



Introduction by Bob Richard

IT WAS A SPECIAL MEMORY when my father, Jack Richard, called from U.S. Senator E.V. Robertson's office where he was serving as the senator's deputy, with the announcement that Fleet Admiral Nimitz and his staff would be visiting Wyoming. Senator Robertson invited the Admiral and his staff to visit Wyoming and see the wonders of Yellowstone National Park. The visit was a "Thank You" to these war heroes for serving our country and a chance to share Western America's way of life, a way of life we get to enjoy everyday in Wyoming because of the service and sacrifices made by our United States military.

The Admiral's trip would cover Cheyenne Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park, Cody, Wyoming and the Wind River Reservation for an authentic Shoshone Pow Wow.

Growing up during the war years with my Dad and three uncles serving in the Pacific Theater, I was excited to know they were stopping by the ranch on the North Fork, on the road to Yellowstone, so Jody, (my cousin) and I could meet and visit with them. Jody and I rode double on our horse, Princy, from the ranch to the highway. An old Yellowstone National Park "Yellow Bus" pulled off the highway with everyone aboard. As they got out of the bus, we shook hands with each one of them and learned about their experiences in Yellowstone. They were impressive as they were in their tan uniforms and Jody and I were amazed to be meeting these heroes in this way.

Fleet Admiral Nimitz and his staff left a lasting impression on me and my future. It was special to see my father and Senator Robertson with these men enjoying our mountains and beautiful country.

As I compile these wonderful memories, it is my pleasure to share these special moments of Fleet Admiral Nimitz's visit to Wyoming with others.

- Bob Richard