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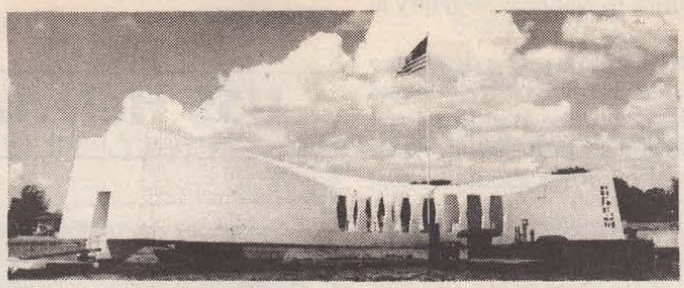

We are dedicated to the memory of Pearl Harbor and to those gallant Americans who gave their lives for their country on December 7, 1941.

OUR MOTTO: Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert

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USS Ross (DDG-71) Commissioning

Machinist Donald K. Ross, U.S. Navy was awarded the Medal Of Honor for distinguished conduct in the line of his profession aboard the USS Nevada on December 7, 1941.

When his station in the forward dynamo room of the USS Nevada became almost untenable due to smoke, steam and heat, he forced his men to leave that station and performed all the duties himself until blinded and unconscious. Upon being rescued and resuscitated, he returned and secured the forward dynamo room and proceeded to the after dynamo room where he was later again rendered unconscious by exhaustion. Again recovering consciousness he returned to his station where he remained until directed to abandon it.

For this the USS ROSS (DDG-71) was named in honor of Donald K. Ross.

Commissioning of the USS ROSS will be Saturday, June 28, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. at Pier 21, Galveston, Texas.

The prospective Commanding Officer, Commander Jeffery Ginnow, has about half of his 346 person crew in Mississippi with the other half at schools in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ex-President George Bush has been invited to attend. Captain Donald Ross introduced President Bush at the Punchbowl ceremony on December 7, 1991 — the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor Survivors are invited to the installation with special seating for USS Nevada Survivors. The ceremony will be followed by recreation and dinner.

There are two airports in Houston. Hobby Airport is approximately one hour closer to Galveston than Houston International.

Galveston Airport Express has van service every hour and a half for $21.00 — call (800) 640-4826. Send official notification if you will be attending to Commissioning Planners, MS Sherry Bowman, P.O. Box 189, Pascagoula, MS phone (601) 769-4419, and Mrs. Helen Lou Ross, 15871 Glenwood Rd. SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367-7776 phone (360) 876-8234 whether or not you are with a group.

The USS Nevada Association (BB-36) and (SSBN-733) headquarters will be at the *Galveston Island Hilton Resort (409) 744-5000. The official Party Headquarters will be at the San Luis Resort (800) 445-0090. Rates at these two hotels are from $99.00 to $169.00 per night.

Other hotels in the area with starting rates are Comfort Inn (800) 221-2222 $70.00; Econo Lodge (800) 424-4777 $60.00; Days Inn (800) 325-2525 $50.00; Howard Johnson Suites (800) 446-4656 $59.00; and La Quinta Galveston (800) 531-5900 $70.00.

** The $99.00 rate is for USS Nevada Association and applies to any day, including weekends. You must tell them if you are with the USS Nevada Association.*

National Secretary's Report

Reminders: Changes of Address: Be clear. Send changes to the Post Office also. Previous residence addresses will be forwarded to you for one year only. Grams with wrong addresses will be returned by the Post Office to National Secretary at a cost of 50 cents each.

Form 15 Death Reports: A letter sent to notify a death or a notice in a newsletter cannot be used for official records and therefore can not be placed in the Gram, the Honored Dead archives, or be removed from the annual membership roster distributed by National. Completed Form 15s should be sent to your State Chairman also.

The National Secretary directly receives Form 1 Applications, Form 9 Member Profile or its equivalent, Form 10 Chapter Officers Annual Reports after elections, Form 10a changes of officers after Form 10 is sent in, Form 15 Death Reports. Send Financial Form 12s to National Treasurer, not to National Secretary.

All chapters are requested to send two chapter minutes each year. Many chapters have been very generous with not only their minutes but also their newsletters. I do read them all. The National Blue Book is now in good supply. It is still the1993 edition and still $10.00 and very important to have for all chapters. Send check for PHSA, Inc. to National Secretary.

During this year please emphasize abiding by the Chapter, State, and National Standing Rules and By-Laws. Also, have your Roberts Rules of Order ready. Chapters should have Parliamentarians for the good of the order. Controversial meetings should end in camaraderie when rules are followed.

Charles Preece

Maryland Chapter 1

By Clarence J. M. Davis
State Chairman

Maryland Chapter 1 Members from St. Mary's County met with Captain Elmer Strandrig, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland. In the photo are John Beaton (Receiving Station, Naval Base), Warren Dean (Administration, NAS Ford Island), Captain Elmer Strandrig, Max Ricketts (VP-11 NAS Kaneohe) and Clarence Davis (USS Medusa).

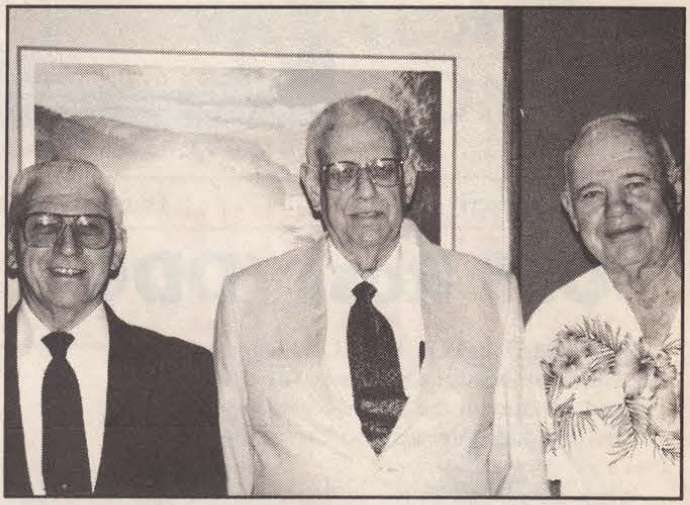
Remember the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in your will

From The Treasurer

Many Thanks go out to our State Chairmen and Chapter Officers for their efforts in contacting unpaid members to pay their dues for 1997. Because of your efforts, out of 1691 Final Notices sent out, so far we have received approximately 1100 responses.

Bill Eckel

USS Helena Survivors



By Richard H. Leaman

At the banquet during the 1996 convention in Hawaii during the roll call of ships and stations, Richard Leaman, Rudd, Iowa; Francis Gingras, Gurnee, Illinois; and William Luckham, Springfield, Oregon stood up when USS Helena was called. When they later got together they realized they were all on the same gun on December 7, 1941.

Photo was taken by Harold Beebe, USS Blue.

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GRAM CLOSING DATES FOR 1997

	MAY GRAM	AUGUST GRAM	NOVEMBER GRAM	FEBRUARY GRAM (1998)
Major Material	March 15	June 15	September 15	December 15
Final Material	March 27	June 26	September 25	December 26

Major material is all items from Members, Chapters, State Chairmen, anniversaries, reunions, advertisements and boosters.

Final closing date is for information from the National Officers which must be in the Gram — reports, lists of new members, lists of deaths, etc.

The Committee Of The Future

The function of the Committee of the Future, (a standing committee,) established in October of 1993, by then National President Lee Goldfarb, is to develop a plan that will ensure the vigor of the PHSA in future years and include the eventual disposition of the organization.

The Committee submits its recommendations to the Executive Board and, on their approval, to the membership at a National Convention. The Committee acts without power, and proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws will be made by resolutions submitted to the PHSA Resolutions Committee and approved or disapproved by the membership in its Business Meeting at a National Convention. Changes to the PHSA Handbook, (the Bluebook) can be implemented by recommending resolutions to the Executive Board and receiving majority approval.

The overall goals of the Committee are:

- To provide the best possible plan to guide the PHSA as it winds down.
- To provide a continuing fraternal environment for our membership as long as any Survivors remain.
- To keep alive the memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The Committee's current agenda for 1997-98 follows:

1. To update, publish, and bring before the membership for vote, the resolutions formulated by the Committee in 1994, approved by the Executive Board in 1995 and tabled in 1996 due to improper distribution to the membership.

2. To study in detail, all aspects of dissolving the Association at some future date.

3. To study in detail, all of the alternatives to dissolving the Association.

4. To maintain contact with the Sons and Daughters of the PHSA, to be of help to them where we can, and to be aware of their problems and expectations and to make them aware of the qualifications of a "caretaker organization".

5. To investigate any other matters which may come before the Committee and which fall in the area of our original assignment, which is the future of the PHSA.

6. As a result of these activities to formulate and publish additional resolutions, if needed, to be brought before the membership.

Committee Members
Arthur Schreier, Chairman
Lee Goldfarb
Glen Turner
Roland Burr

OFFICIAL PHSA MAGNETIC SEALS

Florida Chapter No. 6 has 12-inch diameter tri-colored magnetic PHSA seals for a donation of $12 each.

Forward check and order to: 2223 Hyde Park Road Jacksonville, FL 33210

Editor Is Embarrassed

I was shocked when a District Director telephoned me about a State Chairman and then pointed out that on page two of the February Gram my address and telephone number had been changed back to my old one.

On that page I had made changes in the National President, Vice President and Secretary. When I got the proofs I checked only those items.

The Layout Company had pulled an obsolete item out of the computer and unknown to me had changed that one.

I told the Layout Company that if it was going to happen I was sure glad it happened in the February Gram. I have received about 300 pieces of correspondence mailed to the wrong Post office and then forwarded. If that happened in the May Gram all that correspondence would have been returned to sender since the one year forwarding date expired March 31st.

My sincere apologies to all of you.

PHSA Artifacts & Memorabilia Have Found A Home!

By Ed Chappell
National Storekeeper

About eight years ago the National Storekeeper's Office received a mandate from the National Executive Board to search for a suitable, permanent home for all of our Inventory. Many different military and private museums have been considered. Most were either not interested, lacked funds, or wanted to "pick and choose".

This Inventory consists of about 1,200 lbs. of donated artifacts and memorabilia and has been collected by this Office for over the past 25 years.

It has been my strong belief that the most appropriate location would be at Pearl Harbor. This is where it all began and this should be the final home where all visitors could view our past history and appreciate our collection.

At the General Business Meeting in Hawaii, this issue was brought up on the floor by the National Storekeeper. It was unanimously hand-voted by the members present that all of PHSA Memorabilia Inventory be located at the USS Arizona Visitors Center and not scattered around the country in various museums.

While in Hawaii for the 55th Anniversary, a meeting was held with the current Superintendent of National Parks Service, Kathy Billings and Historian Dan Martinez. We discussed in depth the possibility of this facility being the proper place for our memorabilia on a permanent basis. Their extreme interest was gratifying. We were advised of their 1997 plans to expand the existing facility by up to 20,000 sq. ft. for just such a Museum. This addition would be built on existing government land and would have the proper lighting and ventilation, etc., to protect our memorabilia and would be under the control of a professional Curator. Construction funds would be required from private and corporate donations. What would be more fitting than for PHSA to "kick-off" this funding project and leave a final PHSA legacy in the form of a PHSA museum.

This donation project has been approved by our E-Board: National President Ben Begley, Vice President Robert Kronberger, Secretary Charles Preece, Treasurer Bill Eckel, among many others.

Kathy Billings was informed of our PHSA fund raising program and has set up a special fund. The first PHSA donation received was from Arizona Colorado River Chapter in the amount of $1,500 (part of our proceeds from the 3rd District Convention held in October 1996). Other Chapters have pledged their support. It is hoped that all PHSA Chapters across our great country will consider this worthwhile project and donate generously from their treasuries. All other donations will be gratefully accepted. The sooner they are received, the sooner construction can begin.

Make check payable to: Arizona Memorial Museum Association and specify for PHSA Building Fund. Mail to: Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Attn: Edean Saito, Business Manager, 1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu, HI 96818.

Your cover letter of transmittal should include a copy to: Kathleen J. Billings, Superintendent, National Parks Service, same address as above. Each and every donation will be acknowledged by Kathy Billings.

Be advised that no Survivor, Chapter, or any National Officer will handle any of the funds. We will only monitor your donations.

The National Storekeeper's Office will continue to receive and collect any and all donations of artifacts and memorabilia which will be entered in the Inventory.

Upon the completion of the PHSA License Plate Collection by the Joe White Family, this Collection will be included with the Inventory of Artifacts/Memorabilia to be shipped, in the near future, to the new PHSA Memorial Museum.

REMEMBER! This is our PHSA legacy to future generations!

Texas Rio Grande Chapter 11 Holds December 7th Memorial Service

Texas Rio Grande Chapter 11 held its annual December 7th Pearl Harbor Memorial Service at the Port of Brownsville, Texas. The USS Champion (MCM 4) arrived on Friday at Port Brownsville and guided tours of the ship were conducted. A reception for officers and crew of the USS Champion was held the evening of December 6 at the Brownsville Golf & Recreation Center.

Over 200 people attended the ceremonies on Saturday. Guided tours of the ship were also conducted on Saturday. The keynote address was given by Commander Nygard, Captain of the USS Champion.

A flyover simulated torpedo attack and missing man formation were performed by the Texas Air Museum of Rio Hondo. A wreath was placed on the water in memory of those killed and wounded at Pearl Harbor. VFW Post 2410 gave a rifle salute followed by echo taps from the American Legion Post 205. Music was played by the St. Joseph Academy High School Band, Robert Tanis, director.

Certificates and letters of appreciation were presented. After the ceremonies members of Chapter 11 and guests attended a luncheon at Shoney's in Brownsville.

One Chance In A Million

By Garth G. Brown Sr.

The odds were very high for me to finally meet the man who saved my life over 55 years ago.

In 1991 I wrote my story about my experience at Pearl Harbor for a book titled "Pearl Harbor Survivors". Others who were there that day were also invited to submit their stories about that shocking day.

Another one of the men wrote his story "Seventy Men Saved". When I read his story I knew he had to be the man who picked me out of the water that fateful morning. After my wife Louise and I read it more than once we were sure that Richard Ike Sutton was the man who saved me. Telling the story so many times to Louise and others, Louise was sure the story matched up to mine.

I went to the city library and looked in the Honolulu telephone book for Ike's phone number. We called the Suttons. Ike answered the telephone. I asked him, "Were you at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941?" He answered, "I was."

Then I asked, "Were you in the Admiral's Gig who picked up men from the water?" He answered, "Yes."

Then I told him I was the first man he picked up that morning. In a broken voice he answered, "My wife wants to talk to you."

His wife, Anne Sutton, picked up the telephone. "What do you want? What did you say to upset Ike? He has become emotional and cannot talk now".

After telling Ann about reading Ike's story in the "Pearl Harbor Survivors" book that I felt he had to be the one that picked me up December 7th from the oil covered water.

My assignment was on the USS Oklahoma, a battleship, on the 14-inch powder magazine below the armor deck which was almost at the bottom of the ship. I was dressed only in my underwear, shoes, and apron. I was wearing the apron while I was sitting on an upside-down bucket shining brass porthole dogs that had been overlooked Saturday for Monday's Admiral's inspection.

When I reached my battle station water was coming in the powder magazine after we had taken at least three torpedoes. Shortly after that the lights and public address systems went out.

The other men and I decided it was time to get out. I had gone to the magazine on the port side. We came out the starboard side. When I reached topside I remember taking off my apron and folding it and laying it up to keep it clean.

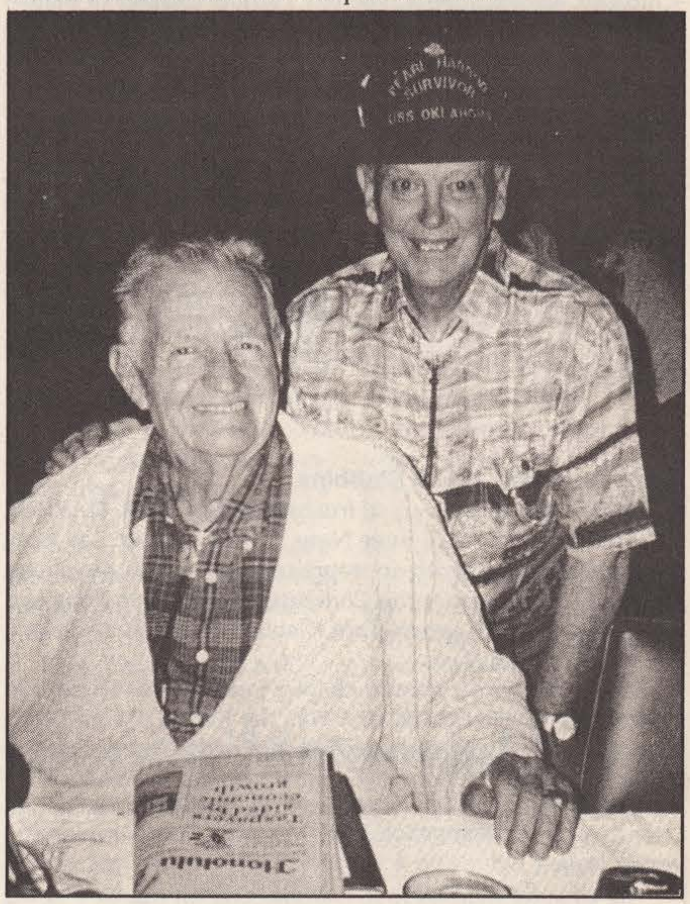
Then I went to the top of the gun turret to jump but the USS Oklahoma rolled over throwing me into the water clear of the ship but in turbulent waters. The time was nine minutes that it took for the USS Oklahoma to capsize and sink.

It seemed an eternity to fight my way back to the surface through the water and then ten inches of oil which had leaked from the ship. I grabbed a floating plank and looked around at the Harbor. I saw the USS Arizona exploding and the oil on the water was burning and coming towards me.

Another head popped up through that thick black oil close by to me. In a loud voice I hollered, "I have a plank. Hang on to it." The fire was coming closer. We paddled out toward clear water when the Admiral's gig came along side to pick us up. The fire was not over one thousand feet away.

The first thing that Ensign Richard Ike Sutton said to me as I was getting on the gig was, "Boys, don't get anything dirty." There were white linen curtains with tassels and everything was spick and span for the Admiral.

"Ha Ha." I thought to myself as I jerked off one of the curtains and wiped some of the oil off my face. We picked up a load of survivors from the water and were taken to the dock and let off. Ike spent many hours pulling men out of the water and he said later that it took three months to rid the gig of the oil and blood but it was never quite the same.



On January 27, 1997, Louise and I met Ike and Anne Sutton at the Flamingo Chuck Wagon in Honolulu, Hawaii for lunch. Our eyes were not totally dry. This was a memorable occasion for me, for Ike and for our wives. In the photo I am standing and Richard Sutton is sitting.

After lunch Ike Sutton took us to the USS Arizona Memorial. What a reunion. Ike had on his Pearl Harbor Survivor's cap and my ball cap was printed with Pearl Harbor Survivor and USS Oklahoma. There was a crowd around us all the time asking questions and taking pictures of us and with us. Especially the young ladies were wanting to be photographed with WW II Pearl Harbor Survivors at Pearl Harbor.

Several days later Anne Sutton took Louise and me to lunch at the Oahu Country Club. Then she drove us up the high hill where the Kamehameha School is located. This was the school that I had lectured in about the War in the Pacific on satellite twice. The students could see me and ask questions for me to answer but I could not see them.

What a reunion it was. It was worth waiting 55 years.

District Eight News

By Arthur Schreier
District Director

As most, if not all, chapters in the Eighth District shut down in the winter there is a lack of news. This winter was just the opposite of last year. The snow was most noticeable by its absence and all months had temperatures above normal. Most of us do not find this a problem!

The District Convention will take place October 17 to 19 at Chicopee, Massachusetts. The Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts, led by Chapter President James Barry, will host this event. The Comfort Inn has been selected as the location and the staff has committed to going all out to make this a most successful occasion. A good turn out for this annual convention is hoped for.

The District Director would like to acknowledge the efforts of Connecticut State Chairman Frank Stebbins and President of the Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts James Barry, for the successful completion of their projects. Frank for his continuing efforts to successfully get the bridge at New Haven designated as the PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE, and James for the completion of the project on board USS Massachusetts.

CONNECTICUT

State Chairman Frank Stebbins

After nearly three years of frustration the PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE over New Haven Harbor has been properly identified with appropriate signs in both directions. A vote of thanks from the Connecticut chapter to Sons and Daughters State Chairman Tom Krawiec whose efforts helped get the project finished.

During the winter months chapter members participated in two annual services. The first was the Red White and Blue Mass in honor of all Veterans. This was held in Norwalk, Connecticut. The second was the annual services in honor of the Four Chaplains who gave up their life jackets to others and perished when USS Dorchester was sunk. This was held at North Haven.

The Chapter held its first 1997 meeting on March 9 at the VFW post in Wallingford. This was the annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and was very well attended. Several new members were present for their first meeting which brightened up the day for all of us.

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In Loving Memory of
My Husband
ED EADS
USS DALE
6th District Director
Dolores Eads

MASSACHUSETTS

State Chairman Walter Maciejowski

On March 23 the Chapter held its first meeting of 1997 at the VFW post in Rockland, Massachusetts. The meeting was well attended and all enjoyed good company and good food. All meetings in 1997 will be on Sundays.

Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services hopes to establish two State Veterans Cemeteries, one in the Western part of the State and one in the Central part. A consulting firm has completed an evaluation of every known feasible site in Western Massachusetts. The site selected is in Agawam. The property owner, Mr. Edward Squazza, has offered to donate it to the Commonwealth for use as a Veterans Cemetery. As part of its State Cemetery Program the VA will match the assessed value of the property plus the amount the State will appropriate for the establishment of the cemetery. The most critical step is to convince the legislature to appropriate the necessary funds. All Massachusetts Survivors are encouraged to write letters in support of this project to Governor Weld and to your State Senators and Representatives.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Chairman William Lefabvre

The Granite State Chapter started 1997 with a showing of the video of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This was made possible by the family of deceased member Bernard Alexknovitch who donated videos and slides to the chapter to be used for showings and kept in New Hampshire. These gifts enable us to be more specific in the question and answer period following the showing.

The Chapter is saddened by the loss of two very important members. On December 14 Betty Quincy passed away and on February 5 John Roden lost his wife. They will be greatly missed. May they rest in peace.

December 11 to 14 is the visitation period at the Veterans Administration Hospital. The chapter was represented by Dave Quincy, Woody MacDonald and myself. We were very well received and hope that our visits help in their recovery and give them a better outlook on life.

In early February Survivor Walter Welch appeared before the Naval Reserve Group in Manchester, New Hampshire and spoke on the attack on Pearl Harbor and the following events of WWII. Amos and Barbara Fairfield are responsible for much of our historical information.

The VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic at Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth was dedicated on February 28. This ceremony was attended by State Chairman William Lefabvre and Vice State Chairman Woody MacDonald and their wives and they had the opportunity to meet the new Governor of New Hampshire, the Honorable Jeanne Shaheen. Veterans of New Hampshire will no longer have to travel to Boston and will receive the same care. This should open the door for bigger things in this regard.

Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace — Amen.

Honor/Memorial Fund

Donations of $30 or more have been received from:

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PHSA Scholarships

The National Executive Board has concurred with the Treasurer and President Ben Begley to create an Annual Scholarship Program using the interest earned from our Honor/Memorial Fund. President Begley has appointed a committee of three, from within the Board, to seek information on establishing guidelines for this Scholarship Program.

These Scholarships will be for PHSA Members' children and/or grandchildren, etc. to support their advancement in education in both academic and technical fields.

At this time, however, no time frame has been proposed when the application will appear in the Pearl Harbor Gram.

We ask that all Members and Widows please continue their support with their donations to this fund.

Honor/Memorial Fund

A savings account has been opened by the National Treasurer and is now accepting Tax Free Donations of all types (checks, stocks and property) in memory of a person the Donor wishes to Honor. An acknowledgement will be sent to the Donor regardless of the amount received. The Treasurer will list in the Pearl Harbor Gram the names only of both Donor and Honoree of Donations in the amount of $30.00 or more.

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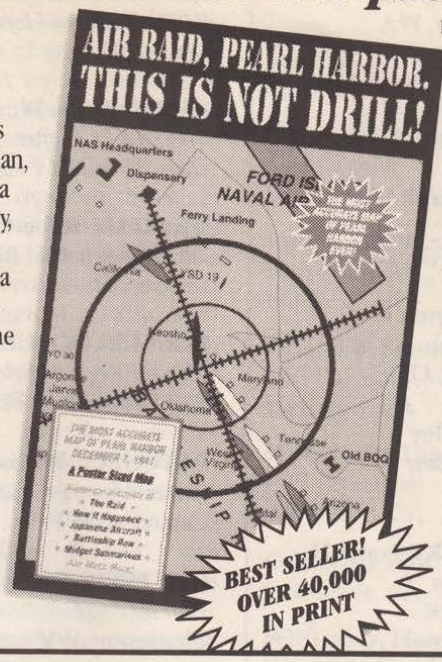

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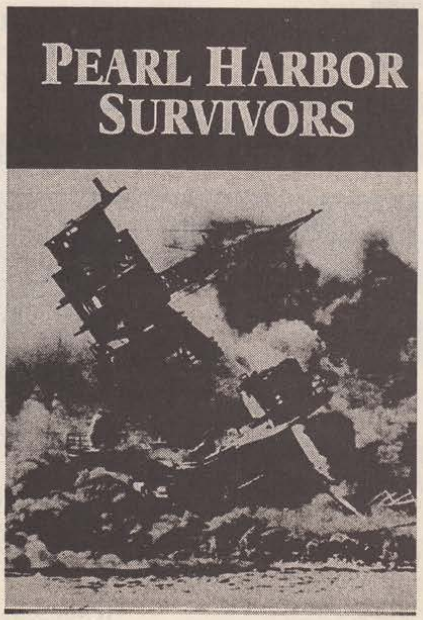

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From The Editor

By Bob Watson
Gram Editor

The NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPOINTEES list has had changes and additions. It is reprinted with corrections on page 17 of this Gram.

On page 17 of the February 1997 Gram, the 5th District Director's ZIP code was shown as 51107-4540. It should have been 61107-4540.

On page 6 in the Georgia PHSA Memorial article, Fred Couture's last name was spelled incorrectly.

In the list of wedding anniversaries, Past National Secretary Julius Finnern's was erroneously listed in the 50th group. It is listed properly in this Gram as a 45th anniversary.

There are new State Chairmen in Florida, Georgia and Illinois. The State Chairmen of Kentucky and Maryland have changed their addresses and the telephone area code for the Tennessee State Chairman was changed from 423 to 615. A corrected list of State Chairmen is on page 18 of this Gram.

On page 9 of the February Gram we reported the death of Roland O. Leeman of HQ AB Group, Hickam Field. His Chapter erroneously turned in a report of death. Survivor Leeman is very much alive.

The revised National Constitution and By-Laws is printed on pages 33 through 36 with the pages perforated for easy removal. All who have "Blue Books" are encouraged to remove these pages and replace the ones you currently have in your "Blue Book".

What Is Our Structural Glue ?

By Robert McClintock
Past National President
USS Aylwin

Have you ever sat down with the many past issues of the Pearl Harbor Gram and simply thumbed through them in reminiscence of a long forgotten experience or a friend you knew?

The pictures and articles about the many ships and stations and the actions of their engagements brings back the memories of so many years ago. The pictures of personal incidents, that included Shipmates and Buddies we knew, fans the spark of recollection that can stir the hardest of hearts to soften as that recollection bursts into flame.

Does it stir a spark of regret that we didn't keep the contact? Wouldn't a short letter or a note have been the key to preserving the warmth that we wish we had nurtured that now causes this tinge of regret?

It is never too late to contact a friend, especially the special people who are our Friends and Pearl Harbor Survivors.

Many have passed on, but many are still here. We can remember together.

Rekindle that memory by making a contact now. If you need an address the National Secretary can get that for you.

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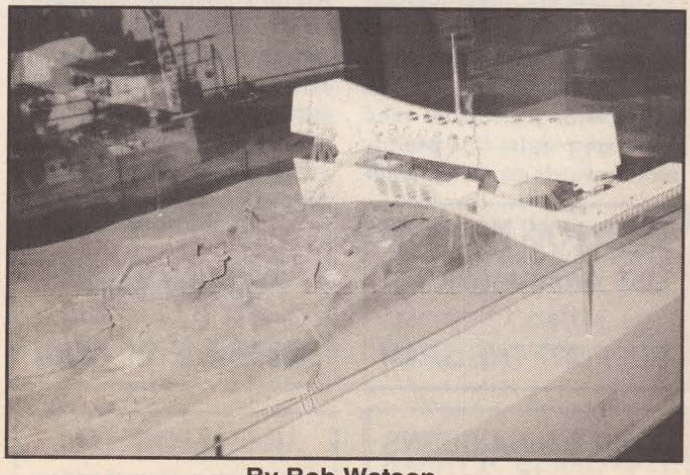

By Bob Watson

The above photo is of a display in the USS Arizona shoreside facility showing how the Memorial was built over the sunken hull. The Memorial does not touch the ship.

Pearl Harbor Medal Of Honor Recipient Re-Enlists Navy Journalist

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
California Vice
State Chairman South

It was 55 years ago that a young John Finn fired his machine gun at attacking Japanese aircraft who were bent on destroying the Kaneohe Naval Air Station. At the same time another group of Japanese aircraft were bombing and strafing ships and men at Pearl Harbor.

Finn kept at his gun position despite receiving nearly 20 bullet hits and his heroic action earned him the highest honor our nation can bestow upon an individual, THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

On Friday, December 20, 1996, at the San Diego Naval Training Center, Finn met face to face with a second class Navy Journalist who has fired words, at a prolific pace, towards pages of newspapers and magazines throughout the country. Currently he is seeking his third enlistment in the United States Navy.

It was a tremendous honor for 43-year-old Robert Alan Wright to solemnly repeat his oath of allegiance to the United States of America from 88-year-old hero John Finn. It was especially gratifying for him to be re-enlisted in front of a large group of his peers who had assembled at the NTC Service School Command for ceremonies of fond farewell.

Oddly enough, Wright's re-enlistment came at a time of sorrow. The Service Command, which was established April 7, 1944 is being disestablished as of December 31, 1997 as part of the Base Closure Committee's recommendation to close NTC next year.

Lieutenant Commander Lene S. Manuma, Jr., USN Commanding Officer of the Service School Command gave the final farewell and inspection to those under his command.

The Naval Training Center Commanding Officer Captain Stephen L. Drake USN gave the closure address in which he applauded the Service School Command for a "Job Well Done".

Robert Alan Wright will soon be transferred to Commander Naval Air Pacific at North Island, but he'll long remember his re-enlistment, as performed by the last living U.S. Medal of Honor Recipient from December 7, 1941.

Finn, a retired Naval Officer, is a member of San Diego Carnation Chapter Three.

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Liberty Bell Chapter 1

By Rowland Hoefle
Chapter President

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Liberty Bell Chapter 1 is a very active Chapter. We meet twelve months of the year with August being our annual picnic.

Chapter Members participated in the July 4th parade at Glenside and the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies in Landsdale.

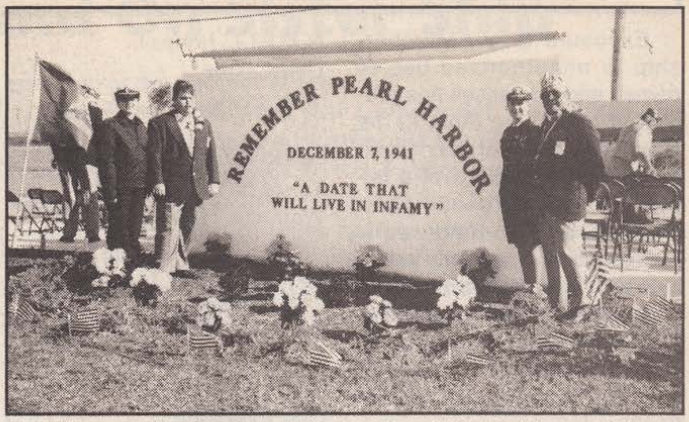
December 7th Memorial Ceremony was held at Aviation Supply Depot, Philadelphia. A Christmas meeting was held December 22nd.

Liberty Bell Chapter will host a State convention in Morgantown in September 1997. For more information contact Tom Sanford at (717) 336-8423.

In the Christmas meeting photo are Dick Regler (90th Field Art., Schofield Bks), George Frazier (63rd Field Art., Schofield Bks.), Bill Snowy (USS Cummings), Walt Sobusiak (18th A/B Sq. Hickam Fld.), Tom Sanford (USS Detroit), Tony Manco (53rd Coast Art., Ft. Shafter), Alex Horanzy (26th Infantry Div., Schofield Bks.), Roger Lowery (USS Phoenix), Jim Hairston (VP-25 NAS Ford Island), Irvin Gerben (VP-12 NAS Kaneohe), Jess Forbes (USS Detroit), Ted Fallon (3rd Defense Bn., USMC), Jay Smith (USS Phoenix), Jack McElroy (USS Helm), Bill Snyder (USS Detroit), Rowland Hoefle (USS Argonne), and Walt Marschlowitz (USS Whitney).

Louisiana Pearl Harbor Monument

Janet Moity and Jo Ann Perry, DAV Louisiana Auxiliary decorated the monument.

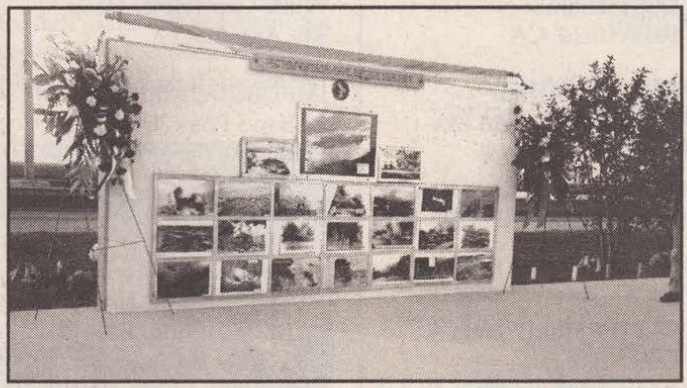


Midshipman 4th class Angela Lumenti and Michael Lumenti (members of Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors), Lieutenant Commander Anne Cline, Navy ROTC Tulane University, and Joseph Lumenti.

By Joseph H. Lumenti
USS West Virginia

In 1982 Joseph Moity of the Disabled Veterans of Louisiana Chapter 4 in Chalmette had an idea to build a monument in memory of Pearl Harbor without any help from the Pearl Harbor Survivors.

I wanted to help him because I felt guilty that PHSA Members did not want to help.



Now we have an attractive monument and we are hoping to get some financial backing from a gambling ship that is supposed to be backing us. The Disabled Veterans of Louisiana have footed all the money thus far.

December 7, 1996 memorial service was in the park sponsored by Disabled Veterans of Louisiana Chapter 4 and the local Pearl Harbor Survivors.

Battle Of Midway Memorial

By William R. "Bill" Lucius
2nd Marine Air Gp.
Ewa Air Base

I attended the dedication of the Battle of Midway Memorial at the United States Naval Academy on October 3, 1996.

The arrival of the official party consisted of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy Admiral Charles Larson, Arizona Senator and former Prisoner of War John McCain, Ambassador J. William Middendorf III, former Secretary of the Navy Admiral Thomas Moorer USN Retired, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other high ranking officers from the various services, both active and retired.

The introduction by Admiral Moorer of the principal speaker was most eloquent as Admiral Moorer is 85 years young, World War II aviator, who at great length and with out notes, introduced Senator McCain.

All of the 36 Midway Veterans were presented with etchings of the Monument. I was one of three Marine Veterans present and the only Marine ground officer Battle of Midway Veteran in attendance.

Following the presentation, Ambassador Middendorf, composer of the "Battle of Midway March" directed the Naval Academy Band in the playing of the majestic composition.

The unveiling of the Monument was of special significance to me because I, along with seven Navy Veterans and a USMC aviator, were the honorees.

After the benediction, the Band played the Remembrance Hymn. I had earlier asked the Bandmaster if they planned on playing the Marine Corps Hymn. He indicated that it was not in the program. Much to my surprise and gratitude he concluded the event with John Philip Sousa's famous march "The Stars and Stripes Forever" followed by the Marine Corps Hymn. With tears in my eyes I thanked him and he smiled and replied "I thought you would like that".

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USS Pearl Harbor's Master Chief Attends Change Of Command On Sister Ship

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
California Vice State Chairman South

The USS Comstock (LSD-45) a sister ship to the USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52) held a Change of Command Ceremony on Friday, February 21 at the Naval Station in San Diego.

Among the distinguished guests were members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, The Nevada Chapter of the Navy League and MCRM (SW) Command Master Chief Randy Russell,

44-year-old Russell with 22 years of Naval Service is in San Diego as a pre-commissioning detachment of the USS Pearl Harbor. Chief Russell last served aboard the USS Dale (DG-989).

His duty involves the recruiting of approximately 400 members of the new LSD. Once the crew has been officially assigned to the Pearl Harbor, extensive work and training begins here in San Diego. Chief Russell plans to have members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association give lectures to the crew so that they will have complete knowledge of the day for which the ship was named.

Gordon Jones (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) and Command Master Chief Randy Russell.

Special Events Coordinator Gordon Jones of Chapter 3 officially arranged for Russell's introduction on the deck of the USS Comstock to members of Carnation Chapter 3 after the Change of Command Ceremony.

Members of the PHSA are particularly fond of the Comstock as many of them sailed on her mini Tiger Cruises during the past two years.

As special guests they witnessed Commander Douglas Whalen turn over command of the Comstock to Commander Gregg S. Jackson. Rear Admiral David L. Brewer III, USN presided at the traditional ceremony.

Chief Russell conferred with Commander Whalen and was offered the opportunity to further his knowledge of an LSD. Comstock Master Chief Charles T. Hentley was to provide Chief Russell with a hands-on tour of the Comstock.

Aside from Russell, Jones has been in contact with Commander Bird, Commanding Officer of the Pearl Harbor. As of this date it is not known where the commissioning of the ship will take place, but it will be home-ported in San Diego, California.

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USS Utah Memorial

By By James E. Green
Ohio State Chairman

In the photo taken at the USS Utah Memorial December 6 by Jim Green (Optic Shop, Submarine Base) are Charles Copley (USS Downes), Gram Editor Bob Watson (PatWing 2 NAS Ford Island) holding the USS Utah memorial wreath, Peg Copley, Myrtle Hennessey guest of Alex Cobb, Vivian Nelson, Past Florida State Chairman Alex Cobb (16th Coast Art., Ft Ruger) and my wife Jean Green.

Lake Erie Chapter

The Lake Erie Chapter of Cleveland, Ohio will be hosting the Ohio State Convention September 12, 13 and 14, 1997 to be held at the Holiday Inn, Richfield, Ohio.

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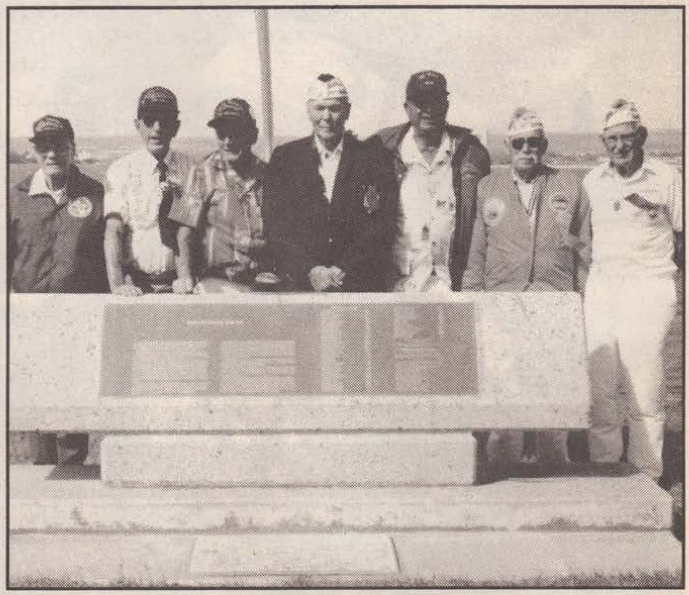

By Woodrow Derby

Seven USS Nevada members visited the USS Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point.

The Memorial lists the names of the 50 crew members who were killed on December 7, 1941. It also lists the names of the two Medal of Honor recipients and 15 Navy Cross recipients. This represents the most medals awarded to any United States ship in a one day operation.

In the photo are Robert Welkner, Brooklyn, New York; Ted Kuykendall, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Woodrow Derby, San Diego, California; Robert Norman, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Vernon Mello (USMC), Merced, California; William Hawes, Kinnear, Wyoming; and Albert Buckholz, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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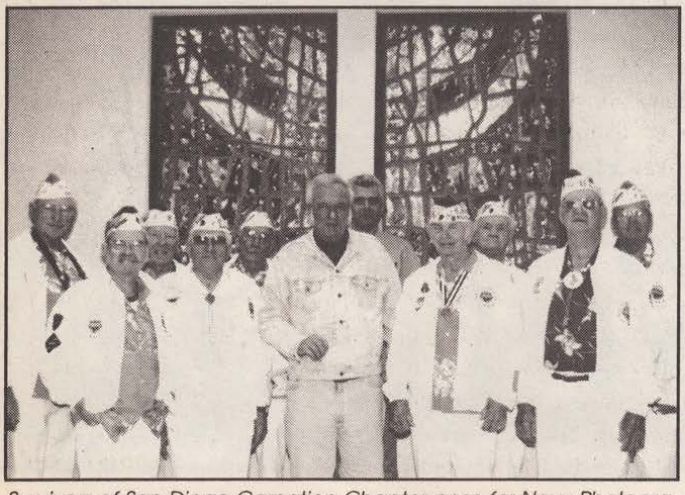
Pearl Harbor Survivors Have Stake In Chapel

By Ralph Lindenmeyer

Hundreds of worshippers were on hand, Sunday, February 23 for the dedication of the "Chapel From The Sea" at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, California.

Construction started on January 21, 1996. Seabees from three Mobile Construction Battalions completed the project ahead of schedule and under budget. It was the first time ever that the Seebees were involved in a construction project within the continental limits of the United States. Heretofore their work was exclusively abroad.

Many Pearl Harbor Survivors from California Chapter 3 were present at the three dedication church services. Those in attendance of the $300,000 Chapel had a first-hand look at the 13-foot high stained glass window donated by the PHSA at a cost of $3,500. The multi-faith chapel can accommodate approximately 250 worshippers at a time.



Survivors of San Diego Carnation Chapter pose for Navy Photographer Bill Barkus.

The California PHSA, at its last convention, voted to contribute $1,200 while the members of Chapter 3 donated $2,300 to the windows that reflect the land, sea and sky as a memorial tribute to those military personnel who serve our country on the land, on the sea and in the air.

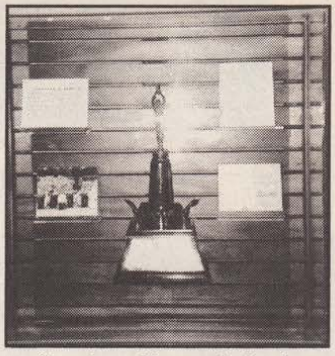
Captain E.T. Gomulka, Command Chaplain of the Base, is well aware of the contributions made by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association who, he said, are most welcome to use the chapel for memorial services.

Captain E.W. Kelly, Commanding Officer of the Amphibious Base echoed the statements made by Chaplain Gomulka and couldn't thank us enough for our participation.

Chapter 3 holds its monthly meetings at the Club Coronado on the base. Several years ago when the Commemorative Medals were issued, Chapter 3 was provided use of the auditorium in which 635 medals were distributed in a two-day ceremony that involved many high ranking officers from the Navy and Marine Corps.

It is a credit to the PHSA to have the military support us and they in return appreciate our support of them.

USS Pennsylvania Band Trophy



Survivor Henry A. Lachenmayer played the trombone with the USS Pennsylvania band competing for the title of best band in the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet.

Playing the music of Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller, he and his band won the contest, beating the bands of the USS Arizona, Argonne and Tennessee.

The next day when they heard that the entire band on the USS Arizona was killed, they refused to accept the trophy. They said "It's going to be called the USS Arizona trophy from now on".

In 1986 he noticed the trophy was not displayed on the USS Arizona Memorial. It turned out the trophy had been on view at the U.S. Naval School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

He embarked on a three-year letter writing campaign to get the trophy properly exhibited at the USS Arizona Memorial.

On the 55th anniversary of Pearl Harbor he was very happy to see the trophy in its rightful place.

Photo is Henry and a member of the U. S. Navy band at the USS Arizona Memorial shoreside facility on December 7, 1996.

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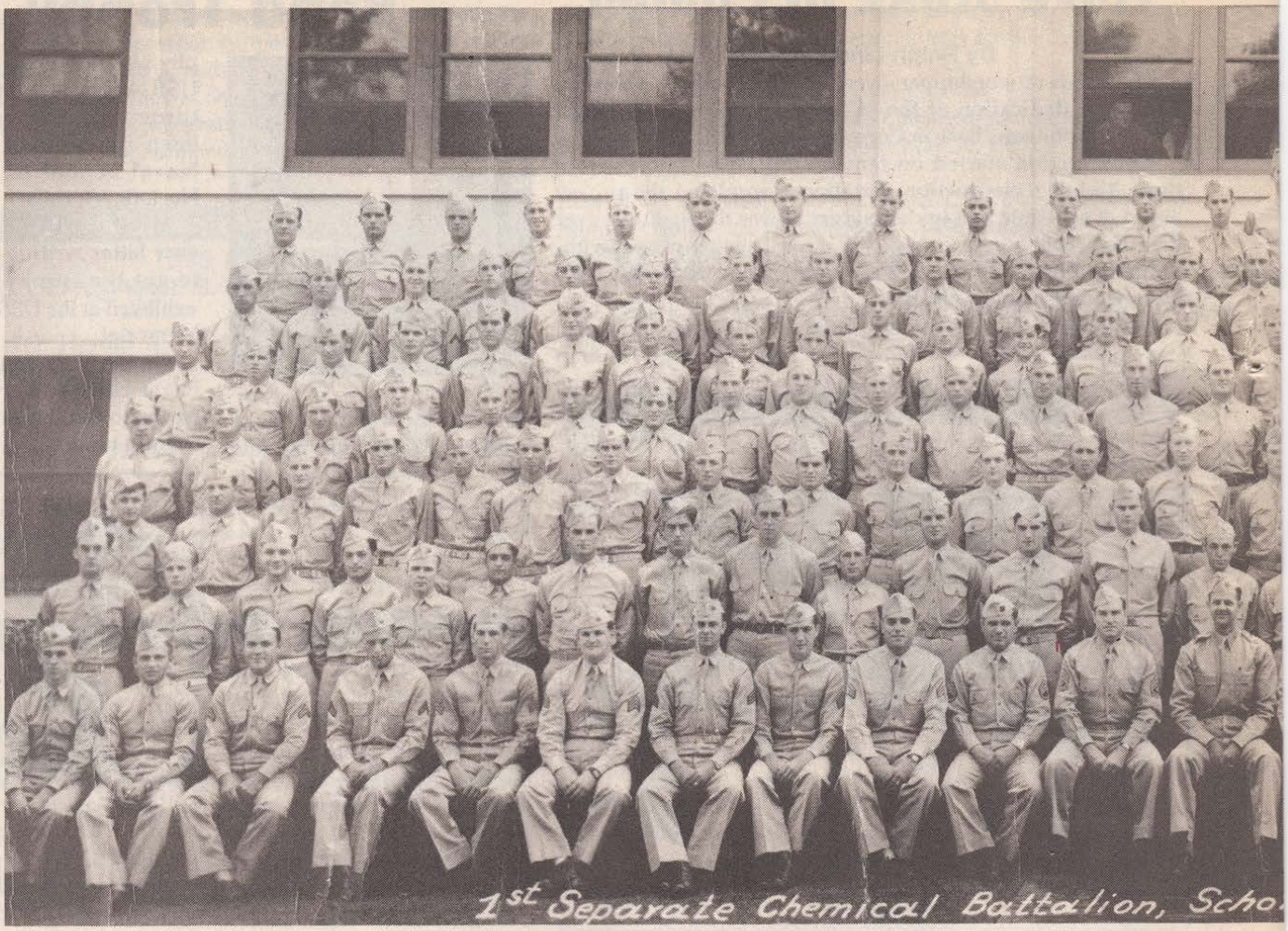

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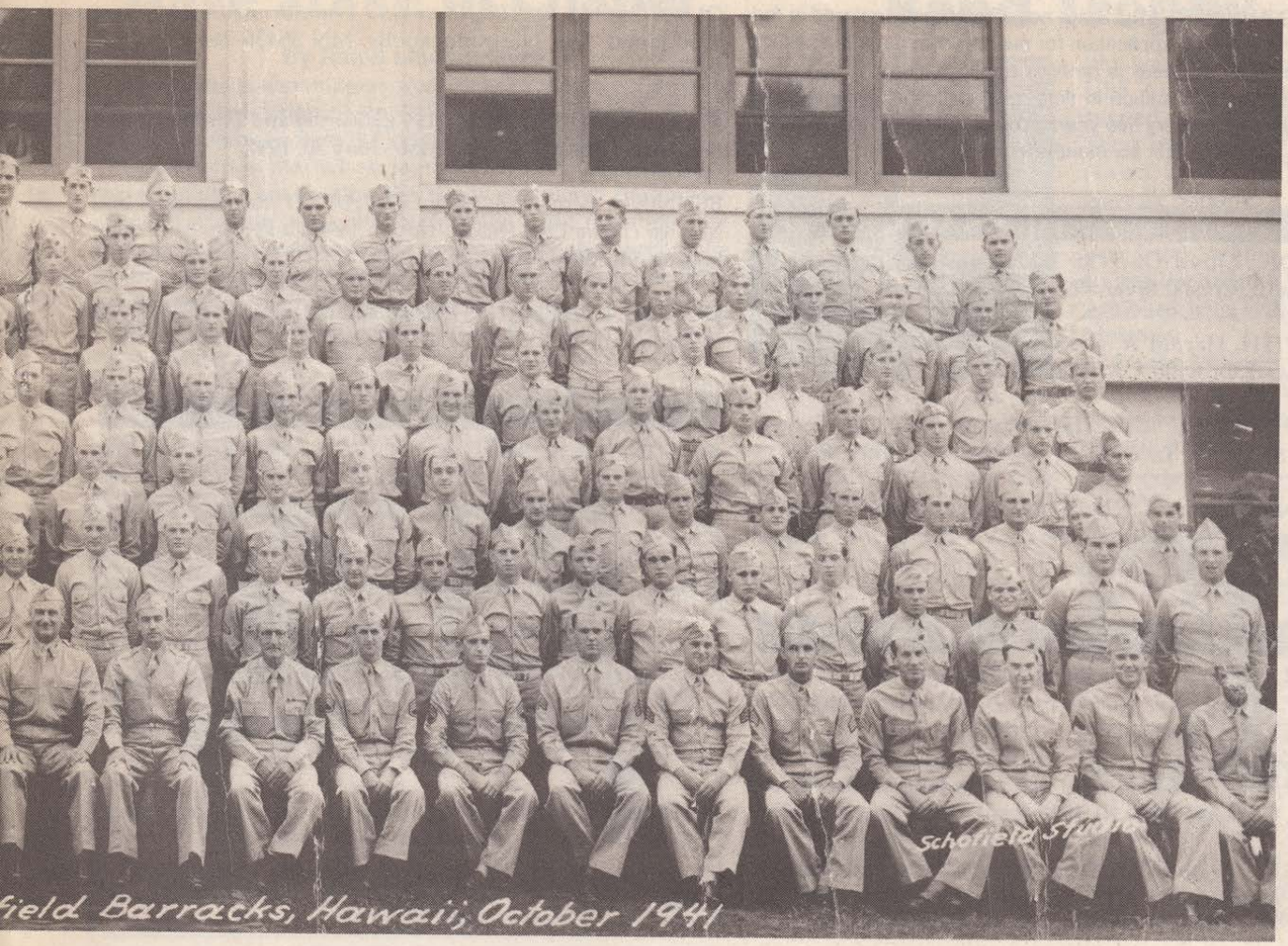

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GRAYSON, Elmer *(USMC on USS Nevada)* and Vicki, 14527 NE 40th St. #G302, Bellevue, WA 98007-3331 - June 4, 1997.

OLSON, Loren V. *(USMC on USS Pennsylvania)* and Elaine, 5730 James Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55430-2646 - July 2, 1997.

MARTINSON, Edward R. *(USS California)* and Loretta L., Rt 4 Box 3702, Trinity, TX 75862-9436 - May 30, 1997.

BENNING, Bernard F. *(98th Coast Art., Ft. Kamehameha)* and Monica *(White Cap, Hickam Hosp.)*; 1498 Goldrush Ave., Melbourne, FL 32940 - August 20, 1997.

HUGHES, J. Wesley *(USS Helena)* and Marian L., 14639 W. Via Manana, Sun City West, AZ 85375-2809 - June 26, 1997.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

MARTIN, Jack G. *(98th Coast Art. A/A, Schofield Bks.)* and Elizabeth A., 633 Millbrook Rd., River Edge, NJ 07661 - June 21, 1997.

WOOD, Roy S. *(696th Ordnance, Wheeler Fld.)* and Jean M., 186 S. Ogden St., Buffalo, NY 14206- 3523 - July 12, 1997.

SEATON, Clifford E. *(34th Engineers, Schofield Bks.)* and Loree, 3575 Bethel Church Rd., Kevil, KY 42053 - August 31, 1997.

HUNSUCKER, Charles B., Jr. *(USS California)* and Maxine, 6455 Clare Rd., Norfolk, VA 23513- 3201 - July 6, 1997.

SCHAUERHAMER, Al R. *(USS West Virginia)* and Lucille, 5100 Bryant Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55430 - June 20, 1997.

COLE, Arles E. *(USS West Virginia)* and Virginia, Rt 3 Box 517, Mannford, OK 74044 - June 28, 1997.

KINGSEED, William B. *(USS MacDonough)* and Marilyn J., 1276 Miami Conservancy Rd., Piqua, OH 45356- 9605 - June 24, 1997.

GANNON, Eugene W. *(18th A/B Sq., Wheeler Fld.,)* and Ruth, 7323 Mequon Square Dr., Mequon, WI 53092-8525 - June 14, 1997.

HIGH, Orville *(USCG Reliance)* and Vivian, P.O. Box 503, La Verkin, UT 84745 - June 21, 1997.

GERSIB, Arthur T. *(804th Avn. Engr. Bn, Schofield Barracks)* and Shirley J., 3065 26th Ave., Columbus, NE 68601-1829 - June 1, 1997.

POLICASTRO, Anthony *(USS Vestal)* and Eleanor, 3408 Stirling Rd., Palm Harbor, FL 34684- 2427 - June 22, 1997.

FORTGANG, William J. *(USS Whitney)* and Rosina F., 206 10th St., Bethpage, NY 11714-1703 - June 8, 1997.

MARTIN, Thomas C. *(18th Bomb Wing, Hickam Fld.)*, and Maxine G., 3914 Ferntree Pl., La Crescenta, CA 91214 - June 21, 1997.

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BLANCATO, Paul J. *(3rd Defense Bn., USMC)* and Nellie, 302 Newfield St., Middletown, CT 06457 - June 21, 1997.

GASKELL, Alfred M. *(USS Curtiss)* and LouRene E., 260 Clifton Dr. NE, Warren, OH 44484- 1804 - April 12, 1997.

WEITZEL, Franklin *(USS San Francisco)* and Ferba, 16222 Monterey Lane #4, Huntington Beach, CA 92649-2230 - August 9, 1997.

SCHMIDT, Peter J. *(USS Tennessee)* and Cecilia, 2214 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666-2906 - August 2, 1997.

COLLIGAN, Hubert A. *(USS Detroit)* and Florence M., 27 Park Way, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 - February 15, 1997.

SHANNON, Louis C. *(USS New Orleans)* and Cathae, 5151 Rhonda Dr., San Jose, CA 95129-4259 - May 19, 1997.

WOMACK, Eddie *(USS Tennessee)* and Weta B., 202 E. Cedar St., Wilburton, OK 74578-4226 - July 7, 1997.

RUBNER, Charles C. *(864th AAA Fort Shafter)* and Justina, 9383 E. Onomonee Rd., Morthport, MI 49670 - June 29, 1997.

SMITH, Clarence F. *(USS West Virginia)* and Mickey, P.O. Box 245, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0245 - June 21, 1997.

MASON, Harold L. *(USS Farragut)* and Shirley, 17307 145th Ave. NE, Woodinville, WA 98072 - August 23, 1997.

HAUG, Roy A. *(USS Whitney)* and Darlene, 2612 Orion Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906 - April 12, 1997.

DURAN, Richard "Dick" *(USS Medusa)* and Mickie, 11104 Quail Dr., Pine Grove, CA 95665- 9782 - June 30, 1997.

EHASZ, Louis J. *(21st Infantry Reg., Schofield Bks.)* and Julia, 451 N. Meridan Dr. #154, Apache Junction, AZ 85220 - August 16, 1997.

IZZO, Armand *(21st Infantry Reg., Schofield Bks.)* and Jean J., 240 Smith St., Massapequa Park, NY 11762 - August 16, 1997.

45TH ANNIVERSARY

FINNERN, JULIUS A. *(USS Monaghan)* and Inge, W 150 N 8322 Saxony Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 - December 17, 1996.

JULIAN, Orris R. *(44th Pursuit Sq., Bellows Field)* and Stella W., 737 Stevens St. #106, Medford, OR 97405 - June 14, 1997.

40TH ANNIVERSARY

CARR, Sydney G. *(USS Antares)* and Doris, 140 Golden Sands Blvd., Sequim, WA 98382 - March 21, 1997.

December 7th, 1996, Honolulu, HI

By John S. Kennedy
Boat House, NAS Kaneohe

Fifty five years after the unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Imperial Naval Forces, the survivors of that day have diminished considerably. About 500 survivors managed to make it back to Hawaii for various memorial services this year.

A credit to our San Francisco Bay Area Chapter 2 when about 23 of our members made the trip on their own. The Kaneohe Klippers Organization and the VP-11 Association put together a small reunion for those persons who were already vacationing in the Islands, and I believe the members enjoyed the activities.

For many of us the sailing of the MS Star of Honolulu out of Kewalo Basin along the shore of Waikiki and then back into the channel of Pearl Harbor was the first time we had been into the harbor since 1941. We sailed past the dock area of Pearl Harbor, and on up the channel to the USS Arizona memorial. The ship laid to and the captain dropped a wreath in memory of those still serving on board.

Some of us attended the Luau at the Hale Koa later the same evening, where Sandy and Betty Johnson became a large part of the show in being the couple married for the longest number of years (53).

On the morning of December 7, 1996, about 48 persons boarded a bus for the trip over the mountains to the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (formerly NAS Kaneohe) where we attended two memorial services, one at 0752 when the first Japanese fighter planes hit the base, and the second at the Kaneohe Klipper monument in front of the old administration building. The ceremony at the old hangar was highlighted by a Marine brass quintet which was excellent, and then the most beautiful rendition of echo taps played by Marine Corporal Benjamin McKenzie.

At 0900 hours, a second ceremony was held by the Kaneohe Klippers organization, which actually turned out to be put on by the California Chapter 2. Barney Langner and Sandy Johnson laid the wreath at the monument, then Barney introduced Sid Kennedy as the speaker. Of course all three of us are also members of the Klippers.

At 1000 hours a guided bus tour was made of the base, with a very fine buffet lunch being served at the Marine Officers Club.

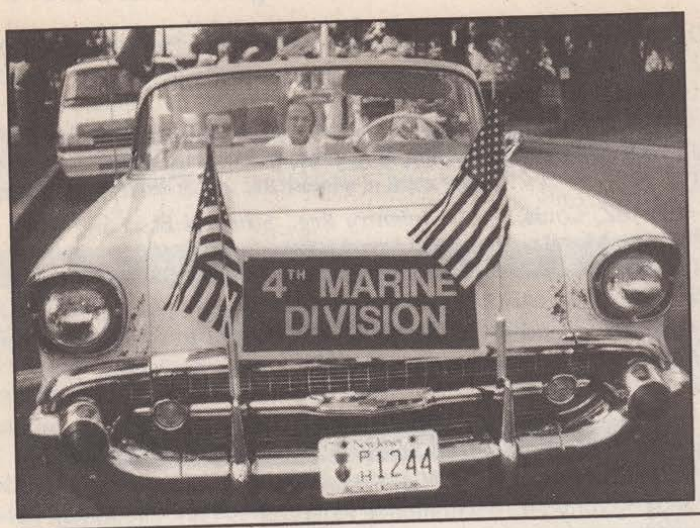
Thank You

Joseph "Red" Dorman, (98th Coast Artillery, Schofield Barracks) of Mahwah, New Jersey thanks all of his friends in the Association and especially those in New Jersey for the many get well cards he received after his recent open heart surgery.

Quality T-Shirts

Pennsylvania Chapter 3 is no longer able to take care of the T-Shirt program (see back page of February 1997 Gram). If any Chapter desires to take over the sale of the T-Shirts, contact Richard Metzgar, 800 Bower Rd., Shermans Dale, PA 17090-8802.

New Jersey Survivors



By Joseph "Red" Dorman
98th Coast Artillery, Schofield Barracks

On September 29 New Jersey Survivors took part in the Sergeant Basilone Parade at Pariton, New Jersey.

California Chapter 8

By Lawrence McNabb
USS Pennsylvania
California State Historian

California Chapter 8 Members ready for the November 11 Veterans Day Parade in Fresno are:

Back Row: George Blake (USS Sacramento); Russ Day (USS Honolulu); George McMahan (USS Cummings); Bruce Klein (QM Det. Fort Kamehameha); Keith Settle (USS Maryland); Joe Sanders (USMC on USS Phoenix); Harold Johnson(USS California); William Miller (USS Pennsylvania); Leon Webster (50th Recon Sqd Hickam Fld); Ray Wiesmann (USS Pennsylvania); and Charles Rhodes (USS Wasmuth).

Front Row: Wallace Rich (USS Sicard); Lawrence McNabb (USS Pennsylvania); and Donald Merritt (VP-21 NAS Ford Island).

Running This Organization Is Not Easy

By Robert McClintock
Past National President

The task of running an organization as large and as diversified in Military personnel as ours, is a difficult one, to say the least, for the elected officers, even when things run smoothly.

Their's becomes a two-headed responsibility when the social and comradeship side that is the responsibility of the members, is added to the burden of running the business of our PHSA.

There are times when things don't go especially like we would want them to go, that there is a tendency for severe and unrealistic criticism to result that could give birth to rumor.

There are two principal types of criticism: constructive and destructive.

You be the judge of the type of criticism you are making and if you can't provide a solution volunteer to assist, if needed.

If this is done for the good of the order . . . we will all be way out in front.

California San Fernando Chapter 12 Celebrates Its 27th Birthday

By Jeanne Aupperlee

"It started on the dance floor at the Chief Petty Officers Club in Long Beach at a PHSA National Chapter 1 function in 1970. Since there were enough San Fernando Valley Members in attendance, a thought occurred to them — "What are we doing on a Saturday night driving freeways across Los Angeles?" (Quoted from the PHSA Silver Anniversary Commemorative Book.)

That was the beginning and 27 years later on February 9, 1997 we shared our birthday celebration with 80 Survivors, wives, sweethearts and guests.

The chapter Members prepared and served a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings including a salad bar that only Surviving Spouse Hazel Spicer could put together. Ben Rossi (23rd Bomb Sq., Hickam Field) and Ken Creese (USS Detroit) were chefs personified in charge of the prime rib — and it was great.

We were honored to have as our guests National Vice President and Founding Father Robert Kronberger (USS West Virginia) and Marion, National Secretary Charlie Preece (HQ 5th Bomb Gp., Hickam Field) and Barbara, First District Director Bill Davis (58th Bomb Sq., Hickam Field) and Lillian, California Vice State Chairman South Ralph Lindenmeyer and Lenore, along with other Members and guests from Chapters 1, 3, 14, 29 and 30.

Chapter Charter Members in attendance were Bill Aupperlee (USS Ralph Talbot), Bob Campbell (Fort Barrette) Chapter 17, Ed Flaherty (USS Honolulu) Chapter 12 first President and now Chapter 30, and Al Herriford (USS Detroit).

Past National President Ken Creese led in the installation of National Vice President Robert Kronberger, assisted by Past National President Bill Aupperlee.

All in all, it was a meeting of gala commotion and close camaraderie of Survivors who had not seen each other for many years.

That is what it is all about, isn't it!?

Baby At 73

Timothy Daniel Zerbe was born September 13, 1996 to 74-year-old Howard R. Zerbe (USS Nevada) and Sylvia J. Zerbe in San Antonio, Texas. (Note: The Editor has seen the birth certificate.)

Florida Chapter 9

Photo by John Zelenock, PatWing 2 NAS Ford Island

Pensacola, Florida Chapter 9 held their Christmas Party and quarterly meeting with the above Survivors in attendance.

★ Ships And Units Reunions ★

Listing of Ships and Units Reunions is limited to those within three miles of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Reunions will be printed one time only.

USS NEVADA (BB-36 & USMC/SSBN-733) June 26 - 29, 1997 in Galveston, Texas. Contact George Kraemer, 27224 Cornell St., Hemet, CA 92334 phone (909) 925-1714.

78TH FIGHTER SQUADRON July 11 - 15, 1997 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Contact Ken Sweet, 4045 S. 54th St., Milwaukee, WI 53220 phone (414) 541-4015.

USS TANGIER (AV-8) 18th reunion August 27 - 31, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Univ. Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri. Contact Bob Herb, 350 Hammons Pky Unit 14-D, Springfield, MO 65806 phone (417) 831-1408.

USS CURTISS (AV-4) September 3 - 7, 1997 at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego, California. Contact Francis A. Pavlu, 9255-293 N. Magnolia Ave., Santee, CA 92071-3188 phone (619) 448-3685.

USS DETROIT (CL-8) September 12 - 15, 1997 in Omaha, Nebraska. Contact John H. McGoran, 105 Granada Dr., Corte Madera, CA 94925-2007 phone (415) 924-3604.

USS MARYLAND (BB-46) September 19 - 24, 1997 at the Park Place Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Contact A. Vincent Blackford, 507 W. 88th St., Kansas City, MO 64114-2907 phone (816) 444-2571.

USS CASE (DD-370) September 21 - 24, 1997 at the Peppermill in Reno, Nevada. Contact Bernie O'Leary, 193 Gillett St., Painsville, OH phone (216) 357-5141.

3RD & 4TH DEFENSE BATTALIONS, U.S. MARINE CORPS & 8TH 155 GUN BATTALION (3RD CORPS ARTILLERY, 3RD AMPHIB CORPS) September 24 - 27. 1997 at the Radisson Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Contact Chuck Crider, 333 W. Lake Howard Dr. #3140, Winter Haven, FL 33880-2316.

UNIT LISTINGS

Requests for Unit Listings, which provide the names and addresses of PHSA Members from your ship or station, are to be mailed to Robert Kronberger, P.O. Box 442, Big Bear City, CA 92314-0442; (909) 585-3448. Include a self-addressed, stamped (long) envelope, your PHSA identification number and postage as follows:
Entire Roster for:

USS California	.55	USMC	.55
USS Maryland	.55	Hickam Field	
USS Nevada	.55	Entire Roster	.78
USS Pennsylvania	.55	Individual Units	.32
USS Tennessee	.55	Schofield Barracks	
USS West Virginia	.55	Entire Roster	1.77
NAS Ford Island	.55	(No envelope, $1.77 in stamps)	
Navy	.55	Individual Units	.32
Fort Shafter	.55	All other entire ships and	
Wheeler Field	.55	unit lists	.32

USS DOBBIN (AD-3) AND THOSE ALONGSIDE DECEMBER 7, 1941 USS DEWEY (DD-349), MacDONOUGH (DD-351), WORDEN (DD-352) October 1 - 6, 1997 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Contact A. E. Stephenson, 1192 Ridgely Dr., Campbell, CA 95008-0740 phone (408) 377-2880.

USS RAMAPO (AO-12) AND USS WASMUTH (DMS-15) October 22 - 26, 1997 in Fort Smith, Arkansas hosted by Peggy Roop in memory of her husband Jerry E. Roop, USS Wasmuth. Contact Peggy Roop, 203 W. Ave.H, Heavener, OK 74937-3615 phone (918) 653-2135 evenings CST.

USS PENNSYLVANIA Western Region Reunion September 18 - 21, 1997 in Rapid City South Dakota. Contact W. V. "Bud" Taylor, 2206 Royal Dr. W., Chandler, TX 75758-5621 phone (903) 849-3277.

804TH ENGINEER AVIATION BN September 18 - 21 in Portland, Oregon. Contact Ronald Killen, Rt 2 Box 561-A, Lexington, AL 35648 phone (615) 853-6320.

USS PHOENIX September 21 - 27, 1997 at the Handley Hotel & Resort, San Diego, California. Contact Andy Wilson, P.O. Box 237, Vader, WA 98953-0237 phone (360) 295-3811 fax (360) 295-4002.

USS HONOLULU (CL-49) September 4 - 6, 1997 at the University City Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Contact William J. Turner, 510 Sharpless Rd., Springfield, PA 19064-2015 phone (610) 543-1817.

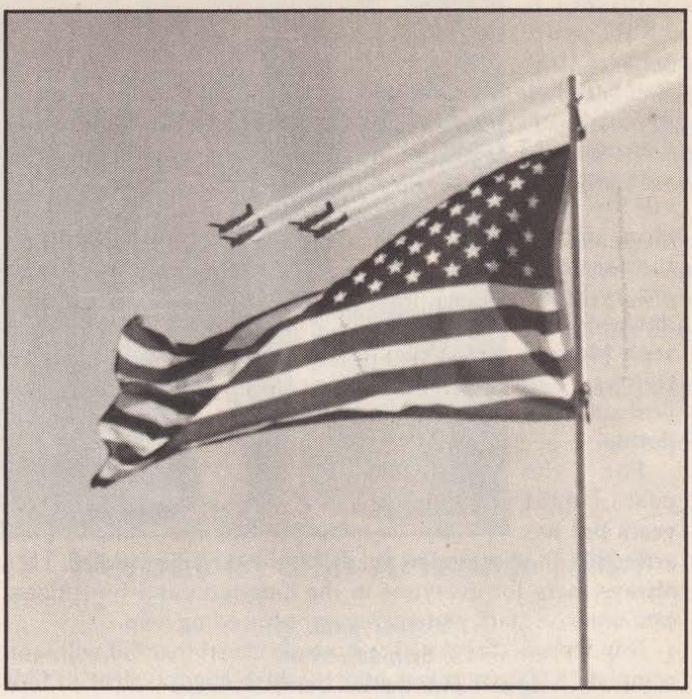
U.S. NAVY PT BOAT SQUADRONS, BASES, TENDERS, SUPPLIES, COMMUNICATIONS, FEMU, MEDICAL or were in any way connected with WWII PT Boat operations, family and friends August 29 - September 1, 1997 at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. Contact Alyce N. Gutherie, P. O. Box 38070, Memphis, TN 38183-0070 phone (901) 755-8440, FAX (901) 751-0522, E-mail PTBOATS@aol.com.

Patrol Squadron 24 NAS Ford Island

By Stanley C. Blaker

In the Gram of May 1996, there is article about the joint meeting of the California Chapters. Apparently the speaker was John Finn of Patrol Squadron 14, which I believe must have been at Kaneohe Bay. He stated his squadron was the only unit that had three PBY aircraft in the air the morning of December 7, 1941, and that Ensign William Tanner turned out to be the senior Naval officer in the air searching for the Japanese fleet. We few still left of the old Patrol Squadron 24 NAS Ford Island take exception to at least part of the statement. We didn't have three PBY's in the air, but we did have four PBY-5A's in the air, and the skipper's plane was piloted by the skipper, Lieutenant Commander Fitzsimmons. Our planes didn't return until almost nightfall, so I think Fitzsimmons was senior man in the air.

Illinois Chapter 1



Illinois Chapter 1 held memorial ceremonies at Peru on December 7, 1996.

Chapter Chaplain Henry Ellerbrook (USS West Virginia) organized and promoted the event. In the photo he is about to toss a wreath upon the Waters of the Illinois River.

An aerial tribute was given as planes from the precision flight group "Lina Lina" performed a memorial fly-over.

Indiana Tribute To John Berlier

Indiana State Chairman Paul I. Kennedy (USS Sacramento) presented to Honorary National Secretary-Treasurer John C. Berlier (USS Sacramento) his wife Rose a "Certificate of Appreciation" for unceasing devotion and labors for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Rose was also presented a dozen long-stem roses.

John was National Secretary from 1966 through 1973 when a lot of effort was being made to build and strengthen our Organization. He is listed on page 2 of every Pearl Harbor Gram as Honorary National Secretary-Treasurer.

John and Rose find it extremely difficult to get around so John missed his first National Convention in 1996.

John was the first Indiana State Chairman.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Turnpike

By Paul P. Vuono
2nd Material Sq., Hickam Fld.

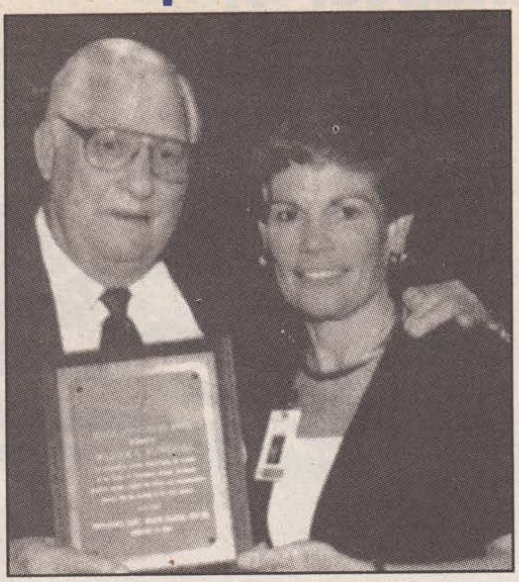
Bill No. 937 has been introduced in the New Jersey State Senate to name the project known as New Jersey Turnpike to the New Jersey Pearl Harbor Memorial Turnpike.

To help this bill in the State Senate, all New Jersey Survivors and members of the Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors are requested to write and urge their State Senators to vote in favor of the bill.

PA Convention

Philadelphia Liberty Bell Chapter 1 will host the Pennsylvania State Convention at the Holiday Inn, Morgantown, Pennsylvania, September 19-21, 1997. Contact Thomas Sanford, 16 Brian Court, Stevens, PA 17578, phone (717) 336-8423.

Survivor - Hospital Volunteer



Survivor William E. "Bill" Aupperlee (USS Ralph Talbot) of California Chapter 12 was presented the Mission Effectiveness Award by Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, California.

For the past eight years Bill has arrived at the hospital at 5 a.m. on the days he worked. He's always there for everyone in the long-term and transitional care units . . . staff, patients, everyone needing help.

Jean Stroud, director of volunteers stated that Bill will soon complete 8,000 volunteer hours, which is equivalent to four years of full time employment.

In the photo Sister Colleen Settles of Providence Health System presented Bill Aupperlee with the Mission Effectiveness Award.

Long Island Chapter 135

New York Long Island Chapter 135 elected new officers for 1997-1998. Seated Secretary Milton Nohowec (USS Wasnuth), President Ted Tupper (USS San Francisco) and Treasurer Mike Montelione (25th Signal Co., Schofield Bks.).

Standing Historian Frank Hagan (A&R NAS Ford Island), Vice President Ed Huber (USS West Virginia), Chaplain Jim Shea (USS Nevada), Trustee Bill Fortgang (USS Whitney) and Trustee Don Dubrul (USS Argonne).

Not in photo are Trustee Bill Halleran (USS Phoenix) and Sergeant-At-Arms Paul Heaton (USMC on USS San Francisco.)

Chapter Members attended Pearl Harbor Day ceremony at Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

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Name Badge 3" W 4 1/2" L, 3 or 4 lines. Each line not to exceed 24 letters and spaces. Logo trimmed in Gold, Gold and Black Eagle, Red Bomb, Light Blue background. Badge is Navy Blue. Back of badge slides into coat pocket.

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For The Record - Pearl Harbor Survivors

Senator Bob Smith (R-NH) speaking in the Senate 4 March to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the New Hampshire Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

I rise today to pay tribute to the New Hampshire Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Those brave men stood tall in perhaps one of the most tragic moments in American history. Against overwhelming odds, these great Americans fought to defend the United States. Their heroic actions were an inspiration to the people of the United States and help propel our nation to victory in WWII.

I wish to honor the New Hampshire Pearl Harbor Survivors on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. They are our American heroes and we applaud them for defending our country. I also wish to commend these brave men for touring New Hampshire schools and talking to our young Americans in an effort to keep Pearl Harbor memories and history alive. Those who fought in the war and were victims of the Pearl Harbor attack deserve a special place in our history books.

My father was a Navy pilot who died in a war-related incident during WWII. I have a special place in my heart for these courageous men.

When United States Army and Navy commanders in the Pactfic area had received a final war warning on the 27th of November 1941, Hawaii was not mentioned and American authorities thought that the Philippines or Malaysia would be the possible target. Any potential attack on Pearl Harbor was therefore interpreted as a form of sabotage and no effective security patrol was established. Anti-aircraft batteries around the harbor consequently had no ready ammunition and USAAF aircraft on the ground were easy targets as they were unarmed and grouped together on airfields for easier protection against saboteurs.

On Saturday, 6 Dec., 1941, many Army and Navy personnel were on the usual weekend shore leave when the destroyer Ward radioed that it had sunk a submarine early Sunday morning. The information, though, was delayed in reaching the high command and consequently the harbor gate had not been closed.

At 7:55 a.m., on 7 December 1941, the first Japanese bombers attacked United States airfields and the fleet. Virtually the entire U.S. fleet of 94 vessels, including eight battleships, was concentrated at Pearl Harbor and the disposition of troops, airplanes and antiaircraft guns made effective defense almost impossible. When the last attack had ended about two hours later, the Japanese won a significant tactical victory since they had been practically unopposed.

Within two hours, 2,403 American servicemen and civilians were killed and 1,178 wounded. When the news of the attack reached the people of the United States, our country went into shock. Japanese capabilities had been underestimated and information about the fast-moving developments had been relayed too slow to the commanders in Hawaii.

Pearl Harbor is a very poignant chapter in our history. We must seek to remember the grave sacrifice so many Americans made there. As a veteran, I am very proud to honor the outstanding patriotism of the New Hampshire Pearl Harbor Survivors on their 25th anniversary.

Reprinted from THE STARS AND STRIPES issue, March 31 - April 6, 1997.

We Have Poems

Heroes of USS Arizona 1941

By Jack Turner
New Zealand
Submitted by Alfred J.K. Ridge
21st Inf. Reg. Schofield Barracks

Slumber on the valiant to weep a single tear
Rest on victorious they who knew no fear
In their tomb of steel held in Neptune's keep
Down through the mists of time, safely shall they sleep

Heroes for their country, a foreign nation's shame
They fought to save America, Pearl Harbor was their fame
Sons of Valley Forge and Alamo, the Maine and Bellau Wood
Enemies all around them, while defiantly they stood

They were but the pawns, to this nation's toll
A catalyst for victory, on Oahu's honor roll
Theirs is then a heritage, an earthly clay grown cold
To remain so very young, as we then grow old

No concrete tombstone needed, nor pillows 'neath the wave
Known only then to God are none but the very brave
Then Liberty will always stand, to peer through sightless eyes
A monument for freedom, while Old Glory proudly flies

Right throughout eternity history will e'er recall
They who fought with pride and gave their very all
Heroes all, God claimed them. He knew how they died
With courage, pain and fortitude, with honor and with pride

May their emblems of mortality always remain a shrine
To the honor and glory of the Great Architect Divine
Then arise lost spirits from that December knell
When America is threatened, to ring their victory bell

From the four winds of Heaven came a gentle sigh
Aloha to you old shipmates, your memory will never die.

In Memory of Husband
JAMES B. CHOATE
USS Honolulu
I SUPPORT THE GRAM
Irene M. Choate

PAUL KARAN
USS San Francisco
Turtle Creek, PA
SUPPORTS THE GRAM

In Loving Memory of Husband
JOSEPH C. MACHCZYNSKI
NAS Kaneohe Bay
Rose Machczynski
SUPPORTS THE GRAM

In Memory of Her Husband
NELSON LEE EWING
USS Tangier (AV-8)
Carolyn M. Ewing
SUPPORTS THE GRAM

History of USS Pruitt (DM-22)

John H. Pruitt was born in Fadeville, Arkansas, 4 October 1896. A corporal in the Marine Corps, he attacked and captured two enemy machine guns, and later captured forty of the enemy. Killed by shell fire, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery at Blanc Mont Ridge, France, 4 October 1918.

PRUITT (DD-347), last of the four pipers, was laid down 25 June 1919 by Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine; launched 2 August 1920; sponsored by Mrs. Belle Pruitt, and commissioned 2 September 1920, Lt. M.R. Derx in command.

For many years, PRUITT operated in the Western Pacific attached to the Asiatic Fleet, protecting American interests in the Far East.

In 1935 PRUITT returned to Pearl Harbor and was converted to a light minelayer, and on 30 June 1937 was redesignated DM-22 and assigned to Mine Division One operating out of Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of 7 December 1941, PRUITT was undergoing Navy Yard overhaul in Pearl Harbor. The ship's guns had been dismantled and removed for overhaul, and most of the crew was living in barracks ashore during this period.

Many of the men were sent to other ships, mainly PENNSYLVANIA, SAN FRANCISCO, and CUMMINGS. Aboard these ships they manned guns, carried ammunition and assisted with the wounded.

One member of the PRUITT was killed by a bomb hit aboard PENNSYLVANIA. No damage was suffered aboard the ship.

After completion of overhaul, early in February 1942, PRUITT was assigned to offshore patrol. Except for mining operations in the French Frigate Shoals area, the ship continued to operate out of Pearl Harbor until the 19th of June 1942, when she sailed for Bremerton, whence she steamed to the Aleutians for minelaying operations and escort assignments out of Kodiak. Into the fall she continued operations in the Aleutians, interrupted by regular runs back to the Hawaiian Islands, then took up escort duties along the west coast until the end of November.

With the new year, 1943, PRUITT shifted south and trained with the 4th Marine Raider Battalion off Southern California.

On 24 April she departed San Francisco to return to the Aleutians with TF-51 to take part in the Attu campaign. The PRUITT acted as control vessel in the landings at Massacre Bay.

Fog blanketed the entire area the morning of 11 May 1943, but in spite of the unfavorable conditions, the operations were carried out. Many difficulties were encountered, and it was afternoon before the boats were ready to leave the transport area. The PRUITT led this amphibious armada far up into the bay to the departure point.

Late in the afternoon, the first, second and third waves were dispatched to the various beaches.

Land was still not in sight, and the first waves had experienced much difficulty in finding their way in. In order to overcome this, the PRUITT: requested and was granted permission to lead the remaining waves to within sight of the beach. By 1530 the empty boats had all returned, and the PRUITT led

them back to the transport area.

During that night and the next morning, more troops were landed in similar fashion.

The ship carried out other missions, aiding in a hydrographic survey, anti- submarine patrol and escorting during the next few days.

The next three months were spent in and around Alaska and the West Coast of the United States in escort duty, patrolling and training. In mid-August the PRUITT participated in the invasion of Kiska doing work similar to that done at Attu.

On completion of this assignment which brought the Aleutians campaign to a close, the ship returned to its old home port, Pearl Harbor, for overhaul.

Upon completion of overhaul PRUITT got under way for the Solomons. At the end of October she arrived at Purvis Bay, Florida Island, whence she steamed to Bougainville.

Taking on mines at Aore, New Hebrides, she planted mines along Bougainville's southern coast on the 2nd, 8th, and 24th of November in support of operations on Cape Torokina, then in December shifted to escort assignments between and among the Solomons, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and the Societies.

PRUITT returned to San Francisco 18 July 1944, underwent overhaul, and in October sailed back to Pearl Harbor where she began submarine training operations. Detached toward the end of November, she patrolled off Midway 29 November — 15 January 1945.

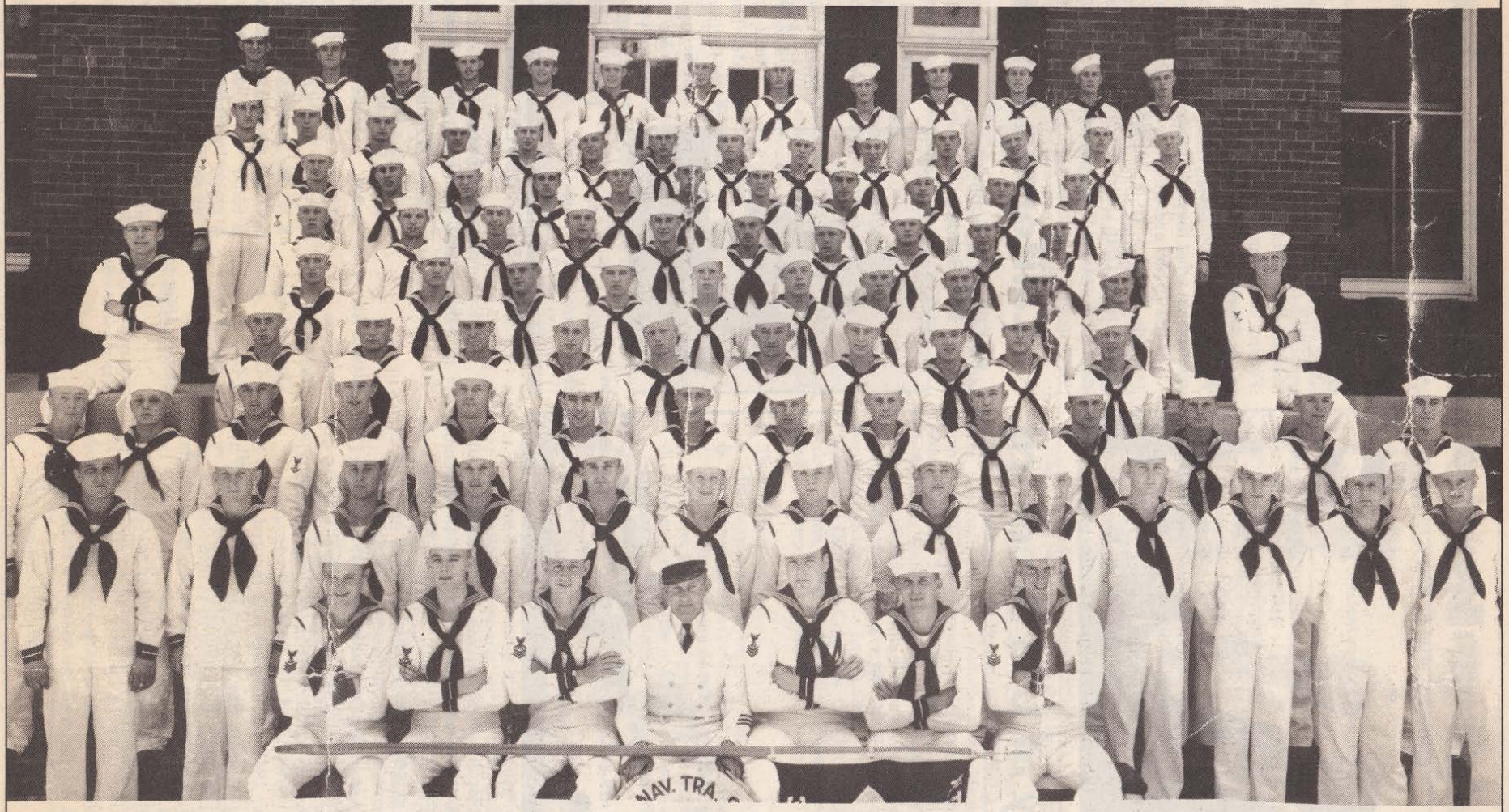
On 22 January she resumed operations with the Training Command, Submarine Force and for the remainder of World War II trained submarines southwest of Oahu.

Redesignated AG-101, 5 June 1945, she was ordered inactivated three months later, and on 21 September she sailed east, arriving at Philadelphia 18 October. Decommissioning 16 November 1945, she was struck from the Navy List 5 December 1965.

She was later scrapped at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

USS PRUITT earned three battle stars during World War II.

Company 37-40 USNTS Great Lakes, Illinois



Submitted by Harry Lapham (USS Tangier), 10744 I Dr. No., Battle Creek, MI 49014

Arizona Howard E. Brannon Chapter

By Raymond Perry
Hawaiian Dept., Fort Shafter

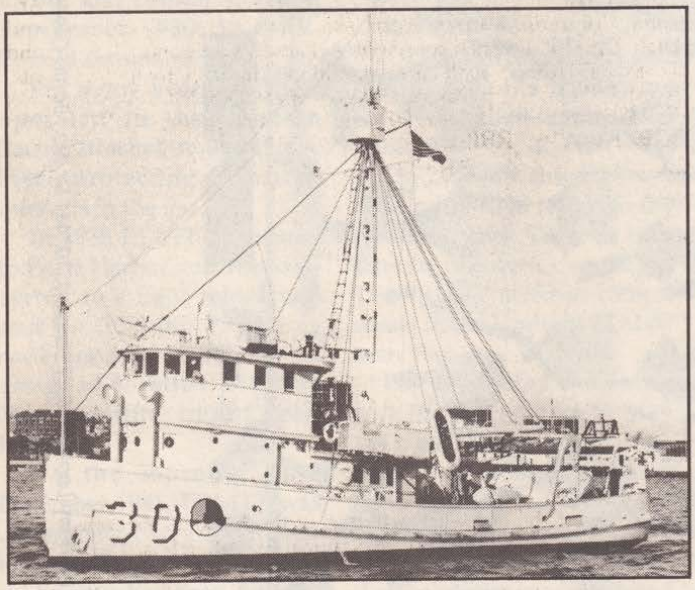
At the January meeting of the Howard E. Brannon Chapter of Arizona Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arapio was the guest speaker.

Sheriff Arapio was in the Army for three years during the Korean War and spent 32 years in drug enforcement with the Federal Government.

As Sheriff he has installed many innovations in the housing and care of prisoners such as a tent city, no smoking and strict controls on what they read and what they see on TV.

In the photo are Chapter Vice President Robert Amonn (Mobile Hosp. 2, USN), Sheriff Arapio, Chapter Secretary Steve Arapio (16th Coast Art., Ft. Derussy) and Chapter President Bill Rey (USS Pennsylvania).

History of USS Reedbird



The reedbird is a bobolink.

REEDBIRD (AMc-30), built in 1935 as the wooden purse-seiner FEARLESS, was purchased by the Navy 18 November 1940; renamed REEDBIRD (AMc-30), 30 December 1940; converted to a costal minesweeper by the Campbell Machine Co., San Diego, California, and placed in service 29 April 1941.

REEDBIRD departed San Diego 14 May 1941 and, with USS TIPPECANOE (AO-21), steamed west to Pearl Harbor. She reported for duty in the 14th District 28 May fully equipped with acoustical, magnetic, and "O" type gear.

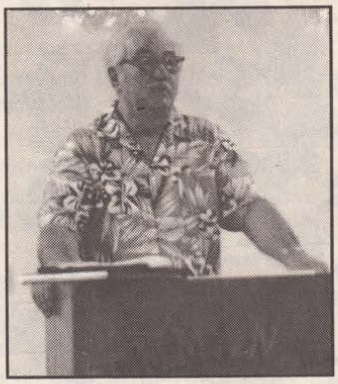
On 7 December 1941, REEDBIRD was moored at the Section Base, Bishop's Point. She got under way at 0915 and swept the channel entrance the remainder of the day.

She continued to operate in Hawaiian waters throughout World War II.

REEDBIRD returned to San Diego where she was stripped and placed out of service 14 January 1946. Her name was struck from the Navy List 7 February 1946, and on 8 November 1946 she was delivered to the Maritime Commission for disposal.

California Chapter 6

By Clifford G. Schmidt
USS Raleigh



California Chapter 6 held their annual memorial service and breakfast at VFW Post 6158 in Fair Oaks with 82 Survivors, Spouses, Sweethearts and guests in attendance.

Master of ceremonies was Chapter Vice President Sam Clower (19th Infantry Reg., Schofield Bks.), in photo.

Guest speaker was Commander Thomas R. Langley, USN Retired, currently Assistant Secretary Southern California Veterans Homes.

The VFW Post 6158 Honor Guard performed followed by taps and a few words by Acting Chaplain Sam Clower.

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1-Col., 3"	$ 45.00	$ 160.00	$ 55.00	$ 190.00
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National Constitution and By-Laws

INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, JUNE 30,1964

Revised and Corrected 1996

OUR PRAYER

"Bless us O Lord as we gather here in Thy name in remembrance of our shipmates and comrades who served our country, and to promote the defense of our American ideals and heritage. Guide and direct us in our deliberations that they may give glory and honor to Thee and be for the good of all mankind in Thy Holy Name. —Amen."

OUR MOTTO
Remember Pearl Harbor
Keep America Alert!

PREAMBLE

We, officers and enlisted personnel, all survivors of the infamous attack on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, band ourselves together for the purpose of promoting and promulgating the obligations of citizenship and patriotism, and to aid in protecting our Nation, as laymen, from all her enemies whether from within or without.

ARTICLE I
Name

This organization, hereinafter referred to as "Association" or "the Association." shall be known as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Incorporated, and may be identified by the initials "PHSA."

ARTICLE II
National Administrative office

The National Administrative Office of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc.. is to be located at the office of the duly elected Secretary. within 90 days after said election. The location of the National Administrative Office may be changed by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE III
Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

1. Keep alive the memory of our brethren who perished in the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.
2. For fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational purposes.
3. To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members.
4. To maintain true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States.
5. Foster true patriotism.
6. Maintain and extend the institution of American Freedom.
7. Preserve and defend the United States from her enemies.

ARTICLE IV
National Organization Structure

The structure of the Association shall consist of the following, all hereinafter described:

1. Elected National Officers, of the Association
2. National Executive Board
3. State Officers
4. Chapters
5. Members

ARTICLE V
Elected National Officers and Their Duties

1. The National President shall:
   a. Preside over the national convention.
   b. Appoint chairmen of all national committees and instruct them as to their duties.
   c. Be the official spokesman for the national association: be the presiding officer of the National Executive Board.
   d. Appoint qualified and eligible members to fill vacancies in any elective national offices for unexpired terms of the vacant offices.
   e. Call Executive Board meetings when deemed necessary.
   f. Cast his vote in any matter before the Executive Board in the event of a tie.
   g. National President may not succeed himself after one full term.

2. The National Vice President shall:
   a. Assist the President
   b. Preside for the President in the event of his absence.
   c. Succeed to the Presidency in the event of its vacancy, prior to the regular election.

3. The National District Directors shall:
   a. Be the Chief Executive Officer for his district and shall direct all activities of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association therein.
   b. In the event the office of a National District Director shall become vacant the President, with approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a District Director to fill that vacancy until the next scheduled election.

(The United States of America shall be geographically divided into eight (8) districts. DISTRICT I shall consist of: Alaska, California, Hawaii and Nevada. DISTRICT 2 shall consist of: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. DISTRICT 3 shall consist of: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Utah. DISTRICT 4 shall consist of: Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas. DISTRICT 5 shall consist of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. DISTRICT 6 shall consist of: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. DISTRICT 7 shall consist of: Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and District of Columbia. DISTRICT 8 shall consist of: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

4. The Secretary shall:
   a. Be custodian of the corporate seal.
   b. Prepare and preserve minutes of all national meetings.
   c. Notify all members of national meetings, conventions or reunions, in the official publication of PHSA. Inc.
   d. Maintain current lists of all national, state and chapter officers, and furnish all National Executive Board Members these lists annually or as changes occur.
   e. Prepare such reports as required by the National Executive Board.
   f. Direct the necessary activities of the National Administrative Office, as outlined by the National Executive Board.
   g. The National Secretary shall receive and process all applications for membership and forward the funds so collected to the National Treasurer for recording and depositing in the Association accounts. In conjunction with the processing of applications for membership, the National Secretary shall process all address corrections and furnish a listing to the National Treasurer for recording on the Members Dues Record Card. The National Secretary shall maintain the Membership Roster and shall furnish copies. semi-annually, to the proper officials, National and State, as required. The initial distribution shall be within thirty (30) days of the end of the calendar 4th quarter (January) and the second distribution shall be made within thirty (30) days of the end of the calendar 2nd quarter (July).

5. The Treasurer shall:
   a. Be the fiscal officer of the National Association.
   b. Be custodian of all properties, funds, securities and assets of the Association.
   c. Pay all reasonable and necessary bills of the Association, authorized by the National Executive Board.
   d. Maintain a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements.
   e. Furnish the National Association with a surety bond to cover all monies, bonds and securities handled, premium to be paid by the Association (amount of which to be determined by the National Executive Board).

f. Prepare annually, for distribution to every member in good standing, a statement of operations and conditions of the Association, in the official publication of PHSA Inc.
g. Prepare such reports as required by the National Executive Board.
h. Recommend rules and regulations for the handling of funds, including remittances to his office from any subordinate body. Such rules and regulations shall be approved by the National Executive Board.
i. Perform all such other duties as required by the Constitution and By-Laws, and those duties as directed by the National Executive Board.
j. Cause the Association financial record to be audited annually by a licensed Certified Public Accountant at the close of each calendar year. Upon completion of the Accountant report, it shall be submitted directly to the National Executive Board.
k. The National Treasurer shall provide the National Secretary with the names of all dues-paying members upon receipt of the dues remittances so that the Membership Roster will be current at all times. This action will provide the National Secretary with the authority to remove from the rolls of members in good standing, those who have not forwarded their annual dues by the end of ninety (90) days after the close of the fiscal accounting year (December 31). The fiscal accounting year is from October 1 to the following September 30. The National Treasurer shall furnish to the National Secretary the names and addresses of all members who reinstate their membership during any fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI
National Executive Board and Their Duties

1. The National Executive Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Board," shall consist of the following national officers:
   a. The President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, who also shall be chairman of the Executive Board.
   b. The Vice-President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc.
   c. The Secretary of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc.
   d. The Treasurer of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc.
   e. The (8) eight District Directors of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc.

2. The Chairman of the Executive Board shall:
   a. Conduct all meetings of the Executive Board in accordance with the "Roberts Rules of Order."
   b. Bring before the Executive Board all matters requiring their action.
   c. The board shall be permitted to vote on all issues using United States mail.

3. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Executive Board and shall:
   a. Prepare and preserve minutes of all meetings of the board.
   b. Notify all concerned of board meetings.
   c. Handle all correspondence of the board.

4. The Executive Board shall be presented with and decide upon the following:
   a. Monetary issues presented for approval by the Executive Board and membership sitting in convention shall be accompanied by a written justification and presented to the Financial Committee and the full Executive Board, for perusal, thirty (30) days prior to the decision-making process.
   b. Interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.
   c. All grievances from members, State Chairmen, State Chapters and District Directors.
   d. The suspension or revocation of charters, a two-thirds vote of the board required for such suspension or revocation.
   e. The suspension or revocation of membership in the Association is a two-thirds vote of the board for revocation.
   f. The employment of clerical, technical and professional assistants, and the payment therefore.
   g. The calling of special conventions. A two-thirds approval required by the Executive Board.
   h. The absorption, amalgamation, merger or affiliation with any other organization.
   i. All marks, insignia, uniforms and other designating paraphernalia of the Association, including the power to retake, repossess and change of design.
   j. The confirmation of State Chairmen.
   k. Bonafide and approved expenses of various Officers of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc.

5. The Executive Board shall have all powers conferred elsewhere in this constitution, including jurisdiction without limitation, of all members, chapters, state officers and all other subordinate bodies or groups which are now in existence or may later come into existence.

ARTICLE VII
Membership

1. Application form:
   a. There shall be an application for membership form.

2. Dues and initiation fees:
   a. Annual dues, initiation fee and Life-time Membership dues shall be determined at each National Convention by 2/3 affirmative vote of the members present and voting.

3. Rules for applying for membership:
   a. Complete the required application form and submit same, accompanied by the initiation fee and annual dues or life membership.
   b. The Association reserves the right to use whatever means necessary to verify statements made by applicants on application forms.

4. Qualification for membership:
   a. Must have been a member of the Armed Forces of the USA December 7, 1941.
   b. Must have been on the island of Oahu, or offshore, not to exceed three (3) miles at the actual time of the attack 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.. December 7, 1941.
   c. If a member is discharged from the Armed Forces of the USA he must have received an honorable discharge or received a discharge under honorable conditions.
   d. Must not be a member or ever become a member of the communist party, or any subversive organization which advocates the overthrow of the United States Government.

5. Rights and privileges of members in good standing:
   a. May attend all national conventions and vote on issues at the business meeting.
   b. May make motions, recommendations and proposals from the floor at the business meetings in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order, Current Edition."
   c. Members shall receive the Pearl Harbor Gram by 1st class mail. A $6.00 (six dollar) per annum publishing and mailing fee is required.
   d. Members are entitled to receive via the Pearl Harbor Gram, a copy of the annual financial report issued by the National Treasurer.
   e. Life members may receive a PHSA plaque at no cost upon written request to National Treasurer.
   f. Members are entitled to take grievances before the National Executive Board, either in person or in writing.
   g. The surviving spouses of all PHSA members may receive the Pearl Harbor Gram if so desired. A $6.00 (six dollar) per annum publishing and mailing fee is required. Surviving spouses are to be invited to attend all social events, state, district and national of the PHSA. Inc.
   h. The PHSA memorial plaque will be issued at no cost to the next of kin of a deceased member who has maintained good standing for ten (10) years, verified and approved by the National Treasure's office, and that the plaque has not been previously issued to a Life member, type LQ or LQB.

6. Obligations of members:
   a. Members must maintain true allegiance to the United States.
   b. Members must encourage alertness and preparedness of the Armed Forces of the USA
   c. Members should keep the memory of Pearl Harbor alive.

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d. Members should, whenever possible, attend the national or local memorial services each December Seventh.
e. Members shall not wear the PHSA uniform hat except while attending official PHSA meetings or gathers or other patriotic functions and displays.
f. No honorary person except the ones with approval before December 7, 1984. will be allowed to wear the PHSA hat those persons with approval before December 7, 1984, shall have embroidered on such hat the word "Honorary."
g. Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner so as to be a credit to the PHSA.
h. The introduction or discussion of sectarian matters or partisan politics is prohibited in any meeting or convention of the Association, its districts or its chapters, and the name, insignia emblem or records of the Association, its districts or its chapters shall not be used for any sectarian business or partisan political purpose.
i. Member, to be in continuous good standing, must pay his or her renewal dues within (90) ninety days after close of the membership year.

7. National Honorary Membership may only be granted by the following provisions:
   a. The nomination of a person for National Honorary Membership shall be made by a Chapter to the State Chairman setting forth the qualifications and reasons for the nomination.
   b. The State Chairman shall forward the nomination to the National Executive Board with his recommendation at least six (6) months prior to a National Convention.
   c. The National Executive Board shall investigate the nominee and shall vote to accept or reject the application. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the National Executive Board shall be required to forward the nomination to the National Convention.
   d. After a 2/3 affirmative vote by the National Executive Board, the nominee and the reason for the nomination shall be published in the PHSA Gram prior to the next National Convention.
   e. Vote at the National Convention on the nomination for National Honorary Member shall be by ballot, and a 2/3 affirmative vote of the members present and voting shall be required.

8. All members of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Incorporated, may become Associate Members of local chapters of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Incorporated. They may participate in all meetings and functions, but may neither hold elective office nor vote.

ARTICLE VIII
Elections

1. All nominations for National Officers shall be made in open convention and elections shall be by ballot vote. It shall require a majority of all votes cast, to elect to office the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It shall require a majority of all votes cast by the voters of the district, to elect District Director of the district in which the nominee must be eligible. In the event there are more than two (2) candidates for any of the National Officers or District Directors and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the person receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and another ballot taken. This procedure shall be followed until majority is received by a candidate. District Director may be elected at District Conventions. The new District Director's term of office shall commence and coincide with the terms of the National Officers. The District Director shall he sworn in at the National Convention.

2. A term of office shall be for two (2) years, or the interval between a National Convention, and until a successor is qualified.

3. Eligibility to hold National Office:
   a. Be a member in good standing.
   b. Must presently be, or have been, a National Officer, a State Officer or an elected officer of a chartered local chapter.
   c. Any candidate which shall have been removed from a qualifying office for disciplinary reasons. shall not be eligible for nominations.

ARTICLE IX
Subordinate Bodies:

In order to facilitate and further the objects of the PHSA, the following subordinate bodies, all hereinafter described, are authorized.

1. State Officers:
   a. Elections:
      1) All State Officers shall be elected by the members of the respective states. Provided, however, if there is not a qualified chapter in the state, then it shall be the duty of the National President on the recommendation of the District Director to appoint a State Chairman who shall serve in such capacity with all of the obligations and privileges hereinafter enumerated until a State Chairman is duly elected by the members of that state and that in the interim. any State Chairman appointed by the National President shall serve a probationary period of one year with option of the President to extend the appointment.
      2) Where states do not hold state conventions to elect the State Chairman, they may elect their State Chairman by U.S. Mail ballots. This action shall be accomplished in accordance with the PHSA Handbook.

2. National Chartered Local Chapters:
   a. Requirements:
      1) Prepare applications for charter to the National Executive Board on the prescribed form issued by said board. Application must be signed by at least seven members in good standing of PHSA. These members must also be qualified to become members of the chapter seeking such charter in accordance with the boundaries of states sectional divisions.
      2) Receive the written approval of the State Chairman or District Director.
      3) Remit charter fee of twenty-five ($25) with application.
      4) Upon receiving Executive Board approval of application, the local chapter officers shall be elected.
      5) Executive contract with National Office. If contract is not executed within thirty (30) days after election of officers, the application is automatically revoked by the National Executive Board.

   b. Obligations:
      1) Abide by the National PHSA Constitution and By-Laws including all alterations and amendments thereto.
      2) Items bearing the registration mark or insignia of PHSA must receive written approval of the National Executive Board, before manufacture and sale.
      3) Shall forward promptly to the National Treasurer all monies received for initiation fees, membership dues or from other sources belonging in whole or in part to the national office.
      4) Shall conduct business meetings at least semi-annually, with bi- annual reports to the National Secretary.
      5) Shall elect chapter President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Trustees.
      6) Shall notify the National Secretary of the names and addresses of chapter officers.
      7) The Chapter Trustees shall annually examine the financial records of the local chapter and furnish the National Treasurer with a signed statement of operations and conditions as of December 31, by March 30 of the following year.
      8) Shall keep complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of their respective chapter.
      9) Shall produce all chapter records, regardless of nature, to any elected national officer for examination upon request.
      10) Shall deposit the chapter's monies in recognized banking institutions in the name of the local chapter. At least two (2) chapter officers must be co-makers of every disbursement check made.
      11) Upon dissolution of any local chapter, regardless of reason, all chapter monies, securities, property and records, shall be disposed of as directed by the National Executive Board.

   c. Privileges
      1) Local chapters may adopt their own By-Laws, however, such By-Laws must not be in conflict with the National Association Constitution and By-Laws. All such local

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By-Laws must be presented to and approved by the National Executive Board.

d. Local Chapter Executive Board:
   1) A local chapter's executive board shall consist of the officers mentioned in Article IX Subsection 2(b)5 above.
   2) Local chapter executive board shall meet at least semi-annually.

e. Nominations and Elections:
   1) Nominations and election of local chapter officers shall be conducted at general meetings of said chapter.

ARTICLE X
OFFICIAL YEAR

1. The "Official Year" of the PHSA Inc. shall be from December through December 7 of the following year.

ARTICLE XI
National Convention and Memorial Service

1. The National Convention or Reunion shall be held at such time as to include the date of December 7. The official time of the PHSA Memorial Service shall be (0755) seven fifty-five (7:55) o'clock a.m. Honolulu time December 7, thereby commemorating the exact clock time of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Effective after December 1966, national conventions shall be held biennially and reunions shall be held in Hawaii every five (5) years based on 1941.

ARTICLE XII
Quorum at National Convention

1. Those members, present, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business for the PHSA Inc.

ARTICLE XIII
PHSA, Inc. Honor/Memorial Fund

1. The Honor/Memorial Fund is established in the financial records of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Inc. for the purpose of receiving donations, contributions and bequests from individuals, organizations, corporations and associations, given in honor of and/or to memorialize the Pearl Harbor attack and the ships and stations and the members of the Armed Forces who defended their country on December 7, 1941.

ARTICLE XIV
Gender

1. Words in this constitution indicating the masculine gender shall be deemed also to include the feminine gender.

ARTICLE XV
Additional Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Supreme Authority:
   a. The supreme authority and direction of the Association are vested in the Association's Constitution and By-Laws.
   b. The provisions contained in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Handbook referred to as the "Blue Book," shall be the standing rules of the Association and shall govern the Organization in all cases to which they are not in conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws or special rules of this Organization. The standing rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Executive Board.

2. Parliamentary Procedure:
   a. "Robert's Rules of Order, Current Edition." shall govern in all Meetings, Assemblies and Conventions of the Association.

3. Savings Clause:
   a. If any provision of this Constitution shall he declared invalid or inoperative by any competent authority or by operation of law, the remainder of this Constitution shall not be affected thereby.

4. Distribution of Membership Dues and Initiation Fees:
   a. Initiation Fees:
      1) The initiation fees shall accrue to the National Office (100 percent).
   b. Membership Dues:
      1) (75 percent) — to the National Association of PHSA. Inc.
      2) (5 percent) — to the National District Director office, of the dues received from members within his official district.
      3) (20 percent) — to the local chartered chapter or as otherwise designated.
      4) Distribution of said monies shall be made annually and within 30 days after the expiration of the calendar 4th quarter.

5. All officers of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, national and state, and all directors, trustees, state chairmen, subordinate bodies and members in general who may regularly, or from time to time, receive money from the National Organization, its subsidiaries or affiliates, shall prepare and file an annual account of all such money received and the disbursements made therefrom and the balance of such money, if any, on hand. The accounting herein required shall be made and filed with the Secretary and Treasurer of the National Organization on or before thirty (30) days following the end of the calendar year. The requirements of this section shall be enforced by the National Executive Board in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.. and/or any other lawful methods.

6. Removal of Elected National Officers:
   a. If a National Officer becomes incapacitated for any reason in the performance of his duties as prescribed by the National Constitution and By-Laws, he may be summarily relieved by a 3/4 vote of the National Executive Board, less the national officers.

7. Dissolution of PHSA:
   a. The dissolution of PHSA Inc. shall be effected in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri only after approval of a resolution of the Executive Board by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes enticed to be cast by members present at a meeting called by written notice to all members. for consideration of such dissolution. The Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors Incorporated is hereby designated as the successor non-profit organization to which assets will be distributed.

8. No reimbursement shall be made for expenses incurred in moving National Offices, when such moves are the personal choices of the office holder.

ARTICLE XVI
Amendments

1. This instrument shall be known as the Constitution and By-Laws of the PHSA Inc., and may be amended at any National Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of members present and voting.

ARTICLE XVII
Adoption

1. This document was originally adopted in national convention at: Long Beach California, December 8, 1962.
   Revised:
   St. Louis, MO 12-6-63
   Clearwater, FL 12-6-65
   Seattle, WA 12-6-68
   New York, NY 12-6-70
   Anaheim, CA 12-6-74
   Honolulu, HI 12-8-76
   Las Vegas, NV 12-6-78
   Orlando, FL 12-5-80
   San Antonio, TX 12-6-82
   Grossingers, NY 12-6-84
   Honolulu, HI 12-5-86
   Virginia Beach, VA 12-5-88
   Little Rock, AR 12-5-92
   Honolulu, HI 12-6-96

All copies of this Constitution and By-Laws prior to the 1997 revisions are hereby revoked and shall become null and void upon acceptance and approval of this revision.

THE END

307th Signal Company, Wheeler Field

Submitted by Chester H. Goddette, 13 Palmer Ave., Jewett City, CT 06351.
He is in the top row, third from the right.

A Nurse's View Of December 7, 1941

By Lilla Whitcomb Richardson
White Cap
Schofield Hospital

While working as a stewardess in January of 1941, I received a letter from the War Department, telling me that I was to report to Camp Edwards on Cape Cod within a matter of days. I had been recruited through the Red Cross, which classified my position as one of no great responsibility. In the event of a war or any type of serious disaster, all registered nurses (who were enrolled in the Red Cross upon graduation) may be called into service. For three years I had worked for American Airlines.

From January to September I was stationed at the base hospital of Camp Edwards. In October I was transferred to Schofield Barracks, a permanently based hospital on Oahu, Hawaii. This 1,900-bed hospital was about 13 miles from Pearl Harbor and one mile from Wheeler Field.

The sun rose as usual and promised a warm and pleasant day on December 7, 1941. I had a date to go swimming at Waikiki that afternoon. Nurses had half days off on Sundays.

At 8:20 a.m. I was busy dressing the burns of an airman, when an earth shattering explosion occurred. My patient's face registered fear. "Something has exploded at Wheeler Field!" he said excitedly. From that moment the massive explosions continued while planes buzzed overhead. Shells were shattering the tile roof of the tropic hospital and fragments of ammunition and debris were popping like popcorn on our hospital second floor. Several of us, both medical personnel and patients, rushed to an outside covered porch to see what was happening. I heard an airman shout that the Navy must have gone berserk to have maneuvers on Sunday morning. What we saw was a scene which filled all who witnessed it with shock and disbelief.

"Those are not our planes — those are Japs!" shouted a barefoot, pajama-clad boy. We could see the rising sun emblem on the planes while the rear gunners were shooting at us. The planes continued coming in over Kole Kole Pass in the Waianne Mountains. We did not know that at the same time, Pearl Harbor was being bombed. With other personnel and patients, what I saw filled me with fright and horror, but it took me no time to believe that this was clearly no war game. Mess halls were shattered and strafed, hangars were in flames, and planes lined up in formation were being demolished.

No people ever got into action more quickly than did the Americans on that fateful day. Shouts of "This is war! This is war!" went up.

We responded to the situation with deftness and speed. Convalescent patients were moved in from the porches. Emergency stations were set up in all treatment rooms. My adrenal glands were working overtime, while my kneecaps were living a life of their own. Thoughts such as "certain death" raced through my mind while my legs raced down to the hospital pharmacy, where I filled my pockets with vials of morphine, then to the quartermaster supply room, where I filled my arms with blankets. Doors were thrown open and we took what we needed and got to work.

Casualties began to come in by the truck loads and were treated immediately in the order of their severity. Most of the wounded were in shock. The Americans were fighting mad and the Ambulance Corps had never before performed more efficiently. Let an enemy attack our country and the laziest soldier becomes a human dynamo. An empty ward came into use that day as a morgue.

One of my patients, a Japanese soldier-prisoner told me one day several months later that what he feared most was not a bomb or a land mine, but a mad American. Our wounded prisoners of war were treated like every other patient.

Many years have passed since the day of that Pacific holocaust, but the imprint will remain forever in my memory.

I remained overseas until 1945. When the war was over I resumed my work with the airlines, flying and working with the trainees. From there I went to Boston University, where I earned a B.S.N. degree.

My experience in Hawaii made me more aware and more appreciative of my freedom and of my wonderful country. Each time I hear "God Bless America" my heart swells with pride.

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By Dale T. Bradford

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We Have Poems

A Fine Morning Spoiled

By Andy Ross, age 13
Grandson of Richard F. Ferguson
64th C/A Ft Shafter

Let me tell you a story through elder men's eyes

About a day of fighting, attack and surprise

Of a December 7,1941 morning

The surprise attack came without warning

I'm speaking of Pearl Harbor, the Navy base

Where surprise attack was definitely the case

The day was young, the spirits were high

The pilots of planes were ready to fly

But before they could get ready to fight back

The sneaky Japanese held a surprise attack

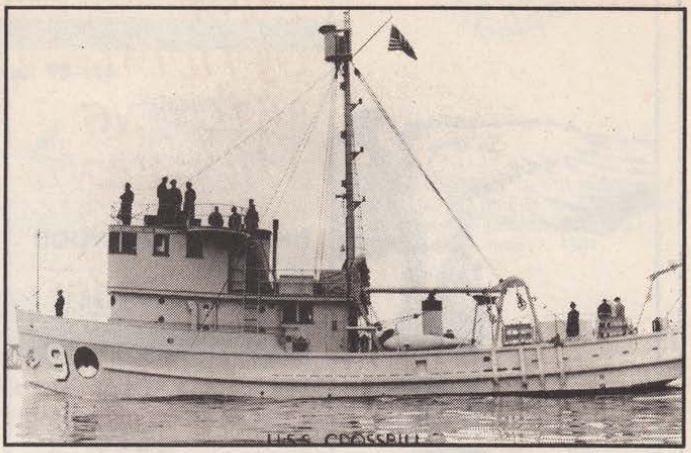
Try to imagine what they saw

The Japanese flying without a flaw

When the smoke cleared thirty-seven hundred lay dead

This attack began the war that lay ahead

History of USS Crossbill



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