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Greetings Shore Patrol

This will be the last bulletin you will receive as we approach the end of our year. During this month we will celebrate Father's Day and Independence Day July 4th.

I found some very interesting facts about our founding fathers, these men made a pledge "For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." How prophetic that pledge was to be Consider with some of the sacrifices made by the signers.

Fifty six men signed the document on August 2, 1776, or in the case of some, shortly thereafter. "They came from all walks of life. Twenty-three were lawyers, twelve were merchants, twelve were men of the soil, four were physicians, two wee manufacturers, one was a politician, one a printer, and another a minister.

Almost one third of the signalers wee under forty years of age; eighteen were in their thirties, and three were in their twenties. Only seven were sixty. The youngest, Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, was twenty-0six and a half, and the oldest, Benjamin Franklin, was seventy. Three of the signers lived to be over ninety, Charles Carroll died at age ninety-five. Ten died in their eighties.

The signers were religious men, all being Protestant, except for Charles Carol, who was Roman Catholic. Over half expressed their religious faith as being Episcopalian. Others were Congregational. Presbyterian, Quaker, and Baptist.

Two of the signers would become presidents of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, author of the delectation, and John Adams. Two John Adams and Benjamin Harrison would be fathers of future presidents. Another, Elbridge Gerry, was the vice president under James Madison

When we are in our graves, our children will honor us and this day. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with bonfires, and illuminations. These patriots were willing to make the effort and sacrifice they did because they understood a fundamental that seems to be forgotten today: that the rights of man are God given as part of a divine plan.

These are our Fathers, Americas Fathers. Their love for this country we call America.

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