

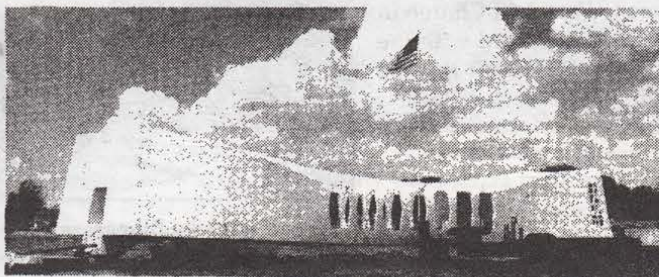


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California State Convention



**Lieutenant Commander
Lowell D. Crow, USN**

By Bob Watson

Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander Lowell D. Crow and Master Chief James Russell of the USS Pearl Harbor attended the banquet at the California State Convention on May 17 in Oceanside. We had the pleasure of listening to Lieutenant Commander Crow give the following stirring speech:



**Master Chief James Russell
and his wife Guyla**

"I would like to thank you for inviting me to be your guest speaker this evening. It is a great honor to be among such distinguished company. First let me pass on the USS Pearl Harbor Captain, Commander James Bird's deepest regret for being unable to attend today's event due to a previously scheduled commitment. He hopes to get to know each of you throughout his tour. He also hopes that I am a suitable replacement in his absence.

As many of you are aware after many years of lobbying by your organization and attempts by members of Congress, former President Bush declared in 1992 that there should be a ship named to honor the memory of and to show appreciation to all those who served courageously during the battle of Pearl Harbor. In February of 1996 LSD-52 the

last of the cargo variant class was christened the Pearl Harbor. The ship will be taken to sea for the first time by Avondale Ship Yard accompanied by members of our crew on July 21, 1997 for builders trials. The Pearl Harbor is scheduled to be delivered to the Navy in February of 1998. It will finally leave the shipyard on April 28 of 1998. With its final commissioning scheduled for late May or early June 1998.

While it has not yet been determined where it will be commissioned, it has been decided to have it homeported right here in California at Thirty Second Street Naval Station in San Diego as the newest addition to amphibious group three and the Surface Force Pacific Organization. In naming this ship the Pearl Harbor we honor you, the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, who fought

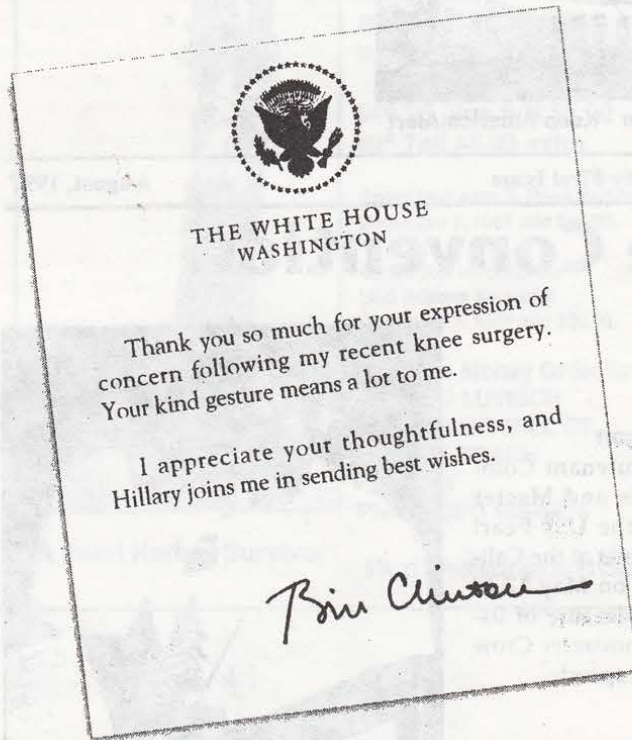
with honor, courage and commitment for a nation you love. We have honored that love of nation, as well as the courage and commitment you demonstrated in choosing our ship's motto, "the nation's battle cry." This motto represents what your courage and commitment meant to the nation with the cry "Remember Pearl Harbor". It installs and demonstrates a pride in service to nation and country — the very commitment and courage this nation was built on.

A mariner's legend says that the selection of a ship's motto establishes its character and reputation for the rest of its service life. We selected this motto to instill in every sailor that serves on the USS Pearl Harbor the very essence of what you represent to our country and

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Survivor Sends Cane To President Clinton

Florida State Chairman Harold M. Luvisch, who sells the canes advertised in the Gram, sent one to President Clinton in March shortly after his fall. The cane was engraved with the President's name. He mentioned to the President that he hoped he would like the cane and add it to his cane collection in his library. The President's reply was:



Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter 1



The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter 1 held their annual Spring meeting May 2-4, 1997 at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park in Greenup. There were 17 survivors, 14 Pearls, 1 member of the Sons and Daughters, and 5 guests in attendance. We were honored to have the Sixth District Director Fred Couture and his lovely wife Mary join us at this meeting.

Plans were discussed concerning the next Sixth District convention to be held in Louisville in June of 1998, and it looks like we are right on schedule and hope to have a good one. We will have more on this later.

The Bluegrass Chapter is alive and well, and we hope to stay that way, as we also are planning to host the the National Pearl Harbor convention in the year 2000.

We had one new member join our chapter, Wendell L. Flanery, USS Arizona, and this brings our total paid up membership to 62. The Bluegrass Chapter is the only chapter we have in the state of Kentucky.

In the photo are State Chairman Ellis B. O'Neal (2nd Marine Air Gp., Ewa Air Base), Sixth District Director Fred Couture (18th A/B Gp., Bellows Fld), Chapter President Lee Ebner (USS West Virginia) and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Jim Edwards.

Illinois USS Arizona Float



The Illinois USS Arizona Memorial float will appear in six parades this year, ranging from Lake Bluff (near Great Lakes NTC) to the capitol in Springfield. Shown with the float at the Claude-Elen Days Parade in Chillicothe are Illinois State Chairman Finch Stowell (USS Oklahoma), Henry Kirkham (Fort Ruger), and John Reimer (USS Portland).

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CA State Convention

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carry on your story to future generations. In the selection of this motto the men and women of the Pearl Harbor have a great deal to live up to.

When the USS Pearl Harbor is finally commissioned it will represent the leading edge of modern technology. She will have the latest weapons system, being the first ship with the fully integrated ships self defense missile system. She will carry and support the newest amphibious assault equipment in the air cushion landing craft. Her communications system is the most advanced in the fleet integrating the latest technology and software making it comparable to any ship in the fleet. And finally Pearl Harbor's engineering plant allows it to be the fastest amphibious ship afloat.

However, none of this equipment and technology means anything without the true life blood of today's Navy, the men and women who have chosen to serve our nation in today's Navy. They enter the service from very different and diverse backgrounds but with the same ideals that many of you entered the service with: a commitment to service of country. Many of them are looking to embrace the ideals of honor, commitment, and courage that you the survivors of Pearl Harbor represent. We the leaders of today's Navy are teaching these ideals by using historical examples such as the stories of historic action demonstrated at Pearl Harbor by the 14 Medal of Honor winners, the 52 Navy Crosses awarded, and 4 Silver Star winners. You have set the examples for all current and future sailors to follow not by words but by actions.

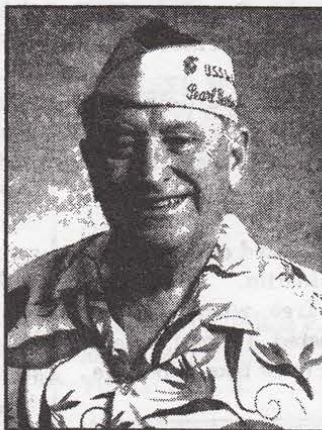
The captain, myself, and Master Chief Russell, have taken on the task of installing this same pride and courage in our sailors that you the survivors demonstrated during the attack on Pearl Harbor. We as the plankowners of the USS Pearl Harbor have a responsibility to uphold the reputation of each of the survivors by not only being the best in the field, but the best amphibious ship in Amphibious Group Three and the best ship in the fleet. It is our responsibility to carry on the name Pearl Harbor for future generations of sailors to know and respect.

This ship additionally holds a special place in my heart. Having served the last two years under Admiral Holder, who was responsible for the December seventh celebration as well as the end of the war celebration, I have had personal contact with many of the members of your organization as well as learning what this ship means to each of you. I will never forget the closeness of shipmates that had served together as well as the feeling of pride that each of you had as well, during the 50th anniversary celebration of the end of the war. I have an even closer link with the keel being laid on my birthday of January 27th.

Finally, the Captain and I, as well as the crew, want each of you to feel that you are plankowners in this great ship. Without your contribution to our Navy in one of our toughest times we would not have the nation or Navy we know today. Your contributions ensured that our heritage has been preserved. We want you to feel a part of the USS Pearl Harbor family, you will always be welcome and always appreciated aboard the Pearl Harbor. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you and I look forward to meeting each of you and talking with you in the future."



The California State Convention was hosted by California Tri-City Chapter 31 in Oceanside May 15-17. Almost 300 Survivors and Guests attended including Past National President Lee Goldfarb, National Vice President Bob Kronberger, First District Director Bill Davis, State Chairman "Jake" Jaekel, Vice State Chairman South Ralph Lindenmeyer, and Vice State Chairman North Richard Garstang. Also in attendance were many past National and State officers as well as officers and members of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors.



California Survivor of the Year
Mal Middlesworth

There was a golf tournament at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, a casino night at the hotel during which the Gram Editor had the privilege of dealing blackjack for three hours, and a banquet attended by over 275 Survivors and guests including the Executive Officer and the Master Chief of the USS Pearl Harbor. Mal Middlesworth of Chapter 9 was announced as California Survivor of the Year. Chapter President Jim Evans and Chapter Vice President Bob Kirby were co-chairmen.



Three of the four living Founding Fathers were in attendance: Ed Kronberger (USS West Virginia), Robert Kronberger (USS West Virginia) and Clarence "Smiley" Bonn (46th Pursuit Sq., Wheeler Field). Mark Ferris (72nd Bomb Sq., Hickam Field) was not in attendance.

The 1998 State and District Convention will be held in Sacramento. The 1999 State Convention will be hosted by California Chapter 9 in Ontario.

Memorial Day



By National President Ben Begley
USS Dobbin

As President of the PHSA, I was invited to President Clinton's breakfast at the White House to participate in the Memorial Services at the National Cemetery.

After breakfast and small talk with other participants, including Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., Vice-Chief of Naval Operations (picture above), we were bussed to the Cemetery where President Clinton placed the national wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The PHSA wreath was presented and placed on the Tomb by myself and 7th District Director Clark Martin.

We then went to the Pearl Harbor Tree, where a large crowd of survivors and guests had gathered. There, I gave a short talk on the PHSA and the road we must take to be able to cross the bridge into the 21st century.

From The Editor



Due to the change in the National Secretary and to correct the Fifth District Director's ZIP code, the Roster of National Officers is reprinted on page 17 of this Gram.

There are new State Chairmen in Florida, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin so the list of State Chairmen is reprinted on

page 18. These pages are perforated for easy removal from the Gram.

In the Prayer for the Dead on page 10, William E. Patchell was erroneously shown as being at the Station Hospital, Schofield Barracks when he was actually with the 64th Coast Artillery, Fort Shafter.

On page 24 in the California Chapter 8 article, Donald Merritt was shown in VP-21 NAS Ford Island but was actually in VJ-1 NAS Ford Island.

On page 32 in the Arizona Howard E. Brannon Chapter the Chapter Secretary was shown as Steve Arapio. The Secretary's correct name is Steve Shemelynec (16th Coast Artillery, Fort Derussy).

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Secretary's Message

Due to the resignation of the PHSA, Inc. National Secretary Charles O. Preece, the National President has appointed Julius A. Finnern to fill the vacancy in the Administrative Office.

This appointment has been accepted.

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California Southern Chapters Joint Meeting

By Bob Sullivan
Assistant Editor

251st Coast Art., Camp Malakole

Southern California chapters met on April 12 for a joint chapters meeting hosted by Chapter 9 at the Ontario Marriott Airport Hotel.

The meeting was chaired by Vice State Chairman South Ralph Lindenmeyer, who conducted a very lively and informative meeting.

The main topic of discussion was regarding the future of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. The representatives of the nine chapters attending voted unofficially as a barometer of the feelings of the Southern California chapters. The resulting vote indicated that the Sons and Daughters and the "last man" ended in a virtual tie.

In attendance were National Vice President Bob Kronberger, First District Director Bill Davis, National Secretary Charles Preece and Lee Myers of the Sons and Daughters.

State Ambassador South and Chapter 3 member Gordon Jones informed all of the status of the USS Pearl Harbor.



Jim Evans

Chapter 31 President and Co-chairman of the State Convention Jim Evans reported on the status of the convention.

Chapter 9 President Fred Bauer opened and closed the meeting.



Prayer for the Dead

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

McNEAL, Arthur F.
19th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Palmyra, PA

FREDERICK, Edward F.
26th Bomb Sq Hickam Fld
Hancock, WI

WHITE, Jack J.
USS New Orleans
Denton, TX

CHANG, Lawrence W.
QM Detach Wheeler Fld
Honolulu, HI

REIKOWSKY, Frank H.
USS Medusa
Norman, OK

CONNELL, Bernard L.
86th Obs Sq Bellows Fld
DeKalb, IL

MILLICAN, William O.
USS Thornton
Drummonds, TN

GILLESPIE, Paul
19th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Charleston, WV

JONES, John G. Jr.
USS Nevada
Ocean Shores, WA

GRISHAM, George S.
Ships Co Sub Base
Nesbit, MS

HAULSEE, William H.
41st C/A Ft Kamehameha
Danville, VA

KLAES, William E.
USS Sicard
Nampa, ID

SAUTER, Arthur V.
USS Phoenix
Appleton, WI

LaMALFA, Marian
19th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Schenectady, NY

BREILLATT, Julius P.
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Vernon Hills, IL

MIDDLETON, Frank L.
USS Rigel
San Diego, CA

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Eighth District News

By **Arthur R. Schreier**
District Director

The plans for the District Convention hosted by the Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts are completed, and it is hoped that there will be a large turnout for this annual event. The date is October 17-19 at the Comfort Inn at Chicopee. Many thanks to State Chairman Walter Maciejowski, Chapter President James Barry and the many others who are working to make this a great Convention.

The chapters in the District are back on their summer schedules and are involved in many activities including parades, Memorial Services, speaking engagements at schools and service clubs, and many other types of actions to remind people to "Remember Pearl Harbor". A hearty 'Well Done' to all from the District Director.

Connecticut

State Chairman **Frank Stebbins**

Memorial Day parades were held in many cities and towns and members participated in parades in West Haven, Branford, East Haven, North Haven, Orange, Waterbury and Watertown. Members received a great reception at all of these events.

Sixth District Activities

By **Fred Couture**
District Director

Mary and I attended the annual Spring meeting of Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter One in beautiful Greenbo State Park. Plans for the Sixth District Convention in Louisville, June 4-6, 1998 are all but finalized and let me assure all District Survivors the Host Chapter has an outstanding list of events to please each and every attendee. Please mark your calendars now for these special three days.

While in the dining room at the lodge a lady asked me to follow her (after learning I was from out of state). She took me to a large gathering and asked me to judge a Derby Day Ladies Hat Contest. Hey guys, you can't say no to such a grand and gracious group of Kentuckians.

Florida held their State Convention on board ship while taking a 5-day cruise to Mexico. This may have been the first PHSA Cruise Convention. President Ben Begley installed the new Florida State Chairman Harold M. Luvisch, Signal Corp, U.S. Army.

A number of states in the Sixth District will be holding state elections this year so we could see a number of new State Chairmen. I know some State Chairmen want to see new faces step forward for these offices.

It had to happen, the Sixth District PHSA will be in Cyberspace by the time your next Gram is published. Hopefully each of you can learn about PHSA in the eight states of the District and visit many related sites to learn about Pearl Harbor and December 7, 1941. We are pleased to have our story read and seen world wide by anyone with access to a computer. This includes students, teachers, relatives, friends, and former enemies to name a few. The Home Page Web Site address will be announced in the media's new Web Site listings as well as in the Gram.

At the May meeting of the "Nutmeg" Chapter, Mary Nerkowski, wife of member Tom Nerkowski, conducted our annual Memorial Service for the 17 Connecticut men killed on Dec. 7 1941. Members who died since the last Memorial Service were also remembered. Two of those who died on the Day of Infamy are buried in Connecticut. Past President Harold Slater decorated the grave of John K. Luntta, and Enid Searle volunteered to decorate the grave of Vincent M. Horan.



The Chapter's April meeting was attended by the National President of the Sons and Daughters, Michael Solomon, along with Eighth District Director of the Sons and Daughters, Michael Train. Chapter member Reggie Ronzello also attended the April meeting wearing his Army uniform. Quite a few members wish that they could fit into their old uniforms! In the photo are S&DPHS 8th District Director Michael Train, New Eighth District Director Art Schreier, Connecticut State Chairman Frank Stebbins and S&DPHS President Michael Solomon.

Plans are now being made for the formal dedication of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge in New Haven. This is scheduled for the fall of 1997.

Massachusetts

State Chairman **Walter Maciejowski**

The Bay Patriots Chapter is very active. The Chapter averages 40 people for our meetings and dinner. The Chapter receives many requests to march in various city and town parades but due to the ages and the fact that many members are not able to walk any great distance the Chapter has cut down on some of the parade requests. The Chapter did have a fine turn-out for the 129th Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Whitman VFW Post 697 and the American Legion Post 22. Seven members marched to several cemeteries and memorial sites to honor our departed Veterans of all wars. After the parade a full buffet was served at the VFW Post 697.

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District Eight News

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The Bay Patriots Chapter is the host for the Eighth District Convention in Chicopee, this coming October 17-19. We are hoping for a really good turn out.

New Hampshire

State Chairman William Lefabvre

March 6th was a day to remember for the Granite State Chapter. We were invited to attend the Selectman's meeting to request recognition for the work members have done in the area. This was accepted and approved with no opposition. I was recognized as the only Pearl Harbor Survivor in Merrimack.

April 24th the Chapter held a meeting at Yokens in Portsmouth, attended by 38 Survivors and their wives. Plans for the 25th anniversary celebration were discussed. The celebration will be held August 7 at the home of the Bacons.

On May 2 the ribbon was cut at Boscowan for the Veterans Cemetery. It is finally going to happen.

On May 14 Bob Bacon and I and our wives attended Procter Academy in Andover and spoke on Pearl Harbor and WWII. The Program was enjoyed by all present. At the same time Vice State Chairman Woody McDonald was at the Veterans Home in Tilton for another program

On May 14 my wife and I were present at the State House in Concord for the signing of the Proclamation for Memorial Day, and on May 26 we participated in the Memorial Day Parade at Manchester.

On May 30 it was an honor and a privilege to stand in at the Cathedral of the Pines for our National President, Ben Begley. This was done with a short speech regarding our Veterans both living and dead and what they have meant to our

security past, present and in the future. Chapter members attending were David Quincy, Amos Fairfield and wife Barbara, Woody McDonald and wife Hazel and myself and wife Zonia.

New York

State Chairman Daniel Fruchter

Statue of Liberty Chapter 4 President Joe Medure

On Sunday March 16 the chapter held its regular meeting on board the Intrepid-Sea-Air-Space Museum. Also on board were the 48 member marching band of the Virginia Military Institute who were scheduled to march in the St Patrick's Day Parade the following day. As a salute to the Pearl Harbor Survivors the band assembled and played a medley of service songs.

On Memorial Day, New York State Chairman Dan Fruchter participated in Fleet Week observances held on board the Intrepid. The highlight of the ceremony was the unfurling, on the flight deck, of a 90 foot by 50 foot American Flag. The flag was held by over 200 Sailors and Veterans.

Long Island Chapter 135

President Ted Tupper

The Long Island Chapter resumed meetings on the third Sunday in March after the winter recess. We are saddened to report that seven members passed away over the winter.

On May 25 the Chapter attended the United Veterans Organization Memorial Day ceremony at Eisenhower Park and on the 26th participated in the Massapequa Memorial Day parade receiving a big ovation all along the line of march.

On June 14 we had our 2nd annual luncheon meeting at the 56th Fighter Group Restaurant with 60 members, wives and friends attending. This was the last Chapter meeting for the summer.

★ 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.

23RD BOMB SQUADRON USAF August 13 - 16, 1997 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. Contact Lindsey Boyd, 3904 24th Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34205 phone (941) 746-5569 or (800) 842-0550 ext 23 and leave message.

USS HULL (DD-350) September 9 - 11, 1997 at the Maxim Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Ray Schultz, 210 Harrison Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 phone (408) 423-0917.

U.S. NAVY BAND 13 (USS Dobbin, USS Whitney, USS Raleigh, COMDESPAC) September 10 - 14, 1997 at Colorado Springs, Colorado. All PHSA bandsmen welcome. Contact Dale Phillips, 3993 Chesapeake Dr., Edgewater, MD 21037 phone (410) 798-0581.

USS RALPH TALBOT AND DESRON 4 October 15 - 19, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Surfside Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact William E. Aupperlee, 6310 Goodland Pl., North Hollywood, CA 91606-3029 phone (818) 762-5165. Registration cut-off date is October 1, 1997.

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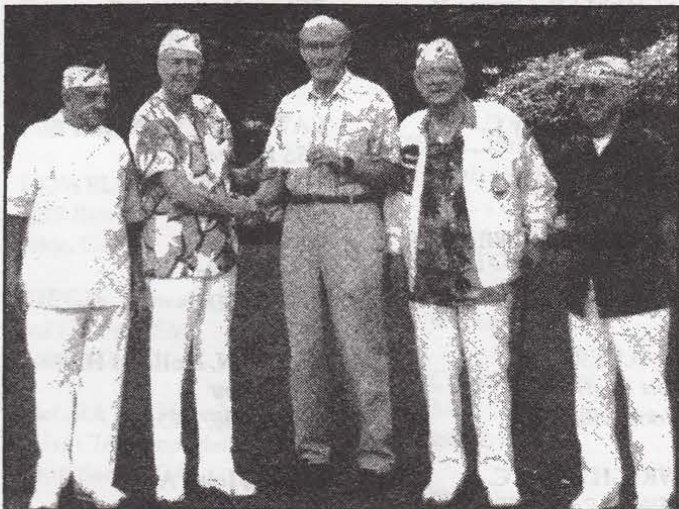
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By Ralph Lindenmeyer
Vice State Chairman South



As a tribute to those who served, the Veterans Memorial Association, a group of local veterans and civic leaders in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills area, have joined together to create a Veterans Memorial in Shoup Park.

Survivor Bill Henderson is co-chairman of the Veterans Memorial Association of Los Altos and Los Altos Hill drive to have the Memorial in place by July 4, 1998.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter 7 donated \$500 towards the Memorial.

In the photo are Chapter Treasurer Herman Fischer (Bishop's Point, USN), Chapter President Boyd Wilson (USS Nevada) presenting check to Bill Henderson (USS Helena), Chapter Vice President Frank Karas (50th Recon Sq., Hickam Field) and Chapter Secretary Warren Upton (USS Utah).

The photo was taken at the site of the Memorial.

More than a dozen Veterans Organizations took part in the 34th Annual Memorial Day program held in San Diego County's El Camino Memorial Park on Monday, May 26.

Among hundreds of brown and khaki uniforms, the Aloha shirts and white pants of the Pearl Harbor Survivors stood out much like a flower in the desert.

Chapter 31 member R. E. "Bob" Earl (804th Eng Schofield Barracks) and his wife Encarnita carried a floral remembrance wreath to the Memorial Wall.



Henry Klump (USS Grebe) and Nelly Meador (Whitecap U.S. Naval Hospital) did the honors for San Diego Chapter 3.

Walter Stevens (USS Dobbin) and Glen Cummings (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) both of Chapter 3, were part of the large contingent of veterans who made up the Color Guard units.

It is interesting to note that Bob Earl was one of the veterans who first inaugurated the Memorial Day Observance at El Camino Memorial Park 34 years ago. He has served in numerous capacities of the Memorial Committee since 1963 including stints as Master of Ceremonies.

Guest Speaker at the Memorial Day Observance was Congressman Bob Filner from the 50th Congressional District of California. He currently serves on the Veterans Affairs Committee in Washington and speaks fondly of all Veteran Organizations and is actively working on their behalf.

The San Diego Chapter, under the direction of President Harry Hall (USS Widgeon) and assisted by Stu Hedley (USS West Virginia), Joe Hamilton (USS Trevor) and Jessie Thompson, set up a display table of Pearl Harbor Memorabilia, which attracted many of those who came to El Camino Memorial Park for the Memorial Day Observance. Pictures, maps and models of Japanese aircraft and U.S. Battleships stole the show. Visitors also received several types of handouts telling the Pearl Harbor story.

Jessie Thompson, an Associate Member who was on Ford Island December 7, 1941 as a 13-year-old, is Chairman of Chapter 3 Speakers Bureau and assembled much of the material placed on the display table.

Other Memorial Day Observances were held in San Diego in which PHSA members of Chapter 3 took part, namely Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery and Greenwood Memorial Park.

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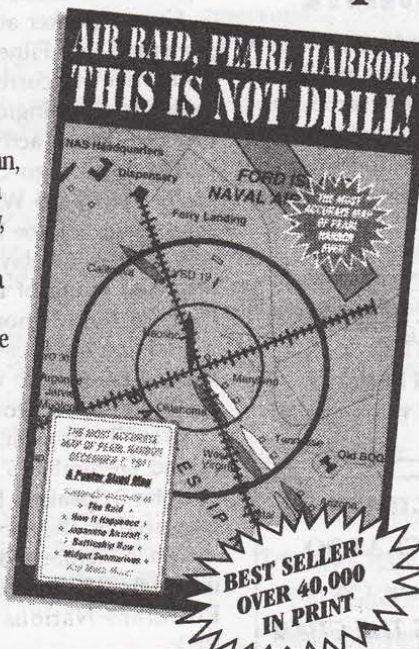
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Florida State Convention

By Ed Carstens

Secretary, Gold Coast Chapter 4

The Florida State Convention, aboard the S.S. Oceanbreeze, May 12-16, is now history. The business end of this meeting is now concluded and we have a new State Chairman for the following two years. Elected to office was Harold Luvisch of Gold Coast Chapter 4.

Harold is the designer of the Pearl Harbor cane which is advertised in the Gram, and graciously presented two canes at the meeting. A cane was given to Vincent Yannie of Chapter 10, the oldest member in attendance, and also to Joseph "Cy" Cybulski, the oldest member of Chapter 4, the host Chapter.

Our group consisted of 85 people, of which there were 29 members. The weather

was great, the entertainment was superb, and the meals were sumptuous and plentiful. We were informed by the cruise director that one could partake of food 19 times a day. This is enough to satisfy anyone's appetite and possibly add a couple of inches to your girth. Having taken a poll of the group, we of the host Chapter were delighted that the entire group had nothing but praise for this venture, the first of its kind, and indicated a strong desire to do it again. If that doesn't spell success, I don't know what would. The ship being half full could have accommodated many more of our members and guests.

The first night out, our group was feted with a special cocktail hour consisting of drinks and delicious hors

d'oeuvres. The following night we were entertained at the Captain's cocktail party. On the next night, the group was presented with a huge sheet cake made specially in our honor. The treatment accorded us was not as regular passengers, but more like royalty. The cruise line deserves a commendation for all that they did for us, and it

was well appreciated by everyone in our group.

Sad to say, all good things must come to an end, but I am happy to say that everyone, upon leaving this ship, left with a contented look and smile upon their faces. We of the host Chapter are delighted that all went well and hope you cherish the memories.

86th Observation Squadron Bellows Field

Richard H. Greene recently acquired military records of his father ROBERT SIDNEY GREENE, so for the first time learned that his father had been in the 86th Observation Squadron at Bellows Field on December 7, 1941.

His father died in 1954 while still in the Air Force.

He would greatly appreciate any information he may be able to obtain from other Survivors who may have known his father.

If you knew his father, he would appreciate hearing from you. Write to 202 Triplett Dr., Cloverdale, CA 95425 or phone (707) 894-4668.

California San Diego Chapter 3



**By Ralph Lindenmeyer
California Vice State
Chairman South**

On June 14, the City of La Mesa, California held its first ever patriotic Flag Day Parade. The event was the brainchild of Councilwoman Ruth Sterling, who enlisted the San Diego Chapter of the PHSA as the featured march-

ers. More than 30 Chapter Members responded to the call.

The parade was reminiscent of 10 years ago when Hollywood called upon San Diego Chapter 3 to participate in the making of a movie entitled, "Little Nikita". Part of the storyline was the filming of a "make believe"

Armed Forces Day Parade down Main Street. Approximately 30 survivors, carrying PHSA banners and flags joined in with other marching units giving the "parade" a bit of respectability.

Scores of enthusiastic spectators lined the parade route, cheering on cue, as the Pearl Harbor Survivors proudly marched by not only once, not only twice, but perhaps a dozen times during the two days of filming. In the middle of the second day the Hollywood Director shouted into his megaphone, "Congratulations, you people finally got it right!" No! He was not referring to the Pearl Harbor Survivors, but to others in the cast of hundreds.

"It was great experience, but very tiring for a group of elder statesmen", remarked one of the marchers. When the movie was ready for preview at a local theatre, survivors were given the opportunity to see themselves in action.

Charlie Serr, USS Pennsylvania, was the only Chapter member to have participated in both the 1987 and the 1997

La Mesa Parades.

Parade Chairman Stu Hedley, USS West Virginia, had it well organized for the Survivors with convertibles available for those who preferred to ride rather than walk. Marchers are in the photo above.

Lee Sandefer, an Associate Member of Chapter 3, brought along a distinguished visitor, Staff Sergeant Robert Vogler of the Army Air Corps who was captured in the Philippines, survived the Bataan Death March and was imprisoned in Japan. He was accorded the privilege of riding in a convertible along with Charlie Serr. Vogler has had numerous articles written about his experiences as a POW in Japan.

In other patriotic activities of Chapter 3 centered around our nation's Flag Day was a Pearl Harbor exhibit in the City of Santee's two-day Craft Show. More than 300 visitors stopped by the booth to learn more about December 7, 1941. The Pearl Harbor display was arranged by Chapter 3 President Harry Hall Jr.

On June 14, the San Diego Veterans Memorial Center staged a Flag Pole Dedication in front of the Memorial Center, which attracted a large crowd of veterans and visitors alike.

Glen Cummings (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) and Fred Sobke (USS Crossbill) had the honor of raising the Colors during the ceremony. Earlier in the program, Rear Admiral John Nathman, Commander Carrier Group Seven, delivered a stirring message applauding all men and women who have fought and died for our flag. "A legacy that we in the military must continue to emulate," the Admiral said.

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California Chapter 2



**By Lawrence L. McNabb
USS Pennsylvania
California State Historian**

On March 16 some Chapter 2 Members and wives from the Bay area attended Chapter 8 meeting and lunch in Fresno.

After the meeting they went to the Legion of Valor Museum with their hosts. They toured the museum and the Pearl Harbor room. After a short meeting they presented a burial Flag donated by the family of deceased Alex Poohar (USS Maryland), a plaque and \$400 for the Pearl Harbor room.

Those attending were Chapter Vice President Manuel Mello and wife Maxine (USS Hulbert), Chapter Treasurer Orland Smith and wife Betty (USS Raleigh), Chapter President Jules Berchem and wife Lily (USS MacDonough) and Chapter Chaplain DeWayne Chartier and wife Rhea (USS Pennsylvania).

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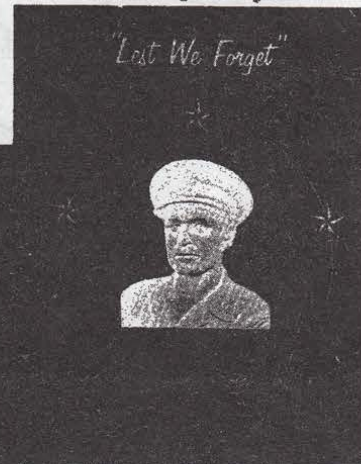
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Fifth District

By Bill Foster
District Director
USS Selfridge

Illinois Chapter 1 President Frances Gringas called the meeting to order introducing visiting officers Assistant Fifth District Director Tom Decker and Illinois State Chairman Finch Stowell. Chapter 1 members kicked off a fund drive, seeking monetary help in erecting a monument honoring Illinoisians who served and the 125 members of the armed forces from Illinois who paid the supreme sacrifice on December 7, 1941. There is no marker or monument honoring these Illinoisians in the state.

The monument will be erected in the new Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery being built on 982 acres at the old Joilet army ammunition plant site in Joilet. The Fundraising Committee is comprised of Chairman Jim Elliott (USCG Tiger), Treasurer John Barry (Naval Intelligence, USN), Co-Chairman Michael Musko (USS Oglala), and Advisor, State Chairman Finch Stowell (USS Oklahoma). The cemetery will open in 1999.

Illinois Chapter 2 met in Springfield on May 3. Chapter President called the meeting to order that was addressed by State Chairman Finch Stowell, Assistant State Chairman Mike Musko, and Illinois Chapter 1 President-Elect Don Beckett.

On April 5 I met with the Iowa Hawkeye Chapter in Mason City. Richard and June Leaman hosted the meeting. Good food, scuttlebutt and camaraderie were abundant. I met many old friends and made some new ones. Thanks to Secretary Keith Clark for inviting me.

The wife and I were in attendance April 14 at the Indiana Chapters 1 and 2 meeting in Lafayette. Got acquainted with State Chairman Paul Kennedy and his wife. Renewed old friendship with Honorary Secretary/ Treasurer John Berlier and his wife Rose. Members at the meeting reminded me of the happening at the 5th District Convention in Rockford in 1988.

The ladies at the convention were on tour aboard an English double decker bus that broke down. In the true PHSA spirit the ladies got off the bus and started hitch hiking, pulling up their skirts and thumbing rides.

Minnesota State Chairman Guy A. Nelson says the snows have melted, rivers have subsided and PHSA meetings are back on schedule. Past District Director Glen Turner, a member of the National Committee for the Future is on the mend and attending meetings. The Southern Minnesota Chapter lost their secretary, Ted Weeks, a long time loyal worker for state and national goals. He will be missed by Minnesota Survivors. Chapter 3 held Memorial Day services at Fort Snelling Cemetery.

North Dakota State Chairman Harold F. Brusche reports the North Dakota Chapters have been inactive because of the harsh winter snows and spring floods in the Red River Valley.

I attended the Wisconsin Charles Blazek Chapter meeting with Assistant Director Tom Decker in West Bend on May 30. Wisconsin State Chairman John Weinberger has submitted his resignation (due to health). Members of the Charles Blazek Chapter took part in Memorial Day parade and activities in Milwaukee.

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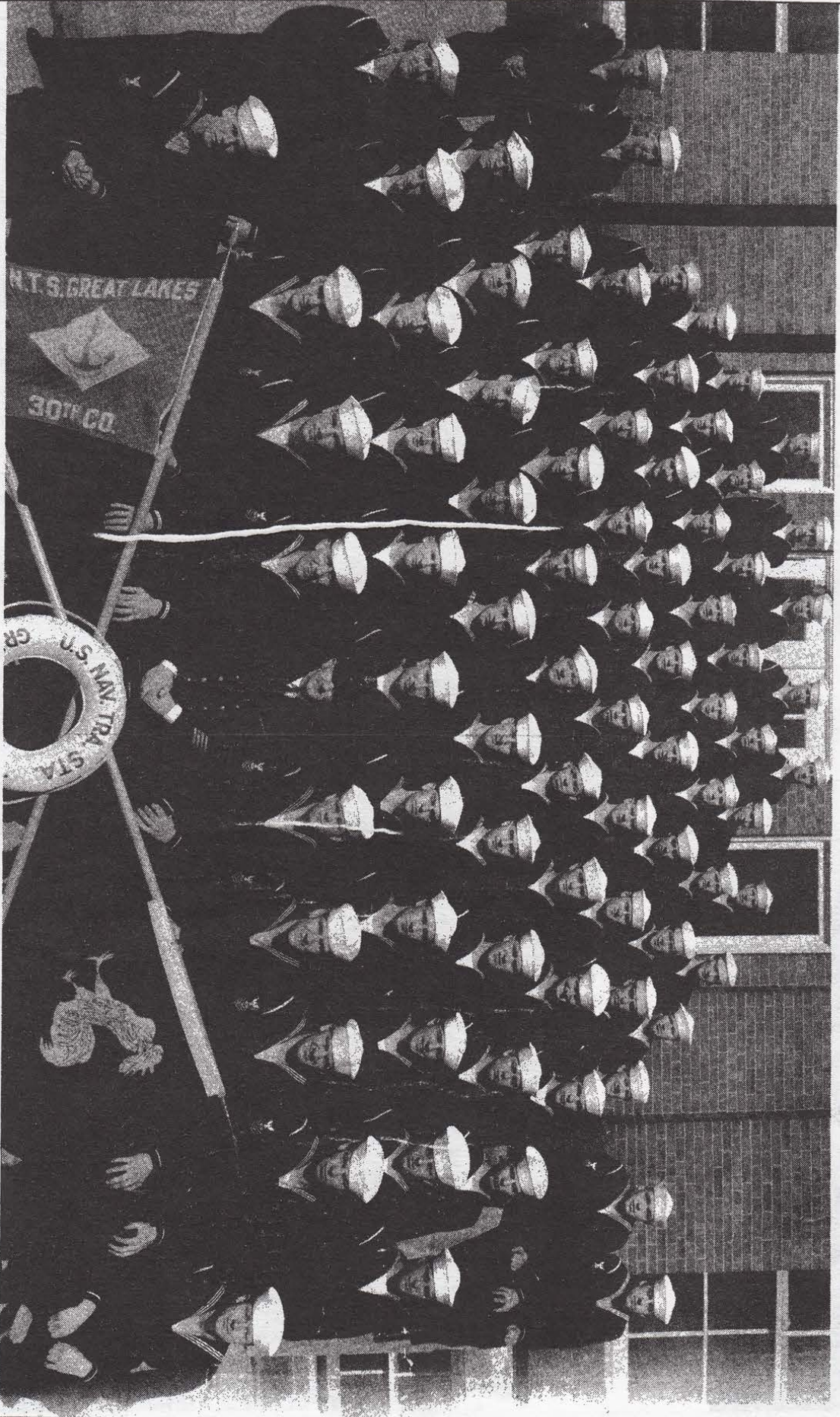
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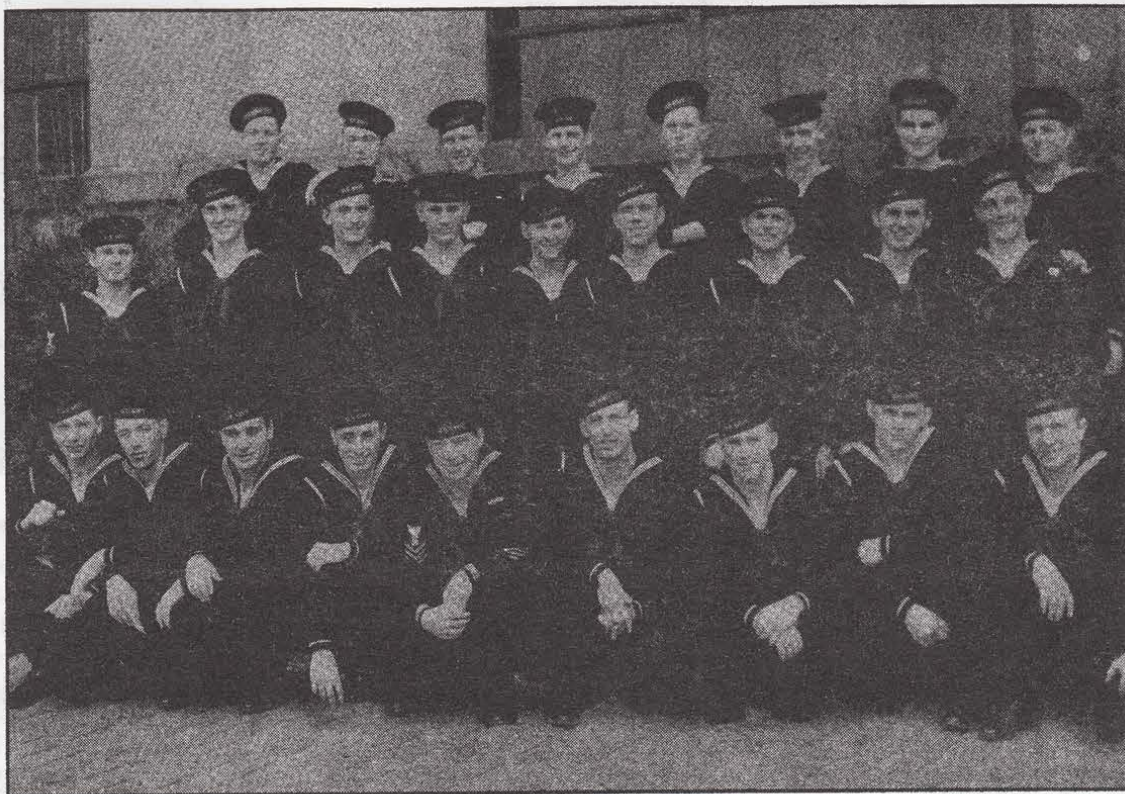
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Company D, Section 2, U.S. Naval Reserve Signal School Chicago, Illinois April 1941



Submitted by Stan Levitt (USS Rigel)
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We Have Poems

I'm A Survivor By Jack Doyle USS Tennessee

In '41 we fought the Japs
When we were young and strong,
And pushed them back across the sea
Where those sneaking Japs belonged.

Now, I'm getting old,
Don't see too well,
Have lots of pains and aches,
But looking at the brighter side
I'm still alive for Heaven's sakes.

My memory's failed me just a bit
Can't remember my wife's name,
So I just call her "honey"
And she loves me just the same.

My feet are sore
And hurt much more
Than they did just last year
I'm not the youngster
That I was back in '41 I fear.

I hurt in all my joints
And need a rub down now and then,
Sure wish I felt as healthy
As I did away back when.

At night I take a pill to sleep
And put my teeth upon the nightstand,
And lay my specks beside them
So they'll be close at hand.

Even whets her name — my wife
Don't think I'm quite the man I was,
I won't tell you why she thinks that,
I'll just say 'because'.

My hair's turned grey
And yes, some say
I'm not the man I used to be
But, darn it, I'm a survivor
And that's good enough for me!!

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STANFORD, Harvey E. (USS Raleigh) and Lucille, P. O. Box 546, Deming, NM 88031-0546 - July 20, 1997.

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Utah Introduces 'Pearl'

Utah Chapter 1



**Photo by David Senn
Chapter President**

Utah Chapter 1 wishes to introduce "Pearl", a ceramic pig made and donated to the chapter by our good member Barbara Nielson. "Pearl" has a large slot in her back and a curl in her tail! At each meeting she is passed to members and guests and gratefully accepts all donations. Pearl prefers "quiet" money (bills or checks), but the clinking of coins is also music to her ears. Pearl collects enough at each meeting to cover the cost of our monthly newsletter mailing, sometimes more. Perhaps your chapter would like a "Pearl" of your own.

In the photo are Darrel Stevens (USS Tennessee) Barbara Nielson holding "Pearl" and Dave Senn (1st Def Bn USMC).



**By David Senn
Chapter President**

Members of Utah Chapter 1 engaged in their annual activity of decorating deceased veterans plaques at Memorial Grove, Salt Lake City on Memorial Day.

Several hundred plaques at the site honor many of Utah's war dead, mostly from World War II, whose bodies were lost at sea or not recovered. Two of the plaques honor men killed at Pearl Harbor.

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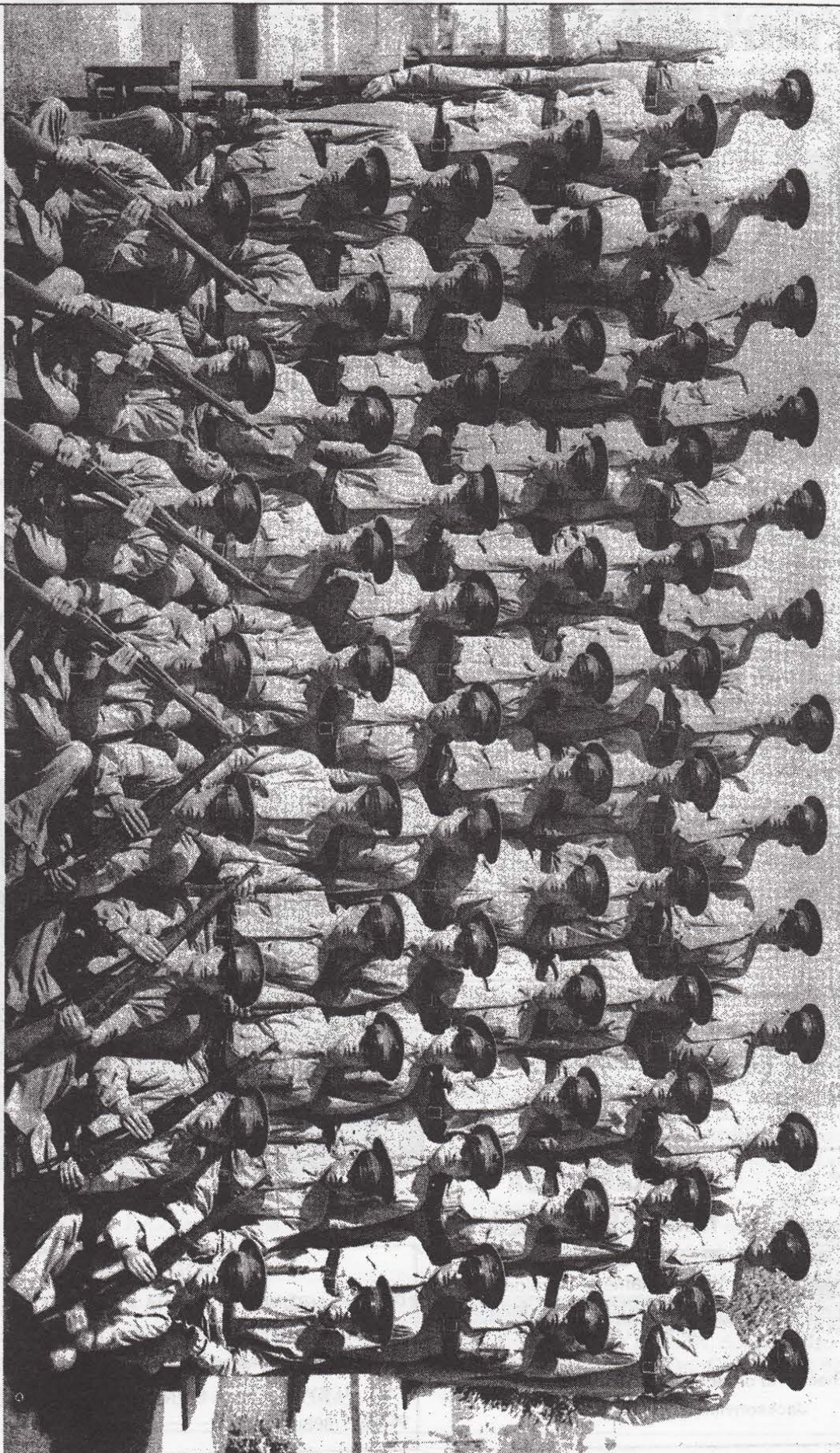
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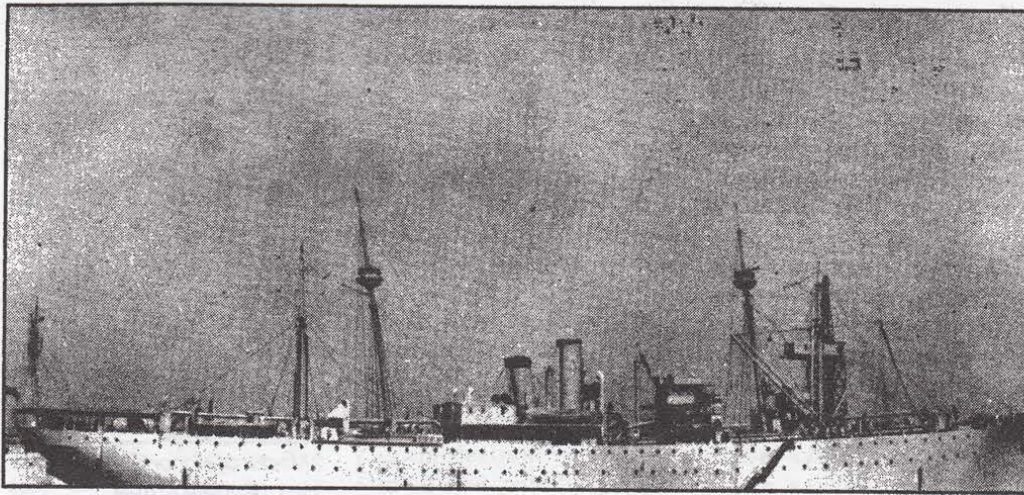
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History of USS Rigel (AR-11)



A vessel of World War I vintage, USS RIGEL (AR-11) was one of the oldest Navy repair ships operating during World War II. Built by Skinner & Eddy at Seattle, Washington, the ship was acquired by the Navy from the U.S. Shipping Board on 29 October 1921. USS RIGEL began her career as a destroyer tender.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, RIGEL continued to serve as a destroyer tender, spending many years at San Diego as station ship. However, long before the first shell exploded or the first

bomb dropped, RIGEL began shaking off the cobwebs of inactivity and began to prepare for her share in the conflict which quite apparently was drawing closer by the day. On 10 April 1941, her designation was changed from destroyer tender to repair ship (AR), and 1 May, following minor repairs, RIGEL steamed out of San Diego, bound for Bremerton Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington. From Bremerton she laid her course for Pearl Harbor, reaching that ill-fated outpost on 12 July. There, extensive repairs and

alterations to her superstructure were undertaken.

At the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, RIGEL, without serviceable guns and stripped of her superstructure, lay helpless at the Navy dock. With more important prey, however, the Japanese fliers ignored her and concentrated their bombing on nearby battleships. Except for a near miss off the bow and some shrapnel holes gashed on her fantail, RIGEL came unscathed through the murderous attack.

However, it was while the Jap planes were still raining their bombs down on the anchorage, that RIGEL began her service to the fleet; a service which was to carry on to

the very end of hostilities.

Organizing her repair crews, RIGEL immediately began rescue work on the hull of the capsized battleship USS OKLAHOMA, which had been anchored nearby. And it was the quick thinking of the crew which saved many lives from a seemingly hopeless trap. Burning torches sliced great holes in the bottom plates of the battleship, through which crawled many sailors who were hopelessly trapped when the ship capsized.

Following Pearl Harbor, work on reconditioning RIGEL as a repair ship was rushed, and on 20 April 1942, she was at last ready for sea and departed for the South Pacific, to take up her work of making the repairs necessary to keep Navy craft serviceable and in action, and wherever possible to eliminate the necessity of long trips back to Navy Yards for repairs. Her designation was changed to AR-11. RIGEL's commanding officer at this time was Captain R. Dudley, USN.

With Auckland, New Zealand as her first destination, RIGEL made her first stop at English Harbor, Fanning Island, to disembark Company G., 161st infantry and to unload equipment which had been loaded at Pearl Harbor. Leaving Fanning Island, RIGEL carried as passengers a group of civilians being evacuated to Auckland. Escorted by the destroyer GRIDLEY, the repair ship reached Auckland on 16 May 1942 by way of Samou and Tonga Tabu.

At Auckland RIGEL set up shop and went to work at her job of repairing damaged ships. By November, however, Auckland was too far from the scene of action, and

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on 10 November, without escort, RIGEL weighed anchor for Noumea, New Caledonia, arriving on 13 November. From Noumea, she continued on to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, where she made emergency repairs on many ships of the fleet which had received battle damage, including the cruiser MINNEAPOLIS, whose bow had been torn open by a torpedo explosion, and the destroyers CUNNINGHAM and MCFARLAND.

On 14 January 1943, RIGEL moved her operations base to Efate Island, continuing her repair work at that anchorage until 1 May, when she left for Sydney, Australia, in company with a large convoy. After 15 days in Sydney, where stores were loaded, rest and recreation, RIGEL then departed for Brisbane, arriving on 18 May. Leaving Brisbane with a formation of LST's and APC's with the destroyers SAND and GILMER as escorts, RIGEL anchored at Milne Bay, New Guinea on 21 June. The day after her arrival in Milne Bay, Rear Admiral Barbey broke his flag in RIGEL, and until 25 December, RIGEL was the flagship of the Seventh Amphibious Force.

On 3 January 1944, RIGEL steamed out of Milne Bay bound for Buna British New Guinea, arriving at that anchorage on the following day. Here on 18 February Captain Roy Dudley was relieved as commanding officer by Commander Jay G. Huntoon, USNR.

At Buna, as the tide of conflict slowly rolled closer and closer to the Japanese home islands, RIGEL worked around the clock keeping the ships of the Seventh Amphibious Force fit for action.

On 9 June, RIGEL weighed anchor once again and moved up to a position closer to the scene of action, this time dropping her anchor at Alexishafen (Madang) in British New Guinea. While at Alexishafen, RIGEL went under operational control of the Service Force, Seventh Fleet.

Following a repair period at Sydney, Australia during September 1944, RIGEL on 1 November steamed for Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, in the Admiralty Group, arriving on 11 November. Nine days later she weighed anchor and sailed for Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, where she engaged in repairing amphibious craft.

During this period, Captain Huntoon was relieved as commanding officer of RIGEL by Commander Valentine M. Davis, USN, on 2 December 1944.

On 10 January 1945, RIGEL left Hollandia and proceeded to San Pedro Bay busily making repairs on amphibious craft when the word was received that the war was over.

After returning to the United States, a directive dated July 1946 placed USS RIGEL (AR-11) out of com-

mission and she was transferred to the War Shipping Administration for disposal.

USS RIGEL (AR-11) earned 4 battle stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Medal.

USS Ross (DDG-71)

The USS Ross, named in honor of Donald K. Ross, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on December 7, 1941, was commissioned June 28, 1997 in Galveston, Texas.

There were many Pearl Harbor Survivors among the approximately 5,000 who attended the commissioning.

It is expected that more about the commissioning, including photos, will be in the November Gram.



Medal of Honor honoree
Donald K. Ross

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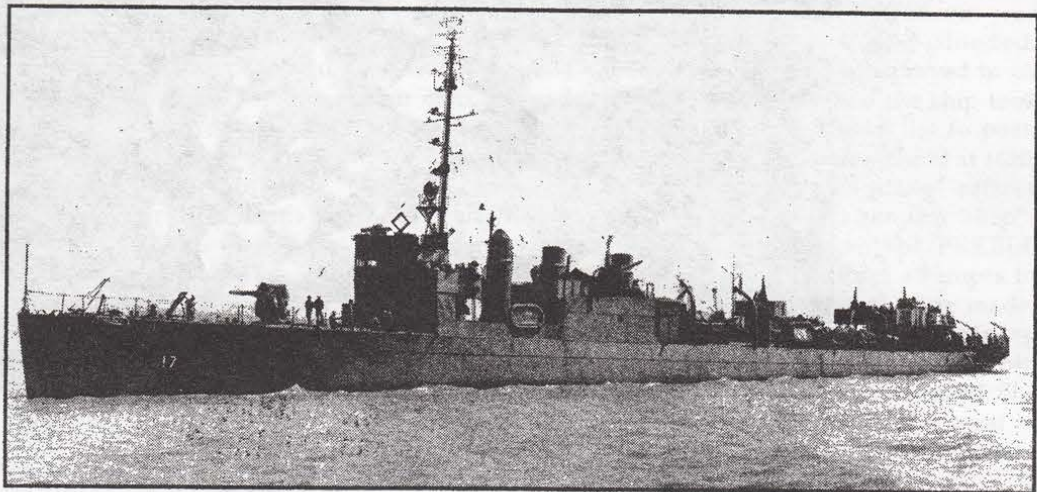
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History of USS Perry (DMS-17)

Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, born at Rocky Point, South Kingston, Rhode Island, 20 August 1785, was appointed Midshipman 7 April 1799 and served in revenue cutter GENERAL GREEN during the Naval War with France. He fought in frigates ADAMS and CONSTELLATION during the Barbary Wars.

In the War of 1812, Perry constructed and commanded a fleet of American warships on Lake Erie. When his flagship LAWRENCE was shattered and sinking in the Battle of Lake Erie, Perry fired her last effective gun, took his battle flag, and rowed across shot-splashed waters to NIAGARA where he fought on to victory, and reported, "We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

The victory gave the Unit-



ed States control of Lake Erie and enabled Perry and General Harrison to take a large part of Canadian territory which helped American Commissioners at Ghent to negotiate a treaty favorable to the United States. When peace was restored, Perry commanded frigate JAVA in

the Mediterranean. In May 1819 he went to Venezuela to seek help in protecting American ships off the northern coast of South America waters then plagued by pirates. After sailing to the Spanish Main in JOHN ADAMS, he ascended the Orinoco River in NONSUCH. At Angostura, Perry succeeded in negotiating a favorable treaty, but contracted fever and died 23 August 1819.

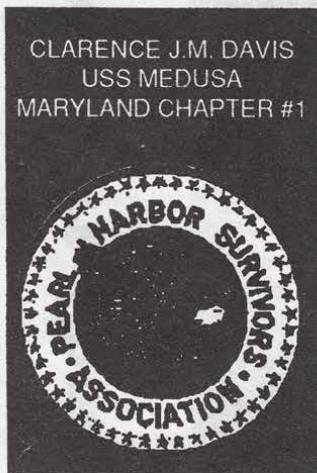
PERRY (DD-340), third ship of this name, was laid down 15 September 1920 at the Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California, launched

29 October 1921 sponsored by Miss Anne R. Scudder, and commissioned 7 August 1922, Lt. Richard H. Booth in command.

PERRY operated out of San Diego until 17 January 1923. Then decommissioned, she remained in reserve until recommissioned 1 April 1930. Operations off California were followed in late summer by a cruise to Alaska with members of the U.S. Senate embarked for an inspection trip. Squadron, fleet and joint Army-Navy-Coast Guard exercises

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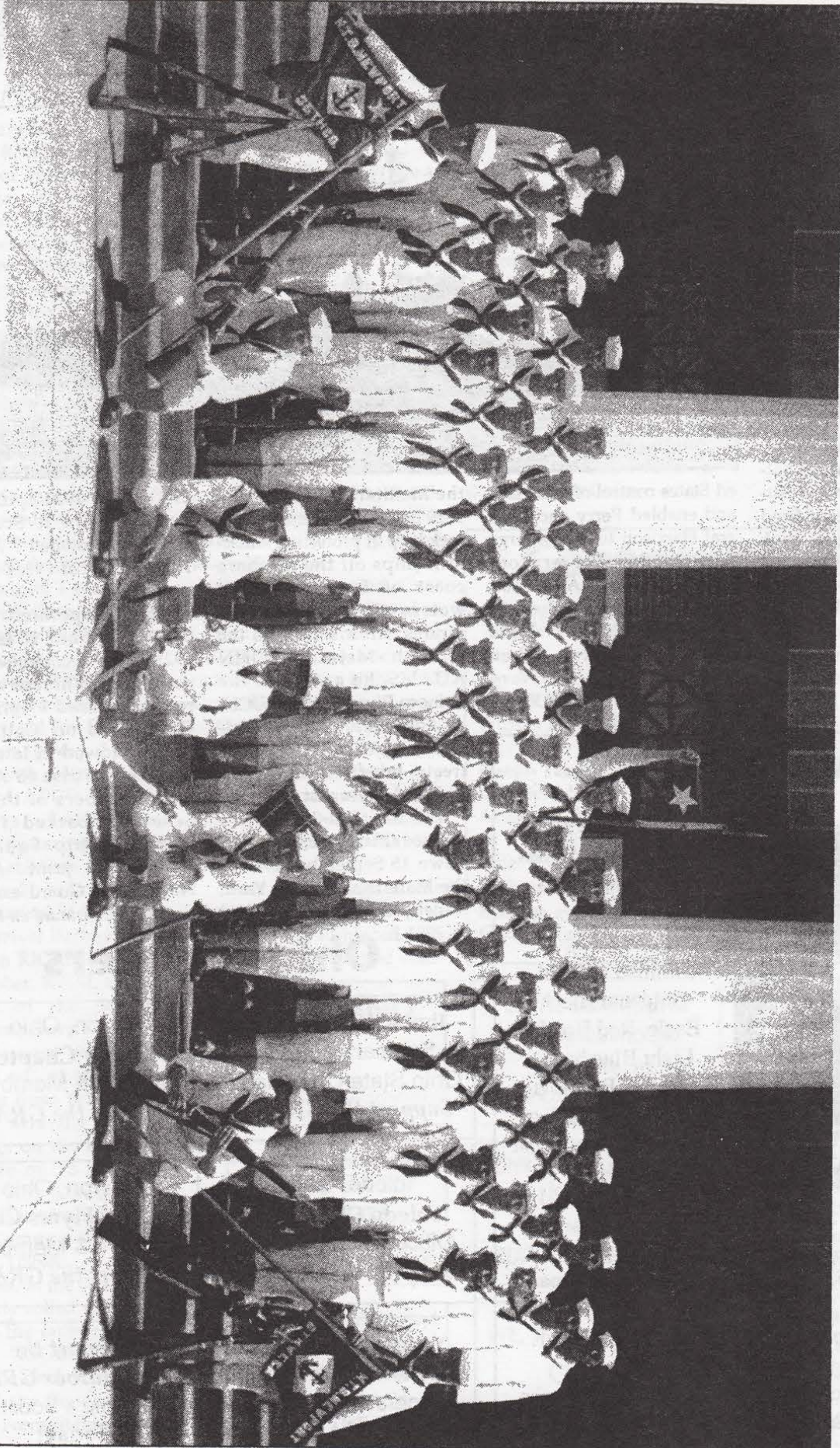
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in the eastern Pacific, the Caribbean and the western Atlantic filled her schedule for the next decade.

On 2 April 1940, PERRY departed San Diego for her new homeport, Pearl Harbor. For the next five months she patrolled in Hawaiian waters, then in October, entered the naval shipyard at Pearl Harbor for conversion to a high speed minesweeper. Re-designated DMS-17, effective 19 November 1940, she joined MinRon 2 at Pearl Harbor in January 1941. In late spring, she sailed back to San Diego, whence, on 1 July, she departed to escort ARIZONA to Pearl Harbor.

On 7 December 1941, PERRY was moored at Pearl Harbor. Promptly after the Japanese attack she got under way and, having already splashed one of the attackers, took up patrol and sweeping duties in the approaches to the harbor entrance. She continued offshore patrols until 31 May 1942, then sailed east to California. Alterations at Mare Island followed, and on 31 July, she departed as convoy escort for Pearl Harbor.

From Hawaii she steamed to Kodiak to assist in the Aleutian campaign. For the next year, until after the retaking of Kiska, 15 August 1943, PERRY performed minesweeping and rescue missions and escorted troop and supply convoys in the foggy waters of the north Pacific.

On 8 September, PERRY departed Adak and sailed south. Stopping first in Hawaii, she continued on to San Francisco for repairs. Back at Pearl Harbor 27 November, she joined the 5th Fleet, then staging for the Marshall Islands campaign. On 31 January 1944, she

arrived off Kwajalein and took up antisubmarine station in the transport area. She departed that atoll five days later, escorted troopships to Noumea, conducted sweeping operations in the Solomons, and then, on 3 April, sailed with MinRon 2 for New Guinea. Three days later, she joined the 7th Fleet at Milne Bay. In mid-month she got under way with TG 77.3 and, acting as ocean escort and anti-submarine screen, arrived with that group off Aitape on the 22nd. Prior to the assault there, she swept between Tamara and Alli Islands, then took up antisubmarine patrol and shore bombardment duties.

PERRY remained in New Guinea waters until 6 May, when she steamed east to rejoin the 5th Fleet in the Solomons and prepared for the invasion of the Marianas. Assigned to TG 51.17, PERRY arrived off Saipan and commenced sweeping operations 13 June under cover from the battleships of TF 58. Completing sweeping operations the following day, she resumed screening duties in the forward area, maintaining her protective posture over the transports off the assault beaches through the landings and the Battle of the Philippine Sea. On 26 June, she departed Saipan for Eniwetok, whence she sailed with TG 53.1 for Guam. Between the 14th and the 20th she screened vessels delivering the pre-invasion bombardment; then, as troops were landed on the 21st, joined the screen of the fire support units.

Prior to departing the Marianas, five days later, PERRY participated in the shelling of Rota, then returned to Guam, whence she sailed, the same day, for Eniwetok in the transport screen. Further exercises in the Solomons preceded her

next and last assignment, the Palau invasion.

On 6 September MinRon 2 sortied from Florida Island. On the 12th they reached their objective and the units commenced sweeping operations off Pelelieu Island. At 0811, a mine explosion destroyed PERRY's port sweep gear. By 1028 she had replaced the gear and was back in formation to continue operations until early afternoon. That night she carried out antisubmarine patrols, and early the next morning of 13 September 1944, resumed her sweeping mission. At 1418 off Anguar, a violent underwater explosion, starboard side amidships, shook

the ship. All steam to her main engines was lost and the forward fireroom was demolished and flooded. Steam and oil sprayed in all directions and the ship took on a 30 degree list to port. The list increased and at 1420, the commanding officer ordered "abandon ship". With the aid of PREBLE (DD-345), final attempts to save the vessel were made, but at 1515, all remaining personnel were ordered off. At 1605 PERRY capsized. She broke in two at the point of damage, and at 1607 sank in 40 fathoms of water.

PERRY (DMS-17) earned 6 battle stars during World War II.

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