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## WW II, Korea and Vietnam Veteran, Former POW and Mustang Officer Sounds Off



*"I don't know which will happen first, 1776 or 1929,  
but be prepared . . ."*

**Thirty years of pride.**

**When I see teen agers of today I wonder if that's  
what we were like.**

**At 16, I was a cockey recruit (knew it all, could  
walk on water), At 17 in the Naval Hospital of San  
Diego, I doubted I'd ever even walk at all again ,  
and realized how stupid I was to have been in the  
wrong place at the wrong time. A place called  
Okinawa in 1945.**

**At 22, more stupidity, I spent most all of the  
Korean war in a prison camp up by the Yalu River in  
far northern Korea.**

**We were repeatedly told that we were not POWs, in  
that our own Congress was too cowardly to declare  
war. We were criminal invaders and had no rights  
what-so- ever under the Geneva Convention. We**

wondered what was in the Red Cross care packages that the goons enjoyed.

In the (another none-war) in Vietnam I was stupidly following too close and Ka-boom- - I got to wear a black eye patch for a while. The pirate of 3/5

What's 3/5 ? Just ask any Marine.

Well, what's a sailor doing repeatedly hanging out with a bunch of leather necks ? By special invite only.

The Corps has no medical personnel of their own so whenever they need more medics in a war or none-war, you better hope your name is not followed by the wrong MOS.

I printed up a very noticable sign and posted it on my front door. "I do solemnly swear that I will protect and defend....." an oath I have proudly taken many times.

I don't know which will happen first, 1776 or 1929, but be prepared, it'll happen and sooner than we think.

CYA my buddies. Keep your larder full and your powder dry.

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