

Mr. Wilcox,

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I appreciate the fact that you took time out of your day to come and tell us about World War II from a first-hand perspective. It was amazing that, even though I come from two generations of war survivors, you went through all of the emotional and physical stress at the same age as me currently. Enlisting in the Navy Reserves isn't something that would cross my mind being seventeen, but that's what is so fascinating about how different a few decades could bring. What is shocking is that hearing you weren't only aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis but had to stay in the Pacific Ocean for four to five days, seeing people die overnight or go mad at sea and come out a survivor and still remain in one piece. You were very honoring to see and listen to as well. I do wonder about if we had it of had the Second World War, what would you had done instead? I sincerely thank you again for sharing your life experience to us, it impacted me incredibly and now I'll ask my family more about their war experiences now.

Sincerely,
Meghan E. Cook
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