



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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Calendar of Events

December 2015

Dec 7thPearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Dec 8th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Dec 22nd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Dec 25thMerry Christmas

January 2016

Jan 1stHappy New Year
 Jan 12th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Jan 26th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

February 2016

Feb 9th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Feb 14thValentine's Day
 Feb 15thPresident's Day
 Feb 23rd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

Quotable

Lost time is never found again. – Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

We are so obsessed with doing that we have no time and no imagination left for being. As a result, men are valued not for what they are but for what they do or what they have - for their usefulness. – Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent. – Barbara Bush

Spending today complaining about yesterday won't make tomorrow any better. – Calvin Dillard

Recommended Reading

From Eternity to Here – Frank Viola

Semper Frateri

Bud Strobe

Warrior's Witness

Vietnam 1967: The sharp pains in my back felt like I was being tortured with an ice pick. After the corpsman examined me, he asked, "Are you getting short?" This may seem like a strange question until you understand the context and the meaning of the slang terminology. In Vietnam, "getting short" or being a "short-timer" meant that your tour of duty was almost over and, if you survived, you would soon be going home. As it turned out, my pain was caused by hives, which I acquired as a result of anxiety. Recently, I had a major operation and finally came to the realization that we are all short-timers on this earth. This has led to a new appreciation for that most precious of nonrenewable resources – time.

Time is the only present we can give, which can neither be taken back nor given back. When you spend time with someone, you are giving them a piece of your life and telling them they are of value. This is why children spell love T-I-M-E. When God came to earth, in human form, He stepped out of eternity and into time. Had He not done so, He would not have experienced all that it means to be fully human, which includes living within the limitations of linear time.

We are placed in Christ and we die with Him so we might live in Him, as Colossians 3:3 tells us, *...For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God...* and again in Acts 17:28 *...in Him we live and move and have our being...* Since we are in Christ, we are also in eternity, where there is neither regret about the past nor anxiety about the future. Where words have no past or future tense. Where there is only eternal now in Christ, no beginning, no ending and no...short-timers.

"For we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us..." II Corinthians 1:8~10