

**A Vision for Disciplemaking**  
*Key Men's Conference*

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**Navigator History & How to Finish Strong**  
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# Navigator History & How to Finish Strong

*And the things that thou hast heard of Me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Timothy 2:2*

**Introduction** - 60 yr H.S. Reunion Transparency

## I. Origin and Early History of the Navigators

- A. Santyana quote
- B. Hoste quote
- C. Emerson quote
- D. Profile of Dawson Trotman, at age 21-Letter to President of Dallas Seminary
- E. Milk stool and Wheel Illustration



- F. Dawson the Psychologist as illustrated in Friday & Saturday evening meetings
- G. Experience with Teams – *Discipline without desire is drudgery*
- H. Minute Men Journal
- I. Six week prayer meeting.
- J. Colliers Article of September 13, 1941
- K. TIME magazine article July 2, 1956
- L. Spencer tape
- M. Gas Station picture and illustration

## II. The BATTLESHIP as a laboratory

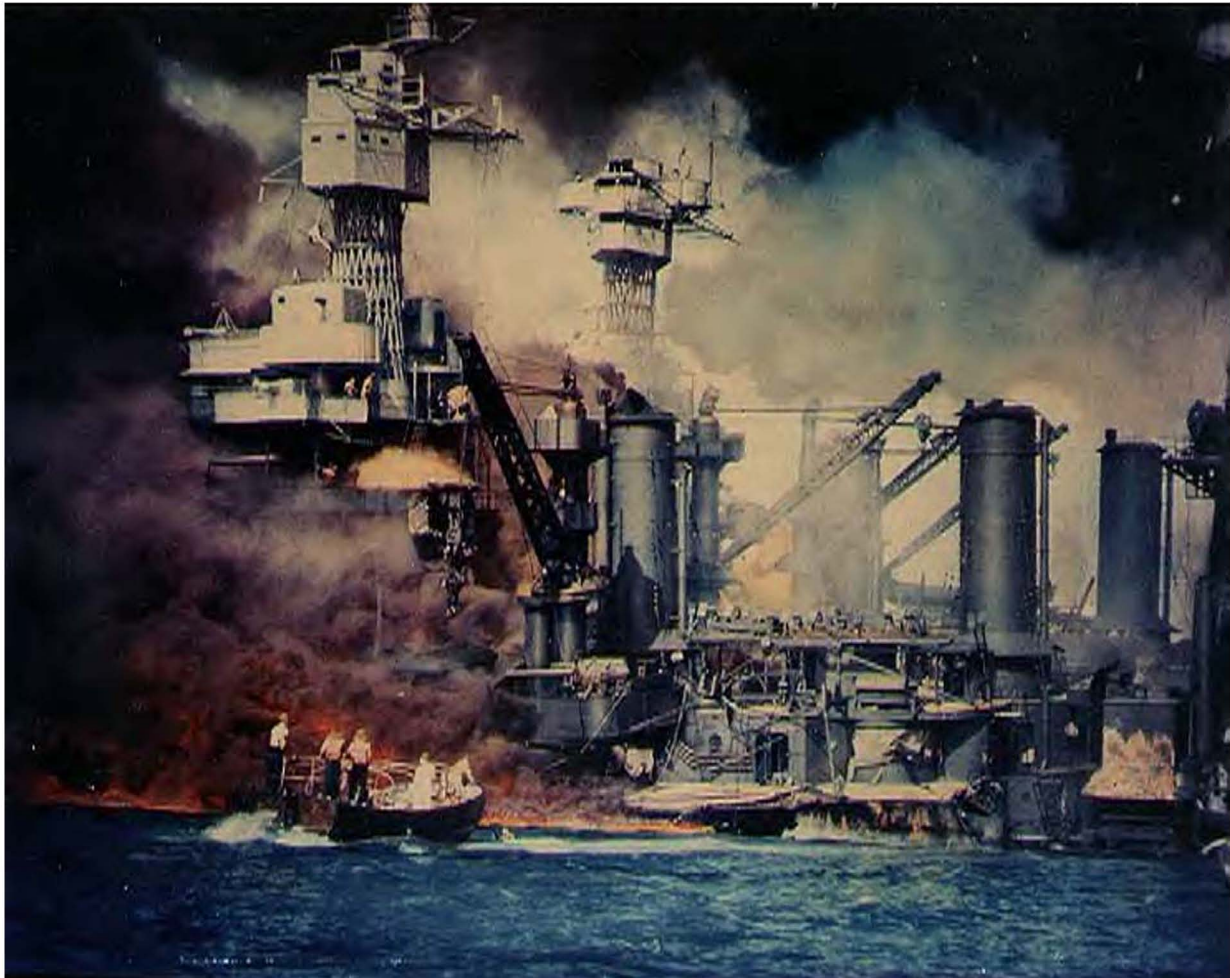


### *Weekly Routine on USS WEST VIRGINIA*

Prayer Meeting 7:15, 11:45, 5:15	Crew Movie 7:30 1000
Breakfast 7:30 0800	Christians 7:30 1000
Work 0800 11:30	Monday N.T. Chapter Study
Lunch 12:00 1:00	Tuesday Evangelistic Bible Study
Work 1:00 3:30	Wednesday Prayer
Personal, Laundry etc 3:30 5:30	Thursday O.T. Chapter Study
Dinner 5:30	Friday Topical Study
Evangelism 6:00 7:30	Weekend Mini Conference

15. Davidson, Prince, Abel
16. Prince and Chaplain Krieger
17. Delay in leaving Navai Shipyard

18. World Impact, Statistical Chart
19. Discovery of II Timothy 2:2 1948
20. Trotman the perfectionist
21. Summary Heritage Video
22. Don Hamilton story
23. DET, Tried and tested
24. DET and Elroy Robinson



*USS West Virginia after the Pearl Harbor attack*

## II. Continuing in the Ministry – *Finishing Strong*

1. Origin of retirement at age 65.

2. Biblical model

Numbers 8:23-26

3. Where would I turn?

John 6:66-68

4. Exercise of gifts is a life time privilege

5. Creativity and purpose

6. What motivates me?

a. *God's love unconditional*

b. *The truth of justification*



USS West Virginia (BB-48) anchored in Sagami Wan, Japan, outside of Tokyo Bay, circa late August 1945. Mount Fuji is in the background. Photo courtesy of Robert O. Baumrucker, 1978. U.S. Naval Historical Center photo. [NH 89362]

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