

The following is from a new member. She has been battling breast cancer and hopefully approaching the light at the end of the tunnel. I thought her words were an inspiration to all.

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Let me just tell you what a wonderful time we had at the reunion. The venue was “out of this world”. It is just a beautiful place you live. The tours that you set up were perfect for this group. Doug was so honored to be inducted into the Association. He was glowing with pride all the way home. I was in awe to be included in such a wonderful group of patriots. There were quite a few people that came up to me and said, “we really need to get more young people involved in the group”. Ha-ha! Made us feel young.

I wanted the chance to tell these men how they have helped inspire me to fight my breast cancer battle. I consider myself in the “pull out” stages of my battle. One more year of medicine and I am in “peace time”. But when I was diagnosed I had the one day of the “pity party”, crying and saying why me. Then you accept the circumstances just like a soldier of war and go in head first. Fighting as hard as you can to come out alive. Some days you want to just throw the towel in but you keep fighting for the people around you. Not for yourself but for your people. That is what these great men did and that set the example for the rest of us to follow in our own struggles in life. I guess the saying, you know not what you do in life, really does apply to these men. I thank you and all the men in this association for your commitment to this country.

Always,

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