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<u>A Tribute to my Shipmates!</u> The Uniform

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John Doe was a good lad from the time he was born, Then Uncle Sam called him to put on his.....uniform.

He arrived aboard the 944 rather puzzled and forlorn, But he looked pretty good in his.....uniform.

He could sew on a button, mend a jacket that was torn, He became quite proud of his.....uniform.

When general quarters sounded and "Commence Firing" *came over the horn*, We all knew it was Don in his.....uniform.

During the battle for Iwo Jima, Our guns became very warm, Helmets and lifejackets became part of our....uniform.

> Then there was Mullen with his chloroform, He wore a Red Cross on his.....uniform.

When Sleigh became Chief, he was true to form, He really looked great in his.....uniform.

Luke Foppes seemed like such an old man; he was 20 when I was born,

But I have to tell you he was no disgrace to his.....uniform.

When Willoughby was hurt, we were all saddened and torn, The only one of us to die in his.....uniform.

We left Okinawa, and got into that terrible storm, I feared I may never get home in my.....uniform.

But soon it was all over, and many returned home, tired and worn, And most were happy to hang up their....uniform.

Kenneth Smith USS, LST 944







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Our Veterans

Richard Adams Gary Adrian Gerald Adrian Murray Adrian **Dennis** Allison Carl Arnberger **Evans Banbury** George Barnes **Charles Barnett** Vernon Beal Jimmy Bennett Leo Berens **Curtis Berry**

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