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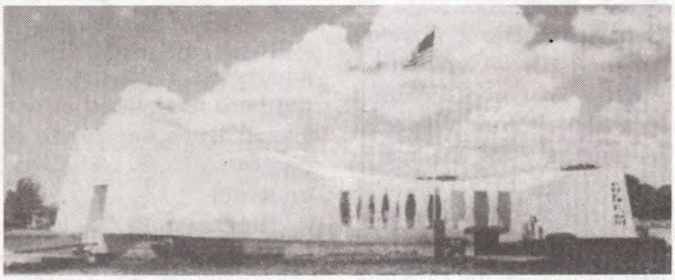


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We are dedicated to the memory of Pearl Harbor and to those gallant Americans who gave their lives for their country on December 7, 1941.

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# Medal of Honor Memorial at California Riverside National Cemetery

*Medal of Honor recipient John Finn is flanked by U.S. Marines during a memorial ceremony at Riverside National Cemetery in California.*

**By Woodrow W. Derby**
**USS Nevada**

In front of a tremendous crowd, 85 of the 150 living Medal of Honor recipients attended the dedication of a wonderful Medal of Honor Memorial at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Lieutenant John Finn (in photo) the oldest living recipient and the last living Medal of Honor recipient of Pearl Harbor, was greeted and honored. At the conclusion of the program seven recipients were selected to pour water from small bottles that had been obtained from the "Seven Seas of the World" by Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel. Lieutenant Finn was the first chosen to pour the water into the fountain.

The main speaker was Secretary of Defense William Cohen who gave full credit to the heroic deeds all Medal recipients had put forth.

USS Nevada personnel on hand to honor Edwin J. Hill and Donald K. Ross, two of our crewmen who received Medals of Honor for heroic duties on December 7, 1941, were Woody and Chris Derby, Paul Adams, and Edith Kraemer, widow of George Kraemer.

# A Sailor Returns One Last Time

**By son Robert DeVinck**

My father Walter L. DeVinck (USS Blue) had been to Pearl Harbor on two previous occasions: December 7 1941, and December 7, 1991 (the 50th anniversary of the attack). On December 10, 1999, we brought Dad back to Pearl one last time. Dad passed away June 2, 1999, in Pacific Grove, California, and it was his desire to be cremated. We placed the bag containing Dad's ashes in his favorite clarinet case, and put the case on our mantel at home. Dad was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and at his funeral mass, the U.S. Navy paid tribute to him by presenting my mother with a folded flag and playing "Taps". Four of Dad's fellow members of PHSA were present at the mass.

In July, when JFK Jr. died, I read several articles about how the Navy will perform a burial-at-sea ceremony for its veterans, if requested by the family. This was news to me so I looked into it further. Since I knew my wife and I were planning a trip to Hawaii in December, I called Pearl Harbor to see if we could have Dad's ashes scattered at sea while we were there. When I mentioned that

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# Secretary Invited To Speak At Memorial Day Celebration

PHSA, Incorporated
2/8/00
National Administrative Office

Mr. Julius A. Finnern,
National Secretary

Dear Mr. Finnern:

Each year the Roswell Rotary Clubs and the City of Roswell co-host a Memorial day celebration on the grounds of the city hall, at the location of the Faces of War Memorial that was constructed four years ago. The Memorial Day committee selects a branch of the service to honor at this event, along with a special dedication to a special group of veterans within that branch.

The United States Navy is our choice for the Memorial Day 2000 event. And, the Survivors of Pearl Harbor will be our featured guests during the ceremony held on May 29th, at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Finnern, the Memorial Day 2000 Committee would like to cordially extend to you an invitation to be our guest speaker on this date, and join the members of the PHSA from the State of Georgia. The Roswell Visitors & Convention Bureau will coordinate a local hotel and a special lodging rate for the members of the PHSA so that they can be together and share their stories. On Memorial Day, the program will begin with the PHSA marching (or walking) behind the Pipes and Drum Corps a short distance from the City Hall to their reserve seating area down front, next to the stage. This event is attended by over 5000 people, and all three major Atlanta news networks cover the festivities. Each PHSA member will receive a complimentary video tape of the service to remember this special occasion.

I hope that you will accept our invitation, and join us in Roswell for a great American tribute to our veterans and the members of the PHSA. My home telephone number is (770) 992-9100. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Stone, Co-Chair
Memorial Day 2000
Committee

# The Chinese War Memorial Medal

All Pearl Harbor Survivors are eligible for the Chinese War Memorial Medal issued by the Republic of China. To obtain this medal you must send a letter with proof of service, a copy of your DD-214 form will do, to Llang Ping-Sheng, Director Major General the Coordination Council for the American Affairs, 4201 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D.C., 20016.

# Secretary's Message

Thank you for your prayers, best wishes and get well cards after my recent surgery to correct an aneurysm. With the skills the Lord has placed in surgeons' hands, we should all be eternally thankful and grateful!!

The latest PHSA Roster indicates total active survivors at 7,925. The problem with the 7,925 figure is that we have many survivors in the Administrative Office files who have died without this office receiving a PHSA Form 15, "Report of Death." Also surviving primary next of kin (PNOK) have not notified anyone that their spouses had died.

We believe that if all chapter officers would treat their members as family and develop a personal relationship with them, it would provide an avenue of information which would allow us to deal with our deceased members with the dignity required.

If you feel you must use e-mail, it must have the same information on it as the PHSA Form 15, "Report of Death." A Form 15 with only the Survivor's name is useless information as is "I heard that Survivor Jones died."

PHSA Form 15 can be obtained by an e-mail, snail mail, FAX or phone call request to the PHSA Administrative Office.

What a great time to be alive, the year 2000 and in one year a new millennium begins in the year 2001.

To everyone: Hauoli Maka hiki Hou!

Julius A. Finnern


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# It's The Old Hat Game Again

**By Robert Kronberger**
**National President**

Due to the continued flagrant misuse of the PHSA hats that denote elected state and national office holders, it has become necessary to control the purchase of the PHSA uniform hats.

Effective immediately all official PHSA hats containing the PHSA logo must be purchased through the national storekeepers office.

Again we refer everyone to the contents of PHSA handbook section 17, article 9a (1), (2) and (3), 9a (1), (2) and (3) and b(1) and (a). This section states that the white hat is authorized to be worn by national elected officers, district directors and past national officers and past district directors. The only exception to this article is the authorization for the Gram editor, national chaplain and national storekeeper to wear the white hat while serving in those capacities.

The white hat with the french blue crown may be worn by elected and past elected state officers. The navy blue hat is worn by regular membership Survivors. A green crown hat is available for all presidential appointees. The gold crown hat may only be worn by the four living founding fathers.

Uniform hats may be obtained through National Storekeeper Ed Chappell, P.O. Box 1794, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-1794 - telephone (520) 855-8977 or Bob Kirby, 707 Foxwood Dr., Oceanside, Ca 92057-5046 - telephone (760) 439-6714.

This directive does not have any effect on or pertain to the hats worn by the members of the PHSA Sons and Daughters organization, or the hats without the PHSA logo that are worn by honorary members. This directive applies only to those official PHSA hats that contain the PHSA logo.

## The Uniform PHSA Cap

The policy of the National Executive Board is that all Pearl Harbor Survivors hats will be purchased through the National Storekeeper. Past or present National Officers requesting uniform caps, may get them replaced through the National Storekeeper. All requests for State PHSA caps must have certification through their state organization.

The National Treasurer will provide the caps for the incoming National Officers and District Directors. This does not effect those who now have State or National caps in their possession until December, 7, 2000. All appointed officers, chapter, state or national, their appointments terminate at the new selection of officers. They may not wear an authorized presidential appointment cap unless they are re-appointed by the incoming national president. Honorary members are not allowed under any condition to wear the PHSA uniform cap.

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# National Executive Board Meeting

President Robert Kronberger has called a National Executive Board meeting to be held in conjunction with the 5th District Convention June 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2000, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For further information, please contact:

Paul Kennedy, Convention Chairman
1853 Southwood
Greenwood IN 46143
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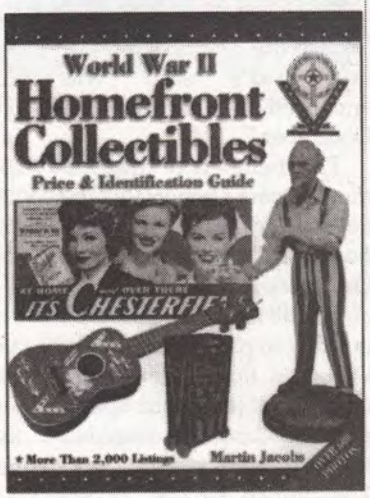


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# Sailor Returns

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he was a Pearl Harbor Survivor, I was told that a very special ceremony was reserved for only those veterans. Instead of the usual practice of taking the ashes out to sea on a naval vessel during maneuvers, the Navy would perform a private ceremony in the Harbor, where Dad's ashes would be scattered wherever we requested. I will describe for you what our family experienced on the morning of December 10.

Early that morning, two Navy vans picked up our 14-member family at our Waikiki hotel and drove us to Pearl Harbor. We were greeted by Jim Taylor (the organizer of the ceremony), several Naval officers, a chaplain, a photographer, a bugler, and a Naval Honor Guard. We boarded a private launch that took us past the USS Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, up toward the East Loch, where my Dad's ship was anchored the morning of December 7, 1941.

The members of the ceremonial party especially the Petty Officer in Charge and Boatswain's Mate First Class Dana Seiget were very emphatic that this was to be our day to pay tribute to our Dad, and their fellow shipmate, and we could spend as much time as we needed to pray, take pictures, etc. The launch slowed as we approached the spot where my father stood 58 years earlier as he witnessed the first wave of Japanese aircraft flying over the Blue towards Battleship Row.

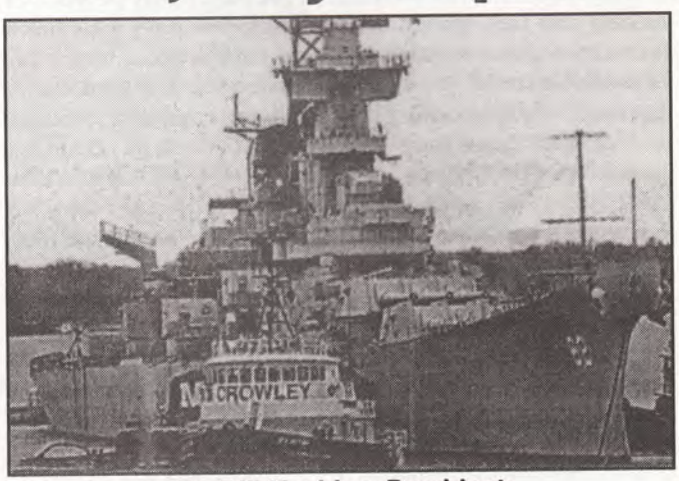
Chaplain Lieutenant Paul Shaughnessy, began the ceremony with prayers and blessings for my Dad. With profound reverence, my father's ashes were removed from the clarinet case and ever so slowly poured into the waters of Pearl Harbor. The bugler played "Taps" and the Honor Guard gave my Dad a 21-gun salute. Don Howell, from the PHSA Hawaii Chapter, presented our family with a plaque verifying that the folded flag that we were being given flew over the USS Arizona two days earlier. The Navy paid their respects to their deceased shipmate, and our family prayed for our lost loved one. Just before the launch made its slow return back four of our family members threw purple orchid leis into the water.

After the launch delivered us to the Visitor Center, most of the family wanted to return to the hotel. My nephew Brian had never been to the Arizona Memorial so I suggested that the two of us stay behind to do that. While there, I met PHSA member Dick Fiske, who was on the USS West Virginia. I told him what we had just done for my Dad and he said, "I've got a picture of the Blue, during the attack." He went off, then returned with a scrapbook showing pictures of him during, and after the war. He found the picture he was looking for and, sure thing, there was the Blue as she was fighting her way out of the harbor. After talking to Dick for awhile, Brian and I went in to see the film about the attack then caught the next launch out to the Memorial.

Just then, as we were boarding the launch to return to the Visitor Center, it began to rain. As the launch pulled away from the Memorial I watched as the leis reached the floating buoy at the bow of the Arizona. Leis are a symbol of welcome. I thought perhaps Dad is being welcomed into that fraternity of other deceased shipmates, men he knew 58 years ago, veterans of a war who did nothing less than save the world. As we distanced ourselves from the Memorial, I saw the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, coming into the harbor, her crew standing atop her massive deck, in the pouring rain, waiting to go ashore.

On that December morning, as we returned to the Visitor Center, I didn't know how we were going to get back to our hotel, nor where we were going to have lunch. What I did know is that there is a God who controls the currents of our lives as He controls the currents of the oceans. There was a reason for bringing Dad back to Pearl, a reason for my going out to the Arizona Memorial, with my nephew, when we did. At that moment, I was content in the knowledge that my father was now in a place where those reasons were as clear as the waters over which his spirit now flows.

# New Jersey Chapter 3




**By Bill Kushina, President**
**(24th Infantry Division, Schofield Bks)**

Garden State Chapter 3 played an important role in having the U.S. Navy designate Camden, New Jersey as a final resting place for the USS New Jersey, as a floating museum, located just across the Delaware River. It was built at the Philadelphia Naval Yard and launched in 1942. It became the most decorated warship in naval history earning 6 battle stars.

On December 7, 1999, honorary member of New Jersey Chapter 3, Congressman Rob Andrews, presented his ninth annual Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration.

Some 2,000 friends, relatives and veterans assembled between the USS New Jersey and the USS America, the nation's flagship, to pay tribute to Pearl Harbor Survivors and to all veterans who have served and lost their lives protecting our great nation.

New Jersey Chapter 3 speaker Al Matthews (52nd Field Art., Schofield Barracks) introduced PHSA members and other veterans.

# With The President

The new quarter started out kind of slow because of the holiday season and the fierce bout with the flu bug. Marion and I were able to visit with California Chapter 31 and their Christmas Party at the Marine Base at Camp Pendelton, California. There is no place that can compare with the breakfast cuisine of the USMC Officers Club. All was well except that the microphone was accidentally connected to the rest of the building and the president's message was delivered to a large audience. The good part was that we received many good accolades for the talk.

Later in the week we traveled to Yucca Valley, California to celebrate and enjoy the festive season with the great hospitality and warmth of President Don Jones and his great Chapter 21. Marion seemed to win most of the door prizes.

We started out in January for the Arizona's Parker Dam Parade with the Arizona Chapters and the gatherings at Quartsite, Arizona, but the flu bug and the doctor in the emergency room sent us back up the mountain to the subnormal temperatures of Big Bear City.

In February we were able to view "Our Ship" USS Pearl Harbor depart on her first deployment to the far east. Prior to leaving, the Commanding Officer Commander Gordon R. Rutherford most graciously made arrangements with the Commander Surface Forces, United States Pacific Fleet to allow 25 of our members to meet the ship in Hawaii on their return to San Diego and be the guests of the crew on the return voyage home. Well over 140 members requested to have their names placed in a lotto system for this once in a lifetime privilege, a voyage long to be remembered. Thirty names were chosen with 10 supernumeraries. The drawing of PHSA members names was made by an American Legion Post to insure that our members from all over the country had an equal chance to participate in the cruise.

In February, Marion and I joined Ed and Eva Chappell at Ed's installing the Chapter Officers of PHSA Chapter 21 in Palm Springs. Our next trip was to Ontario, California to meet with California Chapter 9 where we had the privilege of presenting a check to a lovely young lady who won their Americanism Essay contest.

February the 13th found Marion and Bob helping California Chapter 12 celebrate their birthday. It was a gala affair, and your president and Marion were treated most graciously. We were able to spend some quality time with Past National President Bill Aupperlee and his lovely wife Jeanne. After the party we were able to fight the rain, fog and snow for 135 miles back home.

The 24th of February found me and PHSA Treasurer Bill Eckel in Covington, Kentucky meeting with Jim Edwards, Chairman of the Year 2000 National Convention, and Kentucky State Chairman Jim O'Neal. The meeting was to finalize the preparation of our next convention. The Drawbridge Estate, where we will be holding our National Convention, is a full service and delightful place to hold a convention.

March first found us very busy with the paperwork and telephone requests that went along with the selection of the guests of the USS Pearl Harbor Tiger Cruise.

The 13th of March found me, National Vice President Ed Chappell and National Treasurer Bill Eckel basking in the sun on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, searching for a suitable hotel to hold our 60th anniversary. We also met with the officers of the Aloha Chapter and the Hawaiian State Chairman, in order to formulate programs for our anniversary. We also attended the regular meeting of the Aloha Chapter. Before leaving Hawaii, we met with several executives of the Arizona Memorial to discuss topics of interest to each of us.

# National World War II Memorial Fund

*River City Chapter Six members at Wal-Mart California.*

**By Jake Jaekel**
**(Navy Yard)**

When PHSA River City Chapter 6 in Sacramento, California learned of the Wal-Mart Stores participation in the National World War II Memorial Fundraising program and their pledge to help raise the $40 million dollars still needed for the $100 million dollar goal, they and other PHSA Chapters joined dozens of other Veterans Organizations for a final push to secure funding for a National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

On Veterans Day November 1999 Chapter 6 participated at seven Wal-Mart stores for the kick-off of the WW II Memorial Fund drive to raise the $40 million needed. Since that date Chapter 6 members have continued to work with Wal-Mart and as of end of the year over $10 million has been raised nationwide.

"Their involvement was a tremendous success," said Wal-Mart district manager Tom McCabe. "They made an impact on our participating stores. Additionally, Wal-Mart is matching the first $1,000 raised for each of our 3,000 stores for this long overdue 'thank you' to our WW II Veterans and the courageous folks back home who supported them."

# Prayer for the Dead

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

**EDWARDS, Walter W.**
*U.S. Navy Hospital*
Jackson, CA

**LONG, Donald M.**
*21st Inf Reg Schofield Bks*
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**BELLOWS, James W.**
*USS West Virginia*
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**ZALIBERA, Thomas E.**
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*325th QM Schofield Bks*
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**HENRY, James W.**
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Hemet, CA

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Visalia, CA

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*3rd Def Bn USMC*
Mountain Top, PA

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*Supply, NAS Ford Island*
Warrington, FL

**NICHOLSON, Noil H.**
*Station Hospital, Schofield Bks*
Spartanburg, SC

**BELOBERK, Nicholas M. Sr.**
*328th Sig AV Co Hickam Fld*
Antelope, CA

**BRAND, Harry B.**
*7th AF Bomb Sq Hickam Fld*
Fort Worth, TX

**KERDUS, George M.**
*VP-24 NAS Ford Island*
Hesperia, CA

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## In Memoriam

**John Douglas Gunther**
**65th Engineers Schofield Barracks**

**Born November 27, 1925 - Died February 12, 2000**

President, Virginia Chapter Four - Central Piedmont

Remembered with respect and admiration for his years of service to PHSA and this chapter

By all the members of PHSA Virginia Chapter Four

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Evelyn was an ardent booster of PHSA, and is dearly missed by husband Bill, daughters Susan & Nancy and three grandsons, and her many friends, in and out of PHSA.

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Shelton, WA

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# From A Flag Winner

To Chapter 23 Pearl Harbor Survivors,

I was greatly intrigued by the presentation given my high school history class for our World War II unit. I had never understood how the mentality of America affected the events in our history around the time of World War II and how the attack on Pearl Harbor changed the way a lot of people felt about our entering the war. I was able to take a lot of notes from men who actually lived during the time that America was in a tumultuous situation like Pearl Harbor, and I wrote a very good essay for my project that showed how much I learned.

Before the talk, however, there was the flag. It was taken from its box and the Survivors divulged its having been flown over the U.S. Capitol. The girl closest to the flag reached out her hand to touch it. All eyes in the room were laid on the flag, especially when it was found out that someone would win it.

When the sign up list came to me, I noticed that everyone had put their name on the paper. I wrote my own name, hoping to win it. I didn't know why I wanted it, exactly, but the flag of the United States has always seemed the most beautiful flag to me. A flag that was flown in a place that I would like to visit some day, Washington, D.C., seemed much more of a treasure than a flag that you could buy at a store. I could imagine it flying above the Capitol, even it it was only for a few minutes.

Even though only a couple of people stand up during the Pledge of Allegiance in my first period class, the flag is a symbol of pride for a lot of people, including my classmates. When I found out that I won the flag, I was amazed because I don't win things very often. People in my class wondered what I was going to do with a flag like that. In another period, someone joked about me putting it on my car, even though I don't have a car. When I told my older brother about it, he wanted it to hang it up in his room. I thought it was neat to have this really nice flag along with a little plastic one and a little cloth one that I've had since I was a little kid. I think I'll keep the flag for quite a while, maybe hang it somewhere on Veterans Day and the Fourth of July. Otherwise, I just like to have it to look at once in a while. Some day, I'll probably pass it on to another young person. I took it out of the box when I brought it home, and my dad helped me fold it into the triangle shape that the flag is usually folded into. I've always liked those Stars and Stripes. I thank you for your purchase of this flag and all the other flags you have given and will give to high school students who appreciate one of our country's most bold and beautiful symbols.

Sincerely,
Megan Severdia,
Piner High School

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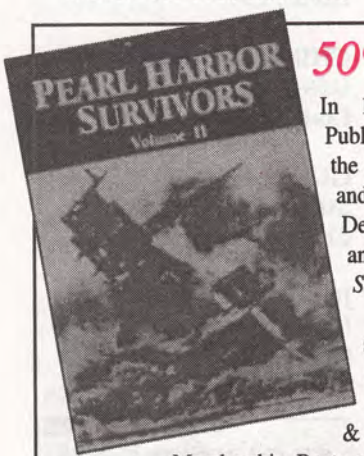


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Total new members this quarter .....22

Total new members since 01/01/00 .....30

Total membership .....7950

New Members by States

Arizona .....2
Alabama .....2
California .....8
Florida .....2
Kansas .....1
Michigan .....1
New Jersey .....1
New York .....1
Oregon .....1
Pennsylvania .....1
Texas .....2
Virginia .....2
Utah .....1
Washington .....3
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# Illinois Chapter 2

**By David Montgomery**
**Chapter Secretary/Treasurer**

Illinois Chapter 2 Survivors present at the Lake Springfield Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony were Vernon Rubenking (73rd Pur Sq Wheeler Field), Chesley Isaac (18th A/B Sq Hickam Field), Charles Pinnell (USS Maryland), Thomas Proctor (251st C/A Camp Malakole), Carl Browning (USS Phelps), David Montgomery (Patrol Wing 2 Flag, NAS Ford Island), John Kelly (USS Mugford), Charles Curtis (USS Oklahoma), and Finch Stowell (USS Oklahoma).

# Colorado Chapter 1

**By Ralph Nash**
**(USCG Tiger)**
**Colorado Mile High Chapter 1**

December 7, 1999 memorial services were held at the Denver state capitol. The opening prayer was read by Betty Edwards, wife of Survivor Harold Edwards (USS Medusa).

The keynote speaker was Colorado Air National Guard General Villano. Six students from Columbine High School gave speeches on survival from school tragedy.

Photo is Betty Edwards reading opening prayer.

# Harriet Levitt

**Born January 14, 1921**
**Died August 27, 1999**

## *In Memoriam*

**Devoted to my beloved wife of 59 years,**
**who was with me at Pearl Harbor.**
**J. Stanley Levitt (USS Rigel)**
**Kansas State Chairman**

A native of Kansas City, Harriet Levitt was a member of the Missouri Repertory Theatre company for 13 seasons and appeared in Rep tours that brought theater to small towns throughout the Midwest. She played a wide range of roles in her career, comfortably alternating between dramas and comedies.

Levitt was familiar to audiences at the old Resident Theatre as well as the Tiffany's Attic and the Waldo Astoria dinner playhouses. She had appeared with such notable television actors as Sid Caesar and Gale Gordon at dinner theaters in Florida and, like several other area actors, landed a small speaking part in "In Cold Blood," which was filmed in Kansas City and the region.

Levitt made her acting debut when she was 9 years old, playing a little boy on the radio series "Jerry Powers in the 20th Century" on KMBC.

She once said that she tried to join a road company that came through town when she was 16 but that her mother nixed the plan.

In 1984, Levitt was directed by her son, Bruce Levitt (now the artistic director of the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival), in a production of the drama "Agnes of God" at the Midland Stage II, a small theater off the lobby of the Midland theater. She later described the production as the greatest professional thrill of her career.

In 1989, Levitt won the Art Ellison Lifetime Achievement Award, bestowed as part of the now defunct annual Best of Theatre Awards. In an interview the following year, Levitt recalled a period in the 1970s when she worked 50 weeks a year.

The chance for actors to work so consistently was made possible by the growth of professional theater in Kansas City, which Levitt attributed to Patricia McIlrath, founder of Missouri Rep, and Dennis Hennessy and Richard Carrothers, who founded the Tiffany's Attic and the Waldo Astoria dinner theaters and now operate the New Theatre Restaurant in Overland Park.

"In the early days of the Rep, it was hard to build an audience, because they weren't used to Shakespeare and the classics," she recalled. "And then, when the dinner theaters came, I think they did more to educate people about going to the theater.

"I remember the first show I did at Tiffany's — the audience spoke to you. It was like they were watching television. They'd set the glasses on the stage or set their feet up on the stage.

"The first thing I did was 'Butterflies Are Free," and they were talking among themselves and then one of them said, 'Look, Ma, she's cryin'.' And of course they don't do that anymore."

Levitt is survived by her husband, J. Stanley Levitt; two sons, Bruce Levitt and Michael Levitt and a daughter, Nancy Tomassi.

By Robert Trussell
The Kansas City Star

# USS Pearl Harbor

**By Ralph Lindenmeyer**
**California State Chairman**

The one day dependents' cruise was held aboard the USS Pearl Harbor on January 19th, five days before the ship's first deployment to the Persian Gulf on January 24. The ship is scheduled to return on July 24 to the San Diego Naval Station.

Pearl Harbor Survivor Gordon Jones, Presidential Envoy between the ship and the Survivors association, arranged for members to be included on the day cruise. 66 Survivors and guests were among 359 visitors who came on board.

*Presenting Commander Gordon B. Rutherford with a certificate awarding him honorary membership in the CA Pearl Harbor Survivors Association as Commanding Officer of the USS Pearl Harbor. In the photo Commander Rutherford is flanked by Ralph Lindenmeyer CA State Chairman on the left and Gordon Jones Presidential envoy to the USS Pearl Harbor on the right.*

Highlighting the day was the presentation of a "Certificate of Honor" to Commander Gordon B. Rutherford awarding him honorary membership in the California Pearl Harbor Survivors Association as the Commanding officer of the USS Pearl Harbor. The presentation was made on the boat deck by Gordon Jones and California State Chairman Ralph Lindenmeyer. Commander Rutherford is the second Commanding Officer of the Pearl Harbor to receive this honor. Preceding him was Commander James J. Bird who is currently the Executive Officer aboard the USS Essex.

The dependents and Survivors arrived on board at 6:45 a.m. and were immediately ushered to the mess deck and the chief's lounge for an early morning breakfast. Shortly after Colors the ship got underway. Its destination was approximately 27 miles west of San Diego in the calm blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. Later, the ship turned in a circle of 80 miles at a average speed of 14 knots.

Under a bright and nearly cloudless sky, visitors were treated to maneuvers of the ship's LCAC (Landing Craft Air Cushion) vessel which performed off the port bow, then made a splashing entry inside the well deck of the ship.

Heading the list of PHSA members attending from eight California Chapters was National Storekeeper Bob Kirby (USS Honolulu) and Chapter 31 from Oceanside.

Following Kirby were Past California State Chairman Haile "Jake" Jaekel (Navy Yard) and from Sacramento, Chapter 6 Gery Porter (USS West Virginia) and President of Chapter 27 Hemet Rex Myles (USS Case) and Secretary of Chapter 14 Los Alamitos Peyton Smith (USS Rigel) and President of Chapter 9 Ontario Mal Middlesworth (USS San Francisco) and Secretary Chapter 9 and President of Chapter 21 Palm Springs Don Jones (USMC Marine Barracks).

The Sons and Daughter organization was represented by National Secretary Lee Sandefer and Chapter 1 Member Linda La Touche, who were among several other members of the Sons and Daughters.

A picnic lunch was served featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, salads and deserts. One of the ship's Mess Specialist remarked that the ship is used to feeding more than 700 people every time they go to sea. "No chance" he told those at the tail-end of the chow line that, "they would run out of food".

Touring the ship while underway was an exceptional treat for survivors as well as dependents. The most popular place was the bridge where all of the new hi-tech gadgets practically ran the ship by a push of a button.

Sight of land signaled time was about up for this cruise. It was 4:30 p.m. when the ship moved in along side of pier 6. Within minutes Survivors and guests disembarked with a proud feeling for the USS Pearl Harbor and her crew.


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# Candidate For Vice President

O.W. "Bill" Foster announces his candidacy for the office of National Vice President of the PHSA. The election will be held at the National Convention, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, December 4-9, 2000.

Presently serving his second term as the 5th District Director, Bill has served the association some 35 years. He has been elected to many positions in the association and has hosted chapter, state, district and national meetings and conventions.

Bill said, "I believe my tenure as a life member of the association, my duties and knowledge of the association give me the experience I need to fulfill all the duties of the Vice President's office".

Bill joined the U.S. Navy in July 1938 on a minority cruise, and was aboard the USS Selfridge December 7, 1941.

Bill left the Navy in 1951 and went to work for Military Sea Transportation Service, Department of the U.S. Navy.

He has been involved in community service, Kiwanis club, special olympics, and has been a Sunday school teacher. He lectures to school children about PHSA, war and remembrance. He has served on the veterans advisory council of the State of Illinois.

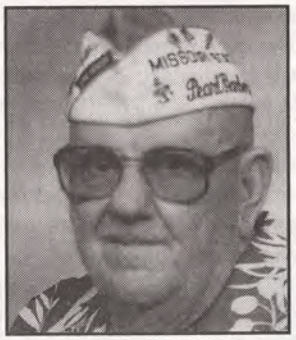
Bill retired as a purchasing agent from municipal government.

# Missouri State Convention

The Missouri State Convention will be held at Whiteman AFB, Missouri October 19-20. Headquarters will be at Whiteman Inn, Highway 50, Knobnoster, Missouri. There will be a special tour of Whiteman AFB which will include viewing of the A-10 Thunderbolt II at the 442nd Fighter Wing, Oscar-I Minuteman II Launch Control Facility, the AH-1 Cobra helicopter at the MoARNG and the B-2 Stealth bomber. Captain Paul Tibbets grandson of General Paul W. Tibbets who piloted Enola Gay dropping the A-bomb on Hiroshima will be the guest speaker. Captain Tibbets is a B-2 pilot and flew missions over Bosnia. It is anticipated that General Tibbets may be present. For information contact Missouri State Chairman Jerold Barnes, 312 South Ellen, Nixa, Missouri 65714, Telephone (417) 724-8004.

***Remember the Honor & Memorial Scholarship Fund in your will***

# Candidate For Fourth District Director



My name is John Baskette (USS Schley) and I am a candidate for re-election as the Fourth District Director during the Fourth District Convention in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

I served in the United States Navy from June 27, 1940 to December 15, 1945. I had two breaks in service and served in the United States Army during Korea and Viet Nam. I was retired on permanent disability in July 1972 after serving 26 years. I retired as Chief Warrant Officer 3. After retirement I attended Brown-Mackee Business College majoring in accounting. I was employed with the Treasury Department until 1983.

I became a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in 1988 and chartered Missouri Ozark Chapter 6 in May 1989 and served as its first president.

I was elected Missouri State Chairman in 1990 and served in that capacity until December 1996 when I was elected Fourth District Director.

I was a member of the initial scholarship committee and then appointed chairman of the scholarship committee which has had a successful first year. I look forward to bettering the scholarship program in 2000 and beyond with the expert assistance of the committee members.

I am currently the secretary of Missouri Ozark Chapter 6. I have continuously worked on behalf of the Fourth District membership and the general membership of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for the past four years. I believe I am qualified to to be re-elected Fourth District Director.

I and my wife Catherine reside in Hollister, Missouri and attend State, District and National conventions.

# Third District Convention 2000

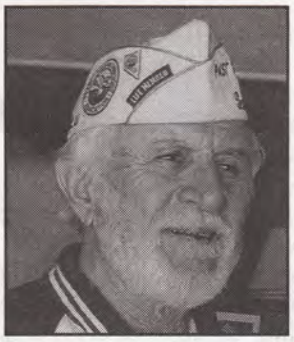
Third District Director George Blake has announced plans for the Third District Convention 2000. The place is the Holiday Mountain View Inn in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The room rate is $57.00 per day single or double, plus tax.

The Holiday Inn offers heated indoor pool, whirlpool, Nautilus gym, dry sauna, airport shuttle, in-room coffee makers and other amenities.

Albuquerque is the center of more than 18 major attractions within a 30 mile radius. Albuquerque is also home to the International Balloon Fiesta which will be held earlier in October 2000.

A registration form will appear in a later issue of the Gram, so save the date and plan on attending what may be the last Third District Convention! That date is October 19-22, 2000.

# Candidate For Seventh District Director



Anthony Di Lorenzo is announcing his candidacy for re-election to the office of Seventh District Director. Elections will be held at the Seventh District Convention on May 3-5, 2000 at the Sands Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Tony Di Lorenzo enlisted in the Navy in 1940. He was a Machinist Mate Third Class aboard the USS Honolulu at the time of the attack. In 1947 he was assigned to a Naval Communication Unit in Washington, D.C. After attending Electronics Engineering School he changed his rate to Communication Technician Chief. He retired after 20 years service and accepted a position as an Engineering Specialist in the Computer/Digital field and finally retired in 1981. He is an active adult Scouter, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fleet Reserve, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and an amateur radio operator.

Tony joined the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in 1977, and is an active and enthusiastic member of Maryland Chapter 1, having held the office of State Chairman for eight years. He was Seventh District Director in 1994-1996. His tenure of duty and background knowledge gives him the experience needed to successfully fulfill and carry out the duties of that office. He is also chairman of the National Capitol Liaison Committee of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

His principal goals if he is re-elected District Director are: to promote PHSA and its objectives, continue to keep the Seventh District members aware of what is going on at the National level through strong communication ties with their respective State Chairmen and to resolutely support the Sons and Daughter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association so that we leave a legacy that future generations will forever revere our motto, "Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert". Towards these goals he pledges his best efforts.

Tony and his wife Vicky reside in Rockville, Maryland.

# California Chapter 12

**By Joe Ceo**
**Chapter Vice President**

On December 7, 1999 TV's George Putnam dedicated his talk show to Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and to the Pearl Harbor Survivors.

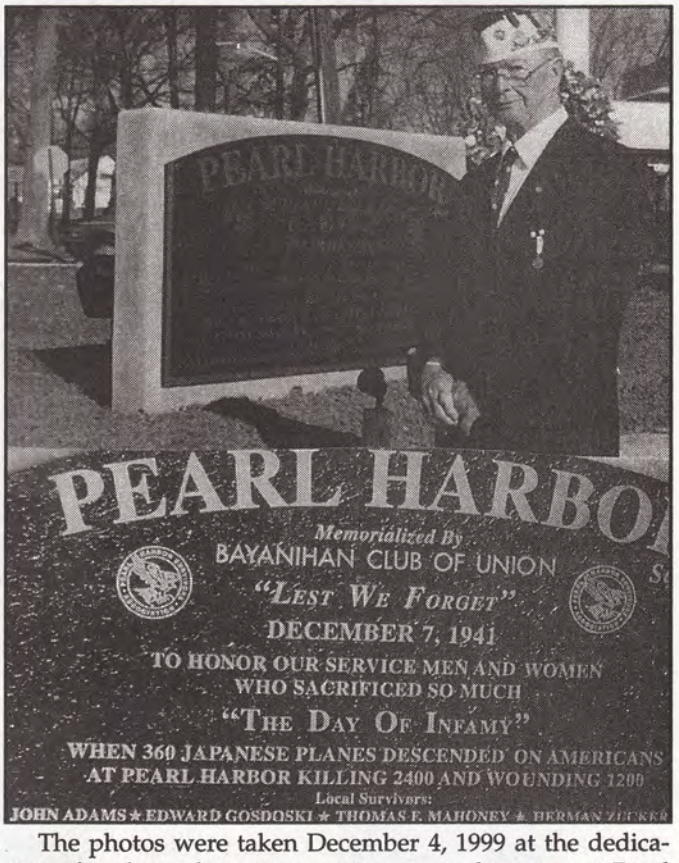
Chapter 12 Survivors that participated were Bill Aupperlee (USS Ralph Talbot), Chapter President George Keene (Navy Yard), Joe Ceo (USS Aylwin), and Frank Ford (24th Signal Co., Schofield Bks.).

George also talked on the telephone to Leon Kolb (USS Oklahoma), and Ben Bossi (22nd Bomb Sq., Hickam Field).

Also as a guest was Ralph Schrader (USS Cravin).

The program was arranged by Fred Scripture of Naval Mine Warfare.

# Pearl Harbor Monument




The photos were taken December 4, 1999 at the dedication of a plaque honoring servicemen and women at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

It was the project of Tom Mahoney (USS Curtiss) and was sponsored by the Filipino American Club of Union, New Jersey.

The honored guest was Otto Schwarz who was aboard the USS Huston when it was sunk off the Philippines in early 1942. He was a Japanese prisoner for the duration of the war.

# ★ 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 UTAH (BB-31/AG-16)** May 11 - 14, 2000 At Holiday Inn Civic Center, McAllen, Texas. Contact Warren Upton, 5000 Adair Way, San Jose, CA 95124-5341 phone (308) 356-4092.

All hands who served in **U. S. Navy PT Boats Squadrons, Bases, Tenders, Supply, Communications, FEMU** or **Medical 36th** Reunion July 13 - 17 at the Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers, Massachusetts. Contact P.T. Boats, P. O. Box 38070, Memphis, TN 38183-0070 phone (901) 755-8440, FAX (901) 751-0522 E-mail PTBOATS@AOL.COM.

**USS PHOENIX (CL-46)** August 20 - 26 at Kelso Red Lion Hotel, 510 Kelso Dr., Kelso, WA 98626. Contact Andy Wilson, P.O. Box 237, Vader, WA 98593-0237 E- mail REDDEIL@toledo.tel.com.

**USS DOBBIN (AD-3)** and ships alongside December 7, 1941 **USS DEWEY (DD-349). HULL (DD-350), MacDONOUGH (DD-351), PHELPS DD-360)** and **WORDEN (DD-352)** September 1 - 4, 2000 in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact A. E. Stephenson, 1192 Ridgeley Dr., Campbell, CA 95008-0740 phone (408) 377-2880.

**USS MARYLAND (BB-46)** 26th Reunion September 1 - 5, 2000 at the Denver West Marriott, Denver, Colorado.Contact William Haligas, 7340 Independence St., Arvada, CO 80005-3850 phone (303) 421-3710.

**USS CURTISS (AV-4)** September 6 - 9, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contact John Ekstadt, 17390 Greenview Circle, Lakeville, MN 55044-9559 phone (612) 891-9954.

**USS NEVADA (BB-36/SSBN-733)** September 7 - 10, 2000 in Florence, Northern Kentucky. Contact Woody Derby, 5633 Barclay Ave., San Diego, CA 92120 phone (619) 583-0677.

**USS SOLACE (AH-4)** September 12 - 14, 2000 in Boston, Massachusetts. Contact Robert Robichaud, 22 Hodges St., Attleboro, MA 02703 phone (508) 222-2093.

**USS RALPH TALBOT** September 17 - 21, 2000 at the Reno Sands Regency, Reno, Nevada. Contact William Aupperlee, 6310 Goodland P1., North Hollywood, CA 91606-3029 phone (818) 762-5165.

**USS HENLEY (DD-391)** September 22 - 24, 2000 in Casper, Wyoming. Contact Mrs. Eoy E. Anglen, P. O. Box 3, Hume, IL 61932-0003 phone (217) 887-2372.

**USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB-38)** September 24 - 27, 2000 in Beaumont, Texas. Contact W. V. Taylor, 2206 Royal Drive West, Chandler, TX 75758-5621 phone (903) 849-3277.

**USS BAGLEY (DD-386)** October 2 - 5, 2000 in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Contact Myra Hardaker, P. O. box 843, Barre, MA 01005-0843 phone (978) 355-4347.

**ALL MARINES** in Pearl Harbor and vicinity on December 7, 1941 annual reunion in Louisville, Kentucky September 27-30 2000 at Holiday Inn. Contact Milly Hendrickson (widow of deceased Pearl Harbor Survivor former Marine John Hendrickson) who is handling all arrangements this year. 22100 Rosary Avenue, Nuevo, CA 92567 phone (909) 928-2208.

**USS HULL (DD-350),** at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Contact J. R. Schultz, 210 Harrison Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062-1124 phone (831) 423-0917.

# Illinois Chapter 1

**By James C. Elliott**

Illinois Chapter 1 annual Pearl Harbor memorial service was held in Peru December 4, 1999. Veteran groups and the local high school band participated in the parade and ceremony.

Sixteen Survivors were on hand plus wives and family members.

After the ceremonies we all assembled at the Maples Inn for a luncheon and get-together.

Survivor Hank Ellerbrock once again organized the successful affair.

In the photo are John Barry (Intelligence, Navy), Hobart VanDeventer (Chemical, Hickam Field), Francis Gingras (USS Helena), Robert Cewe (USS Pennsylvania), Mike Musko (USS Oglala), James Elliott (USCG Tiger), Finch Stowell (USS Oklahoma) Leonard Thorsbakken (USS Nevada), Tom Decker (USS Maryland), Bill Foster USS Selfridge), Don Beckett (USS New Orleans), Joe Giorno (98th Field Art., Schofield Bks.), Tom Kirley (USS New Orleans), Leon DeKeyser (45th Pursuit Sq., Wheeler Field), Everett Gustafson (26th Bomb Sq., Hickam Field) and Hank Ellerbrock (USS West Virginia).

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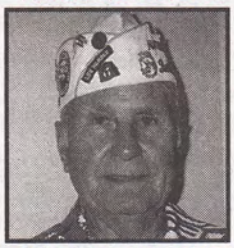

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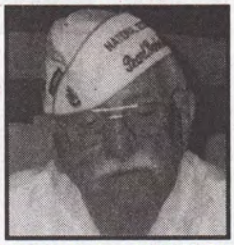

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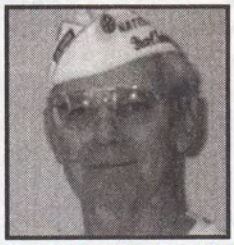

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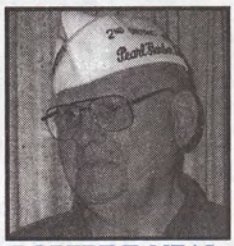

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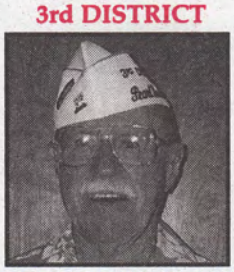

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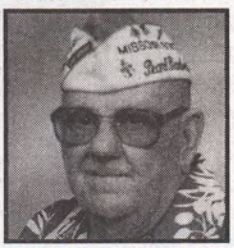

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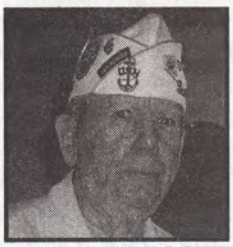

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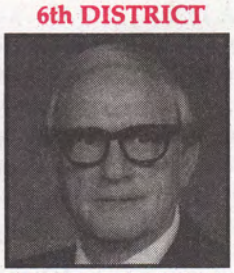

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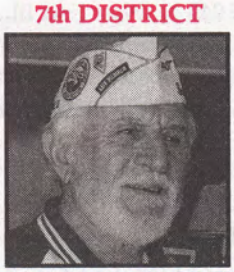

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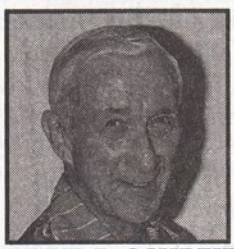

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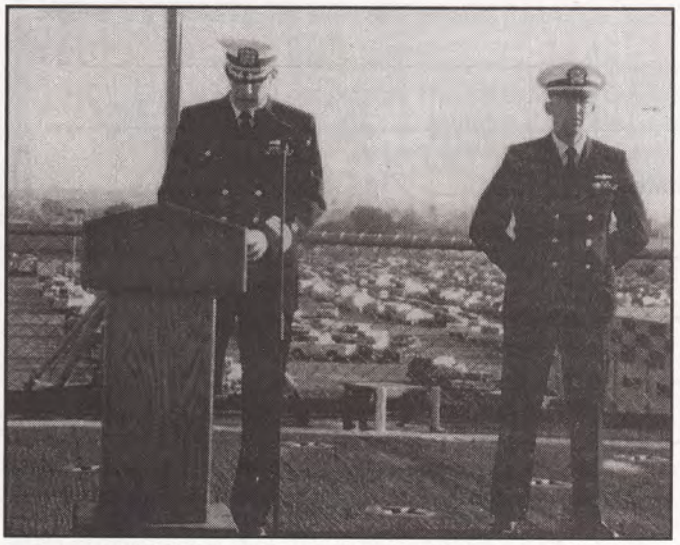
# USS Pearl Harbor Is First To Host December 7 Memorial Services In San Diego

**By Ralph Lindenmeyer**
**California State Chairman**

The USS Pearl Harbor invited Pearl Harbor Survivors to attend a December 7 Memorial Service aboard ship on December 2.

The ship was scheduled to leave port for extended maneuvers at sea on December 6, therefore Commander Gordon Rutherford had to set the date earlier than normal. Gordon Jones, Presidential Envoy to the USS Pearl Harbor quickly rounded up as many survivors as he could on such a short notice. More than 30 survivors responded for the 8:00 a.m. service.

The entire ship's complement, except those on duty, attended the Remembrance Day Service held on the flight deck. The program commenced immediately after morning colors. It was designed to coincide, timewise, on that fateful morning 58 years ago.



*Commander Rutherford and Lieutenant Commander Keutel.*

Commander Rutherford gave an inspiring talk stating that this ship would never forget December 7 and the attack on Pearl Harbor.

California State Chairman Ralph Lindenmeyer read a proclamation from California Governor Gray Davis, dedicating December 7 as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" throughout the State of California.

This was followed by a two-bell ceremony honoring all those who perished at Pearl Harbor. Chapter 3 Chaplain Robert Ruffato (USS Utah) gave the benediction.

All PHSA members, guests and spouses were guests of the ship for a superb breakfast in the crew's mess deck. The ship's executive officer Lieutenant Commander Martin P. Keutel had breakfast with the survivors, chatting freely with his new found friends. Many members of the crew also joined in for breakfast.

*Breakfast Time.*

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On December 5 the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station hosted the Survivors for a memorial service which attracted more than 200 people. The service commenced at 9:15 a.m. and at 9:55 memorial wreaths were gently tossed into San Diego Bay in remembrance of those 2,335 servicemen who died that day from the attack by Japanese aircraft.

Chapter 3 member Jack Evans (USS Tennessee) was guest speaker. He was seaman second class on December 7 and 27 years later retired as a Captain. George Freese (USS Curtiss) was Memorial Service Chairman and Ben Boosingert (USS West Virginia) was co-chairman. They along with Stu Hedley (USS West Virginia) and La Mesa City Councilwoman Ruth Sterling tossed two floral wreaths into San Diego Bay at exactly 9:55 a.m. honoring those who died at Pearl Harbor.

On December 7 Chapter 3's outgoing President Bill Craddock and many other survivors assembled at 6:30 a.m. for a remembrance service conducted by the Southwest Marine Shipyard. The Destroyer USS Higgins had been renovated and was ready for sea duty on December 7. Many dignitaries including Congressman Duncan Hunter were there for the ceremonies.

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At 9:00 a.m. Chapter 3 Chaplain Robert Ruffato held a Memorial Service on board the old sailing ship Star of India, which is berthed on San Diego's waterfront and is an immensely popular tourist attraction. Ruffato tolled the ship's bell in honor of those who perished at Pearl Harbor. This ceremony attracted not only a large gathering, but also three local television stations.

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# Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center
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# National Convention
# December 3 - 9, 2000

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## Tentative Schedule of Events, 59th Anniversary Convention PHSA

**Sunday, December 3**
National Storekeepers arrive

**Monday, December 4**
National officers arrive.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early registration.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Small Stores open, Monks Hall.
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open, House of Tudor.

**Tuesday, December 5**
9:00 a.m. -Noon National Executive board meeting, Ivanhoe Room.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Small Stores open.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration.
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open.

**Wednesday, December 6**
9:00 a.m. Business Meeting, House Of York.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Small Stores open.
10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open for ladies Bingo and Lunch.
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception, Happy Hour, Cash Bar, London Hall.
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dance, Cash Bar, London Hall.

**Thursday, December 7**
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service, London Hall.
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus Tour of Cities. Hospitality Room open.
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour, Cash Bar, London Hall.
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Banquet, London Hall.

**Friday, December 8**
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. New National Executive Board meeting, Ivanhoe Room.

Note: Sons and Daughters will be assigned to the Grendal and Woden rooms.

All tables at banquet will be assigned numbers. If you want to sit with your friends, you must send in all your names together. Each table will hold 10 people.

Cost of Ads in souvenir book of convention:
Full Page $150.00 1/2 Page $75.00 1/4 Page $40.00
1/8 Page $20.00 Booster $5.00

Make checks payable to PHSA and mail them to the National Treasurer.

# New Mexico Road Runner Chapter 2

**By Harvey E. Stanford**
**Chapter Secretary/Treasurer**

On a cold sunny morning December 7, 1999 about 75 veterans and townspeople assembled at the new Veterans Park on Roadrunner Parkway in Las Cruces to Honor Pearl Harbor Survivors.

The program was sponsored by the Marine Corp League.

Invocation and benediction was by Methodist Church Reverend Curtis B. Bentley.

Survivors and guests present were Harvey Stanford (USS Raleigh) and wife Lucille, Robert Karnes (Navy Hospital), Emma Walker widow of Robert (Fort Kamehameha), Maria Frey widow of E. Harold Frew (USS Oklahoma) and son Bill and his wife Sandra and daughter Malissa.

Los Cruces Mayor Smith gave a speech honoring this day.

After the ceremony everyone stood in line to pay their respects to the two Survivors.

In the photo are Harvey Stanford and Robert Karnes.

# Memorial Services

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California State Treasurer Charlie Preece (Hickam Field) led a group of nearly 15 survivors, including incoming Chapter 3 President Carl White, (VP-24 NAS Ford Island) to the San Diego City Council Chambers at the invitation of San Diego Mayor Susan Golding. She presented each survivor with a gift and spoke with admiration of the Pearl Harbor Survivors. The rest of the councilmen readily agreed.

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Chaplain Ruffato (USS Utah) was a busy person on December 7. At 11 a.m. he, in cooperation with a VFW Post, took a flower wreath aboard a small craft. Once they cleared the harbor they tossed the wreath into the waters of the Pacific Ocean in remembrance of those young men who are still entombed on the USS Arizona and USS Utah.

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Ralph Lindenmeyer and Gordon Jones were invited to the Memorial Service in Hemet, sponsored by Chapter 27. Hundreds were in attendance at the December 7 service, including members of the chapter and civic leaders. The Mayor of Hemet Lyle Alberg issued a proclamation claiming December 7, 1999 as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day". Lindenmeyer was guest speaker and he and Gordon Jones (VP-14 Kaneohe Bay) honored those who died at Pearl Harbor with a two-bell ceremony.

*The Birth of a Candy Bar*

One PayDay Mr. Goodbar wanted a Baby Ruth so he took Miss Hershey's Milk Chocolate behind the POWERHOUSE on the corner of CLARK and 5th Avenue. He began to feel her Mounds with his Butterfinger. That was pure Almond Joy. It made her Tootsie Rolls and he let out a Snickers as she screamed "Oh Henry!" while squeezing his PETER PAUL. Miss Hershey's Milk Chocolate said: you are even better than the 3 Musketeers. Soon she was a bit Chunky and nine months later had a Baby Ruth.

# Eighth District News

**By Arthur Schreier**
**District Director**

Chapters in the Eighth District have commenced meeting again after the winter shutdown. This past winter was mild enough so that meetings would have been possible.

Several members of the District had their names drawn in the lottery and will be eligible to participate in the "Tiger" cruise being offered to PHSA members by the Navy Department. This cruise will be from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to San Diego, California and takes place from July 18-24. This should be a great experience for those fortunate individuals.

Plans are going forward for the Eighth District Convention. This year's convention is hosted by the Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts, October 15-17, and will be held at the Comfort Inn at Chicopee, Massachusetts. State Chairman Walter Maciejowski and Chapter President James R. Barry expect a good turnout and are making every effort to see that all those attending have a good time.

## CONNECTICUT

**State Chairman Frank Stebbins**

Following the winter break the Nutmeg chapter began year 2000 meetings with the March 19 assembly at Wallingford. Members are pleased that winter is over and that they can enjoy the monthly meetings again. This first meeting was well attended and as usual the food was almost as good as the company! The Chapter members plan to be active in various parades and memorial services in this the first year numbered 2000.

Art Schreier and Harold Slater decorated the grave of John Luntta.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**State Chairman Walter Maciejowski**

Following our usual winter hiatus the Chapter met for the first dinner meeting on March 19 at the VFW Post in Rockland, Massachusetts. The dinner was at 1:30, followed by the business meeting. This was well attended and the year 2000 meetings got off to a good start.

One of the projects for the coming year is to try and locate the many lost members. Over the years we have lost track of quite a few members.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**State Chairman Bill Lefabvre**

State Chairman Bill Lefabvre and Vice State Chairman Woody MacDonald and their wives have visited various locations and given presentations concerning Pearl Harbor and WWII. These presentations have resulted in renewed interest in the history of those critical years.

At the request of Sue Jefferson, head of adult services at the Merrimack Library, Bill and Woody and their wives presented a program about Pearl Harbor consisting of an address, video show and question and answer period. This event was well attended and received with enthusiasm.

In February Woody MacDonald visited with bedridden veterans at the VA Hospital.

The bill to name the expressway from Merrimack to the Manchester Airport "The Pearl Harbor Expressway," has unanimously passed the New Hampshire House of Representatives and now awaits approval by the Senate.

The Granite State Chapter held their first meeting of year 2000 on April 13 at Yokens Restaurant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

## NEW YORK

**Central New York Chapter 7**
**President Anthony Marra**

Chapter Seven's year 2000 schedule began on March 19 at the American Legion Post 229 at Utica. This meeting was well attended and enjoyed by the members.

Member Ed Williams has volunteered to be our secretary again. We thank him and welcome him. We also thank John Koenig for filling in when we needed him. The office of secretary takes special effort and reflects the character of the Chapter.

All members have been invited to a picnic at the American Legion Post 66 in Camden, NY on June 24.

# PHSA Members Mark Wedding Anniversaries

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

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY

SULLENGER, Charles R. (Receiving Station, Naval Base) and Loretta, 2736 Arnott St., San Diego, CA 92110-2203 - June 2, 2000.

BELLUS, Charles (USS Pelias) and Veronica, 20 E. Maxwell Dr., W. Hartford, CT 06107- 1403 - August 2, 2000.

## 55TH ANNIVERSARY

NAGY, Arthur "Art" (8th Field Art., Schofield Bks.) and Theresa, 1422 Scott St., McKeesport, PA 15132-5241 - May 28, 2000.

McGAHA, Eldon (U.S. Navy Hospital) and Marie, 7952 Bestel Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 - August 1, 2000.

AUPPERLEE, William "Bill" (USS Ralph Talbot) and Jeanne, 6310 Goodland Pl., North Hollywood, CA 91606-3029 - May 8, 2000.

WRIGHT, Harley S. (USS Hulbert) and Marjorie, P.O. Box 519, Seaview, WA 98644-0518 - June 2, 2000.

WRIGHT, Lonnie D. (14th Bomb Sq, Hickam Field) and Alberta "Bertie", 134 NW 130 Ave., Albert, KS 67511-9232 - August 5, 2000.

SLETTEN, Donald P. (11th Field Art., Schofield Bks.) and Eloise, 9241 Russell Way, Thornton, CO 80229-7632 - July 9, 2000.

KOEHLER, Charles (USS Pelias) and Vivian, 113 Union Ave., Bellmawr, NJ 08031-1619 - July 28, 2000.

HARKINS, John P. (12th Signal Platoon, Hickam Field) and Gwen J., 1053 Cranston Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601 - June 4, 2000.

DAVIS, Kenneth B. (USS Nevada) and Dolly, 775 Northwood Dr., Merced, CA 95348 - June 2, 2000.

BENTLEY, James H. (Signal Aircraft Warning, Schofield Barracks) and Alva O., 1491 Austin Dr., Decatur, GA 30032-3842 - June 29, 2000.

RODENBERGER, Don (USS Oglala) and Opal, 657 Foxwood Blvd., Englewood, FL 34223-7116 - June 9, 2000.

KOONCE, William E. (USS Vestal) and Mabelene, 2391 Highway 171, Hornbeck, LA 71439-1417 - May 14, 2000.

ISACKSEN, Robert "Ike" (USS Tangier) and Dorothy, 10174 Creekmere Cir., Dallas, TX 75218-2235 - July 21, 2000.

RENNER, George A. (USS Sunadin) and Edith, 2353 Inman Ave., Stockton, CA 95204-2713 - May 26, 2000.

WINKLER, Paul A. (A&R NAS Ford Island) and Eileen, 1329 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125-4049 - June 15, 2000.

GROVE, Paul E. (98th CA AA Schofield Bks.) and Rachel, 703 Broadway St., Fostoria, OH 44830-2712 - June 24, 2000.

GELLEPIS, Tony (USS Vega) and Toula, 2394 Patricia Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95050-5020 - May 31, 2000.

SKIBBE, Charles M. (USS Nevada) and Julia, 856 Cornell ST., Youngstown, OH 44502 - June 9, 2000.

HORANZY, Alexander R. (19th Infantry, Schofield Bks.), and Katherine, 3119 Fairfield St., Philadelphia, PA 19136-1107 - May 26, 2000.

BLOOMFIELD, Donald (QM Detach., Camp Malakole) and Leona, 404 Sauve, Midland, MI 48642-5915 - July 14, 2000.

MILLER, Thomas K. (98th Coast Art., Schofield Bks.) and Angeline, 207 Depot St., Youngwood, PA 15697 - July 25, 2000.

RICHARDSON, Elisha "Ritchy" (USS Pennsylvania) and Marian, 23273 Road 18-3/4, Chowchilla, CA 93610-9506 - August 13, 2000.

JACOBS, Cecil F. (USS Tennessee) and Bernice, 8545-351 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, CA 92071-3622 - July 7, 2000.

GERITZ, Bill "Sabu" (VP-23, NAS Ford Island) and Betty, 2818 Shasta Rd., Berkeley, CA 94708-2012 - May 20, 2000.

EASLEY, Charles R. (USS Dobbin) and Anna, 520 SE 2nd St., Newport, OR 97365 - June 15, 2000.

HAWKINS, Dee Lynn (USS Downes) and Norma Jean, 702 West 2nd St., Kingman, AZ 67068-1927 - July 15, 2000.

QUASNOVSKY, John (73rd Pursuit Sq., Wheeler Fld.) and Miriam, 9 Park St. #208, Norwalk, CT 06851 - August 11, 2000.

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# Anniversaries

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MINER, Bernard (16th Coast Art., Fort Ruger) and Marcelle, 404 E. Main St. #39, Jewett City, CT 06351 - August 23, 2000.

SWARBRICK, Joseph (97th Coast Art., Fort Weaver) and Marie, 4200 Crystal Lake Dr., Pompano Beach, FL 33064 - July 14, 2000.

THURINGER, George (USS California) and Violet, RD 1 Box 6, Waubay, SD 57273 - March 6, 2000.

LIPPMANN, Ernest A. (USS San Francisco) and Jeanne E., 330 Rock Ridge P1., Escondido, CA 92027-3746 - July 28 2000.

WILLIAMSON, Boyd D. (USS San Francisco) and Norah, 94007 Sunny Hills Lane, No. Bend, OR 97459 - April 2, 2000.

KUHN, Raymond J. (Boat House, Navy Yard) and Lavonne, 16142 Arctic Dr., La Pine, OR 97729 - July 21, 2000.

STEVENSON, Alvin T. (32nd Ordnance Bn., Fort Armstrong) and Joyce W., 708 Chatham Lane, Raleigh, NC 27610-1202 - August 25, 2000.

AVANT, Howard (USS Honolulu) and Adele, 884 N. Bethel, Sanger, CA 93652-9467 - June 7, 2000.

ECENIA, Paul (Quartermaster Depot, Fort Armstrong) and Rita, 8601 N Gomez Ave, Tampa F1. 33614-1842 - July 21, 2000.

PLAAT, Julius A. (55th Coast Art., Fort Kamehaneha) and Shirley, 106 Young Ave., Yonkers, NY 10710 - March 25, 2000.

VOGEL, Milton (HQ 17th AB Group, Hickam Field) and Ruth, 9915 W. Alabama Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351-3602 - August 12, 2000.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY

GARDNER, Merrill F. (USS Mugford) and Nola, 360 E. 5900 S., Murray, UT 84107-7332 - June 2, 2000.

SALATA, Martin (USS Dobbin) and Adeline, 26101 Power Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334 - May 13, 2000.

GORNICK, John F. (USS Nevada) and Dorothy, 1096 A Canterbury Dr., Lakehurst, NJ 08733-5263 - July 22, 2000.

BRIANCESCO, Livio (97th Coast Art., Schofield Bks.) and Carmella, 7911 Ackley Rd., Parma, Ohio 44129-4911 - July 1, 2000.

FERGUSON, Ronald A. (USS Tennessee) and Earline Z., 10902 W. Welk Dr., Sun City, AZ 85372-1845 - July 15, 2000.

COOK, Lonnie (USS Arizona) and Marietta, 221 E. Okmulgee St., Morris, OK 74445 - June 23, 2000.

HUMBERT, Rene P. (USS San Francisco) and Maurine June, 277 NE Conifer Blvd. #49, Corvallis, OR 97330 - July 29, 2000.

GRASS, Russell W. (Coal Docks, Naval Base) and Ann, 12245 Casero, San Diego, CA 92128-2723 - May 20, 2000.

BECKER, Stewart (USS Pennsylvania) and Estelle, 5456 Winona St SW, Port Orchard, WA 98366 - April 12, 2000

MARKS, Albin P. (USS Dobbin) and Eugenia, 1505 Lynnewood Dr., Havertown, PA 19083 - July 1, 2000.

## 45TH ANNIVERSARY

SMITH, Marion E. (USS Oklahoma) and Sandra, 8921 NE Afton Rd., Kansas City, MO 64155-2506 - July 14, 2000.

OBERMEYER, Irvin (Ship's Company, Submarine Base) and Elsie, 3716 W. Grand Ave., Littleton, CO 80123-1700 - August 21, 2000.

MARSHALL, Benjamin F. (USS Tern) and Margaret H., 19311 Hwy W., Phillipsburg, MO 65722 - August 8, 2000.

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY

ROOP, Howard D. (USS St. Louis) and Barbara, 4619 Twain Pl., Stockton, CA 95207 - May 27, 2000.

## 30TH ANNIVERSARY

BUTTS, G. Kenneth (USS West Virginia) and June, 439 Del Medio Ave. #1, Mountain View, CA 94040-4802 - June 14, 2000.

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

NERKOWSKI, Thomas (USS Solace) and Mary, 379 Walden Green, Branford, CT 86405 - June 21, 2000.

# 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 Ed Chappell, 2231 Fremont Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406-8314. Enclose $1.00 check, money order or stamps per unit with your PHSA identification number.

# Thousands Of Irish Eyes Smiled On San Diego Pearl Harbor Survivors

**By Ralph Lindenmeyer**
**California State Chairman**

It was billed as the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade west of Mississippi. There was no doubt, as more than 400 units, hundreds of floats, marching bands, and veterans organizations participated including Pearl Harbor Survivors.

Under the guiding hand of Honorary Member Jesse Thompson, 21 survivors marched or rode in the nearly two-mile parade route near Balboa Park. The noisy and jubilant party goers filled the air with such words as "Erin Go Braugh". The noise was a miniature "Epic Center" and the rippling effect was heard many blocks away.

The Parade was held on Saturday, March 11, inasmuch as St. Patrick's Day came on Friday precluding the use of busy streets. It also enabled thousands of spectators to line the parade route.

PHSA Parade Chairman Jesse Thompson managed to get eight classic convertibles to accommodate those survivors who couldn't march. It was a real fun day for all who were there.

# Philadelphia Liberty Bell Chapter 1

**By Tom Sanford**
**Chapter Secretary**

On December 7, 1999 Liberty Bell Chapter 1 held their memorial ceremonies at the Naval Air Station Willow Grove.

In the photo are (front row) R. John McElroy (USS Helm), Paul Brown (USS Shaw), George Frazier (63rd Field Art., Schofield Bks.), William Snow (USS Cummings), Alexander Horanzy (19th Infantry Reg., Schofield Barracks), James Barnes (21st Infantry Reg., Schofield Bks.) and Irvin Gerben (VP-12 NAS Kaneohe).

(Back row) Albin Marks (USS Dobbin), Rowland Hoefle (USS Argonne), Richard Regler (90th Field Art., Schofield Bks.), Donald Kryson (USS Maryland), Robert Snyder (USS Detroit), Commanding Officer Willow Grove Naval Air Station Colonel Thomas Nagelin, Commander Marine Air Group 49 Colonel Rose, Thomas Sanford (USS Detroit), James Hairston (VP 24 NAS Ford Island), Ralph Carter (19th Infantry Reg., Schofield Barracks) and Herman Diesel (407 Signal Co., Hickam Field).

## Ye Gram Editor Has Aged!!

Photo taken by Warren Hutchens (251st Coast Art., Camp Malakole) at California Orange County Chapter 14 meeting in January.

# 6th District Convention 2000
# Tentative Schedule & Registration Forms

**Date-August 4th, 5th & 6th, 2000**
**At the Radisson Hotel**
**10221 Princess Palm Ave., Tampa, FL 33610**

PHSA Members and guests, and Sons & Daughters in the 6th District, and PHSA Members and guest from the USS Argonne can register at the Hotel by calling 1-800-333-3333. Tell the registration clerk you are with the 6th District PHSA Convention. The room rate is $59.00 + tax per night single or double.

Registration for the convention will be $25.00 per person plus $3.00 if you want to support the convention with a booster ad. Please register by sending $25.00 per person and $3.00 if you want a booster ad to

**Joseph A. Ruggles (Conv. Treasurer)**
**3237 49th Street North**
**St. Petersburg, Fl 33710-2735**

Please have your registration in Joe's office by July 25. The $25.00 registration fee covers the banquet, hospitality snacks & drinks, tickets, printing, phone calls, and the dance band.

## Tentative Convention Schedule

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| Friday August 4, 2000 | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM . . . . Registration |
| | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM . . . Hospitality room open |
| | 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM . . . . Happy hour(cash bar) |
| | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM . . . . Welcome reception guest speaker, dance band. |
| | 8:00 PM to ???? |
| Saturday, August 5, 2000 | 7:50 AM . . . . . Post Colors |
| | 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM . . . Business meeting |
| | 11:00 AM Board buses for dog track, the Tampa dog racing track will have a section reserved for us and the 7th race of the afternoon will be called the Pearl Harbor Survivors Handicap. Sounds like fun. We will have to go after the race to prepare for our banquet. If you want to go to the races, circle either Yes or No on the registration slip below. |
| | 9:00 AM . . . . . Ladies Breakfast (no host) |
| | 1:00 PM . . . . . Hospitality Room open |
| | 5:00 PM . . . . . Hospitality Room closed |
| | 6:00 PM . . . . . Happy Hour (cash bar) |
| | 7:00 PM . . . . . Banquet, speaker, 50-50 drawing |
| Sunday, August 6 | Let's try to have breakfast together, depart at your leisure. (Door prize, drawing 3) announcements, retire the colors, benediction. |

TEAR HERE

Detach and send with your check to Joseph A. Ruggles (address above).
Make your check payable to 6th District Convention 2000.

Registration Survivor _____ Guest _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

Banquet Dinner How Many _____ Steak _____ Chicken circle one

Do you want to go to the dog races Saturday PM? YES NO circle one

# 6th District Convention Information Sheet

## The Radisson Hotel Is Located Within The Sable Park

If you are traveling from the SOUTH take I-75, go north to exit 52-B, go west to the first light. That will be Falkenburg Rd. Turn left one block, turn left on Princess Palm Ave to the Hotel.

Traveling from the EAST take I-4 to exit 7. Take I-75 south to exit 52. Go west to the first light. That is Falkenburg Rd. Turn left one block, turn left on Princess Palm Ave to the Hotel.

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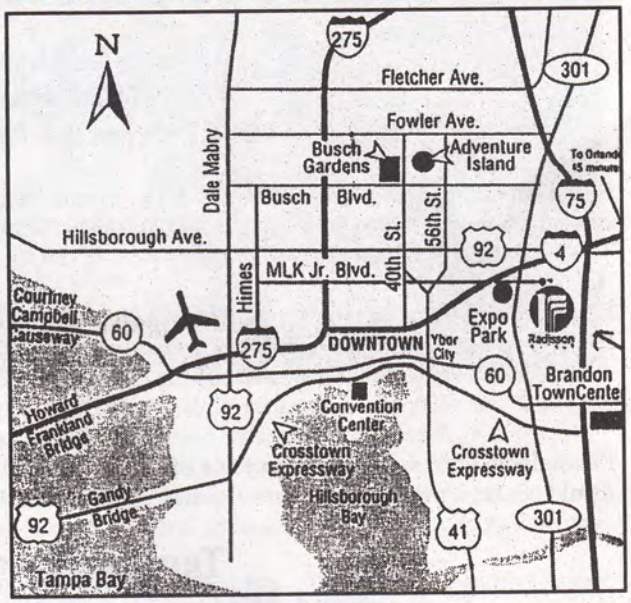


# Airport Shuttle Information, See Below

## Radisson Hotel Airport Shuttle Request Form

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| 10:00 am | 2:00 pm | 7:00 pm | 11:00 pm |

**Airport Pick Up**

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| 6:30 am | 11:30am | 3:30 pm | 8:30 pm |
| 7:30 am | 12:30 pm | 4:30 pm | 9:30 pm |
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| 10:30 am | 2:30 pm | 7:30 pm | 11:30pm |

Airline: _____ (REQUIRED FOR PICK-UP) Arrival Time: _____ (REQUIRED FOK PICK UP) Flight #: _____ (REQUIRED FOK PICK UP)

Guest Names: _____ (REQUIRED) # of People: _____

Room Confirmation #: _____ (REQUIRED FOR PICK-UP) Room #: _____

* Flight arrival time must be 30 minutes prior to pick-up time.

**All required information must be complete for airport pickups.

For guests arriving at Tampa via Tampa International Airport, the Hotel offers the above time schedule for complimentary airport transportation and directions for pick-up.

All the airlines using Tampa Airport are under a color code of blue and red. American, Northwest, Midwest Express, USAir, and USAir Express Are on the blue aisle. AirCanada, Delta, Comair, and United, are on the red aisle.
When you deplane you will take a shuttle to the main terminal. There you will go down to baggage claims (follow the crowd). After you get your luggage, go all the way to the right of baggage claims and look for the limousine/courtesy van sign. Exit through the double doors and go to the circular drive. You will see a brown booth marked Limousine. The hotel shuttle is a white van with "Radisson Hotel Sable Park" marked on it. They pick-up there every hour on the half hour except 5:30 PM.

Fill out the form above, giving me the airline, the flight number and your ETA to Tampa and mail it to me and I will take care of it and keep you posted.

Ben C. Begley (Conv. Chair), 4348-33rd Avenue No., St. Petersburg, Fl 33713 , (727) 527-1235

# Memphis Tennessee Tri State Chapter 2

**By Howard Lee**
**USS Neosho**

With a goodly portion of membership well into their 9th decade of life the Memphis Tri State Chapter 2 of the Pearl Harbor Survivors held yet another annual meeting on the December 7th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Their meeting was held this year in the Helmsman Ballroom on board the Naval Support Activity Mid-South at Millington.

It has been nearly 60 years since the Pearl Harbor attack, which brought the U.S. fully into World War II. So it is perhaps a surprise to most that there are 27 survivors of the attack still "alive & kicking" in the Memphis area. Howard Lee, President of the Memphis Chapter, estimates that there are approximately 9300 living survivors nationwide.

Lee led the meeting which was attended by 24 local survivors, their friends and family, for a total attendance of 110. The meeting was opened with the customary moment of silence, the invocation, the pledge of allegiance, posting of the colors by the Navy color guard followed by good food and fellowship. A giant TV set had been made available to us by the club so after the luncheon a video-taped interview of four of our local Survivors was shown which concluded the program. A representative of the base paper, The Bluejacket, made arrangements for the enclosed photograph to be taken. It should also be mentioned that the chief petty officers of the base have taken a great interest in the USS Arizona and the Pearl Harbor attack. They have a piece of the USS Arizona bolted to the wall in the Chief's mess. Whenever a Chief enters the mess he touches this piece of that great ship and says REMEMBER.

We had approximately 20 chiefs in attendance.

# White House Flag

Stanley J. Poczatek (35th Infantry Reg., Schofield Bks.) with the Flag that was flown over the White House on December 7, 1999.

The Flag was given to him for Christmas by his grandson-in-law Keith Blakely, a Washington, D.C. police officer.

Stanley and his six brothers were in the military service at the same time.

## PHSA WALKING STICK AND MONUMENT

**Monument** is 5 1/2 inches tall marble base with brass plaques. Top one engraved with name, service and appropriate dates, as John Doe, U.S. Navy 1919 - 1949

*BOTTOM, CHOOSE ONE:*

A: December 7, 1941 Lest We Forget

B: To Those Who Died - To Those Who Survived WE REMEMBER

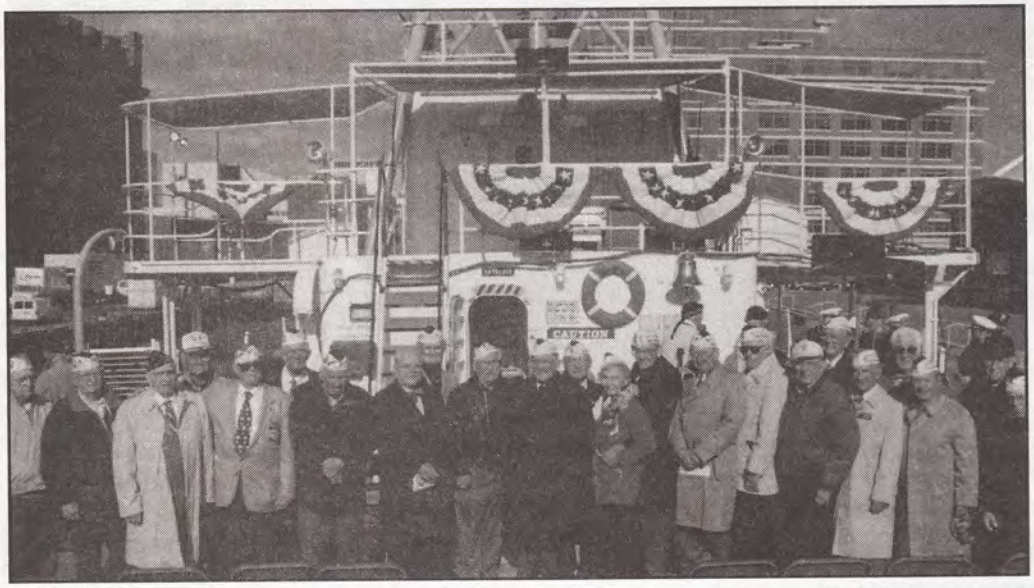
$70.00 plus $5.00 S&H.

**Walking Stick** is 36" tall with PHSA design and Dec. 7, 1941 - $55 plus $5.00 S&H.
40" Stick Add $4.00
Sticks that touched the U.S.S. Arizona Dec. 7, 1996, with brass plaque saying so add $10.00.

Check or money order to Survivor Harold M. Luvisch, 5583 Sugar Mill Ct., Delray Beach, FL 33484-8328. Phone (561) 496-5476

*5% of proceeds go to PHSA*
*5% of Sons & Daughters sales go to Sons & Daughters*

# Maryland Chapter 1 Memorial Services On Board USCG Taney



**By Anthony DiLorenzo**
**Seventh District Director**

As in the past the Maryland Chapter participated in the December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies aboard the only remaining ship afloat that returned enemy fire during the attack by the Japanese forces on Pearl Harbor on that December 7, 58 years ago. The Coast Guard cutter Roger B. Taney is moored at pier 5 in Baltimore's Inner Harbor as part of the Baltimore Museum and the Living Classrooms Foundation.

The memorial service is dedicated to the memory of those gallant Americans who gave their lives during the attack. Taking part in the ceremony was the American Legion Balladeers of Parkville Post 183, the St. Andrews Society and the members of Maryland Chapter 1 Pearl Harbor Survivors.

Representing Maryland chapter president Edward T. Robertson for the occasion was Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Chairman Hugh M. Roper. During the Saint Andrews memorial presentation all the ships and stations that came under attack and were damaged or destroyed were mentioned and a ship's bell was rung for each one named. In addition, the bell was rung for John M. Beaton, Charles H. Blizzard, Richard L. Brown, Ralph G. Hendrickson, James W. Ireland, Henry A. Lachenmayer, Howard C. Paul, Max V. Ricketts and Peter Sciukas who were Maryland Chapter members that had passed away since December 7, 1998.

Chapter members Eugene Albert (USS Pennsylvania), Clyde M. Ludwig (Hickam Field) and Myrtle M. Watson (Schofield Hospital) each told of their experience. At conclusion of her talk Myrtle Watson asked Roger Thomas to assist her throw a commemorative wreath of carnations in the bay alongside the Taney. The wreath had been made especially for the occasion and was sent from Hawaii by Myrtle's daughter. The picture of both throwing the wreath was sent by wire to many Associated Press newspapers and appeared in their Wednesday morning editions.

The keynote speaker was Vice Admiral Douglas J. Katz, USN (Ret.) a former skipper of USS New Jersey. The Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted by Alan Walden of the Living Classrooms Foundation. The invocation and benediction was given by USCG Chaplain Captain Leroy Gilbert and the Color Guard was from Marine Barracks, Annapolis. The Maryland National Guard provided the helicopter from which the memorial wreath was dropped closing the service.

There were 21 Maryland Chapter members present, plus wives or other family members.

# A Swinging 10-Year Old

I was a kid that enjoyed swing music, had a beat and loved to dance. We lived in the Navy Housing at Pearl Harbor and had the opportunity to go to the arena for different events that took place.

Usually they had fights on Friday nights and music on Saturday nights. I enjoyed going to the arena and listen to the music and watch the dancers.

I went to the arena on December 6, 1941 to listen to the "Battle of the Bands" and watch. I always sat on the floor in front of the bands. That particular night, Joe Fisher, the announcer picked me up and turned to the audience and asked who would like to dance with this little girl. He also added that I really knew how to dance (he had seen me before). A young sailor came out of the crowd down to the floor and said "I will".

We jitterbugged together and won the contest. I still have my trophy. I was 10 years old. I will never forget the evening nor the next day, Sunday, December 7, 1941.

If a Survivor remembers this dance, please contact me, Pat Thompson, 1297 Dunsmuir St., El Cajon, CA 92019.

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# Florida Space Shuttle Chapter 14

Monica Benning is a native of Florida who grew up in Apalachicola. She attended local private schools growing up and later studied nursing at Providence Hospital and Spring Hill College, in Mobile Alabama. She earned her R.N. and was named valedictorian of her class. She was registered in Alabama, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana and Connecticut. Following graduation she worked briefly as Head Nurse in the Obstetrical Dept. at Providence Hospital.

In January 1940, Monica was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C. until July 1941. During this period she served as the official Army Nurse Corps recruiting program, appearing in movies, newspapers, nursing journals, booklets and on the radio.

Monica was transferred to Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii in July 1941. She was assigned to Hickam Field Hospital, a new 30-bed hospital at the time, just a few weeks prior to December 7, forever remembered as "The Day of Infamy".

August 20, 1942, Monica married anti-aircraft officer, Second Lieutenant Barney Benning, who also served in Hawaii during the bombing. Later, in December of that year, she returned to the CONUS where she had the distinction of serving as flight nurse with Captain Eddie Rickenbacker during his crash and 21 days on a raft, in the Pacific.

Monica was guest speaker at the December 7 program at the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. She is in the photo with Colonel Harold J. Beatty.

# Fourth District Convention

**By Dale T. Bradford**
**(Motor Pool, NAS Ford Island)**
**Chapter Secretary/Treasurer**

Arkansas Chapter Two will host the Fourth District meeting of the PHSA August 24-26, 2000 at the Ramada Inn in Fayetteville, Arkansas. For reservations, call their toll free number (888) 443-4866 and ask for the special rate for the PHSA meeting. The rate is $49.00 + tax for a total of $54.21. Each room has two double beds. The rate is for one to four persons. This rate also includes breakfast at no extra cost.

The Ramada Inn is located at 3901 College Avenue in Fayetteville in the heart of lot of good shopping, including a very upscale North West Arkansas Mall and many restaurants all within two blocks.

The Fourth District consists of five chapters in Missouri, two in Arkansas, one in Louisiana and 13 in Texas. The one Chapter in Oklahoma has been invited to this meeting.

Our District Director is John E. Baskette of Hollister, Missouri. Our State Chairman is Jan J. Svane of Edgemont, Arkansas. Our Chapter President is Herman Swanson of Bella Vista, Arkansas.

For additional information, contact Dale Bradford, Arkansas Chapter 2 Secretary/Treasurer at (501) 855-7304. His e-mail address is dtbrad@arkansas.net.

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# Georgia News

**By State Chairman**
**Dixie Harris**
**Staff, Comsubscofor**
**Submarine Base**

Georgia Survivors observed Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7, 1999, at the River North Country Club in Macon, Georgia. Special thanks to President Bill Hill and Vice President Fred Johnson for making all the arrangements for this special occasion.

The event was well attended by Survivors and their guests. The management of the River North Country Club and staff decorated the dining room in a very tasteful manner and the service was superb. On a special table a beautiful cake was placed and decorated in red white and blue with "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" in the center.

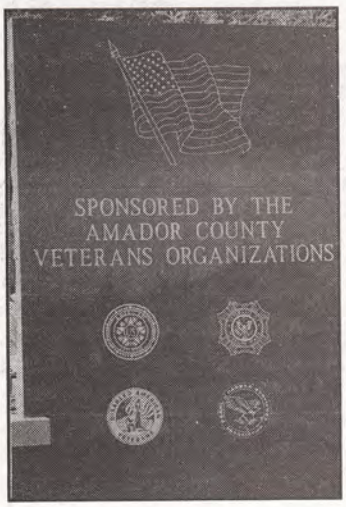
Central High School of Macon furnished the color guard and bugler from their JROTC unit commanded by First Sergeant Arthur Brown, U.S. Army. They performed in an impressive and professional manner. We were fortunate to have two speakers for this occasion. Major General Ronald Smith, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) and Brigadier General Robert C. Hughes, Jr. U.S. Army. General Smith commanded Robbins Air Force Base prior to his retirement. General Hughes commands the 48th Brigade of the Georgia National Guard.

Also in attendance were Sixth District Director John Martin and his wife Terry.

At 12:55 p.m. we observed a moment of silence in memory and honor of those who died on December 7, 1941 and also had a bell ceremony for the seventeen known Georgians who gave their lives on that day.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 2000 will be hosted by Atlanta Chapter President Henry Hedden.

# California Mother Lode Chapter 26




**By Dick Duran**
**Chapter Secretary**

Mother Lode Chapter 26 has participated in dedications this past year of a military section within a local cemetery, annual Memorial Day service, a veterans memorial monument erected in Amador and Veterans Day

The monument includes the PHSA logo.

Members who have taken part in the events, not all at the same one, were George Anderson (USS Argonne), Chuck Barr (USS Chew), Chester Biernacki (USS Helena), Dick Duran (USS Chew), Ken Ervin (USS Medusa), Ray Fouch (A&R NAS Ford Island), Hal Rich (VJ-1 NAS Ford Island), Paul Gravelle (VP-12 NAS Kaneohe), Will Kleier (USS Argonne), George Mooney (19th Transportation, Sq., Hickam Field), Ernie Nelson (USS California), Howard Nelson (VP-12 NAS Kaneohe), Richard Niss (USS Zane), James Sime (USS Honolulu), Ira Stramm (USS California), Chuck Streeter (USS California), Virgil Watts (USS Honolulu) and wives, sweethearts and honorary members.

# From The Editor

In the February 2000 Gram we missed some critical errors.

In the back page advertisement David C. Mozuch's last name was spelled incorrectly and naval was spelled incorrectly.

On page 19 in the 45th anniversaries Jeffrey Parks should have been February 16, 2000.

On page 2 Rutherford was spelled incorrectly under the small photo in column one.

On page 18 in the 55th anniversaries Charles R. Harvey's last name was incorrectly shown as Harver.

In the article Ohio Burkeye Chapter 2 on page 24 the chapter was shown as being in Akron instead of Cincinnati, and George T. Morton should have been shown as 1st Prov. Truck Co., Fort Armstrong.

# Delaware Chapter One

*Colonel Keitel and Ben Bowings presenting a wreath.*

**By Ben P. Bowings**
**Secretary/Treasurer**

A Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony was held December 7, 1999 at the Air Mobility Command Museum, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. This ceremony was sponsored by the 436th Airlift Wing and represented by Colonel Frank Schreck.

The master of ceremonies Technical Sergeant Rhond Myers introduced Delaware Air National Guard Adjutant General Major General Francis Vavala, Commander 512th Operations Group Colonel Thomas C. W. Keitel, Commander 436th Support Group Colonel Frank Schreck, 512th Logistics Group Colonel Robert Welsh, Mayor of Dover James Hutchinson, Attorney General of Delaware Jane Brady and PHSA Seventh District Director Anthony DiLorenzo.

The Honor Guard of Dover presented the Colors followed by the National Anthem sung by Airman First Class Kimberlee Meckel from the 436th Dental Squadron. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Delaware Chapter One President Jack R. Woods. A roll call of deceased members was read by State Chairman James C. Beuter.

At this time Colonel Schreck made a short address followed by Technical Sergeant Myers and Captain Darrin Johns.

There were ceremonial wreaths presented, assisted by Pearl Harbor Survivors James C. Beuter (USS Honolulu), Benjamin Bowings (HQ15th Pursuit Gp Wheeler Field), John E. Ross (USS Selfridge), Virgil R. Frazier (19th Inf Reg Schofield Bks) and Jack R. Woods (HQ Hawaiian Air Force Hickam Field).

The ceremony ended with the firing of a 21-gun salute followed by the playing of "TAPS".

# Alabama Chapters

**By Buford Barber**

Alabama Chapters 1 and 2 met in Fairhope for the December 7th remembrance.

The twenty-four Survivors in attendance plus approximately 100 other persons gathered at the municipal pier on Mobile Bay for the ceremony of throwing of the wreath in the water.

Holding the wreath is Chapter 1 President Paul Joyce (USS Utah) and Chapter 2 President Russell Blair (35th Infantry Reg., Schofield Barracks)

After the ceremony all Survivors, wives and guests enjoyed a luncheon at the Victorian restaurant in Fairhope. Buford Barber (USS Helena) and Wes Strauley (1st Defense Bn., USMC) hosted the ceremony.

# California Orange County Chapter 14

**By Warren Hutchens**
**251st Coast Art.,**
**Camp Malakole**

Orange County Chapter 14 spoke to five classes of Marine ROTC students on December 16 and 17.

In the photo are Tony Iantorno (251st Coast Art., Camp Malakole), Instructor Lieutenant Colonel Joe Rothenberg, Warren Hutchens (251st Coast Art., Camp Malakole), Harley Eppler (USS Vestal), Andy Weniger (13th Quartermaster, Hickam Field) and Assistant Instructor Sergeant Perez.

Not in photo were Survivor John Tanczos (Marine Air Group 21, Ewa Air Base) and Sons & Daughters Member Linda Latouch.

The Chapter has 12 school speakers and spoke to over 15 schools in 1999.

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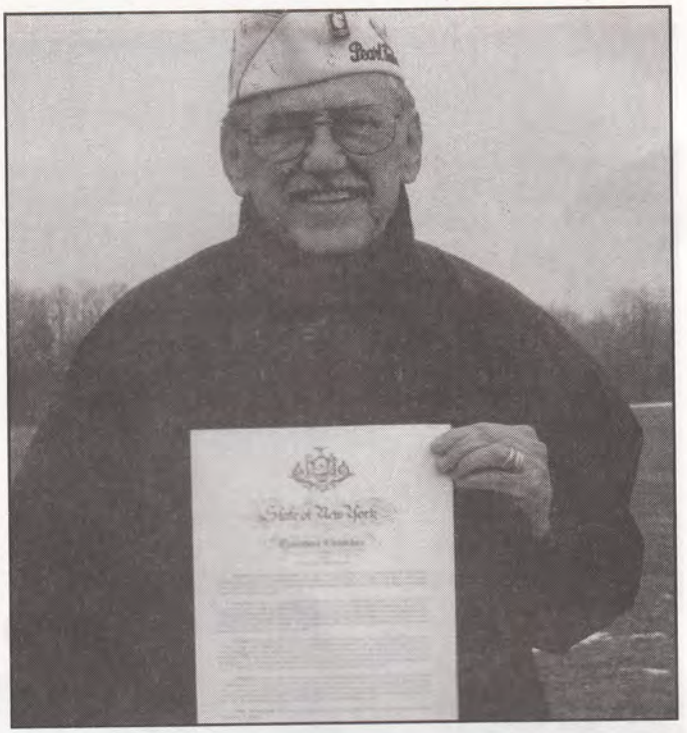
# New York Chapter 5



**By Henry J. Cudzilo**
**Chapter President**

As it has in the past 31 years, members of Chapter 5 of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association commemorated the 58th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Ceremonies were held at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Rochester on Lake Ontario.

The Monroe County American Legion Honor and Color Guard assembled pierside and Survivors were escorted by members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The colors of several veterans organizations that were massed on the lawn of the Coast Guard Station presented an imposing sight. Ceremonies commenced at 0755 hours, the exact moment of attack on December 7, 1941. After a moment of silence and a prayer of remembrance given by Chapter Chaplain Father Joe McGuire (Hickam Hospital) the symbolic wreath was tossed into the waters of Lake Ontario by Chapter President Henry Cudzilo.

Following the traditional taps and honor guard three-volley rifle salute, a flag that flew over the Tomb of the Unknowns was raised by U.S. Coast Guard personnel at 8:00 a.m. Soon after, a surprise presentation was rendered by Mr. Keith Robinson of the New York State Veterans Service Agency. It was a proclamation from Governor George Pataki, proclaiming December 7, 1999 as Pearl Harbor Day. Extensive TV coverage was provided by local television stations. Realizing the need for public awareness of continued vigilance and the significance of the ceremony, several members willingly were interviewed by reporters.

In photo Chapter President Henry Cudzilo holds New York Governor's Pearl Harbor Day proclamation.

# California Chapter 31

**By Robert Sullivan**
**Assistant Gram Editor**
**(251st Coast Artillery, Camp Malakole)**

**Photo by Joseph Walsh**
**(3rd Def. Bn. USMC)**

California Chapter 31 members, relatives and guests continued their yearly tradition of sailing from Oceanside Harbor on December 7, 1999 to a point several miles off shore. As the Coast Guard cutter Point Bridge and the chatter of those aboard turned silent, at precisely 9:55 a.m., a short, dignified remembrance service saluted the 2,300 plus Americans killed on that Sunday morning in Hawaii 58 years ago. Also remembered were the six chapter members who passed away in 1999. Following the chaplain's prayer and the two bell ceremony, flower wreaths were tossed into the sea as the Marine Corps bugler sounded Taps.

# North Central Texas Chapter 4

**By Robert W. Tanner**
**State Chairman**

Pearl Harbor Survivor Jay R. Thompson (USMC on USS San Francisco) donated a flagpole with flag and plaque to Greystone Retirement Home in Jacksboro, Texas. Dedication ceremony was conducted by the Jacksboro VFW Post and the local Boy Scout Troop. Plaque reads:

"In memory of those who died at
Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.
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## District Conventions

1st District: May 18-20, 2000
2nd District: Unknown
3rd District: October 19-21, 2000
4th District: August 24-26, 2000
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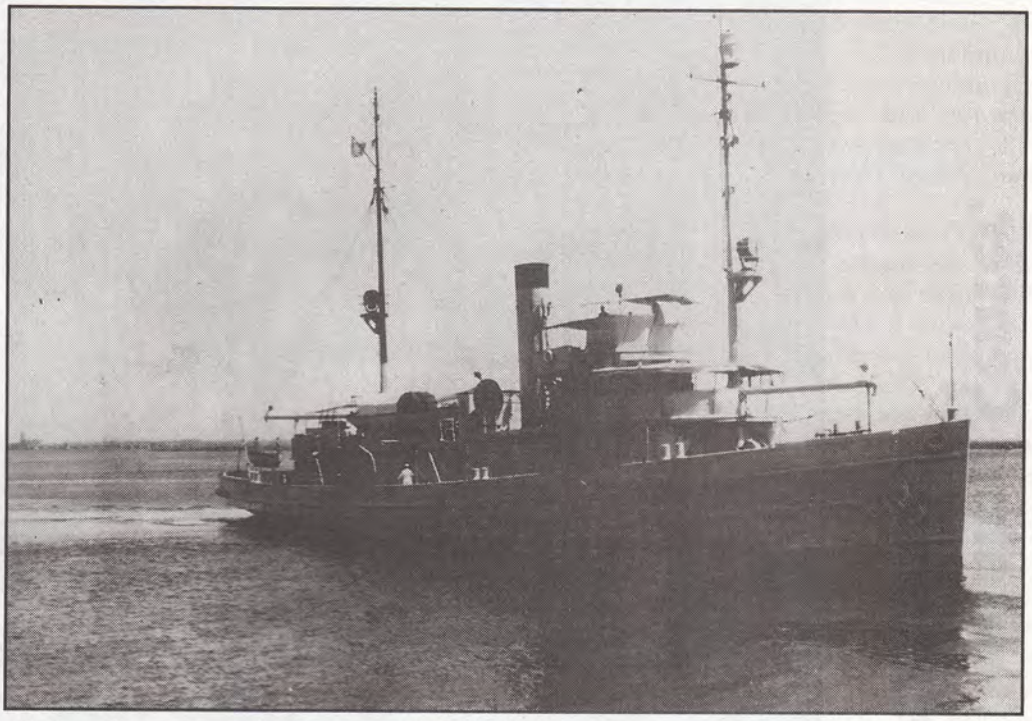
# U.S. Naval Training Station, Newport Rhode Island
# Company 3-39, April 1939

*Submitted by Walter S. Morley, P.O. Box 608, West Dennis, MA 02670-0608*

# History Of USS Grebe (AM-43)

A grebe is a swimming bird closely related to the loon but with lobate rather than webbed toes.

GREBE was built by the Staten Island Steam Boat Co., launched 17 December 1918; was sponsored by Miss Emma Youmans and commissioned at the Brooklyn Navy Yard 1 May 1919, Lieutenant Niels Dustrup in command.



From 9 July 1919 until 1 October, GREBE, based at Kirkwall, Orkneys, was part of a minesweeper flotilla clearing the North Sea of mines laid by the Allies during World War I. She returned to Portsmouth, N.H., 28 November 1919 via Davenport, Brest, Lisbon, the Azores, Bermuda, and New York. After extensive repairs, GREBE moved to the Boston Navy Yard 4 November 1920; from there she sailed the coast from Maine to New Jersey calibrating radio compass stations and doing miscellaneous towing and rescue work.

On 29 April 1921 she rescued 139 passengers from the Portuguese steamer MORMUGAO, which had run aground off the Massachusetts coast.

GREBE's next duty took her to Newport, R.I., on 2 June; she escorted submarine G-1 in diving trials until 23 June when G-1 sank in 16 fathoms. After participating in salvage operations, GREBE returned to Boston on 22 July to resume radio compass station calibration and other duties. From there she made a round trip to Norfolk, Guantanamo, and the Canal Zone, which occupied her from 1 December 1921 until 18 March 1922, when she returned to Portsmouth. There she decommissioned 12 May 1922.

GREBE recommissioned 15 November 1922, Chief Boatswain Albert C. Fraenzel commanding. On 16 December she sailed for St. Thomas, capital of the Virgin Islands, where she served as station ship until 1931.

GREBE made an average of a trip a week between St. Thomas, St. Croix, and San Juan carrying stores and passengers, both military and civilian; she also towed coal barges and dredges to San Juan, Fort de Prance, Martinique, and other Caribbean ports. While at St. Thomas, GREBE was invaluable in assisting disabled ships, mainly those grounded on coral reefs, and in searches for missing ships. This work was interrupted by a yearly five-week repair period at Charleston, S.C.

GREBE's finest moment came in 1930. A hurricane laid waste to large parts of the Domincan Republic and killed thousands in September.

Carrying trained medical men and emergency supplies GREBE was the first ship to reach devastated Santo Domingo. She remained there two weeks, helping unload other ships and clearing debris.

17 March 1931 GREBE brought Dr. Paul M. Pearson, Governor-appointee, and his staff from San Juan to St. Thomas, nucleus of the Virgin Island's first civilian government.

GREBE then returned to Boston. There on 12 July 1931 she took in tow historic CONSTITUTION. A long campaign had resulted in restoration of the famed ship to its original condition, and GREBE was to spend the next three years as her tender and towing ship as they visited every major American port, east and west coast. Millions of Americans thrilled to their heritage touring "Old Ironsides" in New York, Norfolk, Key West, Galveston, Guantanamo, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, and the Canal Zone.

12 May 1934 GREBE relinquished her duties with CONSTITUTION, entering the Philadelphia Navy Yard for overhaul.

After a brief tour of duty at Norfolk, 21 August to 14 September, she sailed for Guantanamo towed for fleet gunnery practice until 12 October, then sailed to San Pedro, arriving 19 November. Operating there until mid-1940, she performed a variety of tasks, including towing for target practice, participating in fleet problems, minesweeping exercises, training squadron details, and harbor service. Her tour there was inter-

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# Class 23-40 U.S. Naval Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island

*Submitted by Joseph L. Fastiggi, 127 Frederick St., Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567.*

# Fifth District Convention and Executive Board Meeting at the Ramada Inn Indianapolis, Indiana June14-18, 2000

**Thursday, June 15**

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| 10:00 am | Registration - includes Banquet $43.00 each |
| 2:00 pm | Carpool to Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum |
| 7:30 pm | Entertainment at Hospitality Room (Free) |

**Friday, June 16**

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| 9:00 am | Registration in Hospitality Room |
| 9:30 am | Free Bus Tour of City. Don't miss this (lunch will be Dutch). Will return about 4:00 pm. |
| 10:00 am | Golf tee time. Par 72 on an excellent course. Golf fee and cart $20. |
| 7:00 pm | Leave for "American Cabaret Theatre" evening of live theater. Reg. price $20.00 each. Our price $10.00 each. |

**Saturday, June 17**

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| 9:00 am | Registration in Hospitality Room |
| 9:00 am | Business Meeting, 5th District |
| 9:30 am | Ladies may carpool to Shopping Mall |
| 2:00 pm | Memorial Service. Social Hour after service. |
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# USS Grebe

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rupted by two voyages, the first to Pearl Harbor 6-31 May 1935 for fleet problems and the second to Guantanamo and Norfolk 26 December to 7 May 1939 for gunnery exercises.

Sailing from San Pedro 3 June 1940, GREBE arrived Pearl Harbor 17 June to tow for gunnery and bombing practice, and participate in minesweeping training.

Two trips back to the mainland, 1 August to 9 September and 27 September to 13 October 1941, in company with BOBOLINK on passenger and stores runs interrupted her Hawaiian duty.

GREBE was in yard availability at Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. Her three-inch guns had been dismantled for the overhaul so she could fight only with rifles and pistols.

She was credited with shooting down one of three unidentified planes flying low over the Navy Yard. On 24 January GREBE departed for Palmyra Island with YO-43 in tow where she arrived 5 days later. She returned to Honolulu 5 February and continued from there until autumn. Her classification was changed to AT-134 on 1 June 1942.

On 30 September GREBE joined a convoy for Johnston Island and returned 9 October. On 9 November 1942 GREBE was underway again with YC-737 and YB-9 in tow and accompanying YO-44, for Canton Island. Calling there 25 November she proceeded to Pago Pago, Samoa arriving 28 November.

On 6 December 1942, GREBE grounded while attempting to float SS THOMAS A. EDISON at Vuata Vatoa, Fiji Islands. Salvage operations were broken up by a hurricane that destroyed both ships 1 and 2 January 1943. Her name was struck from the Navy List 28 July 1943.

GREBE earned one battle star for World War II service.

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