

# Pearl Harbor - Gram

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We are dedicated to the memory of  
Pearl Harbor and to those gallant  
Americans who gave their lives for  
their country on December 7, 1941

**OUR MOTTO: Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert**

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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION IN HAWAII RECEIVES NATIONAL PUBLICITY

As most of our members probably know, the Memorial Service on the morning of December 7, which was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, was telecasted to the mainland on live television via satellite. There have been varying reports on this telecast, some reception being excellent and other reports stating that it was hazy. Perhaps it could have been the various areas or maybe even the individual television receivers.

We have been advised that the viewing audience on the mainland for that time of day is between 25 to 50 million persons. Our association owes a deep debt of gratitude to the various television networks for carrying this most solemn service to our fellow Americans.

In addition to this live telecast, we have also received reports that the newspapers throughout the nation gave much publicity to the Memorial Service and also our other activities and our association's name was mentioned in practically all of these articles.

## DUES FOR 1967 ARE \$6

We must apologize for failing to mention the amount of the 1967 dues in the October issue of the Pearl Harbor-Gram. I hope that this will clear up any misunderstanding as to amount of dues which are \$6. I wish to remind all of our annual dues paying members that their dues must be paid on or before March 7, 1967, in order to avoid their name being removed from the national records.

## SPECIAL OFFER TO MEMBERS OF THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSN.

The New York Times has prepared a special long playing album of December 7, 1941. This record contains:

The first draft lottery interrupted by a shriek from a mother in the audience as her son's number is called.

Lindbergh appealing to the nation not to get involved in the European war.

Willkie decrying America's unpreparedness for war.

The Japanese envoy promising a peaceful solution.

President Roosevelt asking Congress to declare war.

Churchill pledging British support.

Eleanor Roosevelt interviewing a soldier.

Mayor La Guardia advising what to do in an air attack.

General MacArthur managing the surrender aboard the USS Missouri.

The regular price of this album is \$4.95 plus 20c mailing charge. The special price to members of our association is \$3.95. In order to obtain one of these records, which are not on sale at record stores, send your check in the amount of \$3.95 payable to the New York Times and send to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association's National Office at 4209 Brown Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226.

## CECIL R. VINSON APPOINTED INDIANA STATE CHAIRMAN

Cecil R. Vinson, 3410 Roseway Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, was appointed Indiana State Chairman effective December 1, 1966. He replaces John Berlier, who is the National Secretary-Treasurer. Cecil is a survivor of the USS Hull.

## NATIONAL OFFICE MOVED TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Effective January 1, 1967, the National Office of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will be moved to the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. This is the residence city of the National Secretary-Treasurer, John C. Berlier, who was re-elected in Hawaii on December 9, 1966.

The new address is 4209 Brown Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226. All dues, correspondence, etc., should be sent to that address.

## CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT COMMENCES AUDIT

The financial records of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association are in the process of being audited by a certified public accountant. We are hopeful that this audit will be completed so that the financial statements may be published in the April 1967 issue of the Pearl Harbor-Gram.

Our members receiving direct inquiries from this auditor should give this matter their prompt attention in order to facilitate an early completion of this audit.

## SEATTLE, WASHINGTON SITE FOR 1968 REUNION

During the Business Meeting on December 9, 1966, Seattle, Washington was selected by the membership present to be the site for the 1968 reunion. While this may seem some time off, let's all start making plans to go to the great Northwest for this reunion.



## WE GIVE OUR THANKS

For those who attended the huge reunion in Hawaii, I feel certain they join me in giving thanks to the following:

To Almighty God for withholding the rain during our Memorial Services on December 7. Even though the skies were very cloudy, no rain fell upon the large crowd, which was estimated by the press to be 5,000 persons. I believe that the heavens were mourning with us.

To the Honorable Paul H. Nitze, Secretary of Navy, for the very fine message he conveyed to our members as the principle speaker at the Memorial Service.

To Admiral Roy L. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, for the Welcoming Address at the Memorial Service.

To Lt. General Victor H. Krulak, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, for the long remembered banquet address at the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel on December 9.

To Rear Admiral H. S. Persons, Commandant of the 14th Naval District, for the many courtesies received from him and those under his command. A big "thank you", Admiral, from the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

To Mr. Joe E. Brown, the veteran Hollywood comedian, for his participation in the activities during this week-long reunion. Joe did a fantastic job during World War II and I understand that during that time he visited 48 Islands in the South Pacific and brought laughs to our very tired military men. As the newspapers in Hawaii stated, "Where you find vets you will find Joe." Thanks so very much, Joe, for joining us during this memorable reunion.

To Mr. Martin Corley, Superintendent of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, for the outstanding job he performed for us in preparing the site for our Memorial Service.

To the Fitzpatrick Travel Service for doing an outstanding job as our exclusive and official travel agency for the Hawaiian reunion.

To Pan American Air Lines and also the United Transport Workers Union for settling the strike threat of December 2. Over 800 people were booked on Pan American but the strike did not materialize.

To both United Air Lines and Pan American Air Ways for the excellent job they did in moving this mass number of people on a single day.

To the Sheraton-Hawaii Corporation for the excellent services they rendered our group, and especially for opening their restaurants early on the morning of December 7 to allow our group to obtain a light breakfast before boarding the buses at 6:30 a.m. for departure to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

To Mr. Preston Chapin who handled all of the ground movements for this large group. On the morning of December 7 the buses were lined up on reserved streets and were dispatched into the loading areas by use of walkie-talkies and also radio equipped automobiles.

To the United States Navy personnel who operated the Pearl Harbor tour boats and also acted as guides for the Pearl Harbor base tours.

To the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps airmen who were involved in the eleven jet fighter fly-over "missing man formation" during the Memorial Service. The sound of those planes as they flew over this large group of people, who had gathered to pay respects to those Americans who gave their lives 25 years ago, will long be remembered.

To Lt. Cmdr. Robert M. Hartian, who acted as military liaison officer, for the endless hours that he spent in working so closely with our association to insure that all of the activities during this week would be truly successful.

To the military bands for the most impressive music during our Memorial Service.

To the military police who escorted the high-ranking military officers and the Secretary of Navy to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and also for the excellent job that they did in controlling the traffic.

To the military and vet organizations color guard for a job "well done."

To the Marine Corps buglers who played the unforgettable taps and echo taps.

To the Marine Corps honor guard for firing the salute to our fallen heroes.

To the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association's newly formed Aloha Chapter for the warm welcome they gave our group as they landed in Hawaii.

To the members of the clergy for their inspiring prayers.

To the florist who made the two beautiful wreaths, one which was presented at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and also the one for the USS Arizona Memorial Sunset Service.

And to all the others too numerous to mention who did so much to make this so great.

## HISTORY OF UNITED STATES NAVAL SHIPS AVAILABLE

The national office has recently obtained the history of all United States naval ships which were present during the attack on December 7, 1941.

If you would like to read the history of your particular ship, please contact John Berlier, National Secretary-Treasurer, 4209 Brown Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. John has agreed to relieve the national office of this job of handling these ships' histories. Please contact him direct.

## THANKS FROM PAST PRESIDENT LINDSEY

It is impossible to acknowledge all of the very kind letters I received in Hawaii urging me to seek re-election as National President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. I must tell you in all sincerity that it was very difficult for me to refuse to accept the nomination for that office.

I hope that each member of this association will feel, since I was National President for three years and prior to that, Missouri State Chairman for two years, that I deserve a rest. The work that was necessary for the 25th anniversary reunion in Hawaii was extremely heavy and when one considers that this work is done after completing at least an eight-hour day on my regular job, that I was very tired when I arrived in Hawaii on December 2. Final meetings were again commenced on Saturday morning and many times they continued into late hours of the night.

I am pleased and happy with the results that were accomplished in making the 25th anniversary reunion in Hawaii what I hope everyone will feel was an outstanding success. Personally, I shall long remember the most solemn Memorial Service commencing at 0755 on December 7, 1966, and also the special Sunset Service which was held aboard the USS Arizona Memorial on the evening of December 7. Every attempt was made to make the reunion banquet at the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel a most memorable occasion.

It will take a few months before all of the final figures are in regarding this reunion, but when this is completed, I will request a statement be printed in the Pearl Harbor-Gram outlining the financial outcome of this huge reunion, which was attended by almost 1800 people in our group.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the very nice letters I have received from many of those who made this reunion, telling me how much they enjoyed it. Thank you so very much.

A meeting was held with my successor, Henry Shane, and also the Vice-President, Jerry Gammon, and the Secretary-Treasurer, John Berlier, here in Jefferson City, Mo. I am sure this was of benefit to all concerned.

As they say in Hawaii, Aloha and Mahalo.

Gene Lindsey  
Past National President  
RT 5 Rainbow Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri

## LAPEL PINS AVAILABLE

Lapel pins are available from the national office at a cost of \$5.00 each.

If you desire one of these pins please forward check payable to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the lapel pin will be mailed to you within a few days.



SUNSET DECEMBER 7, 1966 ABOARD THE USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL



President Gene Lindsey and Vice-President Charles Blazek place Pearl Harbor Survivors Association wreath in the Shrine Room of the USS Arizona Memorial during the Sunset Service on December 7, 1966. The officer standing at the rostrum is Rear Admiral H. S. Persons, USN, Commandant 14th Naval District. (Official United States Navy Photograph)

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS

##### ELECTED DECEMBER 9, 1966

###### PRESIDENT:

Henry Shane (USS Raleigh)  
6488 Central Avenue  
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###### VICE-PRESIDENT:

LeRoy V. Gammon (Fort Armstrong)  
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#### HAWAIIAN REUNION

##### PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

Any of our members who have what they consider outstanding photographs taken during the Hawaiian Reunion and who wish these published in the Pearl Harbor-Gram, please send these to the national office at 4209 Brown Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226.

##### BERLIER RE-ELECTED AS SECRETARY-TREASURER

I wish to thank our members for their support in re-electing me as secretary-treasurer of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. I sincerely hope that I fulfill the duties required of my office to the satisfaction of our membership.

Sincerely,  
John C. Berlier



## OUR BANQUET SPEAKER



Lt. General Victor H. Krulak, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

## SUPPLY OF HATS EXHAUSTED

Prior to the Hawaiian reunion the supply of hats in the national office was completely exhausted. It appears at this time that it will be some 60 to 90 days before another supply is received. Please do not order hats until that time.

## UNIT LISTS

Unit Lists are available from the National Office, they are yours for the asking. If you would like a list of buddies who were attached to your unit who have joined our association, just write to the National Office and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. Only members in good standing will receive these lists.

## ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS AVAILABLE

Official Pearl Harbor Survivors Association flags are available from the National Office. These flags are approximately 45 inches by 68 inches. The flags are constructed using 100 percent white rayon taffeta, and are dry cleanable. Price \$15.00. Allow two weeks for delivery.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP OPEN

New members desiring Life Membership must pay \$50. This includes the \$5 Initiation fee. Existing members who have paid their current years dues must remit \$40.00. This offer will remain open until officially changed by the Executive Board and notice published in the Pearl Harbor-Gram.

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT SHANE

### OUTLINES PROPOSED COMMITTEES

The following committees are desired by the national office in order to facilitate some of the operations necessary in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

- Budget & Finance
- Resolutions & Legislative
- Membership & Delinquency
- Public Relations
- Conventions
- Welfare
- Americanism & Patriotic Holidays

In addition to these committees, appointive officers are being considered.

Parliamentarian

Chaplain

General Counsel

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Chief Sgt.-at-Arms

Color Guard

Chief of Protocol

Administrative Manual

Paraphernalia (Hats - Decals - Flags - Pins, etc.)

Any of our members who have had experience in any of these categories and would like to serve on these committees or be appointed to these special offices should contact Henry (Hank) Shane, National President, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, 6488 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33707.

## GAMMON ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

I wish to thank all members for electing me as your Vice President of this fine organization. I promise to do all in my power to fulfill this obligation to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and help it grow. Again, my sincere thanks to all.

L. Jerry Gammon  
Vice President

## USS REID TO HOLD REUNION

### IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

JULY 21, 22 AND 23, 1967

Further information can be obtained on this reunion by contacting Robert T. Sneed, 1537 North 59th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

## NEW PENNSYLVANIA STATE

### CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Cornelius (Marty) Maartense, 8 Hillcrest Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19118, was appointed Pennsylvania State Chairman on October 20, 1966. Marty is a survivor of the USS Castor.

## A CHERISHED FRIEND



Joe E. Brown, veteran Hollywood comedian, who participated in our week-long activities and installed our new national officers at the Reunion Banquet on December 9, 1966 at the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

## STATE CHAIRMAN OF UTAH,

### LeROY CRAWFORD, RESIGNS,

### LISONBEE APPOINTED SUCCESSOR

LeRoy Crawford, who has been the State Chairman for Utah for quite some time, moved to the state of California and therefore was forced to resign as Utah State Chairman.

Keith Lisonbee, 3104 South 8th East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106, was appointed to that post on October 27, 1966. Keith is a survivor of Submarine Base.

## Departed Members Of The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association

Prayer for our Dead  
Eternal rest grant unto them, and  
let perpetual light shine upon  
them and may they rest in peace.

AMEN

Charles E. Searchfield  
Webster, N. Y.  
U.S.S. Solace



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## REMARKS BY PRESIDENT SHANE

### WHEN HE ACCEPTED GAVEL

Dear Friends, Distinguished Guests and  
SURVIVORS; It is with great Pride and  
Deep Humility that I accept this gavel  
as a Symbol of the Office of President,  
to which I was elected by our member-  
ship this morning.

As I stated to most of you after the  
election, it is most difficult to step into  
the shoes of a man who has done an out-  
standing job as our past President, Gene  
Lindsey. If the success of any administra-  
tion is measured solely by its accomplish-  
ments, the job Gene Lindsey did will be  
remembered and emulated by his suc-  
cessors.

It is with Pride that I state to all of  
you who were not present this morn-  
ing, that all members voted GENE LIND-  
SEY as "HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR  
LIFE". My thanks, Gene, and that of all  
our members for a job "WELL-DONE".

In token of the Association's apprecia-  
tion I have been selected to give you  
this original Hand-Painting of the U.S.S.  
ARIZONA — our Shrine — for the untold  
thousands of hours of work, you and your  
wife and family have done to keep us  
on an "even-keel".

In accepting the office of President  
of the PHSA, I pledge to you all, here  
and now, that I will do everything in my  
power to make my administration a  
successful one. With the excellent staff  
of National Officers which you elected  
to serve with me, our Sole purpose will  
be to further the goals and ideals of  
this great organization.

Foremost in my mind, is the duty we  
owe to our fallen comrades of 25 years  
ago — to see that we SURVIVORS carry  
forward, Bravely and Proudly, that mes-  
sage for which they gave their lives . . .

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