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We are happy to announce that our
plans for the reunion at Pearl Harbor in
December of 1966 have progressed ex-
tremely well. It has taken, and will con-
tinue to demand, much planning and pro-
gramming. While it is true we are gath-
ering for a common purpose and have
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The New Jersey Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association held their Charter presentation dinner and dance at the John Cavanaugh VFW Post No. 2290, Manville, New

Jersey, on February 20, 1965. Mr. Merle E. Stouffer, State Chairman, presented the charter to Mr. George Molnar, Chapter President.

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTS TO DISTRICT NO. 2

Effective April 1st, 1965, James E. Sinnott will replace George Gillespie as Director of District No. 2. After serving nearly 15 months George Gillespie of Portland, Oregon tendered his resignation to the national office as Director of District No. 2. It was with deep regret that we accepted George's resignation, but there were many reasons which made it necessary for him to come to this decision. Jim Sinnott is not a stranger to the association, he has been a member for many, many years and he is at the present time the State Chairman for the State of Washington. Jim has done a fantastic job in building his state and I am sure he will continue not only building his state now but his entire district and we wish him much luck in this new office. Jim will also continue on as the State Chairman for the State of Washington until a new officer is appointed. The address of the new District Director is 2423 West Gordon Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99205.

FRANK FRUCCI APPOINTED MICHIGAN STATE CHAIRMAN

Frank Frucci of 1414 North 11th St., Niles, Michigan, was appointed Michigan State Chairman effective February 1, 1965. I trust that all the national and state officers will assist Frank at any time he calls upon them. I feel sure that it will not be too long until we have a chapter in the State of Michigan.

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1965

The following men were elected Officers of the New Orleans Chapter of the PHSA.

President—Leonard J. Fagot
Vice President—August J. Erbs.
Treasurer—George E. DeMetz.
Secretary—John H. English.
Trustees—Walter F. Ray, Woodrow P. Hill, Charles E. Gillenwater.

Indiana State Chairman, John C. Berlier reports New Officers Elected

The following officers were elected for the Indiana Chapter.

President—John T. Glass, 7390 Edgewater Dr., Indianapolis.
Vice President—Carlton L. Boles, 1214 Rosner Dr., Indianapolis
Secretary—Harry W. Roberts, 1915 W. 74th St., Indianapolis.
Treasurer — Cecil B. Vinson, 3410 Roseway Dr., Indianapolis.
Trustees — Don Herther, 6303 Clydes Rd., New Augusta; William C. Peacock, 1430 N. Worth, Indianapolis; John J. Kostolnik, 1750 Oliver St., Whiting.

Ex-Marine Heads Portland Chapter

Harry Niehoff, USMC of 13455 SE Lucille St., Portland, was elected President of the Portland Chapter. Other officers are:

Vice President — Frank Montecalvo, 1165 NE 189th Pl., Troutsdale.
Secretary — Don Gent, 1821 SE 35th Pl., Portland.
Treasurer — George Clarkson, 3472 S. Chippewa St., Lake Oswego.
Trustees — Art Boyle, 2362 SE 115th,

WIDOW OF SURVIVOR OF THE U.S.S. ST. LOUIS ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM SHIPMATES OF HER DECEASED HUSBAND

Mrs. Frances Andreas, of 2603 Addison Drive, Doraville, Georgia, is anxious to hear from anyone who knew her husband Max Walter Andreas, who was a Shipfitter 1st Class aboard the U.S.S. St. Louis at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. Any of our members who were acquainted with this departed shipmate please contact Mrs. Andreas.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY

Numerous requests have been received in the National Office for prayers to be used in the opening and closing of Local Chapter meetings. In fact, we need them for our National meetings. We would appreciate receiving these prayers before press time of our next Pearl Harbor-Gram so that they may be published.

WESTERN STATES REUNION PLANNED

There will be a Western States Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada this year, December 5, 6 and 7th. All details are not available at this time. For more information please contact Howard F. Dailey, 1707 First Street, Manhattan Beach, California, who is the Reunion Chairman.

Portland; Carter Helmick, 10550 SW 80th., Portland; Ed Johann, 1606 SW Custer, Portland.



Some of those who attended the Illinois State Reunion at Springfield, Illinois December, 1964.

Top Row, left to right: R. Jensen, C. MacNish, C. Shindel, V. Rubenking, A. Van Meter, A. Ranger, C. Curtis, T. Tiffany, J. Luscher, W. Cray, J. Newman, H. Krumnick.

Middle Row: H. Hunt, W. Norman, J. Berlier, G. Cross, D. Montgomery, G. Storey, L. Kibler, A. Guertin, C. Ogle.

Bottom Row: P. Biesenthal, J. Doyle, H. Kanter, C. Marion, C. Browning, G. Wolf, H. Mitts, E. Elliott.

GREATER BAKERSFIELD OFFICERS ASSUME DUTIES ON FEB. 3rd

The Greater Bakersfield chapter elected new officers and they assumed their duties on February 3, 1965. The officers elected are as follows: Walter G. Wilison, Jr., 615 Patricia Avenue, Bakersfield, president; Raymond A. Brittain, 1718 Ninth Avenue, Delano, vice president; Stanley R. Susskind, 304 Day St., Bakersfield; secretary; John G. White, 3604 University Avenue, Bakersfield, treasurer; Carl R. Boone, 1642 Seventh Place, Delano, trustee; Thomas E. Strickland, 3022 Woodlane, Bakersfield, trustee; and Henry M. Lidgett, 1933 Stillman Avenue, Bakersfield, trustee. We wish you much success in all of your undertakings.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER ENJOYS STEAK DINNER

James H. Moe, Secretary of the Sacramento Chapter, reports that on February 16th a dinner was held at the Non Commissioned Officers Mess, McClellan Air Force Base. Twenty-four regular members, three prospective members and their wives were in attendance. After enjoying a very fine steak dinner the publicity chairman, Haile H. Jaekel, showed some excellent colored slides of Hawaii. Enthusiasm for our 1966 national convention received a real boost.

NATIONAL OFFICE CREATES NEW MOUNTAIN IN THE STATE OF CALIF.

In the January issue of the Pearl Harbor-Gram the National office created a new mountain in California called Mt. Nobili. We wish to correct this mistake. The mountain should have been Mt. Diablo. Upon learning this from the California State Chairman Joseph T. Paul, we hoisted the SNAFU Pennant at the National office here in Jefferson City. So sorry fellows. We hope that the California members are still not trying to locate this mountain.

LAPEL PINS AVAILABLE

Lapel pins are now available from the national office at a cost of \$5.50 each which includes federal excise tax. If you desire one of these pins please forward your check payable to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the lapel pin will be mailed to you within a few days. These pins are one-half inch diameter, have the military clutch attachment, and are made of 10 K. gold.

ASSOCIATION HATS

The Official Pearl Harbor Survivors Association hats are available from the National Office. Sizes: Large, Medium, or Small. Price \$6.50.

NEVADA STATE CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

George E. Bostic resigned the post as State Chairman for the State of Nevada. We were certainly sorry to receive the resignation from George since he has done much work in that state, but there were many reasons which caused him to tender his resignation. If there are any Nevada members who wish to hold this office in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, please write to the national office and make known your desires.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN DESTROYER SQUADRON 48

Any of our members who served in Destroyer Squadron 48 which was the U.S.S. Abbot, the U.S.S. Bullard, the U.S.S. Kidd, the U.S.S. Black and the U.S.S. Chauncey may be interested to know that there is an organization of this Destroyer Squadron. Anyone wishing to obtain further information regarding this association should contact the Executive Secretary Harrold F. Monning at 310 East 8th Street, Kewanee, Illinois. I am happy to say that it was their publication called the Skull Cave Reporter which prompted us to start our quarterly publication of the Pearl Harbor-Gram. Both of these publications are printed by the same printer in Illinois and I believe the printer does a very excellent job at a minimum of cost.



Some of our Connecticut Members

CHAIRMAN - RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Edward F. Mrovka of 701 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Resolutions and Legislative Committee. Ed's job will be to present to the convention any suggested changes in our constitution and by-laws and any resolutions which is deemed desirable to present to the convention. Anyone who has suggestions on the revision of our existing constitution and by-laws should write the recommendation to Ed with a carbon copy going to the national office. It is desired that all amendments to our constitution and by-laws be in the hands of the Chairman at least one month before convention time. At each of your chapter meetings this should be one of the main points of business and it should be with the consent of most of your members who are in attendance at the chapter meeting. Mr. Mrovka is well qualified to fulfill this job since he is an attorney.

ATTENTION CALIFORNIANS

Joseph T. Paul, California State Chairman and Director of District No. 1 reports this year the Channel Island Chapter will host the Annual Pearl Harbor Survivors Association's California State Reunion on July 31st, 1965 at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Barbara. A well organized tour to the many points of interest is planned for the ladies while the members hold their business meeting. A full days activity will be scheduled.

Following the banquet will be dancing to a five piece orchestra.

To meet the increasing cost of postage, publicity, etc., the dinner tickets will be \$8, however in order to get as many advance reservations, hence a more accurate estimate, those survivors sending in their dinner requests before July 15th will be able to obtain them for \$7.00 each. For additional details contact the reunion chairman, president of Chapter 4, Mr. Walton White, 1130 Veronica Springs Road, Santa Barbara, California 93105.

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA TO BE THE SITE OF THE 1965 NATIONAL REUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Clearwater, Florida will be the scene of the 1965 National Reunion and Memorial Service with the Jack Tar Hotel as Convention Headquarters.

Many activities are being planned for this last reunion before our return to Hawaii in 1966 and a good time is expected to be had by everyone who is in attendance.

This will be the first national reunion to be held in the southeastern part of the United States and we northerners are looking for some real southern hospitality when we get to Florida. This as everyone knows is the year that we elect national officers since your present officers were elected for a term of two years in December of 1963. Full details are not available at press time but make your plans now to attend this national reunion. Our next Pearl Harbor-Gram should be loaded with all the details regarding this memorable reunion.

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**NATIONAL CHARTER BEING
SOUGHT FROM CONGRESS**

The Honorable Craig Hosmer, Congressman 32nd District California, introduced Bill No. HR-5299 on February 23, 1965. This bill seeks a national charter for our association from Congress. Your National President, Gene Lindsey, has notified Mr. Hosmer that he would be willing to appear before the committee and urge the passage of this bill. The bill formerly introduced died in the committee, let's all hope we do better this time. I urge each member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association to immediately write his congressman and his United States Senator and request his support of this bill. This is a huge task. Let us not wait and depend upon the other fellow to carry the ball. Each letter that is sent to a congressman or to a senator helps to insure the passage of this bill. Let's make sure we have this from congress before we return to Hawaii, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the attack, in December of 1966. The present bill is in the Committee on the Judiciary. We wish to thank Congressman Hosmer for his interest and work on our behalf.

ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS AVAILABLE

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

**Departed Members Of The Pearl
Harbor Survivors Association**

Prayer for our Dead

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

AMEN

Lt. Russell L. Bennington USN (Ret)
Pompano Beach, Florida

Harlow Hansen
Racine, Wisconsin

**CORRECTIONS FOR OUR
UNIT CODIFICATION**

The following errors were noted in our unit codification which was contained in the January issue of the Pearl Harbor-Gram. Unit No. 014 was incorrectly listed as the U.S.S. Cain. The correct unit is the U.S.S. Cassin. Unit No. 055 was listed as the U.S.S. Phelps. The correct name should be U.S.S. Phelps. Unit No. 063 was listed as the U.S.S. Ramay. The correct unit should be U.S.S. Ram-say. Unit No. 118 was omitted. This should have been the U.S.S. Lamberton. We wish to apologize for the errors that occurred in this unit codification but we were happy to receive the many letters from our members as this was evidence that our quarterly publication is being read.



Howard Dailey of the U.S.S. New Orleans and Dale Justice of the U.S.S. Vestal decorate grave of Sam Kronberger. Mr. Kronberger was one of the PHSA founders.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NO. 3 PLANS DINNER MEETING

Chapter No. 3 in the State of Illinois plans a dinner meeting to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 1965. This will be held at Fisher's Restaurant, 2100 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois. All members and non-member survivors living in the area are cordially invited to attend. If you plan to attend please contact Chester Jankowski, Chapter 3 secretary at 1102 LePleins Drive, East St. Louis, Illinois. Illinois State Chairman, Dave Montgomery, plans to be in attendance to answer any questions that may be raised regarding the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

NEW DECALS AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

We have enclosed herewith one of our new type decals which is adhesive on the face, to affix this decal please remove the covering on the front and place it against glass. If you wish additional decals they are available in the national office and we would appreciate a 25c donation in coin or 5c postage stamps and a self-addressed stamped envelope. We trust that you are happy with the new style decal which publicizes "Remember Pearl Harbor — Keep America Alert" and also our 25th anniversary reunion at Pearl Harbor.

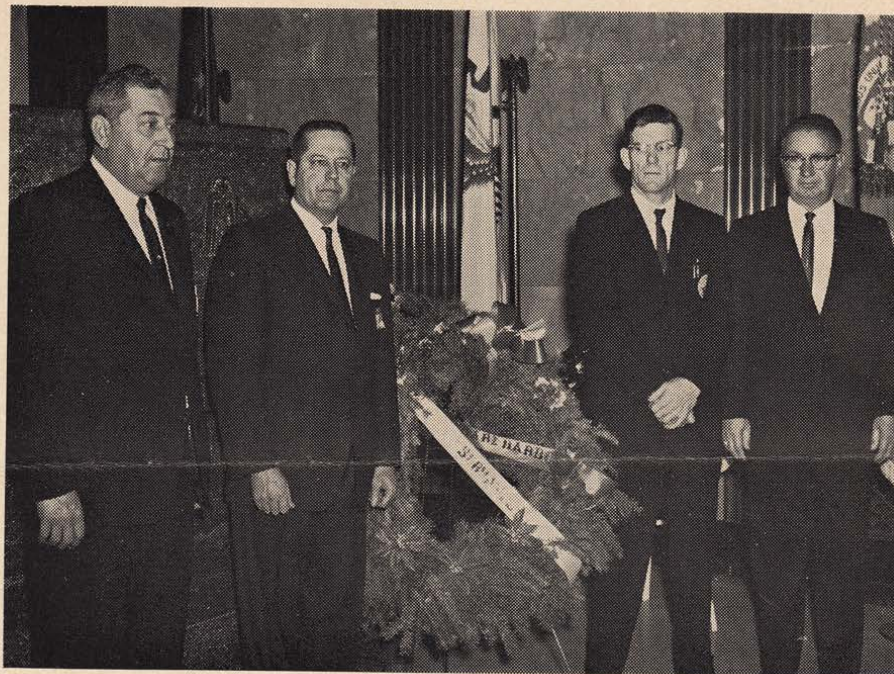
DELINQUENT MEMBERS DROPPED FROM NATIONAL RECORDS

As stated in the January issue of the Pearl Harbor Gram all members who fail to pay their 1965 dues must be dropped from the membership roster and unit lists. All members who paid their dues by March 31 were retained on the records. A special notice was mailed by the National Office on March 11th to all delinquent members. The removal of these names was a very unpleasant task but it had to be done in order to properly account for members in good standing.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OPENED

The National Executive Board recently voted to open for an indefinite period Life Memberships. This matter was brought before the Board due to the many requests from Officers and members of the association. New members desiring Life Membership must pay \$50. This includes the \$5.00 Initiation fee, existing members who have paid their 1965 dues must remit \$40.00. This offer will remain open until officially changed by the Executive Board and notice published in the Pearl Harbor-Gram.

A SOLEMN MOMENT



December 7th, 1964, Springfield, Illinois

Left to Right: John C. Berlier, Indiana State Chairman; Lloyd E. Coole, U.S.S. Arizona Survivor; Eugene Storey, Director District No. 5; David Montgomery, Illinois State Chairman.

ATTENTION ALL STATE CHAIRMEN AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Early in April of this year and at the close of each calendar quarter a roster of members is mailed to all state chairmen from the National Office, it is the duty of the state chairmen to see that each chapter within his state receives a copy of this roster. Please examine this roster to make certain all officers are paid members, in the event they are not members in good standing they are not eligible to hold either National, State or Local Chapter Office.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE NEW JERSEY CHAPTER ON MARCH 20

On March 20th the New Jersey chapter held an election of officers and the following were elected. George Molnar, president; George Banovich, vice president; Merle E. Stouffer, secretary-treasurer; Andrew Fetzko, trustee; George B. Potts, trustee and Stanley H. Stawicki, trustee. Congratulations to you new officers and we wish you well.

NON-MEMBER ROSTERS

In the very near future all state chairmen will receive a roster of Non-Member survivors located within his state. Please keep this listing current as the National Office will only advise of newly located survivors. This total listing consists of about 6,000 survivors. Lets all make a concentrated effort to get these men to join and return with us to Hawaii in 1966. Address changes of non-members should be sent to the National Office.

STATE OF NEW YORK CONTINUES TO GROW

The membership in New York continues to grow. On January 16th the National Office received a petition for another chapter in the State of New York. This new chapter is located in the southwestern area. Officers are:

President—Sidney Manwaring; Vice President, Carl D. Peters; Secretary — Robert L. Carson; Treasurer — George Sydelko; Trustees — Thomas W. Speed, Clifton H. Hunt and Donald O. Bosket.

Flowers Placed Aboard U.S.S. Arizona Memorial

FINALIZED PLANS TO HAWAII . . .

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Frank J. Haas, of Federal Way, Washington, places flowers aboard the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial last December 7th on behalf of the PHSA.

Please complete this form and return to the National Office immediately
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____ I **do not** plan to return to Pearl Harbor in December, 1966.

____ I plan to make the pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor in December, 1966.

My party will consist of _____ adults and _____ children, the ages of the children as of December 1966 are _____

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