. Today, it's a cash cow for CBS.



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# Personnel Changes



## Crew Reporting Aboard

Nov Boware	Kenneth Sr	77	SH3	AL	Jan Hutchinson	J Glenn	66	RM2	OK
Nov Gizzi	Angelo	77	MM2	NJ	Jan Kreider	Larry E	63-67	MM3	PA
Nov Lacosta	Francisco	77	MS3	VA	Jan Krey	Walter L	66	MMFA	IL
Nov Marach	Michael	77	SK3	WI	Jan Osswald	Albert A	66-67	FN	CT
Nov Walker	Earl	77	SK3	MN	Jan Pairan	William	66	SA	NY
Dec Beary	James T	66	BM3	IL	Jan Prince	Neal	66-	GM3	IN
Dec Berg	B Kendall Jr	77	MM3	AZ	Jan Royster	Joshua C	65	BT3	MD
Dec Farmer	Douglas L	77	MM3	FL	Jan Spindle	John M	66-70	BTFN	VA
Dec Nesbit	Ralph M	66	SK	GA	Jan Thomas	Leslie E	66	BTFN	TX
Dec Theel	Mark S	77	IC2	KS	Jan Vose	Paul E	66	ET3	NH
Dec Trout	Eugene C II	77	BT1	FL	Jan Wallin	Ronald V	66-68	MM3	OH
Dec Ward	Timothy P	76-66	ET2	VA	Jan Wass	Robert A	66	SA	OR
Jan Harraman	Gary W	65	BM3	NJ	Jan Wiedl	Eugene V	66	SM3	ID



## Piped Ashore—Deceased

Nov Collins	Leslie R	49-52	BT2	13	Jan Anderson	Robert D	48-50	ENFN	10
Nov Ensminger	Wayne	65-66	BM3	09	Jan Blankenberg	Richard E	66	SA	04
Nov Mannix	Joseph	53-54	SN	13	Jan Brown	Richard W	56-59	TM2	13
Nov Mink	David E	77	SN	99	Jan Comar	Kenneth	66-66	FA	83
Nov Smith	Dwight	74-77	EM2	08	Jan Domnick	Charles T	66	IC3	06
Nov Steen	James H	50-52	RD1	13	Jan Ennis	Benjamin	66	BM1	93
Nov Vershure	Robert	54-57	FP1	13	Jan Hollesen	Michael H	65	GMG2	01
Dec Flick	Paul G	00-00	Unk	12	Jan Pazik	Richard F	66	FN	13
Dec Katz	Charles W	52-53	RDSN	08	Jan Reid	Alvin	65	QM2	11
Dec North	Thomas C	58-60	ETN2	13	Jan Rutland	Richie R	66	SN	92
Dec Satten	Bernard A	46-46	SN	13	Jan Schuj	George A	66	BMSN	98
Dec Stryjewski	Stephen	46-47	FN2	13	Jan Washburn	Dennis E	66	SN	01

## No Longer Traveling

Some of our shipmates no longer travel away from home. These men still want to maintain contact with shipmates. Their email address is on the Rich website or you may obtain their address from the Ships Office.

Beebe James	BM3	67-68	Floral City	FL
Cole Harold	SMSN	66-69	Philadelphia	MS
Companion Ronald	MM3	50-51	Clairemont	NH
Cowperwait Chas	MM3	49-52	Pennsville	NJ
Duclos Armand	ET1	56-59	Nashua	NH
Goff James	SN	63-65	Winter Haven	FL
Hill Robert E	LTjg	50-51	Sun City Ctr	FL
Schwartz John E	BMSN	61-63	Fairmont	WV
Wilson Henry L	SO2	50-53	Richmond	KS
Zimmerman Raymond	MM3	54-59	Mechanicsburg	PA

## CONDOLENCES

To the families of our deceased.

## ON THE MEND

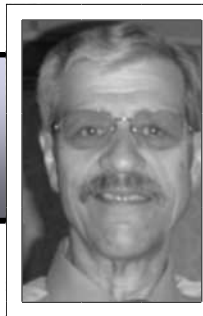
A number of our shipmates and members of their families are recovering from a variety of health issues.

Please hold them in your prayers.



# Dunnigan's Corner

“Where the old sailors come for a good laugh”



A former Navy Chief Petty Officer took a new job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former CPO, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence... And the rest of the year went very smoothly.



A customer asked, "In what aisle can I find the Polish sausage?"

The clerk asks, "Are you Polish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something.

If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?

Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?

Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?

Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican?

Or if I asked for some Irish whiskey, would you ask if I was Irish?"

The clerk says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Polish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Polish?"

The clerk replied, "Because you're in Home Depot."

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

They got up, unplugged the television and computer and threw out my beer! The little bastards.



A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers. Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a bus home. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise; as I have never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got it.

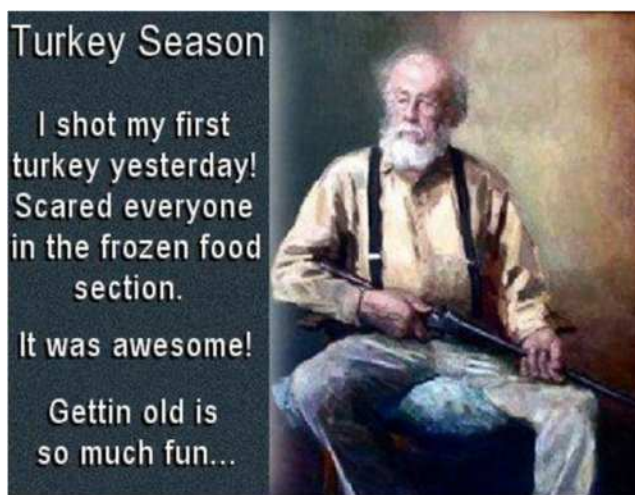


The wife had left a note on the fridge:

"IT'S NOT WORKING. I can't take it anymore! Gone to stay with my Mother."

I opened the fridge. The light came on, and the beer was cold.

What the hell is she talking about?





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