

Dear Dads

By Erin Wold

Thank You!

"Anyone can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad." (Anonymous).
Father's Day was originally proposed in 1909. During a Mother's Day sermon, Sonora Dodd came up with the idea for a day to celebrate fathers. Her own father, a civil war veteran, raised his six daughters on his own when his wife passed away during childbirth. President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day in 1966. In 1972, Father's Day became an official holiday when President Nixon signed it into law. And so, this month we thank our Fathers.

You teach your children every day the importance of duty, honor, responsibility, respect, and ultimately lead them by the example you set. Your actions always spoke louder than your words, and the actions always said more than enough. Thank you for teaching us that was never okay when mom cried. You show your sons what it means to be men and your daughters how to "throw like boys" and be young ladies. Thank you for all the ballgames and soccer practices you just made it to...in business suit or ACUs. Because of you, we learned that you're never going to hit the ball if you don't take a swing. As well as, it's okay if you miss as long as you learned something to try the next time.

Thank you for teaching us that sometimes the loose screw on the bathroom mirror doesn't always need that extra quarter turn and that sometimes it's better to call the professionals. Thank you for the \$20 loans which we still intend to pay back at a later date...with interest (well, maybe not) and for saying "Yes" when mom said, "No."

Most of all, thank you for protecting us and keeping us safe and letting us grow. You could always chase the monsters back under the bed or into the closet where they belonged. As a small child, you could do anything. At age 7 you still knew a lot. By 12, you didn't know anything. At 16, there wasn't anyone more old fashioned than Dad. At 21, you were as obsolete as cassette tapes. By the mid-20s, we admit that just maybe you did know what you were talking about. By the mid-30s dad's opinion is the decision-maker. And truth be told, you still chase the monsters away...at any age.

No matter where you are this Father's Day, I'm sure there will be plenty of ties and bags of socks bestowed upon you. Thank you for graciously accepting these gifts with a smile and a hug. After all, "Fatherhood is pretending that the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope." (Bill Cosby), or socks, or ties. If not ties and socks, then handmade cards and letters lovingly mailed with some of your favorite treats.

Happy Father's Day!

A Weekend for Dad with MWR

Join Sports USA on Saturday, June 19 for the 4th Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show from 1 - 4 p.m. The whole Family is sure to enjoy the care and finesse that is put into these vehicles!
Treat Dad to a special brunch on Sunday, June 20! The Fort Bragg Club will serve up a Father's Day brunch sure to please!

