

**Brothers** from 1A

He continued, "But we weren't worried, we thought it was a mine, not a torpedo. We had seen two ships that had hit mines and we thought we had run into a floating mine."

Unfortunately, it wasn't a mine — it was the opening salvo from a submarine that was pursuing his ship.

"They announced over the P.A., 'Boat crews, man your boats.' I was the diesel mechanic for the boat, so I went up there, but there was nobody around," he said. "I started walking through the superstructure where the officers quarters were, and that's when we got hit again. I don't remember anything after that."

John would not be involved supplying the ships that were involved in the Anzio battles — the second torpedo knocked him unconscious. He would spend the next month in a drug-induced coma to facilitate his healing and the next few months recovering from the

burns he suffered in the attack.

After that recovery, he was sent home for a short time before returning to the Pacific Theater.

There, he would deliver supplies to Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal, supporting many important battles against the Japanese, particularly the invasion of Okinawa. His time in the service ended a year or so later and he returned to California.

Bill, the youngest of the four brothers, would also spend time in the Pacific Theater but in the next "war" America would become involved in — the undeclared war that would be called the "Korean Conflict."

He served the Navy in a similar capacity as had his brother, working on a ship that resupplied larger vessels with fuel.

He regards his service as less dangerous than his older brother's.

"Nobody ever shot at me ...at least that I know of," Bill said. "It was a lot different than WWII. We were in kind of a peacetime war, if you want to

call it that. ... We would go down to Taiwan and we would stay there for a while and the destroyers that were going out to protect some little islands somewhere in the Pacific would come in. We would refill their ship and they would head out."

Bill's time in the Navy was not at all like John's. Korea was smaller in scale and less destructive. The forces involved were less sophisticated militarily.

However, war is war and Bill feels fortunate to have made it through unscathed. He served from 1952 to 1956.

"We would take fuel and go up the east coast of Korea and ships would come out to meet us and we would fill 'em up and they'd go on their way. We never really had any problems."

His time aboard the U.S.S. Guadalupe allowed him an opportunity to memorialize the ship, crew and off-duty time through photographs. Bill and several other crewman are pictured aboard the ship, doing mundane tasks such as laundry or drills, and on shore leave in

Taiwan, Japan and other locations.

The Weisers are both friendly and engaging men, but with different personalities.

John is very outgoing, sharing his thoughts easily, with a direct energy. Bill is more reserved and thoughtful, with an attention to detail.

This trait becomes more apparent when viewing the hundreds of photographs he has taken over the years, which he has framed and displayed or incorporated into scrapbooks.

Besides John and Bill, their two brothers also made it through their years of military service alive and well. One served in the Army and one served in the Air Force.

The two remaining Weiser brothers have pictures and documents of the deceased brothers, acknowledging the good fortune the four had to make it out of two different wars alive.

Mementos, documents and photographs from the service of the Weisers can be seen at the Oregon Coast Military Museum, 2145 Kingwood St.

**Application** from 1A

OLCC should reach its decision in two weeks.

Mills said, "We're trying to do this as right as we possibly can. We're not picking sides."

To further prevent issues with LUCS in the future, the Dunes City Planning Commission instructed staff to draft language regarding regulation of commercial marijuana activities in the Dunes City limits.

In other news from the city council meeting, the appointment of an individual to fill a vacancy on the council was again postponed due to the absence of two councilors.

The vacancy occurred after the death of Mayor Rebecca Ruede in August. The council voted for then-councilor Robert Forsythe to replace her as mayor.

The council has narrowed the candidates down to two contenders: Susan Snow and Terry Duman.

Three members of the council, Sheldon Meyer, Tom Mallen and Duke Wells, interviewed the potential applicants.

Meyer and Wells agreed that Snow should be chosen, while Mallen advocated for Duman.

Wells was not in attendance at the meeting.

"I think Susan has an incredibly different background that I thought might really help the council," Meyer said. "This is beginning to feel like an old boy's club, and I think fresh input from any of these people would be wonderful. But we don't have a woman councilor."

At that point, a citizen from the audience called out, "That's sexist."

"I know that," Meyer said. "I apologize. That certainly isn't the only reason, and not the

strongest reason, but it's an observation."

Mallen stated his position for appointing Duman.

"The reason I chose Terry Duman is that Terry has been here 40-plus years," he said. "He's a local. Susan is not. And we have so many complicated, serious issues right now, mainly this marijuana thing, that I felt Terry would be more qualified than Susan because he knows so many people. He knows the situation here, he knows the culture. That's why I went with Terry. I think he can help us sort this out. We don't want marijuana."

The council is expected to make a final decision in its next council meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Finally, Forsythe gave a report on the progress he's been making in securing law enforcement and judges for the city.


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