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From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Praise & Thanks

My words of praise and thanks are the "Order of the Day" for this email addressed to every one of the great guys and all the charming ladies participating in the 2014 WWTC at the San Diego Balboa Tennis Club. Your patience, understanding and respect for this 77-year-old Marine were sincerely appreciated and the primary factor in my having one of the most enjoyable and memorable moments in the "Winter of my Life." The event was superbly planned, letter-perfectly organized and precisely executed. Kudos to the key coordinator, the administrative staff, the complete volunteer corps and accolades to the San Diego Balboa Tennis Club's entire coaching staff, the many pros and other volunteers. They were non-discriminative, personable, extremely patient at all times, even when confronted with a sometimes over-sensitive, somewhat cranky senior attitude.

My apologies for my feeble attempts to disguise the fact that I'm semi-recluse and climbed out of my "cage" for the first time in over 50 years. I was never sure I would be able to behave in a proper manner in the company of the real warriors, who I sincerely honor and respect. You will be remembered as true champions who have successfully succeeded in managing severe physical and handicapping difficulties, but at all times remaining affable, pleasurable comrades. I can say, with all honesty and sincerity, that every individual I was personally in contact with contributed to the most memorable and enjoyable experience I can remember in all my adult years and will always remain on the top of my "treasure chest" of memories of life's most exciting and satisfying moments. If I'm ever invited back to another Wounded Warriors Tennis Camp, I'd consider it an honor and privilege to serve as a volunteer assistant and only as a sub-role, a "participant."

My sincerest "Good wishes and lifetime of love to all."

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