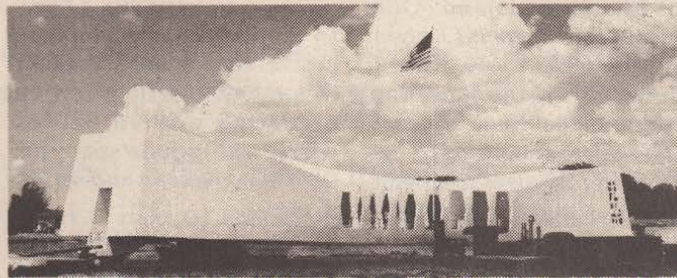




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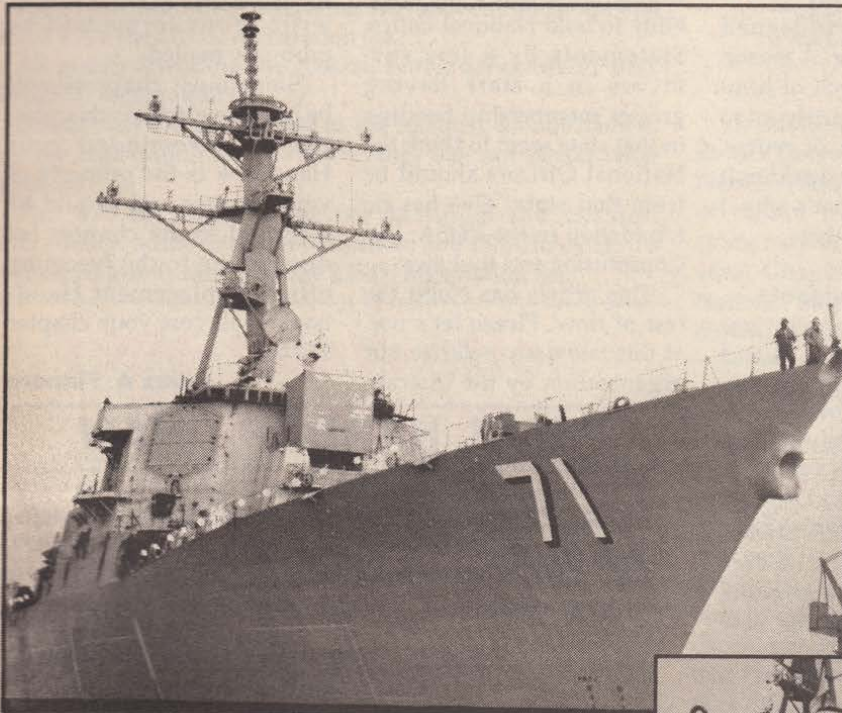
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USS ROSS (DDG-71)



ship's machinery running and preventing the ship from sinking and blocking the harbor.

On hand for the christening were several of Ross' shipmates, including Captain Joseph K. Taussig, USN, (Ret.), right, of Annapolis, Maryland, and Louis C. Gombassy, of Novi, Michigan, who also served aboard USS Nevada, second from right — both of whom were awarded the Navy Cross for their own heroism at Pearl Harbor, and two fellow Medal of Honor winners, Colonel Robert Nett, USA, (Ret.), of Columbus, Georgia, left, and Hospital Apprentice First Class Robert Bush, USN, (Ret.), of Olympia, Washington.

Mrs. Helen Lou Ross, center in photo at right, of Port Orchard, Washington, proudly displays the champagne bottle she used to christen the U.S. Navy's newest Aegis guided missile destroyer at Ingalls Shipbuilding division of Litton Industries in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

The ship is named ROSS (DDG-71), in honor of Mrs. Ross' late husband, Navy Captain Donald K. Ross (1910-1992), the first American to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II. At the time a Navy Machinist, Ross was credited with helping get the battleship USS Nevada (BB-36) under way during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, keeping the



National President's Message

GOTTA MINUTE?

I was called to Marietta, Georgia on May 10 for the funeral of a dear friend and a loyal Pearl Harbor Survivor, our 6th District Director Ed Eads. Ed and I were serving on sister ships in the same destroyer squadron when the Japanese attacked Oahu. He and Deloris were very well liked throughout the 6th District. A very capable District Director, Ed will be missed very much.

Save The Hoga

We are hearing from all sorts of folks and with donations to the little tug and the "Save the Hoga" fund. Several Chapters as well as individuals have made substantial contributions. You'll see it in the Gram. One Chapter, with its large donation, says about the Hoga, "Her heroism and accomplishments in rescuing personnel, fighting the fires and coming to the aid of damaged ships will never be forgotten. Her action on that day and on the several days that followed were truly heroic and deserving of memorializing"

Torpedoman Turns 90

Remember my mentioning my Chief Torpedoman Richard Converse? He had his 90th birthday on May 25. I was Torpedoman First Class and served with him in the Aylwin. He's as sharp today as he was then. Lives in Mesa, Arizona with his wife Esther. Those of us who have known him are extremely proud of that.

Speaking Out

I kept a couple of speaking engagements on Memorial Day, May 27, in Vero Beach, Florida, on the beauti-

ful Memorial Island. One was for the Veterans Counsel and the other to dedicate a Memorial Monument for Florida Indian River Chapter 10. The program included the Surviving Spouses and relatives placing a rose on the wreath for each of our departed Survivors. Margie placed a rose on the wreath in honor and in memory of our departed District Director Ed Eads.

Poison Pen

Got another unsigned "Poison Pen" letter. A person doesn't think much of himself to be so cowardly as to not sign his name, of course, the letter's content qualifies it for libel. I guess that's why. I wouldn't sign it either.

Beautiful Minnesota

Margie and I have just returned from the 5th District Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota June 6 through 9. What a beautiful State and an exceptionally good convention. It's easy to see why the 5th District folks are always smiling. They made us very welcome and we appreciate that. Bill Foster is the new Fifth District Director.

7th District News

The 7th District Convention in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania was a great success and with a good attendance. Clark Martin is the new 7th District Director. It was good to see old friends again, especially those from Destroyer Squadron One, where we served together.

Remember to read and understand the rules of our organization before you propose a resolution or a change. It's time wasted to have to do this for you.

Robert McClintock

National Secretary's Message

The Administrative Office, to expedite the election process during our Honolulu Convention, will again be preparing printed ballots which will include space for floor nominations and write-in votes.

We would appreciate anyone who has not announced his/her candidacy to please inform the Administrative Office.

Article VIII, paragraph 3, sub-para. a. b. and c. of our Constitution states the eligibility to hold National Office. Statements by a few survivors in a state having greater membership residing in that state seem to think the National Officers should be from that state. This has no foundation in the PHSA, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws.

This article has stood the test of time. Please let's not, at this late date, polarize our organization by the disfran-

chising the survivors in the other 49 states.

Please find an updated Application for Membership PHSA Form 1 (Rev. 1995) on page 26 of this Gram. Membership applications on obsolete forms cannot be processed because of the membership passed resolution which added a printing and mailing fee for the Pearl Harbor GRAM. The Administrative Office is here to serve the membership. If you need forms, please call or write. Your forms will be promptly mailed.

Since most chapters will be holding elections this year, please be reminded your Handbook is the property of your chapter and should be returned to the chapter for distribution to the incoming office. Replacement Handbooks will cost your chapter \$10.00.

Julius A. Finnern

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- The \$25.00 registration fee includes the cocktail party/dance, administration obligation, and INSURANCE. To be covered guests must pay the \$25.00 registration fee.

1996 Convention Registration

It has been noted that many of you are traveling through local travel agencies rather than National's Official contracted Agency (Travel Network of Houston, Texas).

Wish to remind all Hawaii Convention Travelers to please send in their registration fees and options to TRAVEL NETWORK without delay. National needs an advance count for bussing and banquet seating.

Should you wait until your arrival on December 4 or 5, you might not receive the services you desire.

SO PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

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3rd District Convention

Arizona Chapter #4 will host the 3rd District Convention at the Gold River Casino/Resort, Laughlin, NV, Oct. 24-27, 1996. This Convention will consist of State Meetings, followed by the District Meeting.

It will be in conjunction with the Lake Havasu City 25th Anniversary of the London Bridge activities. Survivors will march/ride in the Parade on October 26th, followed by a luncheon, etc. The Banquet will be October 27th at the Convention Headquarters in Laughlin. All are welcome! Call Chairman Ed Chappell (520) 855-8977 or Treasurer George Bierman (520) 453-2739.

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From The Editor



By Bob Watson
Editor

First, I printed on page 3 of the May Gram in large red letters the new mailing address for the Pearl Harbor

Gram. I was very surprised at the large amount of mail I received addressed to the old address from Members I know received that Gram.

The tickets for the 50-50 drawing at the Convention in Hawaii are printed on page 15 of this Gram.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BE IN THE 50-50 DRAWING.

The CORRECT application for membership is reprinted on page 26 of this Gram. Old applications that do not include the \$6.00 for the Gram subscription may not

be used, and must be returned to the applicant.

The area code for Tennessee State Chairman Marshall B. McCloud has been changed from 615 to 423. His phone number now is (423) 947-0585. Please make the change on your list of State Chairmen.

In the May Gram, on page 8 in the "Prayer for the Dead" Anton Hirt was shown on the USS Helm, but that should have been USS Honolulu. This was reported by his twin brother Arnold.

In the May Gram on page

11 "Save the Hoga Fund" John A. & Betty Lou Murphy was shown on the USS Tennessee. That should have been USS Vestal.

On the same page Ernest J. Nelson should have been California Mother Lode Chapter 26. It is repeated correctly in this Gram. Ernest Nelson is the Chapter treasurer.

In the May Gram, I wrote an article about California Chapter 9 birthday and erroneously wrote California Chapter 14. The article is correctly reprinted in this Gram.

Truth About Pearl Harbor Death



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Photo by Cindy Stucky

For a long time, Buddy Costin's brothers and sisters knew little about their fun-loving brother's death at Pearl Harbor.

Shortly after the December 7, 1941 bombing, a soldier had arrived on their doorstep in Henryville, Ind., at 4 a.m. with the news of Buddy's death. When their mother, Effie, inquired further, the Navy Department told the Costins that Buddy, who was 21, had died manning his battle station on the USS West Virginia.

They pictured a sudden death: Buddy perishing when the ship sank in a horrifying conflagration.

Now, almost 54 years later, the Costins have learned the truth.

The day before Thanksgiving, Elvin Costin, 78, who still lives in Henryville, got a call from Eric Gregory, a reporter at the Honolulu Advertiser. Gregory told a disturbing tale.

While interviewing survivors and former Marines who had helped recover American warships after the bombing, Gregory told Costin he'd heard about three sailors who'd been buried alive on the West Virginia.

Amid the carnage and the fireboats squirting water on flaming ships in the early morning after the bombing, Marines standing watch heard banging. Someone was still alive, trapped deep in the forward hull of the sunken battleship.

The ship was badly damaged. Struck by at least six torpedoes and two bombs, it burned for 30 hours and settled into the mud on the bottom of the harbor, its main deck covered with oily water.

Cut a hole, and they'd risk flooding the whole thing. Open the hull with a torch, and they could spark an explosion.

One Marine recalled covering his ears when he heard the pounding. One day, the banging stopped.

When salvage crews raised the West Virginia six months later, they found the bodies of three men huddled in an airtight storeroom: Ronald Endicott, 18, of Aberdeen, Washington, Clifford Olds, 20, of North Dakota, and Louis "Buddy" Costin.

The men in storeroom A-111, clad in their blues and jerseys, were removed like 63 other men, carried away in heavy canvas bags drawn tight at the top.

Clues left in the dry storeroom hinted at their horrific final days: Flashlight batteries littered the floor. The manhole to a supply of fresh water had been opened. Emergency rations had been eaten. And a calendar, 1 foot high and 14 inches long. A red "X" was scratched through each of the dates from December 7 through December 23.



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Mary and Don Ralph
South Carolina Chapter 1

California Survivors Tour Sister Ship Of USS Pearl Harbor

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
NAS Ford Island

More than 120 Southern California Pearl Harbor Survivors and wives were invited to tour the USS Harpers Ferry (LSD-49), a sister ship to the USS Pearl Harbor on Saturday, March 2, at the Naval Station, San Diego, California.

Chapter 3 Special Events Coordinator, Gordon Jones received the invitation from the ship's Executive Officer on Wednesday preceding the Saturday tour. He was told that the ship could accommodate up to 90 people including women and older children for the lunch and tour.



California State Secretary Charlie Preece stands alongside of 1st District Director Robert Kronberger.

Jones and Chapter 3 President Arie Korporaal immediately launched a telephone drive which included calls to First District Director Robert Kronberger, California State Chairman Bill Davis and State Newsletter Editor Bruce Klein.

Six Southern California Chapters responded to the call: 3, 8, 12, 27, 29 and 31. Among the visitors Chapters 29 and 31 were the leaders in attendance. There were six or seven motor homes from the Los Angeles area, a distance of more than a 125 miles, which managed to find their way to the "Anchors and Spars" parking lot where their accommodations had been prearranged.

Once on board they were divided into five tour groups with naval officers as their guides. An hour later the tours ended in the enlisted men's mess hall. The day's menu included barbecued spare ribs and roasted cornish hens, veggies,

soup, salad, hot and cold drinks topped off with several choices of desserts.



Commanding Officer of the USS Harpers Ferry Commander Charles P. Salsman, USN is flanked by Chapter 3 members Chapter Treasurer Duffie Clemons, President Arie Korporaal, and Carl Burhoop.

As the meal ended Commanding Officer Commander Charles P. Salsman and his staff came in, presenting a hearty welcome to the group. The entire ship's company was spirited and enthusiastic having Pearl Harbor Survivors aboard.

"The Harpers Ferry" Captain Salsman began, "is one of four new Cargo Variants to the LSD 41 class of amphibious assault ships. LSD 50 and 51 are in various stages of completion. LSD 52, The USS Pearl Harbor only recently held its christening ceremony in New Orleans." Continuing, he said, "in all probability, the Pearl Harbor will be homeported here in San Diego." The announcement was taken in stride by those assembled.

The Harpers Ferry is named after a small residential town (population 423) and tourist center in the Northeastern corner of West Virginia. Harpers Ferry has forever entrenched itself in the "American Story", as a place where brave men and women lived, fought and died for their ideals. In 1776 President George Washington selected the site for a new U.S. arsenal and armory. Many of the rifles used in the war of 1812 and civil war were manufactured there. The town of Harpers Ferry changed hands between the Union and the Confederacy several times, spilling much American blood on its rocky soil.

Captain Salsman talked in glowing terms about the Pearl Harbor Survivors and was sympathetic to the news that Gordon Jones of Chapter 3 had to miss the tour he hurriedly put together. Jones was operated on for a knee replacement on March 1 at the Balboa Naval Hospital.

In answer to a question about women aboard, Captain Salsman said that 10 percent of the crew would be women sailors or about 36 would be aboard prior to deployment later on in the year.

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In Memoriam

Pearl Harbor Gram
Assistant Editor
Herb Stettler
USS Oglala



Born April 17, 1923
Died May 8, 1996

At the time of his death, Herb was Secretary of California Chapter 23. He had also served the Chapter as President, Vice President and newsletter editor.

He is survived by his wife Hilda, a daughter Heidi, three sons: Gary, Ken and Ron, twelve grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Herb was buried at Santa Rosa Memorial Park in California.

Sixth District Director
Ed Eads
USS Dale



Born July 27, 1923
Died May 8, 1996

Ed Eads was elected Sixth District Director at Tampa, Florida at the National Convention in 1994.

Ed founded the first PHSA Chapter in Georgia in 1955 and was very active in the Association.

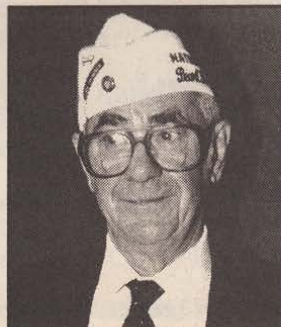
Shortly before his death, the Georgia PHSA voted to dedicate a planned Pearl Harbor monument in the Georgia National Cemetery to him. His wife Delores stated "He said they should dedicate it to everyone who was there".

He is survived by his wife Delores, a daughter Jennifer, two sons Michael and Dale, and three grandchildren.

In Memoriam

National President
Joel E. Bachner
USS California

Born January 9, 1918
Died April 3, 1996



Joel was National President from 1974-1976 after two years as Vice President. He was very active in PHSA and in Pearl Harbor History Associates.

He is survived by his wife Muriel, two daughters Barbara and Bette, and a son Roger.

He was interred in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

Eighth District Director
Forest E. Smith
Third Defense
Battalion, USMC



Born October 16, 1917
Died May 24, 1996

Forest served as Eighth District Director for six years and several years as Maine State Chairman. He was devoted to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

He is survived by his wife Esther, one son William, and two daughters Margaret and Karen.

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Dubuque, IA***SCOTT, Frank H.***USS Oklahoma
Sioux City, IA***BOST, Clyde C.***21st Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Kannapolis, NC***WEEKS, Wilson***USS Maryland
Newton Grove, NC***DAVIS, Charles D.***USS Utah
Bokeelia, FL***SHACKELFORD, William B.***VP-22 NAS Ford Island
Spotsylvania, VA***NICKLAS, Thornton***USS Phoenix
Nederland, TX***BERNARD, Jack A.***USS Helena
Phoenix, AZ***EADS, William E.***USS Dale
Powder Springs, GA***BIGGER, Bernard W.***31st Bomb Sq Hickam Fld
Fort Pierce, FL***BARBIZZI, Joseph S.***USS Curtiss
Elmhurst, DE***WARREN, Foss D. Jr.***USS Raleigh
Conway, AR***MELLO, Alfred***USS New Orleans
Las Vegas, NV***AUBUCHON, Virgil B.***USS Pennsylvania
St. Charles, MO***ALMON, William F.***19th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
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Perkasie, PA***HEATON, Samuel***USS Dewey
Buena Park, CA*

Memorial Day Ceremony In San Diego

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
NAS Ford Island

The 96th Annual Memorial Service and Day of Remembrance was observed at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on May 27 with more than 600 persons in attendance, including over 30 Pearl Harbor Survivors, wives and friends.

The program focused on World War I Veterans in particular, but honored the dead of all the wars in which the armed forces of the United States have been engaged.

Woody Derby (USS Nevada) of Chapter 3 presented the Chapter's Wreath in which he honored all those who died at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

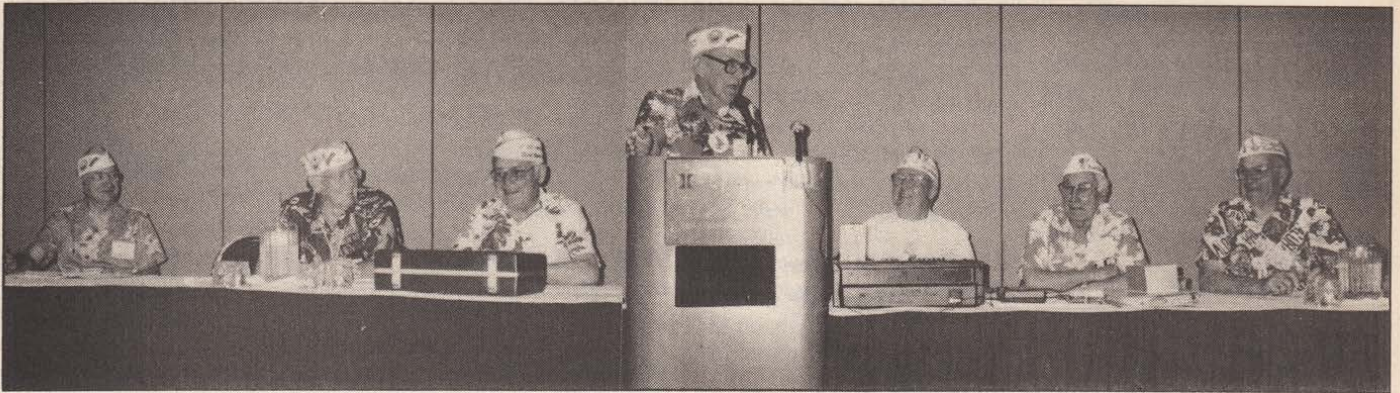
Walter Stevens (USS Dobbin) and Glen Cummings (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) carried the Colors and Chapter Flag during the ceremony.

Chapter 3 members also attended Memorial Day Services at El Camino Cemetery, Greenwood Memorial Park and Holy Cross Cemetery.



In the photo, Chapter 3 members Clayton Schenkelberg (Submarine Base) poses with a friend, WW II Veteran Will Fellows, a retired Master Chief who served 34 years in the Navy, 1942 - 1976.

First District And California State Convention



The First District and California State Convention was held at the Airport Hilton in Burbank June 19 - 22.

New California State officers are Chairman Haile "Jake" Jaekel, (Navy Yard), Vice Chairman North Richard Garstang (251st Coast Artillery, Camp Malakole), Vice Chairman South Ralph Lindenmeyer (A&R NAS Ford Island), Secretary Charles Preece (7th Air Force HQ, Hickam Field) and Treasurer Byram Bates (7th Air Force HQ, Hickam Field).

The new First District Director is William "Bill" Davis (58th Bomb Sq., Hickam Field). His term as State Chairman expired with this convention.



Over 100 Survivors attended the business meeting.

Antique Golfer



At the California State Convention Chuck Mallon (USMC on USS Oklahoma) presented an "ANTIQUe GOLFER" T-shirt to Marv Ziegler (USS Honolulu) while National Storekeeper Ed Chappell (USS Maryland) watched.

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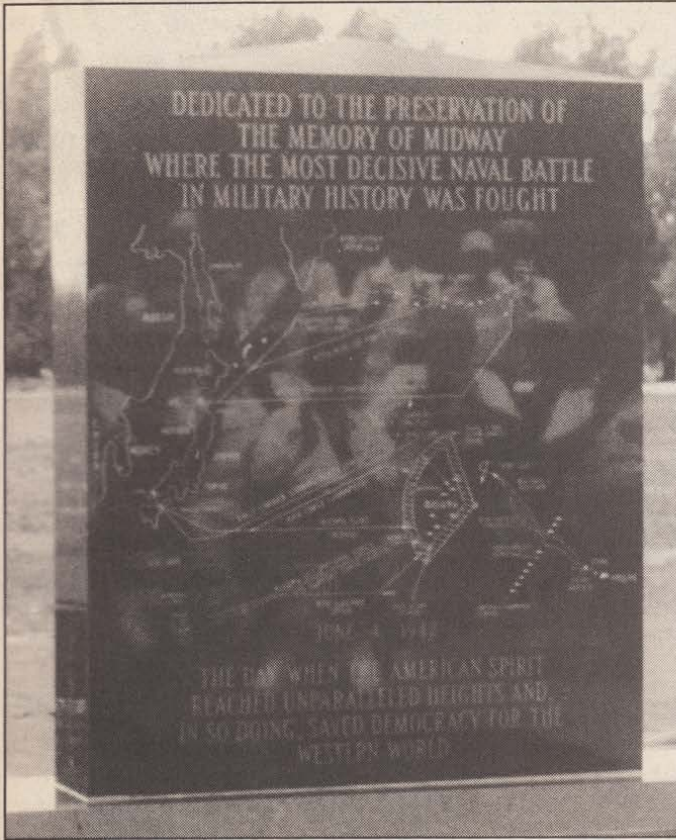


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The Last 'Hurrah'



By W.R. "Bill" Lucius

As a member of the International Midway Memorial Foundation, I was invited to participate in the dedication ceremony of the Midway Memorial Monument and the Lofton R. Henderson USMC Memorial Plaque on August 31, 1995 at the Islands of Midway.

The briefing by IMMFF (International Midway Memorial Foundation) on the morning of 29 August was excellent with opening of the Lord's Prayer and blessing in Hawaiian followed with a briefing by Doctor James D'Angelo, President of IMMFF. Here I was to meet two other Veterans of the Battle of Midway whom I had not seen since those fateful days of June 1942, namely Colonel Willy Williamson USMCR Retired and Colonel Elmer Glidden, USMC Retired. That evening the film "Defenders of Midway" was shown at the Arizona Memorial Theater, Pearl Harbor followed by an outstanding dinner at the Bowfish Museum plus a tour of the submarine of that name.

Departure for Midway was early in the morning of August 31 by chartered Aloha Airlines, 114 veterans and families aboard. Several of us were interviewed by the media prior to departure. One of the ladies nearby who had overheard my interview came up and asked if I, per chance, had known her father, a Major Woten. I assured her I had known Bob who, by the way, is a member of the Marine Corps Aviation Association.

As the only Ground Officer present who was actually on the ground (Eastern Island) during the attack, I felt honored to be in attendance. I thought I might also be the oldest in service as well as age, however, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN

Retired and a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was quick to correct me. He is 83 and entered the Naval Academy in 1927 against my 81 and service entry of 1932. His remarks, as well as those by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, were most touching.

I, as well as Colonels Williamson and Glidden did go to Eastern Island for the dedication of the Eastern Island airstrip as Henderson Field with a Bronze Plaque in his honor. Colonel Glidden, who had flown with Major Henderson, eulogized him with truly reminiscent remarks. The final "High-light" for me as a Battle of Midway Veteran was being presented with a beautiful Silver Medallion by Doctor James M. D'Angelo. The scattering of the ashes of Lieutenant. George Gay USN, and the only survivor of Torpedo Squadron 8 over the spot where he was shot down and later rescued was stirring indeed as the mission was accomplished by Captain Jack H. Reid, USN Retired, also a Midway Battle veteran.

I did have the opportunity of shaking hands with the President of the United States and did talk briefly with the First Lady, who noted I was a Pearl Harbor Survivor from my cap. I did mention to her that my wife May, of 57 years was also a P.H.S.

One incident struck a chord with me. A Catholic Priest rode with me on the return. He wore a Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal Ribbon along with several other decorations, so I asked if he was a Chaplain. He replied he was a Corporal at the Chosin Reservoir Withdrawal with "Chesty" Puller in the Korean conflict. He now tends the homeless in Oahu. I told him I had known "Chesty" well, having made his acquaintance at the Marine Barracks' American Legation Guard in Peking, China in 1934 when he had the Mounted Detachment there and I was shooting at the Marine Corps Rifle Matches.

To cumulate my own activities the Battle of Midway Group had a Grand Banquet at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel, Diamond Head Ball Room. A band reminiscent of the days of Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller played for the group. Jim D'Angelo was presented with a beautiful trophy, a large gold eagle as a tribute to his efforts. I presented to him for the Marine Corps Aviation Association, and my comrades from MAG 22 present, a pair of gold cuff links with the Marine Corps Emblem on them.

Wanted

Ford Turner is attempting to obtain information about his late uncle, Clarence Steven Turner. He believes that his uncle was a photographer assigned to Patrol Wing 2 at Ford Island, or possibly assigned to Patrol Squadron 23.

He would like to speak or correspond with anyone who knew his uncle while he was at Pearl Harbor. Call (717) 728-4405 or write to 3616 Dwayne Ave., Mechanisburg, PA 17055.

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Save The Hoga Fund



The Yardcraft Hoga (YT-146) at her last duty station as a City of Oakland fireboat.

By Bob Watson
Gram Editor

On June 18 I talked with Frank McHale who is head of the "Friends of the Hoga" fund in Hawaii.

When the Navy closed the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the Hoga was moved to Treasure Island and prepared for safe stow condition, which means removing fuel and blocking over windows with plywood.

An application was submitted to the Navy under the ship donation program, but no reply has been received as yet.

The television station History Channel is preparing an article on tug boats which will feature the Hoga. It is planned for viewing in the fall. It is hoped that this TV program will result in more donations.

Contributions to Save The Hoga Fund

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This photo was submitted by Stanley Levitt, USS Rigel, 5204 E. 121st St., Overland Park, KS 66209, phone (913) 339-6161. He states it was given to him by one of the Chaplains in the photo within a week after the Pearl Harbor attack. It is a funeral service on part of a sunken ship. The Chaplains were H. Cerf Strauss, Thornton Miller and Francis B. Sayre. If you can identify yourself in the photo, or know where it was taken, Survivor Levitt would like to hear from you. It appears there is a blimp in the upper right hand corner.



WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS



Exposure of our Membership to unauthorized use of names and addresses has precluded publishing them in the Gram. Any member may obtain the complete address of a fellow Survivor by sending the request and a long, self-addressed and stamped envelope with your Member number to the National Vice-President and Membership Chairman, Ben Begley, 4348 33rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg FL 33713.

Total new members this quarter24

Total new members since 01/01/9646

Total membership10565

New Members by States

Alabama.....	2
Arizona.....	3
California.....	12
Colorado.....	2
Delaware.....	1
Florida.....	2
Indiana.....	3
Louisiana.....	1
Missouri.....	1
Nebraska.....	1
Nevada.....	1
New Hampshire.....	2
North Carolina.....	1
Oregon.....	1
South Carolina.....	7
Texas.....	2
Utah.....	1
Virginia.....	1
Washington.....	1
Wyoming.....	1

BRADLEY, Herbert J.
4th Def Bn USMC
Eastover, SC

THOMPSON, Harry M.
45th Pur Sq Wheeler Fld
Hilton Head Island, SC

GORDON, Richard P.
USS Phoenix
Yemasee, SC

SISK, Charles
2nd Div USMC
Anderson, SC

EMDE, William F.
USS Dobbin
Pine Valley, CA

SINOR, Howard E.
USS Raleigh
New Orleans, LA

BAROUCH, Marco
55th C/A Ft Kamehameha
Melbourne, FL

HANSON, John W.
MAG-21 Ewa Air Base
South Bend, IN

KIRKMAN, Ralph A.
41st C/A Ft Kamehameha
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WOODING, Robert R.
USS Tennessee
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Ships Co NAS Kaneohe
Stockton, CA

VANDERVORT, Madison Jr.
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DONOVAN, Patrick W. Jr.
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Hawaii Gets Survivor License Plates



**By Donald A. Howell
State Chairman**

At long last we have been successful in getting our special license plate bill passed and signed by the Governor. The plates will spell out "Pearl Harbor Survivor" on the left side of the plate in three lines and a number on the right.

In the photo taken after

the signing of the bill are Burt Breneman (USMC on NAS Ford Island), Dick Fiske (USMC on USS West Virginia), Larry Julian (55th Coast Artillery, Fort Kamehameha), Don Howell (Reception Center, Schofield Barracks) and John Haverty (U.S. Naval Hospital) with Representative Ken Hiraki who sponsored the bill.

Japanese Prisoner Of War

Survivor Victor Clarke Besancon, Patrol Squadron 25 NAS Ford Island, was a radioman first class at the time of the Japanese attack. He was sent to Wake Island to set up the communication system.

After several days of galant defense, the island was surrendered to the Japanese.

Victor was a Japanese prisoner of war until the Japanese surrender in 1945. The prison camp was near Ofuna, Japan.

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Ohio State Review

By James E. Green
State Chairman

This PHSA Ohio State Chairman would like to express his thoughts and opinions in behalf of the Committee of the Future and to praise them. They have been in existence for only a short time, but I think that they have made outstanding progress in trying to secure a firm and lasting future for all Pearl Harbor Survivors and our association. The committee has generated a number of positive changes. Their policies and objectives are sound and the time, effort, and energy they have put forth in behalf of the PHSA will soon pay off in the constructive change to the constitution and by-laws. The membership will vote on the suggested modifications at their meeting in Hawaii, December 1996.

The Committee of the Future, chaired by Fifth District Director Glenn Turner, along with Third District Director Roland Burr, and Eighth District Director Arthur Schreier, who in turn work with all the national officers, the other five district directors, our parliamentarian, our storekeeper, the Nevada State Chairman, and the Gram Editor Robert Watson is truly the best asset our organization has at this point in time and everyone who has a copy of their long-range plan should re-read their initial report once more, and then again and again until it really sinks in with an absolute understanding of the fine work they are doing.

The phrase that states "a job well done" is appropriate, but this is a job that will never be done — it will always be subjected to changes.

Sons and Daughters:

My thoughts about the article by Roland Burr in the February 1996 Gram referring to all state chairmen and chapter presidents: I concur with his thinking that the chairmen and presidents have the responsibility to instigate and motivate their PHSA members to think about the future when they are no longer around and what will happen to the memory of December 7, 1941.

I intend to work for the promotion of the "Sons and Daughters" here in Ohio. I've sent for the publication of their news journal called the "Offspring", their mini-sized Gram. I feel it will keep me informed and enable me to work with them as a group. If an honest effort is made in each state, we, as a team, can make a difference. As Roland states "please give them a chance".

California Survivors Attend Ceremony



By Ralph Lindenmeyer
A&R NAS Ford Island

The commissioning ceremony of the USS Benfold (DDG-65) was held on Saturday, March 30th on the Broadway Pier in San Diego. Upwards of 1200 people including more than 50 Pearl Harbor Survivors and wives from three California chapters were in attendance.

The Benfold is named after 3rd class Hospital Corpsman, Edward C. Benfold, who was attached to the 1st Marine Division in Korea. He was killed in action while saving the lives of two marines. His selfless sacrifice awarded him the Medal Of Honor, posthumously.

Audubon, New Jersey has become the "second home port" for the USS Benfold. The ship's sponsor and Edward Benfold's son still live in the Audubon area. The town has graciously hosted members of the crew for the last two years during their 4th of July festivities. San Diego is the "first home port".

Among those PHSA members attending were California State Secretary Charlie Preece and wife Barbara. Chapters 31 and 27 besides Chapter 3 were represented at the ceremony. A portion of the USS Nevada group, headed by its President Woodrow (Woody) Derby were present as were many other military veterans organizations.

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Ships And Unit Reunions

Ships and units must have been within a three-mile radius of Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. Reunions will be printed one time only.

USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA-38) August 20 - 25, 1996 in Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Gerald Glaubitz, 4507 Maple Rd., Morningside, MD 20746, phone (301) 735-9806.

USS PATTERSON (DD-392) September 1 - 4, 1996 at the Bellevue Inn, Washington. Post reunion trip to Alaska. Contact Vern "Ski" Sciocchetti, 55 El Potrero, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, phone (408) 659-4688.

USS UTAH (BB-31/AG-16) September 4 - 8, 1996 in Ellenville, New York. Contact Warren E. Upton, 5000 Adair Way, San Jose, CA 95124-5341, phone (408) 356-4092.

TIN CAN SAILORS Western Group bull session open to anyone who served in Destroyer/Frigate, no membership required, Veterans Day, November 9 - 11 1996 at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego. Contact Ed Kramer (below).

DESTROYER MINE FORCE WWII all tin cans converted to Mine Layers/Sweeps in conjunction with Naval Mine Warfare Association in Appleton, Wisconsin September 11 - 14, 1996. Contact Ed Kramer (below).

DESTROYER MINE FORCE mini reunion meet at the Tin Can Sailors Veterans Day bull session at the Handlery Hotel, San Diego, California. Contact Ed Kramer, 338 S. La Serena Dr., West Covina, CA 91791, phone (818) 339-7965.

USS RAMAPO (AO-12) (1919-1946) and **USS WASMUTH (DMS-15)** October 24 - 27, 1996 in Norfolk, Virginia. Contact Ed Rush, 303 Salisbury St., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-3330, phone (302) 227-4848.

USS HONOLULU (CL-8) November 1 - 3, 1996 in Tampa, Florida. Contact Louis Comenale, 5700 Bayshore Rd. #814, Palmetto, FL 34221, phone (315) 649-5004.

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Pearl Harbor Memorial Flag Presentation

By Raymond C. Perry
Hawaiian Dept., Fort Shafter

Arizona Secretary of State Jane Dee Hull announced a plan to ensure that new flags from each state whose name-sake battleship was damaged or sunk on December 7, 1941 will be provided to be flown over the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Secretary Hull has formed a coalition with the Secretaries of State of the nine affected states. The group will furnish, twice a year, new flags from each state to be flown over the Arizona Memorial.

Until 1991 state flags were not a part of the Memorial's display. During that 50th anniversary year interested citizens donated state flags which were hung high over the entrance to the Memorial. The National Park Service, which oversees the Arizona Memorial, has no appropriated funds to purchase new flags as the old ones become tattered and torn in the extreme weather conditions at the Memorial.

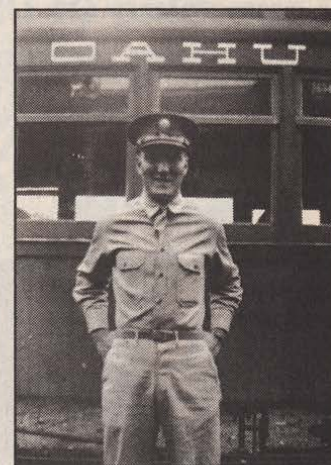
Since Secretaries of State are frequently responsible in their respective states for providing state flags for ceremonial occasions and for cer-

tifying that those flags have been flown over the state capitol, Secretary Hull agreed to take the lead among her colleagues in the other eight states in organizing the certification and donation of new state flags for display at the Arizona Memorial.

The others are Utah Lieutenant Governor Olene Walker, Pennsylvania Secretary of State Yvette Kane, Oklahoma Secretary of State Tom Cole, Maryland Secretary of State John Willis, Tennessee Secretary of State Riley Damell, West Virginia Secretary of State Ken Hechler, California Secretary of State Bill Jones, and Nevada Secretary of State Dean Heller.

The current plan is to collect the nine flags twice a year, and send them on to the Memorial at Pearl Harbor. The flags that have been flown over the Memorial will be returned to each respective state.

Oahu Railroad



Survivor James Workman, 35th Infantry Regiment, Schofield Barracks stands by a car of the Oahu Railroad. He rode the train to Schofield Barracks.

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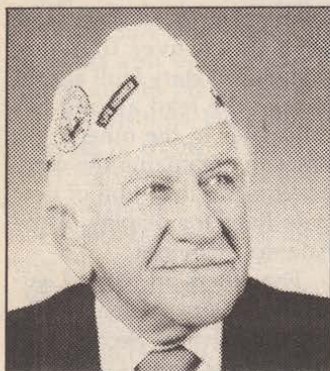
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GEORGE DANKO

As an active participant in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, I have held all positions of office in local chapters, served as New Jersey State Chairman for four years and held the office of 7th District Director from 1992 to 1994.

My thirty two years of military service include five years of regular army and twenty seven years in the ready reserve. I retired in 1978 as a Warrant Officer, Grade 4.

Following fourteen years of federal civil service as a maintenance supervisor, I left to form my own trucking company which I operated for twenty years before retiring in 1990.

In addition to the PHSA, I hold life membership in the Warrant Officers Association, the 77th Infantry Division, Knights of Columbus, Elks and am a member of the American Legion.

As a committee member, I took part in New Jersey's state-wide plan to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II, which culminated with the march up 5th Avenue in New York City.

With an interest in New Jersey's veterans hospitals, I currently serve with a panel of advocates who endeavor to protect and/or improve issues concerning veterans.

I respectfully submit that the value of my experience, competence and dedicated spirit be considered to elect me.

If so favored, I pledge to undertake the office of vice president with devotion to the organization and honor to my comrades.

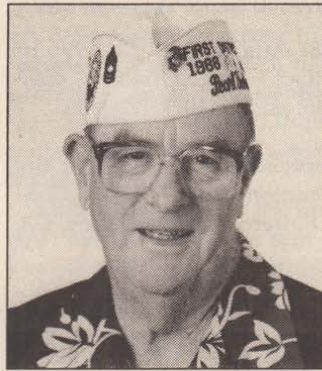
Launching Of USS Pearl Harbor



By Philip B. Serio
Bossier City, Louisiana

Photograph of John Zanca, USS Honolulu; Philip B. Serio, USS Curtiss; Joseph Lument, USS West Virginia and Tita DiBetta, USS Detroit was taken at the Launching of the USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52).

Candidate For National Treasurer



CHUCK MALLON

CHARLES W. "CHUCK" MALLON seeks your vote for the office of NATIONAL TREASURER at the PHSA Convention in Honolulu, December 1996.

A life member of PHSA, he joined California Chapter 7, Santa Clara County, in 1975. A U.S. Marine Corps retiree, Chuck served Chapter 7 as Secretary, News Editor, President (2 terms) and Trustee. He served two years as PHSA California State Chairman and two years as PHSA First District Director (membership 2,900).

Chuck travelled extensively throughout the States of California, Nevada, Hawaii and Alaska during his terms as State Chairman and District Director. He has attended many national and state conventions (co-chaired one in San Jose, CA). For the PHSA 50th anniversary in Honolulu, he was chairman of banquet seating for 3,500 attendees and parade coordinator.

Chuck spent 20 years in the U. S. Marine Corps, serving aboard the USS Oklahoma at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. He spent the last ten years in the Marines supervising payroll personnel and auditing their records, housing manager for 100 units, as well as collection agent.

After retiring from the Corps, he managed a 250-room motel, was office manager for a large sheet metal firm in the San Francisco Bay Area, did computer accounting for two corporations, and most recently conducted his own business in computer accounting. He has enjoyed a career in accounting and has successfully completed studies in accounting up through advanced and corporation computer accounting.

Chuck and his wife, Lucille, now reside in Minden, Nevada, where he is serving as Secretary of Silver State Chapter 1, Northern Nevada.

CHUCK MALLON seeks your valued vote for the office of NATIONAL TREASURER.

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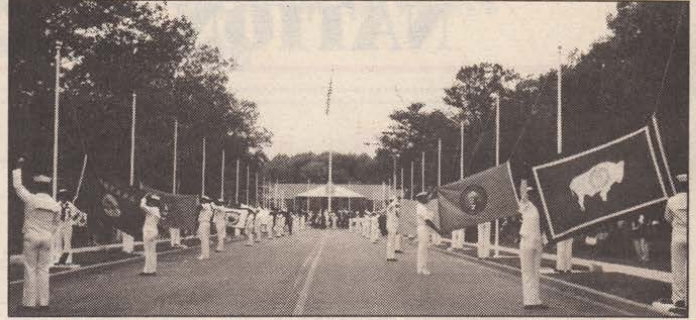
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New Jersey Chapter 2



**By Ralph Jeffers
USS Curtiss**

On Memorial Day weekend members of New Jersey Chapters 1, 2 and 3 dedicated a memorial and Flag at the Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey.



The dedication was in conjunction with the 50 monuments and Flags honoring members and organizations who participated in World War II. The monuments and Flags are placed along the main thoroughfare of the base, an area which will be easily noticed and appreciated by all who enter the station.

The ceremony and military activities of the day were very impressive and inspiring.

Survivors in photo are Fred Seelig (3rd Defense Bn. USMC), Ralph Jeffers (USS Curtiss), Bill Vigus (15th Coast Art., Fort Kamehameha), George Danko (Quartermaster Depot, Fort Armstrong), Tom Reilly (USS Helm), Dante Mercurio (27th Infantry Reg., Schofield Barracks), Charles Gazzara (21st Infantry Reg., Schofield Barracks), Jack Krueger (USS San Francisco), Herb Swanson (USS Curtiss) and Ray Hechler (USS Helena). At the ceremony but not in photograph was Paul Vuono (22nd Material Sq., Hickam Field).

55TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION 1996 SCHEDULE

DEC. 3, TUESDAY		STOREKEEPERS ARRIVE
DEC. 4, WEDNESDAY		NATIONAL OFFICERS ARRIVE GENERAL ARRIVALS/REGISTRATION
DEC. 5, THURSDAY	8:00 AM	FLAG RAISING
	9:00AM - 12:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS (seating for 20 persons)
	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	RECEPTION AND DANCE
DEC. 6, FRIDAY	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	MEET THE CANDIDATES
	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BUSINESS MEETING
	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	LADIES LUNCHEON - ALOHA CHAPTER
	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
	1:30 PM	CONTINUE BUSINESS MEETING
DEC. 7, SATURDAY	5:30 AM - 6:30 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (SHERATON HOTEL - OPTIONAL)
	6:00 AM	COMMENCE LOADING BUSES FOR PUNCHBOWL MEMORIAL SERVICES
	6:45 AM	LAST BUS DEPARTS SHERATON WAIKIKI FOR PUNCHBOWL
	7:30 AM	MEMORIAL SERVICES AT PUNCHBOWL
	4:00 PM	BUSES DEPART SHERATON WAIKIKI FOR ARIZONA SHORESIDE SUNSET SERVICES
	5:00 PM	ARIZONA SHORESIDE SUNSET SERVICES
DEC. 8, SUNDAY	8:30 AM	CHURCH SERVICES, SECOND FLOOR OF THE SHERATON WAIKIKI
	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	NO HOST BAR
	6:00 PM	BANQUET
DEC. 9, MONDAY		DEPARTURE DAY
	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

Illinois Chapter 1



**By James Elliott
Chapter Past President and Trustee**

Illinois Chapter 1 Treasurer Joseph Laga (87th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks) and Trustee James Elliott (USCG Tiger) presented 400 pairs of white railroad socks to Manteno Home Volunteer Services Coordinator Patricia Essington.

The gift of the socks to the Veterans Hospital at Manteno, Illinois was given in memory of Chapter Charter Member Bill Beckman, a life member of PHSA. Pat Essington stated that "With three hundred veterans residing at our Home, our need for socks is endless."

PHSA Members Mark Wedding Anniversaries

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES are not automatically entered in the **GRAM**. The National application for membership does not call for that information, so there is nothing on file nationally. Members must submit the information in time for publication. Note that we print anniversaries every five years. You should send the information to the **GRAM** Editor six months in advance.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

OWENS, Hugh B. (*3rd Defense Battalion, USMC*) and Ruby, 5 Lake View Ct., Bluffton, SC 29910 - November 17, 1996.

55TH ANNIVERSARY

CHARTIER, DeWayne J. (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Rhea, 1466 Church Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579-1523 - September 24, 1996.

SEELEY, Robert E. (*USMC on USS California*) and Marjorie, 8655 Santa Fe Ave. E. SP-3, Hesperia, CA 92345-5915 - October 26, 1996.

GUBRUD, Davis O. (*USS Vestal*) and Margaret, 9052 E. Bigby St., Downey, CA 90241 - September 25, 1996.

MOGLER, Albert E. (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Rose, 9442 Grackle Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 - September 27, 1996.

GARRETTSON, John (*64th Coast Artillery, Fort Shafter*) and Ginger, 28 Granite Way, Carson City, NV 89706 - November 10, 1996.

LYNCH, James E. (*USS Shaw*) and Helen G., P. O. Box 443, Ronceverte, WV 24970-0443 - October 16, 1996.

JONES, Robert E. (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Dixie J., 7430 W. Industrial Rd., Guthrie, OK 73044 - September 20, 1996.

SCHILLER, Walter (*USS Nevada*) and Rosalie M., 1930 Calle Pasito, Hemet, CA 92545-2532 - September 9, 1996.

McGILL, Norwood L. "Mac" (*Patrol Torpedo Boat PT-26*) and Betty, 43420 Bordeaux Ave., Sterling Heights, MI 48314 - September 2, 1996.

TAPP, Murray L. (*USS Arizona*) and Hildreth, 2742 Rangeline Rd., Memphis, TN 38127 - October 29, 1996.

BUELL, Arthur W. (*USS Medusa*) and Bettie, 2616 E. 2980 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84109 - August 7, 1996.

RANDALL, Carl D. (*USS Detroit*) and Ida B., 6720 Thelma Dale Dr., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739 - August 30, 1996.

SANDERSON, Harry (*USS Solace*) and Patricia, 432 E. Mountain Rd., Waterbury, CT 06706 - September 5, 1996.

VISCO, Luigi (*USCG Base Radio Diamond Head*) and Lyda, 210 Ledyard St., New London, CT 06320 - November 15, 1996.

LINENBROKER, Elmer H. (*USS Narwhal*) and Fern H., 2412 Rocky Point Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312 - October 11, 1996.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

HOWELL, Donald A. (*Reception Center, Schofield Barracks*) and Lorraine, 710 Alewa Dr., Honolulu, HI 96817 - August 24, 1996.

RUSH, William P. (*USS Phoenix*) and Betty, 146 Wexford Pl., Webster, NY 14580-1938 - September 26, 1996.

SOLOMON, Francis "Frank" (*64th Engineers, Schofield Barracks*) and Lucille, 9061 New Dawn Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826-4044 - November 16, 1996.

EVERT, John L. (*Receiving Station, USN*) and Mabel E., 677 Brimacomb Dr., Weyburn, Sask., Canada - September 28, 1996.

WINE, Edwin (*Bellows Field*) and Ginnie, 431 Jupiter Lakes Bl. #2117D, Jupiter, FL 33458 - October 27, 1996.

LOMAN, Robert S. "Bob" (*USS Whitney*) and Shirley, P.O. Box 788, Topack, AZ 86436-0788 - November 27, 1996.

CIGLER, Robert A. (*27th Infantry Reg., Schofield Barracks*) and Helen, 15529 Twin Lakes Rd., Lockport, IL 60441 - August 4, 1996.

BOWERS, Arthur J. (*Signal Co., Fort Armstrong*) and Sarah, P.O. Box 4470, Huachuca City, AZ 85616-0470 - September 17, 1996.

PADLEY, Harland W. (*47th Pursuit Sq., Wheeler Field*) and Caryl, 5101 Starker Ave., Madison, WI 53716-1915 - June 16, 1996.

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ZBYZENSKI, Walter "Ski" (*USS Phoenix*) and Lorraine L., 40965 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539-3837 - November 24, 1996.

POSEY, William H. (*USS Henley*) and Mavis, 3913 Scott Rd., Sturgis, MS 39769 - November 30, 1996.

ANDERSON, Willie C. (*USS Tennessee*) and Mary J., 1171 16th Ave. W., Birmingham, AL 35204 - October 20, 1996.

STREET, Oscar G. (*64th Coast Artillery, Fort Shafter*) and Cleo P., 4022 S. Shelley Ln., Douglasville, GA 30135 - August 3, 1996.

ELLIOTT, Arthur G. (*USS West Virginia*) and Rosalie L., 2837 Peach Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32246-3642 - October 5, 1996.

McALLISTER, William E. (*24th Infantry Div., Schofield Barracks*) and Betty, 296 County Rd. 804, Etowah, TN 37331 - September 15, 1996.

LAURA, Thomas M. (*USS Pelias*) and Claire G., 19 Rutan Pl., Bloomfield, NJ 07003-5430 - October 13, 1996.

WEST, Merrill (*45th Pursuit Sq., Wheeler Field*) and Emma, 2016 Dorian St., Boise, ID 83705-3113 - November 16, 1996.

HALLERAN, William "Bill" (*USS Phoenix*) and Rose Marie, 1839 Camp Ave., North Merrick, NY 11566 - November 23, 1996.

BRADLYN, Samuel (*11th Bomb Group, Hickam Field*) and Norma E., 22344 Riverside Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014-3982 - November 10, 1996.

RUSKOSKI, Chester F. (*USS Argonne*) and Louise, Box 9, Kellers Rd., Hometown, Tamaqua, PA 18252-0009 - October 19, 1996.

LANGIN, James J. (*USS Detroit*) and Gladys, 5503 Alburnett Rd., Marion, IA 52302 - September 27, 1996.

LANDER, Earl (*98th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft, Schofield Bks.*) and Virginia, P.O. Box 103, Williamstown, OH 45897-0103 - August 20, 1996.

THURBER, Earl L. (*19th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks*) and Ruth, 81 Hardie Rd., Conklin, NY 13748-1017 - October 19, 1996.

MAHONEY, Thomas F. (*USS Curtiss*) and Claire, 1090 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ 07083-5849 - July 17, 1996.

WARNOCK, C. Wesley (*HQ 14th Signal Section, Wheeler Field*) and Dottie, 1040 Salem Ct., Medina, OH 44256-2833 - September 5, 1996.

LESTER, Don E. (*USS Oklahoma*) and Helen S., 4033 King St., La Mesa, CA 91941 - November 26, 1966.

CUNNINGHAM, Walt (*USS Phoenix*) 10494 SE 179th Pl., Summerfield, OH 34491-7439 - October 12, 1996.

WININGER, Harold E. (*USS Maryland*) and LaVonne "Betty", P.O. Box 543, Hanna, WY 82327-0543 - August 11, 1996.

SHACKELFORD, Jack W. (*VP-22 NAS Ford Island*) and Fernie, 1818 S. 123rd St., Omaha, NE 68144-1423 - September 7, 1996.

WEIL, Raymond A. (*USS Dobbin*) and Margaret, 7310 Wilcox Dr., Dallas, TX 75232 - October 27, 1996.

CONLEFF, John H. (*USS Castor*) and Harriet, 16375 W. La Chiquita Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95032 - October 27, 1996.

GAPA, Chester (*USS Tennessee*) and Betty, 11119 Wadsworth Ave., Garfield Heights, OH 44125-2270 - September 7, 1996.

WHEELER, Thomas J. (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Janet F., 1380 Snelling Pl., St Paul, MN 55116 - November 23, 1996.

BERG, Harold C. (*USS Phoenix*) and Helen, 535 Sandlor Dr., Englewood, FL 34223-3529 - October 19, 1996.

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MODE, Stan R. (*USS Arizona*) and Jeanne Marie, 8914 NE 119th St., Vancouver, WA 98662-1103 - September 15, 1996.

HALE, Vernon C. (*251st Coast Artillery, Camp Malakole*) and Ruty E., 1756 Eric Dr., Dayton, OH 45414-3917 - September 28, 1996.

BURKE, James F. (*4th Defense Battalion, USMC*) and Mary M. 1551 E. 34th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234-3436 - November 30, 1996.

DUNCAN, Pat P. (*USS Raleigh*) and Carol, 502 N. Hill St., Meridian, TX 76665-0626 - November 30, 1996.

OVERFELT, George D. "Snuffy" (*USS Conyngham*) and Goldie, RT 4 Box 2130, Rocky Mount, VA 24151 - November 16, 1996.

TOMLINSON, Vernon D. (*38th Recon. Sq. 19th Bomb Gp., Hickam Field*) and Ann F., 4007 W. Okanogan Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336 - October 15, 1996.

DRYDEN, James O. (*USS Cummings*) and Eleanor, 840 Botanical Heights, Anchorage, AK 99515 - September 21, 1996.

SMITH, Ed (*98th C/AAA Schofield Barracks*) and Jo, 43 Stagecoach Rd., Cape May CH, NJ 08210-2002 - November 24, 1996.

GRABANSKI, John (*USS California*) and Henrietta, 4912 W. Earll Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85031 - November 2, 1996.

DAVIDSON, Forrest "Red" (*USS Whitney*) and Monica, 14960 Avenida Venusto #83, San Diego, CA 92128 - November 23, 1996.

WELCH, Floyd R. (*USS Maryland*) and Marjorie S., 427 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme, CT 06333 - November 24, 1996.

SHANAMAN, Ned R. (*USS Medusa*) and Clara Belle, 103 N. Race St., Richland, PA 17087 - November 24, 1996.

BABINEAUX, Linest J. (*USS Rigel*) and Harriet D., 2706 Devereaux Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19149 - November 2, 1996.

45TH ANNIVERSARY

KLEIN, Bruce (*Quartermaster Detach., Fort Kamehameha*) and Helen C., 3220 E. Holland Ave., Fresno, CA 93726-2432 - October 7, 1996.

BOYER, Roger R., 1st (*65th Engineers, Schofield Barracks*) and LaMuriel G., 11002 Sageberry Dr., Houston, TX 77089-3705 - September 7, 1996.

MONTCALVO, Frank (*USS Gamble*) and Patricia, 12717 180th Ave. SE, Renton, WA 98059 - November 24, 1996.

40TH ANNIVERSARY

SHEMBERGER, Richard E. (*4th Recon. Sq., Hickam Field*) and Jean, 3214 E. Menadota Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85024 - October 27, 1996.

ESCARENO, Manuel C. (*Submarine Base*) and Barbara J., P.O. Box 2582, Laguna Hills, CA 92654-2582 - May 12, 1996.

HANSING, Richard (*USS Nevada*) and Velma L., 131 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301-3704 - August 4, 1996.

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Northeast Florida Chapter 6



**By Al Bowman
Chapter Historian**

On Saturday, April 13, approximately 4000 people, including about 20 Pearl Harbor Survivors and spouses from Northeast Florida Chapter 6, witnessed very moving ceremonies of the USS Carney (DDG-64).

The ship's namesake, Admiral Robert Bostwick Carney, was present on the USS Missouri the day the Japanese surrender became official in Tokyo Bay. Admiral Carney's daughter, Betty (Carney) Taussig, gave a very moving speech. Mrs. Taussig is married to Pearl Harbor Survivor Captain Joseph K.

Taussig Jr., who was officer of the deck of USS Nevada on December 7, 1941, and who was awarded the Navy Cross, was also present at the commissioning ceremonies.

In the photo are Survivor Harry Griffin (19th Inf. reg., Schofield Barracks), and his daughter Sandra Griffin Fockes.



**By Alex Cobb
16th Coast Art., Fort Ruger**

Members of Northeast Florida Chapter 6, Jacksonville, participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville. In the photo are Henry and Geraldine Von Genk (USS St. Louis), Chapter President Floyd Farragut (VP-22 NAS Ford Island), Kay Tardiff, guest of Alex Cobb, Myrtle Hennessey, Past State Chairman Alex Cobb, Colbert Forbis (USS Solace), wreath bearer Surviving Spouse Hazel Capodicasa, Ed Kmeic (VP-12 NAS Kaneohe), Pat Guest, Gloria Kmeic, Fred Guest (Yardcraft YO-30) and Bill Tardiff (Supply NAS Kaneohe).

Oregon Willamette Valley Chapter

The Willamette Valley Chapter of Oregon held its 25th Anniversary meeting on April 30th. There were about 50 Survivors and spouses, surviving spouses and guests.

On display were albums of photographs of meetings, gatherings and parades taken over the past 25 years.

Six members of the Navy ROTC in full uniform from Ore-

Barnes and (sitting) Humbert.



gon State University presented an arch of sabers. The five surviving charter members Bob Rose, USS Nevada; Ray Barnes, USS Solace; Taylor Leedy, 58th Bomb Sq., Hickam Field; Frank Susnik, USS Rail and Rene "Humbert, USS San Francisco passed through the arch. In the photo are Susnik, Leedy, Rose,



Two members of the NROTC made the first cut of the large cake with their sabers, and served the five charter members. Then cake and ice cream was served to everyone.

Bob Rose introduced the guest speaker Oregon State Chairman Robert Neal, USS Wasmuth. Washington State Chairman Dexter Liles, USS Nevada and Second District Director John Pfeifer, USS Tennessee also spoke. In the photo are Robert Neal, John Pfeifer and Dexter Liles.

The entire meeting was taped on video cassette which are available from Bob Rose, 2720 NE Asbahr Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330-9630 phone (541) 754-0591.

Fourth District News

By Albert Fickel
District Director

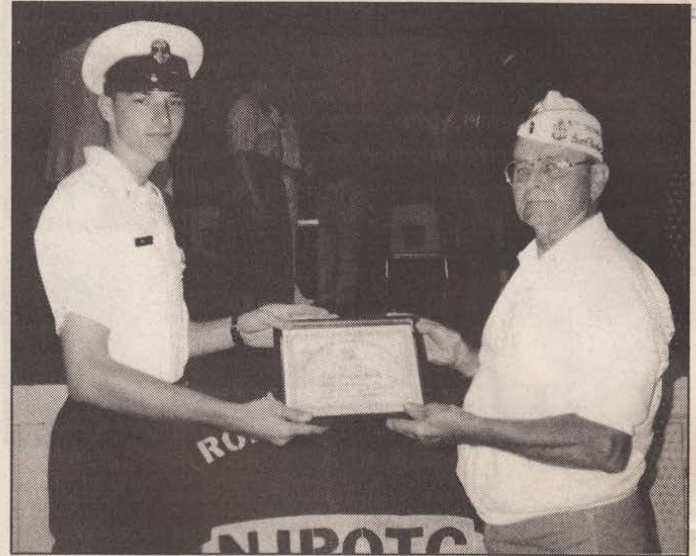


Photo credit Fredericksburg Standard and Radio Post

Opening a path for a future visitor feature was this groundbreaking ceremony, which was held during the special Pearl Harbor ceremonies at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. Brick pavers bearing the names of World War II veterans and civilians who served in any capacity for the war effort will be placed in the new "walk" immediately in

front of the museum's famous Memorial Wall. The only focus at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg is that period of history from 1941 to 1945, from the attack on Pearl Harbor to the signing of the Instrument of Surrender.

In the photo are Admiral Nimitz Museum Superintendent Bruce Smith, 4th District Director Al Fickel and "The Name Paver Company's" Mike Boone.



On May 9 it was again my pleasure to attend the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) third annual Awards Program and Change of Command at Bastrop High School, Bastrop, Texas to present Cadet CPO Stephen Smith the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Citizenship Award.

Cadet Smith was recommended for this prestigious award by his commanding officer in recognition of his high moral character, academic standing and personal leadership.

Fifth District

By Glen C. Turner
District Director

My wife and I recently traveled to Yankton, South Dakota to attend the Spring Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter and I was astounded to learn that some of them traveled close to 400 miles to spend two days with their fellow Survivors.

It didn't take Stella and I long to find out why these people travel that far to get together. They are a congenial, close-knit, fun-loving group that really do like each other. They are short on formal protocol and they conduct their business in an open and friendly manner.

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Their first day was spent observing a very important South Dakota phenomenon. They all went to a casino and helped to distribute the wealth. No one claimed to be a big winner.

On the next day, in an impressive ceremony, they paid tribute to Ralph Wilson, a Pearl Harbor Survivor who had passed away since their last meeting. Ralph was at Fort Armstrong on the morning of the attack.

At their business meeting where they elected officers they discussed the dwindling membership and the inability of some of their members to attend meetings. There are only twenty seven active members in a state that covers over 77,000 square miles. They realize that the fellowship of the Chapter Meetings is the most meaningful part of their membership in the PHSA and they are going to explore with surrounding states (North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa) the feasibility of combined meetings to overcome the problem of declining meeting attendance. It is a novel approach and I am certain the cross state meetings will open up new friendships.

Dave Smith, a Survivor off the Utah, is the South Dakota State Secretary, and in my humble opinion is the "glue" that holds the chapter together. If anyone can implement across state line meetings, Dave and his computer will pull it off. Go for it South Dakota!

Eighth District News

**By Arthur R. Schreier
District Director**

Plans are complete for the Eighth District Convention. This will take place on October 18-20, 1996 at the Howard Johnson Hotel in South Portland, Maine. Maine State Chairman Bert Davis, promises that a good time will be had by all.

During the 50th anniversary celebration of the end of World War II in 1995, the USS Constitution was in drydock and did not participate in these events. This year, 1996, USS Constitution has invited one Veteran from World War II, and a guest, from each of the fifty states to be aboard for the Turn-around Cruise on July 4th.

The PHSA will be well represented as New Jersey has chosen Past President Lee Goldfarb, Minnesota has chosen 5th District Director Glen Turner, and Connecticut has chosen 8th District Director Arthur Schreier to represent their respective states.

CONNECTICUT

Frank Stebbins, State Chairman



At the May meeting the 17 Connecticut men killed at Pearl Harbor were remembered and recognized. The chapter's official parade appearance on Memorial Day was at West Haven and our group received excellent applause throughout the entire march.

The graves of the two men who died on December 7, 1941 and who were returned to this country following WW II to be reburied in their home towns were decorated with flowers by the Connecticut Chapter.

The bridge over the Quinipiac river on I-95 has been named the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. An appropriate sign to this effect has been erected. This particular section of I-95 has the highest traffic count of the entire New England portion of the Interstate system and should remind nearly 100,000 motorists every day that history can and often does repeat itself.

MAINE

Bertram E. Davis, State Chairman.

The Pine Tree Chapter met on May 4th at the Auburn Inn in Auburn, Maine. At this time election of officers took place with the following men elected: State Chairman Bertram E. Davis, and Chapter Officers President Robert Presnell, Vice President Richard Erico, and Secretary/Treasurer Joseph H. Brilliant.

Four children of Survivors were in attendance. Robert Armstrong of Cumberland Center volunteered to make an attempt to form a chapter of The Sons and Daughters of the PHSA.

MASSACHUSETTS

Walter Maciejowski, State Chairman.

The Memorial Plaque Committee reports are encouraging. Funds are being received from many Veterans and Survivors and we have received very generous donations from some VFW Posts. We have also added 4 new names of Massachusetts men killed at Pearl Harbor to the Plaque.

Target date for the installation of the Plaque aboard USS Massachusetts is August 18 1996. A short ceremony is planned.

During the Memorial Day weekend Chapter members including State Chairman Walter Maciejowski and trustees Fred Perkins and Ed Robinson participated in events at the MacGillivray Park in Boston, the National Cemetery at Bourne, the parade in Whitman and the parade at Medford. On June 2 members including White Cap Catherine Farrell represented the PHSA at a parade in Dorchester celebrating the anniversary of the town and honoring the women of all services of all wars.

NEW YORK

Chapter 7, Edward W. Stone, President.

On May 19th the Chapter met and dined at Captain Ahabs Restaurant in Syracuse. Eleanor and I hosted. We had 41 in attendance, 23 members, 16 Pearls, 1 son, 1 daughter.

Chapter members participated in several Memorial Day observances in their home towns & cities.

Our next function will be the annual picnic this year to be held at Larry Parry's camp at Sacketts Harbor on Lake Ontario July 13.

NEW YORK

Chapter 135, Ted Tupper, President.

The Chapter had a good turnout for their annual December 7 observance at Oyster Bay.

The first meeting of the year for the Chapter was held on Sunday, March 17 at the Marjorie R. Post Park Community Room in Massapequa, New York.

President Ted Tupper attended the opening of the new outpatient clinic at Plainview.

On Sunday, May 26, the Chapter attended Memorial Day Services at Eisenhower Park and on Monday, May 27, participated in the Doullaston/Little Neck Memorial Day Parade.

The last meeting of the summer was held on Saturday, June 22, at the 56th Fighter Group restaurant in Farmingdale. After the short meeting the 58 Survivors and their Pearls enjoyed a great buffet lunch.

RHODE ISLAND

Alan French, State Chairman.

At the spring meeting of the Little Rhody Chapter all ten members in attendance voted to dissolve the Chapter.

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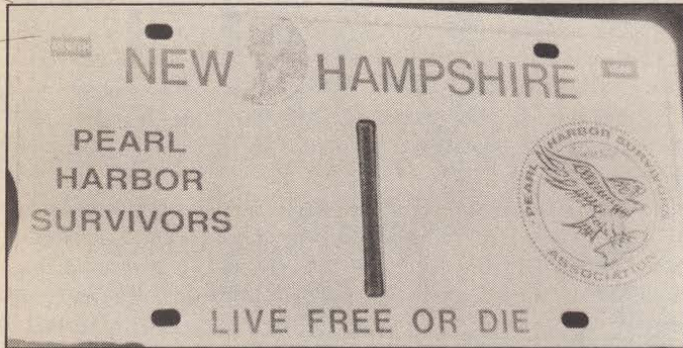
8th District News

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

William R. Lefabvre Sr., State Chairman.

Chapter 1 met on March 10 at the Cat and Fiddle in Concord. Members were treated to a beautiful sight as 11 cars were present with the newly issued New Hampshire Pearl Harbor license plate. After 10 years we have made our dream a reality.



On March 21 members were at the State House regarding Bill 613 which is to commemorate December 7 as a Day of Remembrance in compliance with the National Law. The bill was passed.

On April 25 State Chairman Lefabvre and Vice State Chairman Woody McDonald were invited to speak at Proctor Academy in Andover. The subject was the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II.

The members accompanied by their wives received a great reception and the event was so successful that it was decided to make it an annual affair.

On May 27 State Chairman Lefabvre with his wife, attended Memorial Day exercises at the Veterans Administration in Manchester.

On May 30 Members attended ceremonies at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge. The State Chairman read a poem written by a PHSA member from the USS Tennessee. Title of the poem was "Great Flag and Gallant Men". It was very well received.

On July 4 there was a 4 car review, with the new Pearl Harbor plate, at the parade in Merrimack.

A presentation license plate, with a number never to be issued, has been requested.

New Mexico Chapter 2



**By Harvey Stanford
USS Raleigh**

On May 30, on a beautiful sunny morning, Roadrunner New Mexico Chapter 2 dedicated a Monument to the Pearl Harbor Survivors. It was placed in Veterans Park, next to the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum, where there are Monuments to the Bataan Death March (New Mexico National Guard of Deming), Vietnam and Desert Storm, and a Plaque which reads, GO SPREAD THE WORD, TELL THE PASSERBY, THAT IN THIS LITTLE WORLD, MEN KNEW HOW TO DIE.

This Monument was financed solely by the Members, wives, widows, friends of New Mexico Chapter 2.

Over 100 people attended from Deming, Las Cruces and Silver City, besides members and their wives, widows, and sons of deceased fathers.

Mayor Sam Baca gave a short welcoming speech. Other speeches were by Deming Chief of Police Carrillo, Vietnam Veteran Joe Gardner, and Harvey Stanford of Chapter 2. Chapter President Harold Frey was Master of Ceremonies and told a little history about December 7, 1941.

Mike Ochoa and Ernie Holguin of the New Mexico Granite

Co., who designed, produced and set the art work in place, also also did the unveiling.

Invocation was by A. D. Kyle, Jr. Pastor Bethel Baptist Church.

Taps were played by David Dominguez, Retired National Guard.

Back of Monument Reads: ALL SHIPS IN THE HARBOR, FORD ISLAND N.A.S., MARINE BARRACKS, EWA BEACH, HICKAM FIELD, FORT KAMEHAMEHA, WHEELER FIELD, SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, KANEHOE BAY, AND BELLOWS FIELD.

New Mexico Chapter 2 was very proud to present to the City of Deming our heritage for years to come.

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California Chapter 8

By Lawrence McNabb State Historian

Members of California Chapter 8 attended the Rodeo Parade in Layton, California.

In the photo seated are Leon Webster, HQ 17th AB Gp, Hickam Field; William "Bill" Miller, USS Pennsylvania; George Blake, USS Sacramento; Harold Johnson, USS California; Loyal Stewart, HQ 18th Bomb Wing, Hickam Field and Wallace Rich, USS Sicard.

In the photo standing are Dino Koulos, Lualualei Depot USMC; Donald Merritt, VP-21 NAS Ford Island; Keith Settle, USS Maryland;



Bob White, USS Conyngham; Sanders, USMC on USS Phoenix; Charles Rhodes, USS Honolulu and Lawrence McNabb, USS Pennsylvania; Ray Hinkley, USS Phoenix; Russ Day, USS Honolulu; Joe Wasmuth; Frank Dake, USS Honolulu and Lawrence McNabb, USS Pennsylvania.

National Capitol Area (VA-DC) Chapter 1

By Frank Costagliola Chapter President

Memorial Day in the Nation's Capital began with the traditional laying of a Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns by the President at 1100 hours. This was followed by the various veterans organizations parading their colors before the spectators seated in the newly renovated Memorial Amphitheater.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors were represented by the color guard of Maryland Chapter 1. The program included an introduction by Major General Robert F. Foley, Commander, Military District of Washington. President Clinton gave the principal address in which he highlighted several recent burials in the cemetery of military personnel who died while serving their country in peacetime. He touched on the death of Admiral Boorda and four others who died in the past year. The Army Band and the Navy Sea Chanters provided some stirring music to help brighten up a somber

ceremony which was conducted in a wet amphitheater accompanied by occasional light drizzle. That ceremony concluded with the retiring of the colors.

The amphitheater, which had been closed since November 1994 for repairs to stop rainwater leaks, restore and clean the marble, and to upgrade facilities such as the public address system, permanent handicapped viewing areas, landscaping, and walkways, was officially opened on May 23.

Next, veterans organizations assembled in order to lay their respective wreaths on the Tomb of the Unknowns. Maryland State Chairman Clarence Davis, accompanied by President of the Northern Virginia DC Chapter Frank Costagliola, laid the wreath for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. This was followed by a brief ceremony by local Survivors at the Pearl Harbor Tree. Chaplain Henry Dettmar gave the invocation, Bill Carpenter placed some flowers on the tablet at the foot of

the tree, and Clarence Davis gave a brief but inspiring speech to the assembled Pearl Harbor Survivors.

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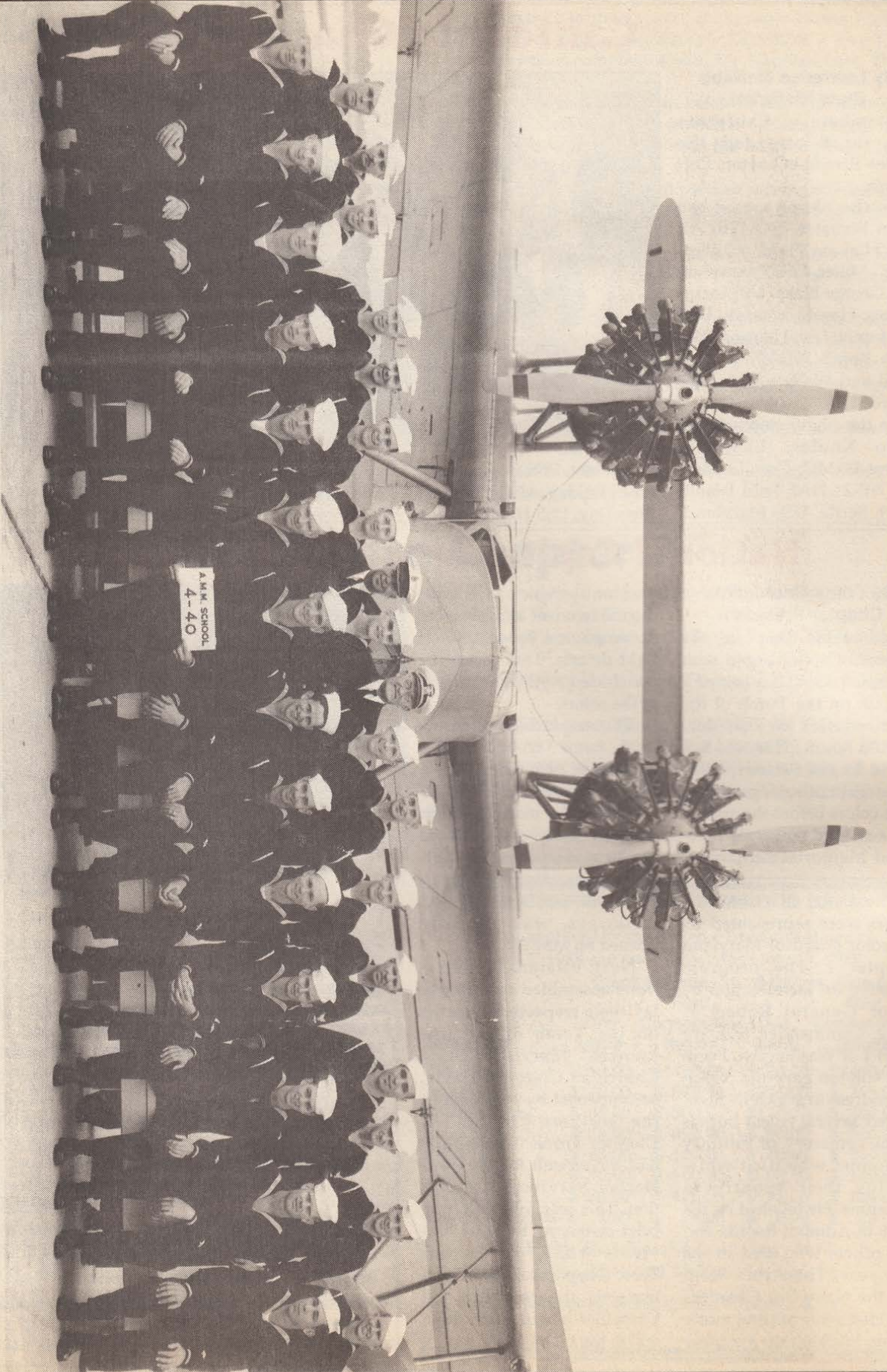
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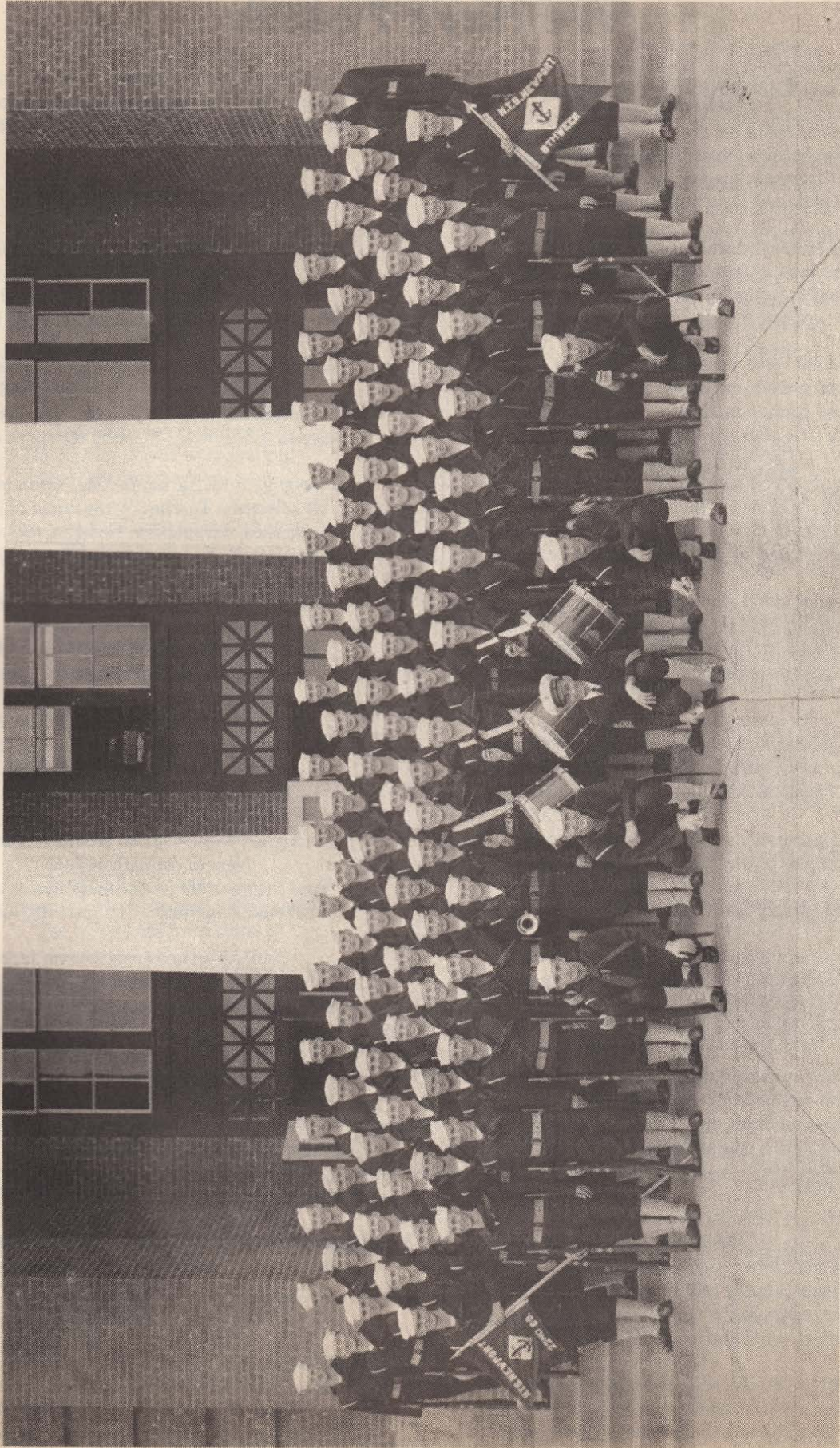
Aviation Machinist Mate School Class 4-40



Submitted by Scotty Nilssen
834 Dorchester Circle, Lodi, CA 95240

Practically all of these graduates went to PBV squadrons at Ford Island and Kaneohe. If you recognize yourself, write to Scotty. The destroyer USS Charles Lawrence was named in honor of the graduate in the back row third from left. He died at NAS Kaneohe on December 7, 1941.

Company 22-40, NTS Newport, Rhode Island, October 8, 1940



Submitted by James C. "Jim" Reuter (USS Honolulu)
5 Kensington Rd., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19771-1488

Jim is the drummer on the left of the three drummers.

We Have Poems

"PEARL HARBOR"

By Hubert Culligan
USS Detroit

'Twas December the seventh in '41
The treacherous dastardly deed was done.
Peace they proclaimed a war was planned,
Our fleet lay idle, no guns were manned.

'Twas Sunday morning just about eight,
When the Japs sought to seal our Navy's fate.
Bombs and torpedoes they dropped with care;
They knew each position of ships that were there.

Hickam Field, barracks and beaches
Bombed and strafed by the sons of bitches
Chaos and confusion, destruction everywhere
For the first hour the enemy ruled the air.

Wheeler Field blazing, their planes were hit
But Taylor and Welch got into the thick of it.
Between them they flamed eight of the nips
Twenty-one downed by ack ack from land and ships.

A sailor stood alone on a navy dock
Tears in his eyes for deep was his shock.
He longed for his ship and all the crew
For at general quarters his place he knew.

He felt some guilt, a little shame
He'd been ashore when the attack it came
No-one was guilty, no-one was shamed
Lethargy, Pacifism, Apathy, a nation was blamed.

Pearl Harbor, it's men and battleship row
A good part of the Navy sunk by the foe.
Roosevelt spoke and to the nation did say
That infamy was the deed that day.

On the Arizona a plaque, a flag doth wave,
For the crews and ships, the lives they gave.
Ships and crews sank 'neath the sea,
They fought for the land of the brave and free.

Most of our ships again rose to the sea
And went on to pursue the enemy
Kimmel and Short the blame they shared
In truth t'was a nation caught napping and unprepared.

PEARL HARBOR

By Ed Eads
USS Dale

God's splendor shown on the Pearl of the Pacific,
this beautiful Sunday morning was so prolific.
As I gazed across the fleet lying in repose,
a feeling of pride and joy within me arose.

Across the Island bugles sounded and bands played,
as the military hoisted Old Glory, proudly displayed.
Suddenly, from the sky, the scream of dive bomber
and roar of torpedo planes ripped the serenity asunder.

Bet us as a nation pause to pray
And remember the infamy wrought this day
Remember Pearl Harbor and those who sleep
May our country eternal vigilance keep.

PATH OF GOLD

By Charles A. Cassayre

A man walking across a path of Gold
Needed help in his Promised Land
So with mighty thought and deed
He saw his crew and took them by the hand.

He needed someone to help him with his books
Took a Yeoman by the name of Gil.
Wanted someone in charge of the group
Selected a Boatswain Mate by the name of Bill.

To keep up with the happenings upon his land
He selected a Teacher by the name of Don.
To be sure of friendship being spread about
The perfect person was a man named John.

For his other needs as time would permit
A crew of many he would use.
There was Charlie and Ray, Al and Mike
And many others to spread the news.

He wanted to build beautiful quarters
For those he picked that would come to live.
He also picked a man of the cloth
Who has nothing but love to give.

A great white Church would be built
Next to the path of gold.
And the quarters for the magnificent crew
Would keep them from growing old.

Paul, Roberto, Fernando and Jose
Would all help to plant the sod.
From the Battleship Arizona, all of his Sainly crew
Would walk the path of Gold, alongside a man called God.

A beautiful lawn and a rainbow of flowers
Would greet those men as they came to rest.
Never would you find anyone better
Than those souls from the Arizona, strictly the best.

It seemed as though the bowels of hell opened up,
as the entire harbor began to erupt.
Explosions and flames engulfed ships and station,
as this attack continued from the Japanese nation.

We cried out in anguish and pain,
but all our efforts seemed in vain.
The Pearl Harbor Survivors remember well that day of infamy,
not seeking glory, recognition or sympathy.

Our purpose is to remind America to be prepared,
so that our nation never again be so impaired.

We Have Poems

AN INFAMOUS EVENT

By Britt Stackhouse
Grandson of Frederick F. Dean
86th Observation Squadron, Bellows Field

In the year of forty-one,
On the seventh of December,
An infamous event occurred
The world will long remember.

On the naval base called Pearl,
On a peaceful Hawaiian isle,
The sky was so clear and blue
One could see for many a mile.

The American fleet anchored
This early Sunday morn;
The fighter planes were resting,
This day that fear was born.

My granddad walked the seawall;
Peace was all around.
He thought of life far off,
Then heard a frightful sound.

Barely audible at first,
Then an increasing tone,
Low, then loud, still louder
Continued the deadly drone.

His eyes flashed toward the sky
To identify the sound.
Shadows of death-bringing vultures
Streaked across the ground.

Bearing the Japanese sign,
Across the mountain peaks they came.
The bullets fell from the sky
Like the pelting of the rain.

Soldiers ran in panic,
Others awakened in surprise.
As the bombs fell all about them,
They heard their comrades' cries.

The planes burned on the ground,
The ships sank in the bay;
Granddad dove for cover
Hoping he'd see another day.

Thousands died in the attack
As the U.S. joined the war,
On that day in forty-one
My granddad did abhor.

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS

By Adolph Kuhn
A&R Ford Island

Many have forgotten, but most of us haven't
That trecherous day of December the Seventh.
A peaceful Sunday in Forty-One
Came face to face with the Rising Sun.

Some Americans didn't know where Pearl Harbor was at
Or why their boys were sent off into combat.
We Survivors refuse to let the world forget
That we are never free from enemy threat.

The USS Arizona became one large casket
Because America placed too many eggs in one basket.
Keep saluting our great Flag and flying it with pride,
With a prayer in your heart for the thousands who died.

As we preach at cemeteries, and various schools,
I recall those Nippon leaflets "Wake up blind fools".
We strive to keep America alert,
To avoid our faces back down in the dirt.

Now septuagenarians most of us are,
Our spirits haven't dwindled, not by far.
Our strides may be slower, our bones ache and pain,
But we never want to see another Pearl Harbor again.

IN MEMORY OF

My Husband
JOE TISKUS

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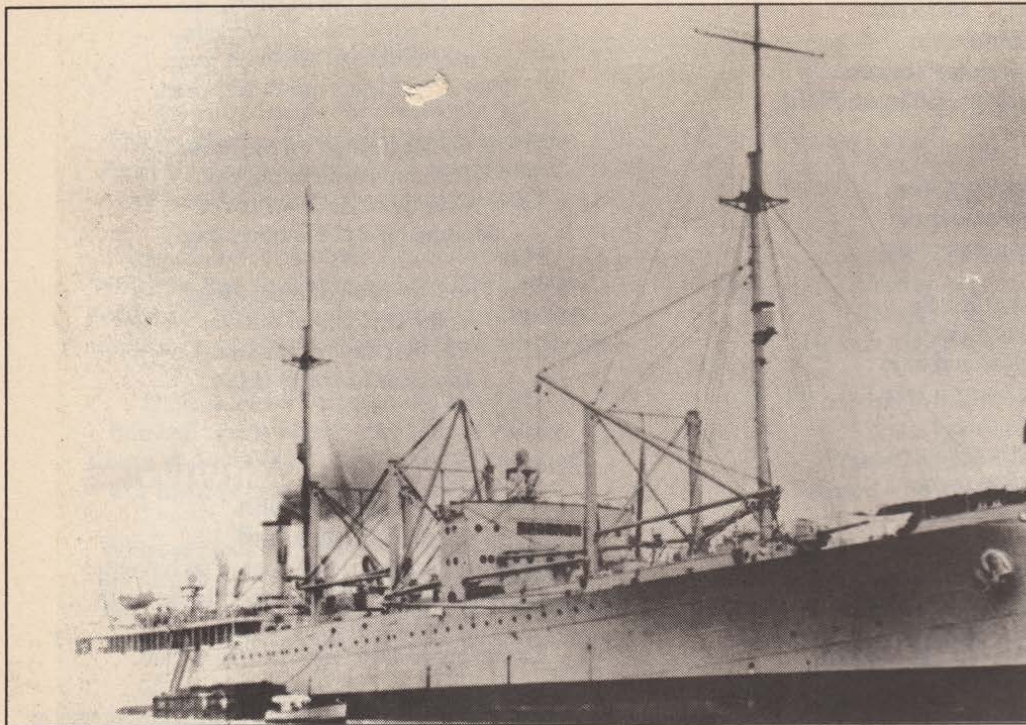
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History Of USS Pyro (AE-1)



Pyro is the Greek word for fire.

The first PYRO (AE-1), an ammunition ship, was laid down 9 August 1918 at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington; launched 16 December 1919; sponsored by Mrs. G.A. Bissett, wife of Commander Bissett, the Construction Officer at Puget Sound Navy Yard; and commissioned 10 August 1920, Commander J.S. Graham in command.

After shakedown PYRO was assigned to the Naval Transportation Service. She departed Puget Sound 18 September 1920 on her first voyage to the east coast, arriving New York one month later. Her principal operations were conducted between ports which extended from Puget Sound on the west coast to as far north as Boston on the east coast. Her most frequent ports of call included Mare Island, San Francisco, San Pedro, San Diego, Balboa, Guantanamo Bay, Norfolk, Philadelphia, and New York. Besides

ammunition and explosives, she also carried general cargo and some passengers.

By April 1924 PYRO completed five additional runs to the east coast from California ports. Her Pacific operations took her as far as the Philippine Islands. Upon return from the east coast 22 April 1924 she put in at Bremerton and decommissioned at the Puget Sound Navy Yard 10 September.

PYRO recommissioned 1 July 1939, Commander R.S. Haggart in command. Assigned to the Naval Transportation Service, she resumed transport of ammunition, general cargo, and passengers, making five voyages to the east coast and five to Pearl Harbor by August 1941. Departing Mare Island 1 October, she arrived Pearl Harbor one week later to commence operations in the Hawaiian area.

PYRO was moored at West Loch in Pearl Harbor

when the Japanese attacked 7 December 1941. She suffered no serious damage and was credited with damaging one Japanese plane. Four days later she departed Pearl Harbor for San Francisco, and carried ammunition from the west coast to Pearl Harbor until 30 September 1942. On 17 October she departed San Francisco for Alaskan waters where she issued a load of mines to smaller ships to be planted as a defense for the base at Adak. She returned to San Francisco 19 November.

She departed San Francisco 8 December 1942, and upon arrival in Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands 2 January 1943, became primary ammunition ship for various fleet units that were operating in the area. PYRO steamed for San Francisco 2 August, arriving 7 September.

Departing San Francisco 11 November 1943 for Brisbane, Australia, she reported to Commander, Service Force, 7th Fleet 7 December 1943. From that date until 8

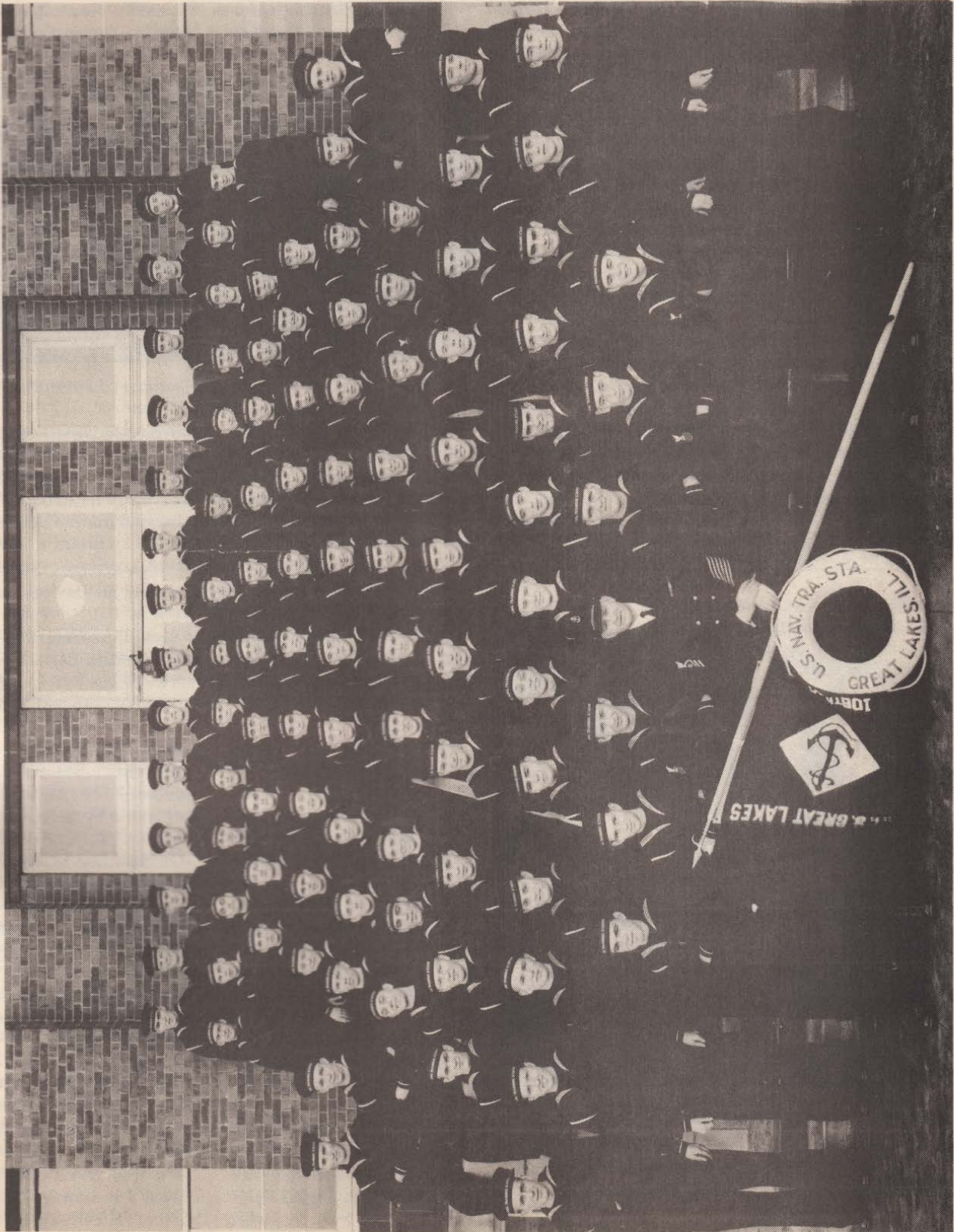
April 1944, PYRO transported ammunition from Australia, New Caledonia, and the New Hebrides to Milne Bay, New Guinea. From 13 April through 12 July 1944 she replenished combatants engaged in the Admiralty Islands and Hollandia campaigns at various New Guinea harbors.

PYRO arrived Sydney, Australia 18 July 1944 for six weeks of repairs, returning 9 September to the new base of operations at Hollandia, where units of the fleet assembled for the invasion of Leyte. The ammunition ship remained at Hollandia until 3 November when she steamed to Seeadler Bay, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands for emergency repairs and reloading, returning to Hollandia 1 December 1944. She steamed for Leyte Gulf 19 December, arriving one week later and remaining in the Philippine area replenishing combatants until 4 August 1945. PYRO then steamed for the Admiralty Islands for repair and overhaul.

She departed the Admiralty Islands 17 October with a load of serviceable ammunition for transfer to the United States. After embarking troops en route at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, she arrived Seattle 21 November 1945. She remained there until 17 February 1946 and then steamed for San Francisco Bay. After discharging her ammunition, she returned to Seattle 2 April. PYRO decommissioned at Seattle 12 June and was struck from the Navy List 3 July. She was turned over to the War Shipping Administration 14 July 1946, and in March 1950 she was sold to the National Metal and Steel Co. for scrapping.

PYRO earned one battle star for World War II service.

Boot Camp Class 108-40, Great Lakes, Illinois, December 15, 1940



Submitted by John D. Strauss, USS Oglala
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December 7 Casualty Reburied In National Cemetery

Submitted by Clark Martin

PHSA North Carolina Chapter and the American Legion Post 426, the William Jeremiah Powell Post, of Sunbury, North Carolina have been successful in locating the grave of William Jeremiah Powell and in removing his body for reinterment in a veterans' cemetery.

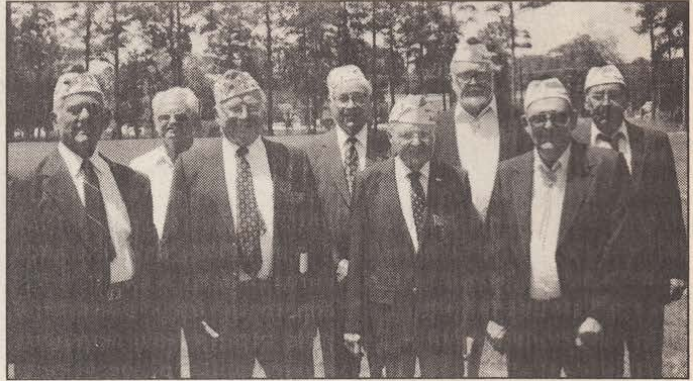
William Jeremiah Powell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Penn Powell, was born in Sunbury, North Carolina, on May 5, 1919. He enlisted in the United States Navy and after basic training was ordered to duty in the Pacific Fleet. At the time of the attack by Japanese naval and air forces on December 7, 1941, he was serving as a Mess Attendant, Second Class on the USS Curtiss (AV4), a seaplane tender. When an attacking aircraft crashed into his ship and ignited fires, Powell was wounded and suffered severe burns. The ship's log records that he was killed in action.

Powell's remains were buried December 9, 1941, in the Halawa cemetery in Hawaii. His body was returned to the United States in October, 1947 and he was interred in a family cemetery.

By September 1995, donations to the Memorial Fund were sufficient to request a contractor, a cemetery services company, to initiate an effort at disinterment. Donations had been received from the members of PHSA in North Carolina, and from members of the American Legion district and division level, from citizens of Gates County and from shipmate mem-

bers of the USS Curtiss Association. Except for his shipmates, solicitation of contributions was restricted to North Carolina.

William Jeremiah Powell was buried in the North Carolina Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville on May 31, 1996.



Several Survivors of the North Carolina Chapter were very instrumental in the success of this mission.

In the photo are Leonard Giambalvo (86th Observation Sq., Bellows Field), William Reece (non-member), Clark Martin (USS Pennsylvania), Marvin Moore (35th Infantry Reg. Schofield Barracks), Leo Sienkiewicz (73rd Pursuit Sq. Wheeler Field), John Foley (USS Curtiss), Lemuel Jones (USS Vestal) and Maurice "Mo" Wale (USS Nevada).

Alabama Chapter 2



By Gene Walton
Chapter Trustee

On May 27 members of Alabama Chapter 2 met at the VFW Post in Dothan to honor our military veterans. Other veteran group members of the sponsoring Wiregrass Veterans Alliance were also in attendance.

Principal speaker for the occasion was the Honorable Terry Everett from the Second Congressional District of Alabama.

Each veterans group placed a memorial floral wreath on

the VFW monument to honor comrades of all services and all wars.

In the photo with Congressman Everett are Chapter Members Russell Blair (35th Infantry Reg. Schofield Barracks) and Eugene Walton (45th Signal Sv. Wheeler Field).

USS Nevada

By Woody Derby
President

USS Nevada Association

In mid-April a mini-reunion was held in Mobile, Alabama and Pascagoula, Mississippi for the christening of the USS Donald Ross named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Donald K. Ross, USS Nevada, December 7, 1941.

We had approximately 75-80 members in attendance, of whom 18 were Pearl Harbor Survivors.

Saturday, April 20, we bussed to Pascagoula, Mississippi where the ROSS was christened at the Ingalls Shipyard followed by a reception at the LaFont Hotel. A tremendous crowd was in attendance.

Trident Submarine USS Nevada (SSBN-733) was also represented by several members.

On Sunday, April 21, a bus load of our group went to Pensacola where we toured the Naval Air Station museum. This was truly an inspiring visit. They had replicas of the planes that the battleships and cruisers used to carry for spotting OS2Us and SOCs.

The latest word is that the USS Ross will be commissioned in Galveston, Texas on June 28, 1997.

We will have our 43rd Annual Reunion in King of Prussia (Valley Forge), Pennsylvania from August 15-18, 1996. All hands are invited to attend.

58th Bomb Squadron Hickam Field

Submitted by Bill Davis

Proud members of World War II U.S. Army Air Corps 58th/531st squadrons held a 55th anniversary reunion May 17-19 in St. Louis, Missouri.

It marked the first coming together of members of the unit since the end of hostilities with Japan.

Twenty-five former buddies who had served on Oahu, Hawaii; Canton Island, Makin Island and Iwo Jima traveled from the states of Washington, Florida, Maine, California and points between for the moving reunion.

They were accompanied by wives, girlfriends and children. Among the 25 guests were the widow and daughter of a squadron member who was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Among the veterans were 13 charter members of the squadron who also count themselves among the survivors of the Pearl Harbor bombing.

Two pilots showed up for the occasion and one of them was reunited with the man who had been his gunner during forays in their A24A over the Jap-held Marshall Islands.

Officially activated at Wheeler Field on Oahu as the 58th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on January 1, 1941, the unit was redesignated the 58th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on October 19, 1942; the 531st Fighter-Bomber Squadron on August 14, 1943 and the 531st Fighter Squadron, February 18, 1944.

As the 58th, with its A24A dive bombers, the squadron was shipped to Canton Island in June/July 1943 and in August it was redesignated the 531st Fighter-Bomber Squadron. On Canton, the

pilots perfected their dive bombing techniques and they and the gunners sharpened their performance in aerial gunnery. This was in preparation for the squadron's move to Makin Island which got under way in November with squadron personnel landing a day or two after the island was taken by U.S. troops on November 21. The squadron A24As started bombing the islands of Mille and Jaluit on December 18 in advance of U.S. landings on the Marshall Islands which took place January 31, 1994. Kwajalein was taken on February 7.

Following the victory in the Marshall Islands the squadron returned to Oahu and on February 18, 1944 it was redesignated the 531st Fighter Squadron.

A year later, the 531st, as part of the 21st Fighter Group, was headed for Iwo Jima. Advance elements of the squadron, P-51 pilots and ground crew members, had landed prior to March 26 when the remaining members of the squadron were scheduled to join them.

However, those who were supposed to debark were held aboard ship overnight in the harbor because of an air raid.

Meanwhile, on the island during the night Japs staged a banzai charge inflicting casualties on members of the 21st Fighter Group including the 531st squadron.

On April 7, 1945 the 531's P-51s helped carry the fight to the Japanese home islands as part of the first escorts for B-29s flying from Saipan with their heavy bomb loads. The P-51 pilots, on their own, conducted fighter sweeps over Japan.

With this rich history to tap into there were plenty of memories for those seasoned

former airmen to share. Now in their 70s and 80s, they delighted in eyeing the 20-something countenances that came into view as scrapbook pages were turned.

To leave no doubt about the importance of this event, the squadron members voted unanimously to hold a reunion in early May, 1997 near the USAF Museum outside Dayton, Ohio. The group elected Richard R. Findlay as secretary and Richard A. Solito as assistant secretary for one year.

Other members of the squadron in attendance were John Agiato, Robert Alter, Nick Bongo, Survivor William Breland, R. Cowles, Sur-

vivor William Davis, Ted Dyer, Survivor Lawrence Eubanks, Maury Ingham, Robert Kohl, Jerry Kolb, Earle Leavitt, Harold Miller, Survivor Ted Naoum, Lynwood Parks, O. Porter, Donald Putnam, Art Rortvedt, Survivor Vince Salotto, John Schatz, John Thornburg, Survivor Joe Wagner and Joe Zych.

The pilots present were Robert Alter and Maury Ingham. Ingham's gunner was Earle Leavitt. Attending in memory of Andrew Bryzickii were his widow Ella Bryzicki and daughter Patricia Bryzicki. Any eligible survivors are requested to contact Bill Davis, 18755 Chaco Lane, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

New Sixth District Director

Frederick F. Couture has been elected Sixth District Director to complete the term of deceased Ed Eads, and then for 1997 and 1998. He will be sworn in at the Hawaiian convention for the ensuing term.

His address is 3019 S. Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32802.

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