



AMBASSADOR OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TOKYO

August 29, 2014

Mr. Jerry Yellin  
3000 West Madison Ave  
Fairfield, IA 52556

Dear Mr. Yellin:

Thank you for your service and for sharing your personal experiences with me in such an honest, thoughtful, and heartfelt way. The emotions you felt during the war and the healing you experienced as a result of your son Robert's marriage is a story that should be shared. That your former enemy has become your family is a wonderful testament to the triumph of love over hatred.

I truly admire those who can transform tragedy into a positive force for improving the world that we share. You have done that by taking the hurt of war and turning it into a message of forgiveness, and I hope that you will continue your work.

The embassy has contact with the Iwo-Jima Association of Japan, which holds joint events with the Iwo-Jima Association of America. I have included contact details for the association's president, Mr. Tetsuro Teramoto, on the following sheet. They may be looking for a veteran such as yourself with an inspirational story to share.

Finally, as a fellow parent, I know the great pride one feels in raising happy and successful children. Not only have you succeeded as a parent in raising Robert, but Robert has succeeded as a parent as well with your grandchildren.

I am grateful not only for your service in war, but for the service you continue to give so selflessly.

Sincerely,

  
Caroline Kennedy