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**10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF INDIA**

Celebrate the sights, sounds, and flavors of Indian culture at Roselle Park’s 10th annual Festival of India on Saturday, October 4th. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Roselle Park High School, 185 West Webster Avenue, residents are invited to enjoy traditional cuisine, live music, and dance.

Food will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., while supplies last. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to sample the traditional dishes,

music, and start the evening off right.

The celebration continues at 7:00 p.m. with Garba and Raas dances. Attendees are invited to bring their dandiya, join the performances, and enjoy the lively, colorful tradition.

The Festival of India is free to attend and open to all ages. Residents can learn more by contacting Community Center Director Rupen Shah at [rshah@rosellepark.net](mailto:rshah@rosellepark.net) or by calling 908-245-0666.

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# Festival of India

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# NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY® ON OCTOBER 29TH

The Gateway Family YMCA will join over 1,000 local groups nationwide to celebrate the 32nd Annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day (NSHFD) on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. As an official host site, The Gateway Family YMCA is providing a Community Open House with activities like Swimming, Group Exercise, Water Exercise, Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, Health Screenings and Information at Y branches

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The Gateway Family YMCA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community.

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During National Senior Health and Fitness Day, participants will join with an estimated 100,000 older adults across the country participating in local events to help promote active, healthy lifestyles through physical activity, good nutrition and preventative care. The Gateway Family YMCA, Shaping Elizabeth and Shaping Union County will be hosting this year's event, along with local community partners to participate in a YMCA Community Open House with information and activities provided free of charge.

A Virtual Open House is also available for individuals who cannot easily access the YMCA for Senior Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, October 29th with a schedule of group exercise programs available through Zoom.

"Older adults at all levels of physical fitness are encouraged to participate in National Senior Health & Fitness Day," says Patricia Henze, National Senior Health & Fitness Day program manager. "Our event goals are to increase awareness of the benefits of regular exercise, and to encourage all older adults to take advantage of the many health and fitness activities offered in their communities, as well as online."

The Gateway Family YMCA also provides

chronic disease self-management programs open to the local community. Interested participants can register for the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program (BPSM), Group Lifestyle Balance Diabetes Program, Diabetes Management Program, LiveSTRONG at the YMCA or the Veterans Wellness Initiative at [tgfymca.org](https://tgfymca.org) or contact 908-349-9622 or [bpsm@tgfymca.org](mailto:bpsm@tgfymca.org) for additional information.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility.

Shaping Eastern Union County is committed to improving the health and well-being of county residents and creating strategies to support improved health, nutrition and physical activity for all. Shaping Elizabeth, Shaping Rahway and Shaping Union are also sponsoring this event.

National Senior Health & Fitness Day is the largest event of its kind, organized by the Mature Market Resource Center, a national clearinghouse for professionals who work with older adults. For more information about National Senior Health & Fitness Day, visit [fitnessday.com](https://fitnessday.com).

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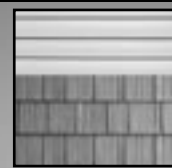
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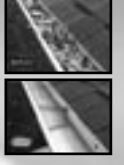
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Mike Saverino was recently matched with his third Canine Companions service dog names Arbor. Mike is overjoyed about how Arbor has picked up right where his retiring service dog Webster left off, making a difference in Mike's daily life.

Arbor II is a two-year-old lab-golden retriever cross specially bred and trained by Canine Companions to serve people with disabilities. Arbor knows over 40 professional commands to assist Mike in his daily life. Arbor opens doors, turns on lights, and picks up dropped items for Mike to name just a few.

Mike enjoys sled hockey, weightlifting, and is heavily involved in the Canine Companions New Jersey Volunteer Chapter.

About Canine Companions: National nonprofit Canine Companions is celebrating 50 years of empowering people with disabilities to live with greater independence — and it all started with a service dog named Abdul. Canine Companions invented the concept of the modern service dog in 1975 and has since placed more than 8,200 expertly trained dogs at no cost to clients, entirely supported by donations. Today, as America's first and largest provider of service dogs, Canine Companions leverages seven locations across the country to serve adults, children and veterans with disabilities as well as professionals working in health care, law enforcement and educational settings in all 50 states. Volunteer, donate and learn more at canine.org.

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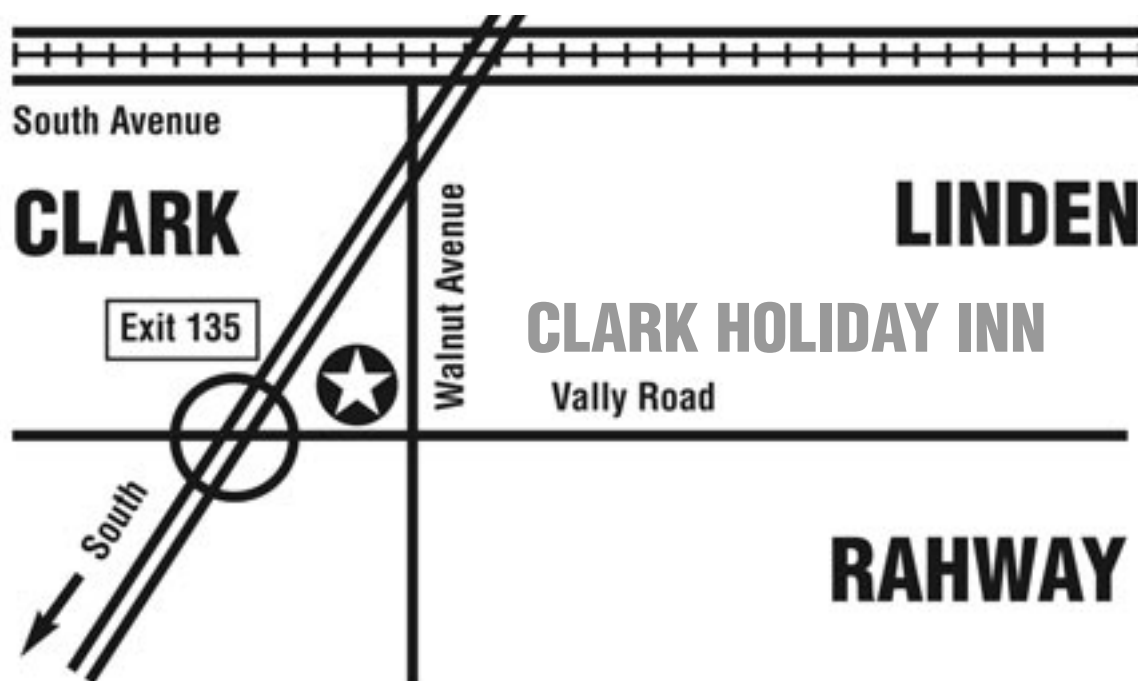
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## MORRISTOWN PUP NABS SPOT IN 2025 BARK FOR LIFE CALENDAR

She's got the ears of a supermodel, the zoomies of a champion sprinter, and a bark that says "treat, please." Meet Josie, Morristown's unofficial mayor of South Street — and now, one of the proud winners of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar Contest!

After a week-long voting frenzy, Josie galloped ahead of the competition to earn a coveted feature in this year's 2025 Bark for Life calendar. And not just a cameo — a full-page glam spread, complete with her story, her signature side-eye, and plenty of reasons why she's the queen of local hearts.

But Josie's calendar win is more than just a photo op. It means she'll be a VIP (Very Important Pup) at the Bark for Life of Central NJ celebration on October 12, 2025 at Bell Works in Holmdel, where she'll be officially honored for her victory — likely with applause, belly rubs, and maybe a few snacks.

### WHO IS JOSIE?

Josie is a 4-year-old Australian Cattle Dog (allegedly)—though some suspect she may also be part professional napper and part mayhem enthusiast, depending on the hour. She was rescued as a puppy and now lives her best life ruling the sidewalks and hearts of Morristown.

Known for her expressive ears, her suspiciously dramatic sighs, and a highly curated side-eye, Josie has become a local celebrity — both on leash and online.

Her favorite things include: Car rides (windows down, please), Sidewalk café people-watching (her favorite being the Lokl!), Chasing squirrels she has no intention of catching, Ignoring her toys to chew sticks instead, and Judging humans from the couch like it's her full-time job.

In short: she's a rescue with attitude, heart, and a whole lot of fans.

### WHAT IS BARK FOR LIFE?

The Bark for Life event is part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life movement. It

honors the caregiving qualities of canine companions while raising critical funds for cancer research and support services — especially here in New Jersey.

Proceeds from calendar sales and fundraising events all go toward supporting programs like free rides to treatment, overnight stays near major cancer centers, and 24/7 access to cancer information and support for patients and families.

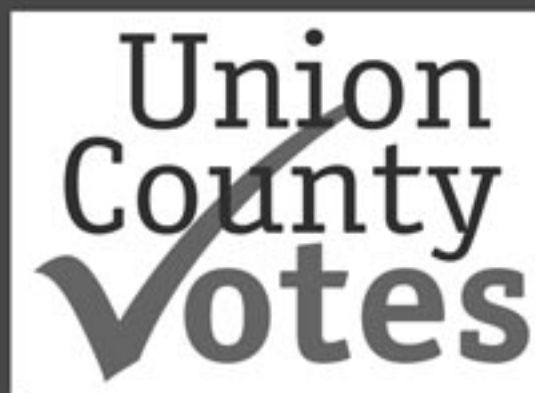
### GET INVOLVED!

Missed your chance to vote for Josie? You can still be part of the tail-wagging fun. Donations are open at the Bark for Life of Central NJ

website, and registration is now live for the October 12 celebration at Bell Works.

Whether you're walking in honor of a loved one, supporting a survivor, or just want to hang out with some adorable dogs (like Josie), this is your chance to do some good — and pet some pups.

Big paws up to Josie and all the calendar winners! Be sure to snag your copy of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar, come say hi to Morristown's finest furry ambassador this fall, and follow @ispyjosie and @barkcentralnj to come along for this year's adventure!



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The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Course will be offered by the Union County Chapter of NAMI. The course will meet in person starting on Thursday evening October 9th and meet each Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. over a consecutive 8-week period in Scotch Plains. The course is free-of-charge, with all necessary materials furnished at no cost to participants.

The course is specifically for the parents, siblings, spouses/partners, teen-age and adult children, and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders. NAMI members who have completed intensive training will teach.

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## POLICE SHARE BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY ADVICE

Roselle Park Police Department's advice for the residents, students, parents and visitors for the upcoming school year that is upon us.

### ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

- Be alert and aware. Stay aware of your surroundings and avoid distractions like phones and headphones while walking.
- Travel in groups. Walk or bike with friends or siblings whenever possible. Wait for the bus at the stop with other students.
- Use caution when walking. Always use sidewalks, crosswalks, and corners. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. Look left, right, and left again before crossing, and obey all crossing guards and traffic signals.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
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- Follow bus rules. Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting on or off, and always cross in front of the bus so the driver can see you.
- Never talk to strangers. Refuse rides or gifts from anyone you don't know, and report suspicious activity to a trusted adult.
- Report concerns. Speak up about bullying, suspicious behavior, or anything that makes you uncomfortable. Tell a parent, teacher, or police officer.
- Know emergency information. Younger children should memorize their home address, phone number, and a parent's contact information.

### ADVICE FOR PARENTS

- Create a safety plan. Map out and practice a

safe walking route to school or the bus stop with your children.

- Have an emergency protocol. Ensure your child knows what to do in case of a school lockdown or other emergency.
- Review school safety protocols. Be familiar with the school's emergency plans and procedures. Ask how law enforcement is involved and how parents will be informed during an incident.
- Maintain open communication. Create an environment where your child feels comfortable bringing up fears or concerns about school safety.
- Advice for drivers
- Slow down. Obey all speed limits in school zones, and take extra care to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially in poor weather.
- Stop for school buses. Always stop when a school bus has its red lights flashing and its stop arm extended. It is against the law to pass a stopped school bus.
- Avoid distractions. Put your phone away and give the road your full attention, especially in school zones.
- Yield to pedestrians. Never block crosswalks and always yield to pedestrians.
- Practice safe drop-offs. Use designated drop-off zones to avoid traffic congestion. Never drop off a child on the opposite side of the street. Do not double park to let your child out of the vehicle.
- Pay attention to posted signage. Please be aware of signage in the area of our schools to include: No U-Turns, Pick up and drop off areas, No turns at certain intersections during posted hours, No Parking during certain times, Temporary Do Not Enter signs etc.



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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Ages 0-11)

### BOOKS & BADGES

**TUESDAYS @ 11:00 AM**

Children will have a chance to enjoy a book and craft with our officers from the RPPD. Children up to age 9 with a caregiver welcome.

### STORY ON THE LAWN

**WEDNESDAYS @ 11:00AM**

Bring a blanket or towel to sit on and join us on the lawn for storytime and play. Ages 0-5

### LEGO CLUB

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Ready, set, build! With our bricks and your imagination, the possibilities are endless! Bring a friend (or two!) and get ready to create something amazing. Ages: 3-12

### THE LITTLE MOVIE SHOW\*\*\*

**MONDAY 10/6 @ 3:30 PM**

Come hang out in the program room for a fun short film and tasty snack! Online registration is required. Ages: 5-12

### GLOW PAINTING

**MONDAY\*\*\*10/20@ 3:30PM**

Get ready for a glowing good time! Join Miss Faith for a fun-filled painting session featuring black lights, fluorescent paints, and canvases.

Online registration is required. Ages: 5-12

### JR. CHEF

**MONDAY\*\*\* 10/27 @ 3:30PM**

Practice basic cooking skills and make a tasty after-school snack to enjoy.

Online registration is required. Ages: 5-12

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

(Ages 12-17)

### TWEEN VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

**TUESDAY 10/7 AFTER SCHOOL**

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### TWEEN CRAFTERNOON

**WEDNESDAY 10/15 AFTER SCHOOL**

Come to the library to unwind listening to Lo-fi beats, work on homework, or work on a craft.

Ages 12-17

### TWEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING

**SATURDAY 10/18 11AM-1PM**

Celebrate the season with a friendly pumpkin painting event. Ages 12-17 –Registration is encouraged.

## FAMILY EVENTS

### PAJAMA STORY TIME

**THURSDAYS 6:30 PM**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal, wear your pajamas and join our library staff for a cozy bedtime story and craft.

### NJ SNAKE MAN\*\*\*

**SATURDAY 10/25 @ 11:00AM**

Join us as we learn about reptiles, amphibians and exotic birds in a special presentation with live animals from NJ Snake Man. The whole family is welcome but online registration is required.

### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

**AGES 0-5**

Sign up for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Get your reading log, log your books, collect your prizes, and join us for the end of summer reading party! Sign ups are ongoing, drop in any time to sign up.

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## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ESL - MS. FAITH BEGINNER CLASS

**MONDAYS @ 5:00PM-6:30PM**

This class is for beginner ESL students looking to advance their skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

### KNITTING CLUB

**WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Knit and crochet winter hats and scarves to donate to charities.

### QUILTING CLUB

**2nd + 4th THURSDAYS @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Try out new quilting patterns with friends.

### ESL - MS. LISA INTERMEDIATE CLASS

**THURSDAYS @ 5:00PM-6:30PM**

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### CAFFEINE & CHAPTERS ADULT BOOK CLUB\*\*\*

**THURSDAY 10/24 @ 6:00PM**

Review our book of the month. Call/visit the circulation desk to reserve a spot.

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**J. ANTHONY**

**THURSDAY 10/16 @ 6:00PM**

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**MS. TONZA ALLEN**

**THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM**

This program takes place every other Thursday and is appointment based. Please call or visit the library to inquire.

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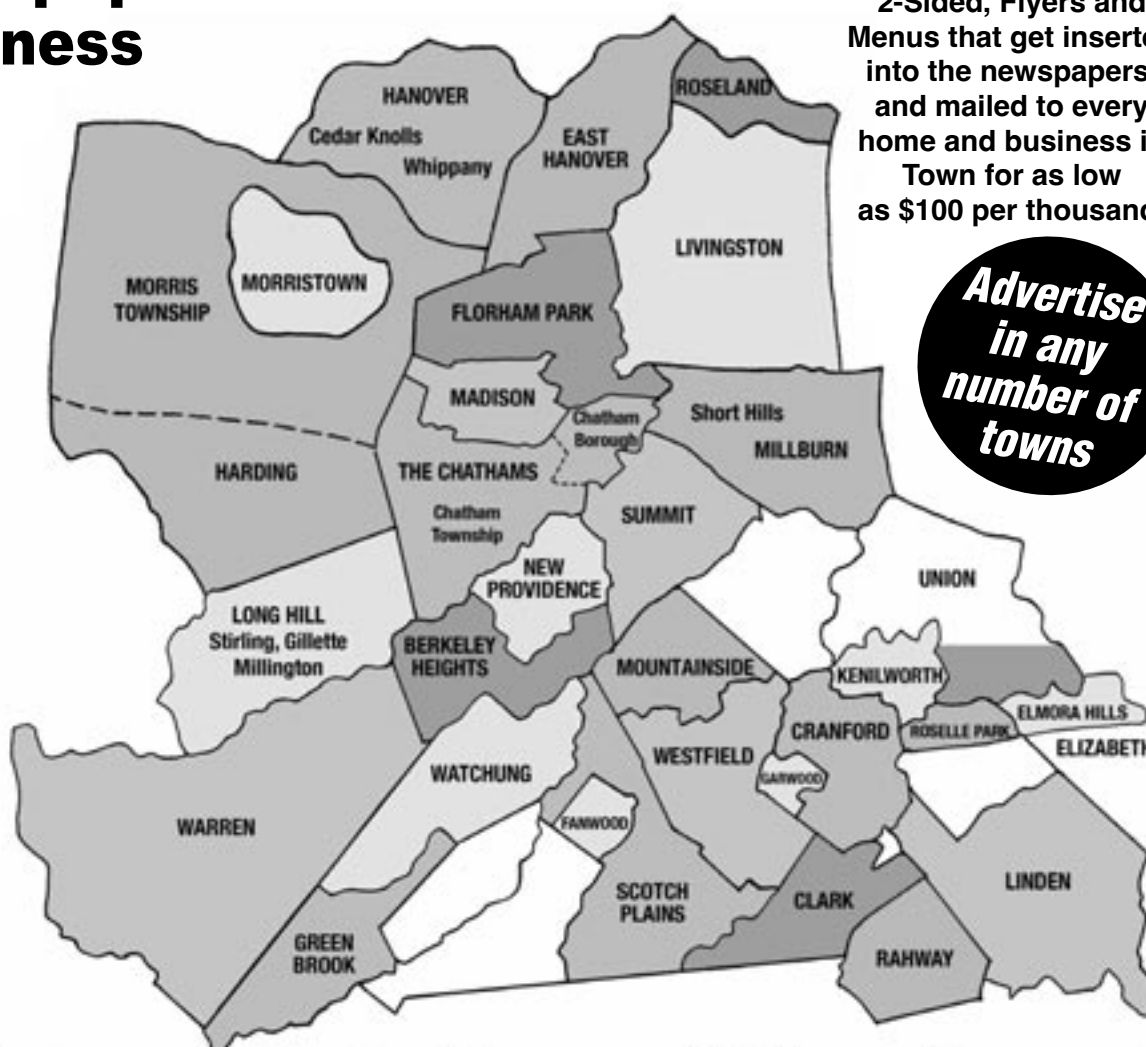
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# LT. REYNOLDS DEFENDS AMERICA UNDER SEA

Submitted by Megan Lemly, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Lt. James Reynolds, a native of Westfield, New Jersey, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Scranton, homeported at Naval Base Point Loma. As a submariner, Reynolds is part of a small percentage of Navy personnel continuing a 125-year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans' safety.

Reynolds graduated from Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City in 2013. Additionally, Reynolds earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's degree in cyber security, operations and leadership from the University of San Diego.

Reynolds joined the Navy eight years ago. Today, Reynolds serves as a weapons officer.

"I have two older siblings who served," Reynolds said. "I joined to follow the example they set of serving the country."

Known as America's "Apex Predators!," the Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of technologically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security.

USS Scranton (SSN 756) is the second U.S. Navy ship to be named for Scranton, Pennsylvania. Scranton is a Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine. Los Angeles-class submarines have been the backbone of the submarine force for the last 40 years, with

approximately 23 now in commission. They are equipped with 12 Vertical Launch System tubes for firing Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Strategic deterrence is the nation's ultimate insurance program, according to Navy officials. As a member of the submarine force, Reynolds serves aboard a platform capable of bringing the fight to enemies in defense of America and its allies.

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Reynolds has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"My proudest accomplishment is serving as a weapons officer aboard USS Scranton," Reynolds said.

"Serving in the Navy means honoring this country and its Constitution to promote freedom and democracy around the world," Reynolds added.



(above) Lt. James Reynolds, from Westfield to defending America under the sea, one sailor's journey to USS Scranton

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