

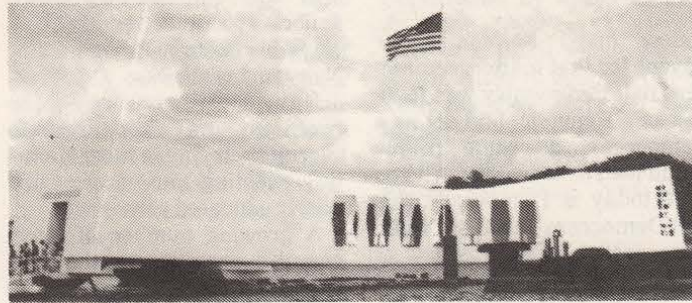


# Pearl Harbor - Gram



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## OAHU NIGHT WATCH

The following provides the background from which the poem, "Oahu Night Watch," came to be written.

Having spent the last few months of 1941 at the Submarine Base in Pearl Harbor, I had time to visit the island and came to know the people. I was most impressed by the climate and the hospitality of the people. The moonlight nights over the surrounding waters

and the host of mynah birds which greeted you at dawn left a strong impression on my mind.

So it was that when the Japanese struck on Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the change all about was devastating.

The following night I was part of a guard unit at one of the approaches to the base itself. The moon did not make a show that

night. It was in this situation that I could not help but compare the present situation with what I had known of the island — and lines kept running through my mind. After chow the following morning I had to sit down and write the lines which follow.

I dropped it into the suggestion box of the base paper, "Patrol," and it was published some time later (less the word, "OAHU," in the title, and the words, "NUUanu Pali," were inserted in the fifth stanza).

Subsequently in October of 1942 it was published in full in the, "Our Own Poets" section of the Honolulu Star Advertiser and later found its way stateside.

Rereading these lines always brings back a host of memories and I hope some day to retrace my steps back in the islands.

The sun palettes with bright-hued dye.  
Tints wave of sea and cloud of sky,  
Palms softly murmuring  
vespers,

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

On October 24, 1977 National President George Slavens has been extended an invitation to the National Veterans Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, with services starting at 11:00 A.M.

Chorus the tropic zephyrs.

The muffled din of trappings grim,  
Discordant mars the pastoral hymn,  
As sentry's march to post and guay,  
Grows fainter down the silent way.

The blaze of sunset's changing hue,  
Is soon by night's cold touch subdued,  
And now a stygian pall holds sway,  
O'er barracks, wharves and murky bay.

With feminine pique the moon but shrouds  
Her charms with dark, forbidding clouds,  
For absent long are lover's sigh,  
And yawning jaws of death are nigh.

The alba of another day,  
Holds night-black fastnesses at bay,  
Anon her vanguards of the morn,  
Herald birth of another dawn.

With ever-widening shafts of light,  
She storms the ramparts of the night,  
The mynah joins in mighty throng,

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### 53 ISSUE OF GRAM DEDICATED TO DAVE & VIRGINIA BRINER

*I as the new Editor of the Gram and this being my first issue I would like to dedicate it to Dave and Virginia Briner.*

*Dave for the past ten and a-half years has put in long and hard hours to publish and bring us the Gram. Working right at his side was a very special gal to Dave, his wife Virginia. Dave says that without her help that he would never have lasted ten years plus, and gives her most of the credit.*

*On my visit back to Waukegan, Ill. last July for the official turn over of the Gram, Dave and Virginia invited me to spend the four days that I was there, in their home. Two more wonderful people you have never met, both spending long hours with me just to make sure that I received all of the information I needed to continue on with the Gram. As Dave put it; I'll be retiring and resting, with your work just starting. (Dave, you are so right).*

*Since my return to California, Virginia has gone into the hospital for surgery. Dave informs me that she is doing fine and recovering rapidly. Why not drop her a line or two. I know she would like this very much.*

*For all of the PHSA members I would like to say "Thanks Dave and Virginia for a job well done." "We love you."*

Editor Ken Creese

### WHAT IS AMERICANISM?

There has to be a definition of Americanism somewhere, but it is quite obvious that many Americans find it hard to put a finger on it. The term, however, means many things to many Americans, but there is a definition that is historically accurate, and ever so pertinent, as we start into our third century as a nation. A better understanding of this definition will result in a more certain future for all of us.

When our founding fathers had enough of British oppression, they broke away and formed our nation. In doing so, they defined Americanism in the Declaration of Independence. The core of that definition is the part that says, "... men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." That small statement affirms that God exists, and that rights come from Him — and not from government. In fact, Government, which owes its very existence to the people who created it, has no other valid purpose than to protect the God-given rights of individuals. It should never take those rights away, for Government is the servant of the people, and not their master.

The first Americans had to fight for the definition of Americanism contained in the Declaration. After their victory, they wrote a Constitution, whose purpose was to limit, as strictly as possible, the power of the Government they had created. They knew very well that an unchecked Government would become oppressive, so they tied it down with the "chains of the Constitution," as Thomas Jefferson phrased it.

Our Constitution does not limit the people, it only limits the Government. Because our people have been free, they have been able to produce, to invent, to build, and to dream. Millions came to this country to enjoy the blessings of liberty, and then helped to build the greatest country in all history.

What America is, has come about because of the new concept of Government. This concept should be known by the name — Americanism. It includes the belief in God, from whom all rights are derived. It

affirms the innate dignity of every individual, and it insists on strict limitation of Government as a fundamental guarantee of freedom.

How many Shipmates, or anyone for that matter, remembers that this country was founded as a Republic, and not as a Democracy, as some people would lead us to believe. All you hear today is Democracy this and Democracy that! But when you recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, you say, "... and to the Republic for which it stands," and there is a difference between the two. In a Democracy, the majority rules, while in a Republic, the rule is by law. There is no reference to a Democracy in the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration, or in any of the Constitutions of the 50 states.

We as Americans should, indeed, treasure our marvelous heritage. The blessings of freedom, which it affirms, have been enjoyed by very few others — and we should be concerned, because so few understand it today. Because Americanism is so little appreciated, we have allowed our Federal Government to build itself into another master, as oppressive as the one that our fore-fathers fought 200 years ago.

Our courts, through anti-prayer and anti-God decisions, have outlawed positive statements in the classrooms of our schools, of the truths in the Declaration of Independence — the very foundation of our nation. We cannot teach our true American Heritage. Everybody now looks to the Federal Government to do things for us.

We are the heirs of all the ages, Shipmates. We must not, however, simply relax and enjoy our good fortune. As Americans and Shipmates, we have a responsibility to pass on our glorious heritage to subsequent generations. So, let us all become determined to understand Americanism, and let us then insist that those in high places, understand and live by it also. This too, is part of Americanism!

... Editor of Naval Affairs,  
Fleet Reserve Magazine

### NAVY RECRUITING QUOTAS SUSPECTED IN DESERTIONS

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Despite the end of the Vietnam War and the military draft, sailors are deserting the U.S. Navy in record numbers, a new Navy report shows.

Navy officers say the problem may be due to recruiters trying to meet quotas by enlisting immature and poorly educated personnel.

A growing number of Navy recruits are "up to the 10th grade level make up a large part of the Navy deserters and drop-outs," Vice Adm. James D. Watkins, chief of naval personnel said in a recent speech.

An officer in the Bureau of Personnel said, "there are still more than 3,000 recruiters

around the country who just have to fill their quotas of three recruits a month."

The report, disclosed Friday, said there were 12,886 desertions in the 11 months ending June 1, 1977 — more than 1,150 a month.

The report obtained from Navy sources said there are 456,000 enlisted personnel in the Navy, and 31 of every 1,000 will desert this year.

One deserter, said he was misled by Navy recruiters. He had dropped out of high school in the 10th grade, and joined the Navy in 1974, when he was 19, to learn a trade. He deserted after failing the third-class petty officers' examination five times.

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**NORTH CASCADE  
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STATE OF  
WASHINGTON**

PHSA survivors of Washington State Chapter 5 participated in the 56th Anniversary of the International Peace Arch, at Blaine, Washington and Douglas, British Columbia.

The International Peace Arch stands near the western end of the unfortified U.S. and Canadian border. It is unique because it is the only Arch of its kind in the world. Each year on the second Sunday of June, one of the most colorful ceremonies takes place commemorating peace between the two nations.

This year Dick Husted (USS Oklahoma) and President of Chapter 5 sought permission for PHSA to take part in the ceremonies. In the planning for this event it was noted by PHSA that for the first time the U.S. Military would not be represented. Dick contacted Senator Jackson for assistance, and within 72 hours he had arranged for the U.S. Navy Band, Northwest and the 13th Naval district's Color Guard to participate.

American children were led through the Peace Arch by the U.S. Navy Color Guard followed by the Pearl Harbor Survivors, which had the distinction and honor of leading the U.S. Navy Band through the Arch, carrying the Hawaiian and PHSA flags. Other Veteran groups and organizations also participated in the parade.

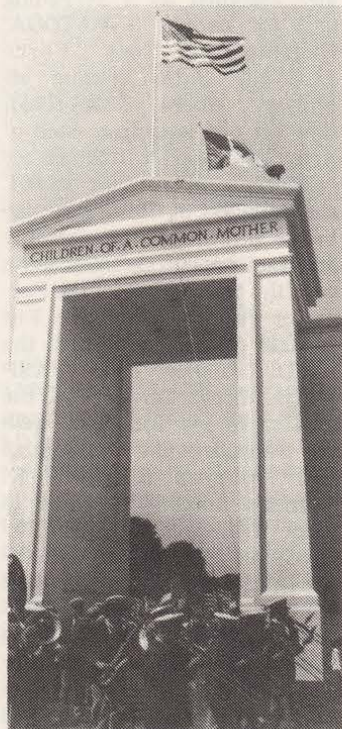
The Navy Band commanded by CWO Robert Fry USN, dedicated all the music to the memory of Band members on the ill fated U.S.S. Arizona, who were all lost on the fateful day December 7, 1941. The ceremony was certainly a splash of color, with seven bands participating (6 Canadian and the U.S. Navy Band) and with 6500 children each carrying the flag of their respective nation, covered and then exchanged flags.

At the conclusion of the festivities we of the PHSA hosted the International President of the Peace Arch Association, Doug Jacobs of the British Exservicemen's Association and the President of the British Association,

Walter Rossat, to a picnic held at the Arch.

They were all presented along with Glenn Lane off the U.S.S. Arizona a recording of that beautiful poem, "Voice from the Arizona."

There were well in excess of 50 PHSA members and their families in attendance. Our special thanks to Seattle Chapter PHSA for assisting and giving us a hand for this event. It was a beautiful and wonderful day!



**Peace Arch Park Blaine, Wash.  
Taken June 12, 1977**



**From left to right: Walter Ross President British Exservicemens Assoc., George A. Smith U.S.S. Oklahoma, & Seattle Chapter 2. Thomas Alexander American Vice President, International Peace Arch Assoc., Doug Jacobs, International President of Peace Arch Assoc., Glenn Lane U.S.S. Arizona, Homer I. Price 2nd District Director PHSA and the 21st Infantry REGT., Dick Husted U.S.S. Oklahoma, and President of Chapter 5, Charles E. O'Donovan, U.S.S. Oklahoma and Seattle Chapter 2.**

**VETERANS DAY - 1977**

This coming Veterans Day the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will be represented at Arlington National Cemetery Ceremonies by Jesse E. Pond Jr., our National Treasurer. This is a great honor for our organization to be a part of the Veterans Day National Committee.

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**OAHU NIGHT WATCH**

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To greet the day with mirth and song.

The sun in all its majesty,  
Vaults heights of Nuuanu Pali,  
Mess boys toil with clattering din,  
Barracks, stir, day's rigor begin.

Life pauses from its mighty care,

All eyes look high and heads unbare,

From mast and spire Old Glory's smile,

To greet her sons and hearts bequile.

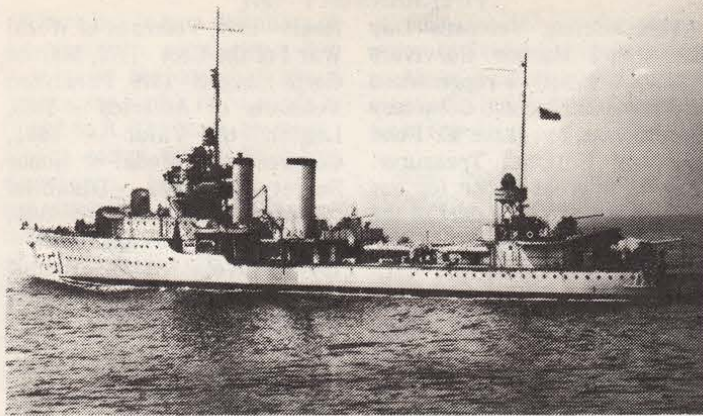
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**CORRECTION TO  
ARTICLE IN JULY  
ISSUE OF THE GRAM**

We wish to apologize to Suncoast Florida Chapter 1 and especially to James Crocker and Charles Hornyak.

On page 19, column 2 the sixth article; It should read: "Military manner by James Crocker (27th Infantry, Schofield Bks.) and Charles Hornyak (13th Artillery, Schofield Bks., both of Seminole Florida.



USS MacDONOUGH (DD-351)

The third USS MacDonough (DD-351), a destroyer, was built by the Boston Navy Yard, keel laid May 15, 1933 and she was launched on August 22, 1934, under the sponsorship of Miss Rose Shaler MacDonough, granddaughter of Commodore Thomas MacDonough, U.S. Navy. The ship was placed in commission at Boston, March 15, 1935.

As a unit of Destroyer Squadron ONE, she sailed from San Diego on October 5, 1939 to base her operations at Pearl Harbor until the outbreak of World War II.

When the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor, MacDonough, with her main engine disabled, was undergoing tender overhaul alongside USS DOBBIN while moored in a nest with other units of Destroyer Squadron ONE. Her men raced to battle stations as the Japanese attack commenced and continued to blaze away at the enemy for the next hour and a half. One enemy aircraft was observed to disintegrate when caught in mid-air by the five-inch shell fired by MacDonough's gunners. She cleared the harbor a few minutes after the noon hour to screen cruiser DETROIT and in the following days searched to the southwest of Oahu in the screen of the carrier LEXINGTON, flagship of Task Force ELEVEN. On December 14, MacDonough steamed with the task force to relieve Wake Island but that beleaguered garrison fell on December 23rd and she returned for offensive patrol off the Hawaiian Islands.

On January 31, 1942 MacDonough steamed with the LEXINGTON Task Force to cover the retirement of other carrier forces from the Mar-

shall Islands, then set course from the New Hebrides Islands in the screen of LEXINGTON for a surprise aerial strike against Rabaul, New Britain. On the morning of February 20th, two enemy patrol planes which snooped the task force were shot down by LEXINGTON'S combat air patrol but a third snooper escaped to warn the enemy. That afternoon the combat air patrol and anti-aircraft fire of the ships knocked down 17 out of 18 enemy high-level bombers which attacked the task force from the starboard quarter. Only four of the bombers managed to reach the dropping point of their run, concentrating on LEXINGTON which was superbly maneuvered clear as the bombs hit the water astern of that fighting carrier and exploded harmlessly into the sea.

With the element of surprise lost, the strike on Rabaul was canceled and MacDonough engaged in offensive patrol with the task force in the Coral Sea until March 6th when rendezvous was made with the YORKTOWN Task Forces off the Fiji Islands. The combined carrier force entered the Gulf of Papua on March 10th and MacDonough maneuvered at high speed with other destroyers throughout the day, providing a protective screen for the carriers which launched 117 aircraft for destruction of Japanese shipping and installations at Salamaus and Lae on the north coast of New Guinea. The strikes were completed by 1700 and the entire force retired to the southeast for return to Pearl Harbor, March 26th.

USS MacDonough and destroyer HULL cleared Pearl Harbor on April 1st as ocean

escort for eleven merchant vessels which reached the safety of San Francisco Bay on April 12th. She departed San Francisco on April 20th as escort unit for a convoy which arrived at Honolulu on the 28th. She was again bound for San Francisco with a convoy on May 1st and returned to Pearl Harbor as part of the ocean escort for 21 merchant vessels on June 11, 1942.

MacDonough was detached from convoy duty on June 13th and assigned as a screening unit for carrier SARATOGA, flagship of Task Force ELEVEN. After cruising off Midway where SARATOGA flew off one squadron each of Army and Marine fighters for reinforcement of that island, she engaged in battle practice in the Hawaiian area. On July 9th MacDonough steamed south with the SARATOGA Task Force for rendezvous off the Fiji Islands on July 26th with the ENTERPRISE and WASP carrier forces. On July 29th the carrier forces combined with the transports and warships of Rear Admiral Richmond K. Turner's amphibious force to form TASK FORCE SIXTY-ONE. As a screening unit for SARATOGA, flagship of Task Unit 61.1.1, MacDonough formed a part of the Air Support Force for almost twenty thousand men of the First Marine Division to be carried in the transport vessels of Rear Admiral Turner's amphibious force to the beachheads of Guadalcanal.

The invasion force arrived off Guadalcanal the morning of August 7th and MacDonough served in the protective screen for SARATOGA while the carrier launched aircraft to support the Marines landing on Guadalcanal. She rescued one of SARATOGA's aviators the next day when his plane crashed in the water nearby. The task force continued patrol off Guadalcanal and on August 24th, SARATOGA'S planes sank Japanese carrier RYUJO, then located Japanese Admiral Kondo's force to bracket seaplane carrier CHITOSE with bombs. That enemy carrier's planes were damaged; her port engine room was opened to the sea; and a seven degree list, topside damage, and progressive flooding, reduced her effectiveness to zero. That

night MacDonough steamed south with the SARATOGA task force to escort the battered ENTERPRISE to safe waters, then raced back to the scene of action raging around the "Tokyo Express" in Savo Sound. She was screening about 400 yards on SARATOGA'S starboard bow, August 31st, and had barely gained sound contact on an enemy submarine at 0744 when her lookouts sighted a periscope. Within a split second (0746) she hoisted warning signal while her men shouted over the TBS "Torpedo heading for Carrier!" As MacDonough dropped depth charges, a torpedo hit SARATOGA on her starboard side to flood her fireroom and foul her electric power plant. While the carrier brought the damage under control, MacDonough and PHELPS made a series of depth charge runs on the enemy contact to no avail.

MacDonough arrived at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Island, on September 12th and sailed two days later to cover Rear Admiral Turner's transports with reinforcements for Guadalcanal. She took station at 0600, September 18th as the troops landed in the vicinity of Kokum, Guadalcanal. Four hours later she commenced bombardment of Kokombo village where Japanese troops were bivouacked. The debarking operations were completed by 2000 and the task force sailed for return to Espiritu Santo on September 26th. During the following weeks, MacDonough escorted oiler GUADALUPE from Espiritu Santo to Noumea, New Caledonia, returning as escort for three merchant vessels, then patrolled off the Second Channel entrance to Espiritu Santo. On October 24th she took oiler KANKAKEE under escort for Pearl Harbor, arriving November 3rd.

On November 8th, MacDonough got underway from Pearl Harbor as a unit of Task Force ONE. In company with MONAGHAN and HULL, she formed the escort for the Norwegian motorship TORRINS with the U.S. Army 19th Bombardment Group embarked. Steaming by the way of Fiji Islands, she parted company with the TORRINS off Noumea on November 23rd and joined the protective screen for

cruiser HONOLULU for escort to Espiritu Santo before return to the Fiji Islands. She cleared Fiji on November 29th to rendezvous with USS ZEILIN off Espiritu Santo on December 1st, then acted as escort for that vessel by way of the Samoan Islands to San Pedro, arriving there on December 22, 1942. MacDonough entered the Mare Island Navy Yard, the same day for installation of new radar and alterations to her anti-aircraft armament.

On April 7th MacDonough departed Los Angeles Harbor in the escort screen of battleships IDAHO and NEVADA to assemble with Rear Admiral T.C. Kinkaid's task force at Adak, Alaska. Maneuvering in a pea-soup fog off Attu Island on May 10th, the destroyer-Minelayer SICARD rammed MacDonough midships to flood the engine room, fire room and shaft alley. Except for the number one boiler being lighted off for the Galley, heating and bilge pumps, MacDonough was entirely without power of any kind and down by the stern. She started to settle as SICARD backed off with her bow crumpled back about 17 feet. MacDonough's men made a heroic fight to keep her afloat and brought the flooding sea under control as SICARD'S frantic crew passed a tow line to the stricken ship. MacDonough was taken in tow by SICARD and arrived at Kuluk Bay, Adak, where she was towed by the tug TIP-PECANOE to Mare Island Navy Yard for repairs.

MacDonough, in 1944, saw duty at Wotje Atoll; Roi Namur, Kawajalein Atoll; Majuro Lagoon; Palau Island; Woleai; and Hollandia, New Guinea. At 0600, April 29th, MacDonough, on picket station two miles south of Truk, she made radar contact bearing twelve miles from the fleet center and tracked the target until it vanished from her radar screen in a fast dive. MacDonough promptly picked up the submerged enemy with her sonar and delivered a depth charge pattern which left the submarine trailing oil. A depth charge run by STEPHEN POTTER was followed up by assistance from a Grumman aircraft. MacDonough then made her second depth charge attack which brought up great patches of oil and debris to mark the grave of Japanese

submarine I-174.

MacDonough was in the initial bomber attacks launched June 12th against Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota. She operated in this vicinity until August 20th when she steamed for Pearl Harbor.

After leaving Pearl Harbor in September 1944, MacDonough saw action at Leyte Gulf, Ulithi and the Philippine Islands. Also, she was assigned to much escort duties.

The USS MacDonough (DD-351) earned thirteen battle stars and other awards. She arrived at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on September 25, 1945, for inactivation. She was decommissioned October 22nd and sold December 20th to George H. Nutman of Brooklyn, New York.

**AMERICA'S FIGHTING MEN**  
By O.W. Price

Dwight D. Eisenhower, our 34th President (1953-1961) was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1915 and spent more than 35 years in uniform. During WW II he was Commander for the European theater of operations. In 1945 he returned home as a 5-star General and the most popular soldier since U.S. Grant.

Eisenhower's love and respect for the soldier was exemplified in his speech, "The Quality of America's Fighting Man," delivered to Congress on June 8, 1945. He said . . . "I have seen Americans proved on battlefields of Africa and Europe over which armies have been fighting for more than 2000 years of history. None of these battlefields has seen a more worthy soldier than the trained American . . . Willingly, he has suffered hardships, without a whimper he has made heavy sacrifices. He has endured much, but he has never faltered. His aggressiveness — his readiness to close with the enemy — has become a byword in the embattled armies of Europe.

You have read many reports of his individual exploits, but not one-tenth of them has been or ever will be told. Any one of them is sufficient to fill the true American with emotion — with an intense pride of his countryman."

What General Eisenhower



California Chapter 18 of Antelope Valley proudly display their trophies that they have won as Color Guard in parades since receiving their Charter 3½ years ago. Left to right: "Sarg" Charlie Fisk, Trustee; George Shoemaker, Sec-Trea.; James Wilson, President; James Murphy, Vice-Pres.; and Fred Wahl, Trustee.

said of the fighting men of WW II can also be said of all America's fighting men from the colonial town of Lexington to the jungles of Vietnam.

The quality of America's fighting men has also been

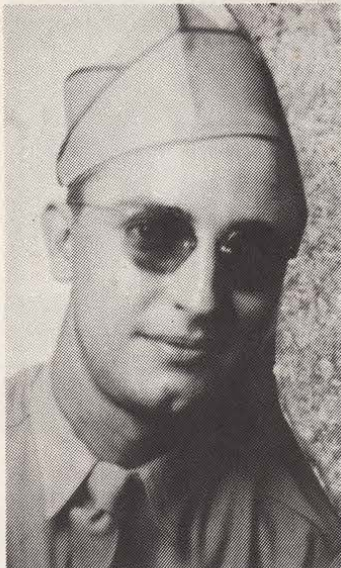
demonstrated in times of peace. All of our Presidents since Franklin D. Roosevelt served in our wartime military forces. Currently, the leading candidates for the office of President are war veterans . . .

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Henry G. Howell

### MEMOIRS OF PEARL HARBOR

It was a beautiful calm and peaceful Sunday morning December 7, 1941 over 35 years ago. I had finished Guard Duty with the 97th Coast Artillery Unit located at Schofield Bks. I was up early that morning preparing to leave for Honolulu. One of my buddies dropped in and persuaded me to cancel my pass so that he could go instead. I did so as a favor and took over his KP duties. I felt somewhat disappointed afterwards, for the exchange, because my next due pass listing never came. As I walked up to the mess tent that morning, the Mess Sargent assigned me to washing pots and pans, for the noon meal. I

remember they needed a cook and him asking if I could cook? Of course my answer was no! At around 10:00 A.M. planes appeared overhead with an unusual cracking and blasting sound. We all remarked at the time that the planes overhead were Army Air Corp, on maneuvers. As I came out of the mess hall and looked up into the sky, they were not recognizable. We were all baffled and could not figure out what was happening. About this time I saw one of the planes drop something out on the field which blew up. It was then that everyone yelled "Japanese planes" took for cover and stood by for orders. After the raid I was assigned to a 50 caliber machine gun on the roof of one of the piers overlooking the Aloha Tower. This assignment lasted for several weeks. Being a First Class Private at the time I was later ordered to help fill sandbags and digging trenches. Finally after many weeks we received a pass and headed for Honolulu. After all these weeks I needed a haircut so badly, I stopped at the first barbership and let one of the island girls cut my hair. Our company was broken up into detachments, with some going to Wheeler Field, Fort Shafter and Fort Kamehameha. During the next few weeks I became ill, and was shipped to the mainland and Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco for R & R.

Henry is a native of Glenwood, Kentucky and was drafted into the Army in mid-1941 and reported for duty in Hawaii in October of the same year. He was discharged Dec. 3, 1943. He states that one of these years he hopes to return to Hawaii for a National Convention and visit with all of his old buddies and other Survivors.

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Requests for Unit Listings, which contain the names of the current PHSA members from your ship or station, are to be mailed to Mr. James E. Tracy, P.O. Box 9212, Long Beach, CA 90810. Your request should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Extra postage should be included for the larger units - Hickam Field, Schofield Barracks, etc.

With your request, please give your PHSA identification number found on your membership card.



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June 23, 1977

Mr. Kenneth R. Creese  
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Dear Ken:

This is to confirm your appointment as Chief Editor of the Pearl Harbor Gram to take effect July 30, 1977, after the July issue of the Gram has been printed and mailed.

I will advise you on your travel expenses as soon as the directive has been voted on.

Sincerely,

George E. Slavens  
National President  
Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn.

cc: Decker  
McEnany  
Pond  
Briner

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Gram extends "Congratulations" to those couples who have recently observed or will soon be observing their wedding anniversary.

#### 40th Anniversary

Phenix T. (USS Cummings DD365) and Christinia Dicksey, 903 Colley Ave. Apt. 16, Norfolk, VA. 23507 — Nov. 20th, 1977.

#### 35th Anniversary

Joseph S. (USS Curtiss AV4) and Josephine M. Barbizzi, 206 Mansion Rd., Elmhurst Wilmington, DE. 19804 — Jan. 10th, 1978.

George R. (Ford Island VP-23) and Shirley Duke, 4940 Ridgewood Rd., Apt. K-4, Jackson, Miss. 39211 — Oct. 22nd, 1977.

Jack J. (19th Infantry) and Mary Finan, 758 E. Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh, N.C. 27608 — Sept. 19th, 1977.

Ray L. (USS Schley) and Anna K. Bohnenkamp, 9846 Ventura Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63136 — Jan. 3rd, 1977.

#### 30th Anniversary

Anthony J. (Btry. F 98th Coast Artillery, Schofield Bks.) and Nina Todaro, 135A Mercer St., Phillipsburgh, N.J. 08865 — Oct. 25th, 1977.

Tim (31st Bomb Sqdn., Hickam Field) and Jo Curran, 7120 Lake Dr., Orlando, Fla. 32809 — Sept. 22nd, 1977.

Hervey G. (Schofield Bks.) and Cordie Spencer, 26035 Cunningham, Warren, Mich. 48091 — Nov. 8th, 1977.

Ward (Hickam Field) and Vi Groseclose, 408 South Alp, Bay City, Mich. 48708 — Nov. 15th, 1977.

Thomas J. (USS New Orleans) and Glenna Domsic, 3822 Heron SW, Wyoming, Mich. 49509 — Nov. 27th, 1977.

Al H. (USS Raleigh) and Ida Pottkotter, 20915 Westland, Southfield, Mich. 48075 — Nov. 27th, 1977.

Nicholas V. (USS Oglala) and Pauline Bauer, 126 Garland SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49508 — Dec. 13th, 1977.

#### 25th Anniversary

Ralph W. (USS Whitney) and Mary Essick, R. Rt. No. 1, Box 161, Tampa, Fla. 33612 — Nov. 3rd, 1977.

William B. (USS Aylwin DD 355) and Delle C. Brown, Box 38, Nixon, Texas, 78140 — Sept. 28th, 1977.

R.E. "Bob" (804-B Schofield Bks.) and Encarnita V. Earl, 1302 Loch Lomond Dr., Cardiff, Calif. 92007 — Aug. 26th, 1977.

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**OUR READERS WRITE:** What a great title! Many thanks for your effort and interest (USS PHOENIX) . . . The book was great - enjoyed it much (Fresno, Calif.) . . . You have a colorful style of writing (Glendale, Calif.) . . . How well I remember (USS ARGONNE) . . . I am enclosing another check for an extra copy (USS MEDUSA) . . . Find your book full of memories (USS OKLAHOMA) . . . What a pleasant surprise (USS ARIZONA) . . . Enclosed find a check for two more copies (USS ARGONNE) . . . Found it quite a novel (USS NEVADA) . . . I am really impressed with your book (Lexington, Ky.) . . . Enclosed find another check for a shipmate who was on the CURTISS (USS CURTISS) . . . Page 207 in error. NEVADA had 14" fangs (USS NEVADA) . . . Started it today and can't wait to see what that luscious Kura is up to (NAVY RECRUITING STATION) . . . Could not put it down until I had finished it (Panorama City, Calif.) . . . Quite frankly, it was much better than I anticipated. Your writing style was interesting and lubricated the pages so that time slipped by quickly (Sepulveda, Calif.).

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The transfer of the office of the Editor of the Pearl Harbor Gram from Illinois to California necessitates the submitting of the new membership for the third quarter before the 30th of September. New members received after the 12th of September will be shown as part of the 4th quarter.

Complete addresses of new members may be obtained by writing the National Vice President, Thomas E. Decker, 1023 Glenwood Ave., Waukegan, Il. 60085.

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**MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

This is the third report of the National Membership Chairman, NVP Thomas E. Decker, on the membership contest from November 1, 1976 to November 1, 1978.

Total increase in members as of Sept. 12, 1977 is 441.

**By States:**

California	152
Florida	42
Ohio	16
Pennsylvania	15
Texas	13
New Hampshire	12
Nebraska	12
Washington	11
Georgia	11

**NEW MEMBERS**

The third quarter of 1977 closed with survivors of Pearl Harbor and of the island of Oahu becoming members of PHSA.

The GRAM welcomes each of them to our association.

The new members are (Due to the unauthorized use of the names and addresses of new member printed in the GRAM, the full address is NOT now listed. If any member desires to obtain the full address of a fellow survivor, contact the National Vice President (Membership Chairman):

MARIKA, Andrew  
Chula Vista, Ca. 92011  
(USS Curtiss)  
BOCKERMAN, Chester C.  
Arapahoe, NE. 68922  
(USS Tennessee)  
HEISERMAN, George B.  
Kansas City, MO. 64118  
(USS St. Louis)

New York	11
Illinois	10
Oklahoma	9
Missouri	9
Michigan	8
New Jersey	8
Alabama	7
South Carolina	7
Hawaii	6
Arkansas	6
Massachusetts	6
Indiana	6
Maryland	6
By Districts:	
First	163
Second	19
Third	30
Fourth	28
Fifth	29
Sixth	79
Seventh	59
Eighth	34

**Sponsors with five (5)  
or more new members:**

California Chap. No. 1	32
Mazeau, J.	10
Treas. Office	12
Cook, H.	10
Atlanta (Ga.)	9
Bachner, J.	8
Hittle, B.	8
Lawrence, F.	8
Guest, F.H.	7
Rowe, T.	7
Bedell, D.P.	7
Laden, W.J.	6
Hanger, A.	5
Slavens, G.	5
Neff, P.	5
Street, J.	5

**LEWIS, Wilber W.**

Lodi, Ca. 95240  
(USS Utah)

**SEAMANS, Floyd B.**

Paradise, Ca. 95969  
(EWA Air Base)

**WESTABY, Dean F.**

Stockton, Ca. 95702  
(Ford Island A & R)

**HALL, Harry Jr.**

San Diego, Ca. 92123  
(USS Widgeon)

**SAILORS, Benjamin G.**

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(Navy Misc)

**JONES, Jack L.**

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(Fort Kamehameha)

**McKENZIE, Norbert L.**

Springfield, VA. 22151  
(USS Argonne)

**BUONPANE, Anthony**

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(Schofield Bks.)

**FREEMAN, Jacob M.**

Miami, FL. 33173  
(Schofield Bks.)

**DAVIS, Earnest W.**

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(USS Aylwin)  
STINECIPHER, Robert H.  
Fresno, Ca. 93710  
(USS Tennessee)  
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Placerville, Ca. 95667  
(USS Cinchona)  
HOFF, Willard  
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(Schofield Bks.)  
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Columbus, OH. 43213  
(USS Downes)  
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(USS California)  
PADDOCK, John W.  
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(USS California)  
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North Platte, NE. 69101  
(Schofield Bks.)  
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(Ford Island)  
PATTERSON, Hermon I.  
Dinuba, Ca. 93618  
(USS MacDonough)  
XAVIER, Diego J.  
Honolulu, HI. 96815  
(Ford Island Admin.)  
PFISTER, Harold W.  
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BEALE, Philip R.  
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(Hickam Field)  
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(USS Oglala)  
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San Diego, Ca. 92111  
(USS West Virginia)  
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Audubon, NJ. 08106  
(USS San Francisco)  
GANITCH, Michael M.  
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TANCZOS, John O.  
Tustin, Ca. 92680  
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(USS West Virginia)  
KERRIN, Charles T.  
Escondido, Ca. 92026  
(Submarine Base)  
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El Cajon, Ca. 92021  
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HESS, William T.  
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(Wheeler Field)  
HAWKINS, John W.  
Campbell, Ca. 95008  
(USS Oklahoma)  
FRUIN, Richard L.  
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(USS Tangier)  
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San Diego, Ca. 92117  
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#### EIGHT DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND CRUISE

Merle E. Stouffer, Past National President, proudly announces that 41 survivors, wives and guests, known as Merle's Marauder's, attended the annual 8th District's Conference and Cruise from Portland, Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 1977. A convoy of five cars left New Jersey, as well as those who left by air, in time to board the beautiful Caribe departing Portland, Maine at 10:00 P.M. on Friday evening, September 23, 1977.

Upon arrival in Yarmouth on Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M., a better part of one hour was devoted to visiting the many shops where purchases were made before the return trip to

Portland, Maine.

The trip over and back, of course, found the women at the one arm bandits while the more professional men (survivors) were engulfed with the more professionals at the tables trying to beat them at their own games. A little greenery was taken home, but I assure you that more was left behind.

Our sincere thanks and congratulations to Tom Stockett, 8th District Director and of course to Maurice Storck, Chairman of the annual affair, who did an excellent job on the cruise over and back and in arranging our hotel accommodations at the Ramada Inn in Portland on our return Saturday. Thanks Maurice and Tom....

**LONG ISLAND CHAPTER - No. 135**

On Sunday afternoon of June 19th, the newly formed Long Island Chapter held an installation and Chapter presentation dinner at Broncato's restaurant in Huntington, N.Y. President Charles Aslanian welcomed the survivors and guests. A one minute of silence was observed for the late James R. Jones who was a Charter Member of the Chapter.

After a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meat balls plus baked Lasagna, Bill Cleveland, New Hampshire State Chairman installed the officers and presented the Charter. As a token of our appreciation for Bill making this long journey to New York, Past National President Joel Bachner presented Mr. Cleveland with a framed picture of the USS Arizona. President Aslanian presented a PHSa plaque to our Honorary Member Walter Schultz. Mr. Schultz helped the Chapter financially and to get us started. Our special guest was Roger Hirskind, Commander of VFW Post 1469.

Many door prizes, a raffle prize, plus the fifty - fifty drawing were given away. Past 8th District Director Joe Hydrusko donated the raffle prize.

This being our first social affair which was so successful and very well attended, the Chapter committee is planning more social get togethers for the future.



New Hampshire state chairman Bill Cleveland swearing in officers of the Long Island chapter. Left to right: Ted Topper Trustee, David Rosenberg Trustee, Charles Aslanian Pres., James Riffle Vice Pres., Joel Bachner Sec., and Blacky Ammar Treasurer.



The New Jersey State Chapter No. 1, Inc., PHSa., held their annual picnic at Squibbs Park, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Saturday, August 20, 1977. Some seventy-four survivors, wives, guests and children (grand) attended the gala affair and games were enjoyed by everyone (Photo by Ronnie Wierzbowski, 7th DD For Sons & Daughters of PH Survivors).



The Ladies Auxiliary of the New Jersey State Chapter No. 1, Inc., PHSa., provided an excellent array of covered dishes for their annual picnic held at Squibbs Park, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on August 20, 1977. Many pounds were put on by those who par-took of the excellent food provided by the ladies and they are to be congratulated for an excellent outing which was enjoyed by their grandchildren, as well as their children (Photo by Ronnie Wierzbowski, 7th DD For the Sons & Daughters of PH Survivors).



*Company "B", 34th Engineers, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, November 1941*

Company "B" 34th Engineers, Schofield Bks. Photo was taken in November of 1941. Walter Simerson, 6000 Marlin, El Paso, Texas 79924 is the 2nd man from the right, front row sitting down, would

appreciate hearing from anyone in the above photo. Walter is a member of Paso Del Norte Chapter No. 7.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Since taking over the GRAM in July I have received many letters, articles, and poems. These are greatly appreciated because without them there wouldn't be any news.

Please, in the future, when sending in the above, especially poems, put the name of the author on them and if they are articles, what paper or magazine they were taken from.

It is a touchy matter when trying to put some of them in the GRAM without this information. Some of these articles are syndicated and cannot be republished without permission. Poems without author's names, or where they originated will not be republished in the GRAM.

Thank you for this consideration and keep the information coming.

### REUNION NOTICE

U.S.S. Wadleigh (DD-689)  
Men who served aboard the Wadleigh between the original commissioning date (Oct. 1943) & final decommissioning date (1961) please contact Elwood East, C.P.A., 107 Cheapside, R-705, Lexington, Ky. 40507. Reunion will be in 1978.

11th Bombardment Gr. (H) will meet in Springfield, Ill. on July 19th through the 23rd, 1978. Contact Robert E. May. P.O. Box 11, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 for further information.

U.S.S. Phelps (DD-360) will have their 5th reunion in Greensboro, N.C. on August 4th, 5th & 6th, 1978. Contact Harold Placette, 3336 Roanoke, Port Arthur, Texas 77640.

U.S.S. Tennessee (BB-43)  
Date for reunion is set for June 16 & 17, 1978 at Denver, Colo. For further information contact Edward F. Franse, 4682 S. Pennsylvania St., Englewood, Colo. 80110.

Tripler Hospital reunion will be held on December 6, 1978 at the Las Vegas Convention. Those interested please write Anna Urda Busby, 3553 Cloverdale Montgomery, Alabama 36111.

### THE SAGA OF "LUCKY LOU"

When the 353 Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor without warning Sunday, December 7, 1941, few of some 100 ships in the harbor were less prepared to fire effectively than the USS St. Louis (CL 49), the only ship in the Pacific Fleet with the coveted gunnery "E" on every one of her five turrets and four gun mounts.

Berthed in the Navy Yard between the USS Honolulu and USS San Francisco for "limited availability" near Battleship Row, primary target for the attack, the St. Louis was in no condition to fight back or get underway. Two of her eight boilers were dismantled for cleaning; five others were "cold". All of her 5-inch AA guns were inoperative with their circuit breakers ashore in the repair shop. Most of her sound-powered battle telephones were deep in the ship's IC repair shop for routine maintenance. All of her antennae were down. Scaffolding littered her masts and superstructure. Some of her key personnel were ashore on weekend liberty. But ammunition had not yet been off-loaded.

"Within two minutes by the clock," the ship was shooting an "all guns going" war in local control within extremely limited firing bearings and making all preparations for getting underway — without any orders passed to do so — her Captain George A. Rood recalled later.

Before the attack was over, the St. Louis was the only major warship to get underway and reach the open sea. And, in doing so, became a primary target for attack as she raced down the channel and headed for the open sea to seek out the attacking Japanese Fleet. Of the 29 Japanese planes that failed to return to their carriers that day, the St. Louis claimed six, but was officially credited with three.

The Fighting St. Louis, strafed, near missed by bombs and target of a torpedo attack, suffered inconsequential damage.

Sailors on the other ships said the "Fighting Lou" was "just lucky" and loyal to their own ships, dubbed her "The Lucky Lou."

The luck of the fighting Lou



ROBERT SR., DAVID, ROBERT JR. PATEK

### "THREE GENERATIONS"

Robert J. Patek Sr. - BM/2c served aboard the U.S.S. Farragut during the attack on Pearl Harbor and spent a great part of the war in the Pacific. Toward the end of the war, he was assigned to duty in the Atlantic aboard the U.S.S. Farquar. During the Korean Conflict, his duty assignment was aboard the U.S.S. Seboney. Bob is very active in Cleveland Chapter of PHSA.

David L. Patek - His duty station for the next few years will be the U.S.S. "Home" at 4015C Harpers Rd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23454, where he and his mother, Carolee, await the return of husband and father, Robert, Jr.

Robert J. Patek, Jr. - AZ/2c has been in the Navy for eight years. He has been aboard the U.S.S. Forrestal, his present assignment is duty aboard the U.S.S. Independence. His home base is Oceana, Va.

held out through WW II during which she earned eleven battle stars and a unit citation, in battles and engagements of every type. She became the Navy's "most traveled ship" in the first year of the war. Three times, Domei, the official Japanese news agency reported her sunk by torpedos, bombs, and Kamikazes. Shell fragments littered her decks during many bombardments as enemy shells whizzed across her superstructure. At the end of WW II, the Navy called her "the ship that couldn't be sunk."

Some say the Lou was lucky to be taken out of mothballs in 1951 and sold to the Brazilian Navy to bolster defenses in the Western Hemisphere during the Korean conflict. The Brazilians gave her the most revered name they could bestow — Almirante Tamandare — the father of the Brazilian Navy. Last year, after 25 years of service, the Brazilian Navy decommissioned the Tamandare and

scheduled it for the scrap heap.

The St. Louis crew sounded "General Quarters" once more to save their ship. The call was sounded by the ship's four gunnery officers who also had collateral duty as Welfare Officers for a national association of their WW II shipmates to "Save Lucky Lou."

In Brazil, where the Tamandare marked a turning point in its Navy and maintained a peacetime record as fine as her WW II war record, action is being initiated to form a Brazilian association of Tamandare ship's company, to establish this ship as a museum serving two nations. Negotiations are underway.

Former ship's company, relatives, and friends are urged to contact Commander A.L. Seton, who, as an enlisted man before he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy, was in charge of the gunnery office. His address: 220 Otis Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y. 10306.

## From The Desk Of The National President

We are trying something new in this the 53rd issue of the Gram, and we hope that this meets with the approval of the membership. The centerfold pages will now be for information from your National Officers and District Directors. We hope you will bear with us while we get this idea started.

I want all members to be advised that the deadline for presenting changes in our BY-LAWS is July 1st, 1978. This is to allow the BY-LAWS committee time to study and have them ready for the October issue of the Gram in 78. They will be printed in the Gram in such a manner that you can remove and have them for use at the convention. The correct form for presenting a change to the BY-LAWS will be outlined in the 54th issue of the Gram.

George Slavens  
National President

## Notice of Annual Dues

The annual dues of \$6.00 will be due and payable December 7, 1977.

The bills will be sent out again this year by the National Treasurer around December 1st and will be in a special envelope, addressed and ready for mailing.

Please do not send in your dues early, but wait for the bill to come to you. The office procedures are set up to receive a large influx of dues checks at one time and if received early will just foul up our computer.

If dues are not received by National Office by March 7, 1978, 90 days following December 7, 1977, there will be a \$3.00 reinstatement fee to cover costs. It is the responsibility of each individual member to meet this deadline.

## PHSA Widows

Mrs. Trudy Crider who is the Nat'l. Co-ordinator of PHSA Widows would like to inform all widows of deceased PHSA members that due to her moving out to California she has been unable to keep up with any new widows, and would like to remind all of you that you are welcome to all functions of the PHSA.

She asks that all Chapter's keep sending them their Newsletters and information pertaining to Chapter meetings and functions.

If any widow has remarried she can still belong to the "Widow's Association Group."

Mrs. Crider's new address is: P.O. Box 5134, Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

## Notes From The National Secretary

Reports on State Chairman.

It is requested by the National Secretary that all newly elected State Chairman send a letter of acknowledgement to the National Secretary as soon as possible after election.

Also, do not forget the changes of address. (Form No. 2). Sometimes these changes are made known to this office by a returned letter.

Report of Chapter Officer's.

This is one of the most important Reports to be made by the Chapter Secretary. (Form No. 10). Because of letters to be made by the Chapter Presidents, it is evident that some Officer Lists are five years in arrears. Don't forget Form No. 10 whenever there are elections or appointments.

A reminder to all that all old and obsolete Forms should be destroyed. Just recently a Death Report was sent to the wrong address and it took three weeks to get to this office.

Fred McEnany  
National Secretary.

## Highlights

Those present were George Slavens, Tom Decker, Fred McEnamy, Jesse Pond, Bill Aupperlee, Homer Price, Garvin McComas, Ben DeiSanti, Herb Hansen, Charlie Vaughn, Tom Stockett. Absent: Speelman, 7th District Director. Wilson Rutherford, Parliamentarian, also attended. If you desire further information on the following highlights, please contact your District Director or the National Administrator's Office.

The first part of the meeting consisted of the EB members being shown the routine con-

## 1978 National Convention Notes

ALOHA Survivors, spouses and friends, here is some of the information on the 1978 NATIONAL CONVENTION, that you have been waiting for.

CONVENTION DATES DECEMBER 4th — 9th, 1978

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ALL CONVENTION FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD ON ONE LEVEL IN SPACE CENTER, MAIN ROOM WILL SEAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR THOUSAND (4000) FOR THE BANQUET. PHSA WILL BE THE ONLY CONVENTION THERE AT THAT TIME.

FIRST MAIL-OUT OF CONVENTION PACKAGE WILL BE EARLY JANUARY, 1978.

## of the Executive Board Meeting July 16-17, 1977 in McLean, Virginia

nected with the treasurer's work. This was the first time the EB members have been in the Treasurer's office. Business meeting followed.

Business office should be located in Treasurer's office because 1 — computer prices are more inexpensive in D.C. (more competition), 2 — all things concerning money shall be dealt with by the Treasurer's office. Unanimously voted for in Anaheim.

Motion made to authorize the expenditure of \$7,800 for cost of operating Secretary and Treasurer's office for period of one year commencing July, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978. Motion carried.

Motion — Treasurer be authorized to purchase 100 large memorial plaques at 10.98 each. Motion carried.

Motion — The 35th anniversary booklets be made available at 1980 convention in Florida. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding Las Vegas convention in 1978. Hall Pickard is National Convention Coordinator. Cost per person attending set at \$35, includes registration, luncheon on Tuesday, brunch after December 7th services, banquet, continental breakfast on Friday and Convention Souvenir Book. Motion — Re: 1978 National Convention in Las Vegas. Nevada Chapter No. 2 will be allowed 15 percent of the

net after National expenses are deducted. Motion carried. Guidelines for future National conventions were discussed.

Slavens called for discussion of problems existing by Districts. It was decided that Alaska be treated like a foreign district as in the case of members living in England and Costa Rica, and National would be responsible for them instead of District 1. Constitution and By-laws spell out the Districts and it was agreed they should remain as such.

A need for a change in application blanks was discussed. Revision to be made by National Secretary. Old applications with Brown Road, Indianapolis address should be destroyed.

Mr. Clark Simmons and Mr. Pat Librie of the New York Statue of Liberty Chapter requested attendance at the EB regarding the cease and desist letter and their Good & Welfare Committee. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion made to write a letter to the New York Chapter requesting they hire a CPA to audit their books. Upon receipt of complete report the EB will vote on directive as to the future of this chapter. The cease and desist order remains as is. Any chapter with an item for sale with the PHSAs seal on it must have approval of EB for national distribution. Decisions and recommendations of the EB must be published in the Pearl Harbor Gram.

Discussion on rebates. Chapter rebates will be held up by the State Chairman until financial statements have been submitted from each chapter within each State.

Motion to order and purchase official color guard jackets to remain the property of PHSAs for use at official National functions. Motion carried.

Discussion on appointment of new Editor of Gram, costs of prin-

ting, material to be printed, format changes, etc.

Discussion on Resolutions Committee and procedure for a better more efficient manner of presentation in order to get ample preparation and adequate information to all members prior to convention time. Meeting between Resolutions Committee and those presenting Resolutions to occur before Business Meeting in an effort to limit time spent at general meeting. It was noted that proper format for resolutions and change in bylaws had not been followed in the past.

Next EB meeting to be held in June, 1978, in Waukegan to prepare for Business Meeting in Las Vegas.

### Letter From The National Vice President

Fellow Survivors:

My tenure in the office of National Vice President has proven most informative. Visiting chapters throughout the country this past nine months has given me an insight into some of the problems that many of us share. Meeting new friends and renewing friendships with old friends has been most rewarding. The hospitality and warmth shown by you fellow survivors will long be remembered. Many thanks to you all for this wonderful nine months of my life.

Should any of the members have any problems that I might be able to help resolve, do not hesitate to write to me. My duties as National Vice President unlike the other National Officers, leaves me plenty of time to assist in any way I can.

Wishing the best to each and everyone of you, I remain,

Yours in PHSAs,  
Tom Decker

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AND PRICE OF  
BOOSTER ADS

**MONARCHY BEGINNINGS**

**KAMEHAMEHA THE GREAT . . .** The lineage of the royal Hawaiian monarchs begins with King Kamehameha the Great who brought the Islands under one rule. Kamehameha, the "Lonely Warrior," lived to fulfill a prophecy made at his birth that he would become a killer of chiefs and ruler of all the islands.

Not long after Captain Cook sailed into Kealakekua Bay, Kamehameha — ended bloodystrife between district chiefs and united the islands. The Islands enjoyed peace and prosperity under Kamehameha until his death in 1819.

**KAMEHAMEHA II . . .** Kalaninui Liholiho, the eldest son of Kamehameha the Great, became King Kamehameha II. Liholiho ascended the throne at 22 years old and was ill-equipped for the task of ruling. His gentle temperament suited him more for religious duties than the duties of state.

Dowager Queen Kaahumanu took advantage of the situation and quickly established herself as the power behind the throne.

In frustration, Liholiho left the Islands on a tour of England. He died there in 1824 shortly after contracting the measles.

**KAMEHAMEHA III . . .** Kauike-ouli succeeded his brother, Liholiho, as King Kamehameha III. During his 31 year reign, Kamehameha III was harassed by foreign powers who attempted to gain control of the Islands. The Great Mohele or land reform, which proved disastrous to the Hawaiians leaving many homeless, took place under Kamehameha III. He died in 1854, grief stricken at the unintentional harm he caused his people.

**KAMEHAMEHA IV . . .** Alexander Liholiho, 20-year old grandson of King Kamehameha the Great, was proclaimed King Kamehameha IV. Kamehameha IV was intellectually brilliant as well as compassionate. He and his wife, Queen Emma, devoted their lives to the welfare of the Hawaiian people. They established schools for Hawaiian children and built Queen's Hospital.

Kamehameha IV died nine

years after he accepted the reins of monarchy. He was succeeded by his 33 year old brother, Prince Lot Kamehameha, in 1863.

**KAMEHAMEHA V . . .** Kamehameha V was monickered, "The Last of the olden chiefs," by the foreigners. One of his first official acts was to draw up a new constitution to extend the power of the throne.

Despite this reactionary move Kamehameha V was progressive in his efforts to groom Hawaii for its inevitable role as the center of commercial activity in the Pacific. He instituted a program of public works which included the construction of state buildings, schools and the deepening of Honolulu Harbor.

King Kamehameha V died in 1872, only nine years after ascending the throne. His demise resulted in the end of the Kamehameha dynasty.

**KING LUNALILO . . .** Next in line for the throne was the grandnephew of Kamehameha the Great, Prince William Lunalilo, who treated his brief one year reign as a lark. Lunalilo was gay, witty, pleasure loving and irresponsible. He gave himself more to the bottle than to the affairs of state. Lunalilo died of a lung ailment in 1874.

**KING KALAKAUA . . .** By a vote of the legislature, High Chief David Kalakaua became King in 1874. One of Kalakaua's first official acts was to go to Washington and negotiate a reciprocity treaty which allowed Hawaiian sugar to enter the U.S. duty free. Kalakaua was also responsible for the renaissance of the Hawaiian culture. During his reign he revived the ancient dances, sports, music and chants. This rebirth of the rich Hawaiian culture attracted artists and writers from around the world who flocked the court of King Kalakaua dubbed "The Court of the Bohemians."

**QUEEN LILIUOKALANI . . .** King Kalakaua died in 1891 and was succeeded by his 53 year old sister, Princess Liliuokalani. Brilliant and determined, Queen Liliuokalani attempted to repeal a "reform" constitution forced upon King Kalakaua by foreign commercial interests. As a result, the monarchy was overthrown.

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**REHAB**

By Alvin M. Krank

**Department Service Officer**

Do you know the benefits you are, or may be entitled to? Let me test your knowledge. Try to answer (yes or no) the following questions before looking at the answers below.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Serviceman died in Korea (combat) — some years later his widow remarried. Her death benefits were stopped. The second marriage terminated (by death or divorce.) Can she get her VA benefits on her first husband back?

2. This veteran draws a small benefit from the VA for a service-connected back disorder and wears a back brace. This wears his clothing. Does the VA make an adjustment?

3. The old-timer draws a pension because of age and disability. He is confined to his home and yard. Can he get more pension because of that confinement?

4. This veteran is 56 years old. He is retired and receives a good pension from the job. He has some disabilities but he is not severely disabled. His National Service Life Insurance dents his budget. Is there any chance he could get some relief without giving it up?

5. This Veteran heard about the new National Cemetery under construction in Riverside, California. He was told if he is buried there his next of kin would not receive a burial allowance — correct?

6. This former G.I. receives compensation from the VA. He would like to try for an increase but is afraid it may be reduced even though he has been receiving it for some 25 years. Is that possible?

Two years later, loyalists under Queen Liliuokalani staged a counter-revolt. It failed. The Queen was tried for treason and held prisoner in Iolani Palace.

In 1898 the U.S. annexed Hawaii . . .

7. This Vietnam veteran got out of service in January, 1966. He used his 36 months of educational benefits. There are now 45 months of entitlement as of October 1, 1976. Can he go back to school to work on his Masters and use the additional nine months?

8. As a veteran, this man heard he had to be 65 or older to get a VA pension. Is that correct?

**ANSWERS**

1. Yes. PL 91-376, effective 8-12-70 restored remarried widows rights to VA benefits.

2. Yes. VA pays a clothing allowance once a year (in September) of \$190 yearly. You must apply.

3. Yes. He is entitled to the Housebound Benefit over and above his pension of \$57 per month.

4. Yes. He should apply for a premium waiver — it may be granted as long as he is disabled and unemployed.

5. No. A \$250 burial allowance is still payable. The plot allowance is not because that is free.

6. No. That G.I. has the protection of a law that states after 20 years it cannot be reduced.

7. No. His delimiting date has expired — 10 years from date of discharge. That was not changed.

8. No. Pension is payable at any age if totally disabled and if you are within the income limit.

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**Lt. Jr. Grade Vince Purcell  
S.C., U.S.N.R.**

**By John Burrill  
Capt., SC, USN Ret.**

On Page 27 of the July 1977 issue of the GRAM is a picture of the Cooks, Bakers and Supply Officers of the U. S. Naval Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. You asked for assistance in identifying people in that photo.

The goodlooking officer in the lower left-hand corner of the photo is LTJG Vince Purcell, S.C., U. S. Naval Reserve who was Disbursing Officer of the Receiving Station on that day and was a unique sort of hero in that he risked, not only his life, but his personal finances.

A Navy Disbursing Officer is personally liable for any payments he makes which are not determined to be proper and legal by the General Accounting Office of the United States. There have been cases of retired Disbursing Officers forfeiting half of their retired pay for years while they repay to the U. S. Treasury amounts they thought were legal and proper at the time they made the payments but which were subsequently ruled illegal by the General Accounting Office.

On December 7, 1941, LTJG Vince Purcell risked his financial future by devising a procedure to make payments to Naval personnel. This procedure was not then authorized by higher authority. What he did was to accept sworn statements from people who had lost not only their pay records but all means of identification. Based on the sworn statements of these men regarding their names and rates of pay, he made partial payments to them of the amounts earned since their preceding pay day. This was a great morale factor for men who had lost all their personal possessions including clothing and wallets. With the money disbursed by LTJG Purcell they were able to buy toilet articles, clothing and other personal effects. Had the Navy and General Accounting

Office not subsequently approved these payments LTJG Purcell would have had to repay the entire amount out of personal assets.

Fortunately the Navy and General Accounting Office did later approve the payments made that day.

By the way, I was an Assistant Purchasing Officer of the Shipyard that morning and also did something which was then illegal. At the request of the Inventory Control Officer, then LT Joseph M. Lyle, S.C., U.S.N. (now a retired Vice-Admiral), I purchased the entire stock of blankets of Liberty House to provide blankets to cover men who were in shock. At the time I only had authority to purchase up to \$500.00 worth of blankets without getting formal bids. What I did was to telephone the Manager of Liberty House and request him to meet me at his loading dock. He readily complied and we loaded all the blankets — silk, virgin wool, satin, cotton and anything else in stock — on the back of a five-ton Navy cargo truck. The manager listed stock numbers and quantities. I verified quantities. I signed a pencil carbon receipt as the truck roared off for Pearl Harbor. I then added a contract number preceded by N for Navy, 311 for the Accounting Number of Pearl Harbor and a sequential number 100 numbers larger than the last number I recalled using the preceding Friday.

Two (2) days later the First War Powers Act had made my action legal. I then gave Liberty House a formal contract for \$20,000! That was a bit above my \$500.00 negotiated purchase authority of December Seventh. Since most of us had \$10,000 of Government Life Insurance, there was a net monetary gain if three (3) lives were saved by those blankets, but I was concerned with lives, not money that morning.

**"THE COMMODORE'S  
PRAYER"**

Once in awhile you run across some written word which strikes you as having a lot of truth in it, and you clip it out — or it just fits somebody you know. We think you might like the article below, entitled "The Commodore's Prayer." The author is unknown; Clyde Parker found it in an issue of Naval Institute Proceedings:

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint — some of them are hard to live with — but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN.

**California State University  
Professor Seeking History of  
U.S.S. San Francisco (CA-38)**

James E. Sefton Professor of History at California State University, Northridge, Calif., is now in the process of corresponding with officer's and men who served aboard the U.S.S. San Francisco at any point during the ship's period of commission.

The volume will cover the entire history of the ship and will be a professional, scholarly volume. Professor Sefton holds a doctorate in History (UCLA, 1965) and has published on numerous aspects of American history. He is also a member of the United States Naval Institute. Born in San Francisco he remembers the ship as a young boy and his interest is an affectionate one going back to his childhood during the war years, in San Francisco.

Official materials provide extensive information on operations, but history cannot be written from official records alone, and he hopes to capture something of San Francisco's spirit with the personal recollections, anecdotes, and insights of those who served.

He would appreciate hearing from any members of the Association who were aboard at Pearl Harbor, or at any other time. They may be assured that he pursues this project in accordance with the standard procedures of the historical profession, and that all contributions will be appropriately acknowledged in the volume.

Professor Sefton has been in touch with the president of the U.S.S. San Francisco Association and he is circulating this information to members of that group. yet it is worthwhile to ask the assistance of we survivors.

Those wishing to contact Professor Sefton, please write to: James E. Sefton, Professor of History, Dept. of History, California State University, Northridge, Calif. 91330.

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### MINI NEWS

Michigan State Chapter's would like to remind members that starting this fall they will start work on a new state-wide Michigan Roster for next spring's convention.

Included will be wedding anniversary dates, and for single survivors, birthdates. Be sure to keep them informed of any changes in addresses, or telephone numbers.

Pennsylvania State will have it's first Convention next year at the Marriott Inn, in Pittsburgh, from May 19th through the 21st.

Last July at California State Convention in San Diego, Chapter 23 of Escandido won the attendance plaque for the largest percentage of PHSA members present at the business meeting.

President Dick Perkins announces their first RV campout get together for the weekend of Sept. 30th through Oct. 2nd, at Pauma Valley, Calif. All California Chapter's are invited to attend this event.

California Chapter 9, San Gabriel Valley were guests of honor for the dedication of the Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, Calif. on Sept. 25th. Approx. 50 members were in attendance as representatives of the PHSA.

In October on the 23rd Chapter 9 will host the So. California Joint Area meeting at the C.P.O. Club on Terminal Island.

Texas Chapter No. 5 Corpus Christi, took part in Freer Rattle Snake Roundup Parade last April with all of the members riding in their 1932 Ford Truck. Also, during the same month they participated in the well known Buc. Days Parade in Ole Corpus Christi by the sea.

A good time get-together was held at Harvey's Little Red Barn with thirty-five members and guests in attendance with guest of honor Texas State Chairman Bill Harris and his lovely wife.

Willamette Valley Chapter of Washington State will be holding a joint meeting with the Portland, Oregon Chapter at the Sea and Sand Trailer Park. This is just north of Depore Bay. This is a potluck affair so

everyone bring their specialties.

Arkansas Chapter No. 1 held their 4th annual birthday party on July the 16th. There were 53 members and wives in attendance. For dinner they had Rib Eye Steaks with all the trimmings. Of the 53 members present this included 14 Charter members.

Henry Hawkins the Arkansas State Chairman had Paul Ross come to the podium, and then asked Paul to take the oath of office as Co-Chairman for the remainder of Henry's term.

The cake for the birthday party was 22"x14" with a birthday message reading "HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARKANSAS CHAPTER PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION . . . 1973-1977"

California Chapter No. 16 San Mateo held their annual picnic on June the 12 with Chapter No. 2 San Francisco as co-host. There were plenty of goodies for this event, steaks, hot dogs, hamburgers, plenty of salads and even a little joy juice on the side. President Gene Byers says that not one person went hungry. Also in attendance were members and wives from Chapter's 7 and 13.

News from the State of Texas is to remind everyone that Veterans Day in the big State will be observed on November 11th this year with services being held at Praha, Texas. After the services there will be a luncheon and then they will take up the subject of next year's State PHSA Convention which will be held in Austin.

San Jacinto Chapter No. 3 of Texas held their 3rd annual Dinner-Dance at the Elks Lodge in Kemah with music being furnished by Clem's Clams of Galveston and a great time was had by all.

This seems to be the picnic time of the year so why shouldn't Suncoast Chapter No. 1 of Florida get in the act, which they did by having their annual picnic this past August at the Bay Pines War Veterans Memorial Park. This was a fun time for all with the Chapter supplying all the refreshments and other goodies.

Elections for Florida State

Chairman will take place this year at the October 6th District Convention at Gatlinburg, Tenn. from the 27th - 30th. PHSA members interested in running for this office should make their intentions known . . .

Fresno Chapter No. 8 of California along with that great Chef Vaughn Avedigian has agreed to put on one of the biggest shindigs ever to be held in the State. Vaughn will be hosting a Pit BBQ for the California State Chairman's Fund.

This bash will be held Oct. the 15th and 16th in Fresno, at the Sunnyside Ranch. All proceeds will go to the California State Chairman's Fund.

President Ed Rastin invites all Chapter's to participate in this event.

San Jose Chapter No. 7 will be hosting the next northern California area meeting at the Hyatt House on October the 28th - 30th. Hank Freitas California Vice-State Chairman North, who will preside at this meeting, would like all northern Chapter's present. These meetings are set up so that all Chapter's may inform others of coming events and functions, so there will be no conflict between Chapter's and their events in the upcoming months ahead.

Indiana Chapter's No. 1 and No. 2 were not left out of the Picnic Derby. On July the 24th they held their annual get together at the Logansport, in the Riverside Park. A fun time was had by all.

Also this past June 24th - 26 they traveled to Fond du Lac, Wis. for the 5th District Convention and then in August attended the Indiana State Convention in Terre Haute. This was held at the home of Ernie and Doris Bough. Election of a State Chairman was to take place at this meeting.

The 3rd annual Ohio State Convention and reunion was held at the Ramada Inn, in Toledo this past July 16th, with Ohio State Chairman John Horm presiding.

Lee Sienkiwicz was elected as man of the year at the banquet that evening.

On August 21st Ohio veterans attended a Veterans Day celebration jointly sponsored by

the Ohio National Guard and Ohio State Fair.

National Chapter No. 1 and California Chapter No. 1 was selected at the State Convention in July to host the 1978 Convention at the Holiday Inn, in Torrance. These PHSA members have put on conventions before, so they know what hard work it is. Convention Chairman Ted Nicolai Jr. informs us that they are planning one of the biggest Conventions ever to be held in Calif. Ted, you are going to really have to get with it to outdue some of these past affairs. But the best of luck to you and Chapter No. 1. We know you can do it. This is set for the last weekend of July, 1978.

Chapter 18 of the Antelope Valley in Calif., hosted their annual Luau on September 10th at the Plamdale Elks Lodge. Over 100 members, wives and guests attended this bash, with guest of honor being National President George Slavens and his wife Helen. Arnold the III was delicious and the Lomi-Lomi Salad was out of this world.

The color guard for Chapter 18 participated in two parades this past month, taking a first place trophy in the Tehachapi parade and a third place trophy in the Antelope Valley Fair Parade.

El Paso Del Norte Chapter No. 7 of Texas assisted in the dedication of the Veterans Out-patient Clinic, last May with 6 members participating in this event. Also in March they attended Graveside Services for Charter Member Harry "Buddy" Snelson at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

On August the 14th Sacramento Chapter 6 of California held the first Chapter picnic at the La Sierra Park. For a buck they provided hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and all the trimmings, plus the refreshments.

Coming up in December will be the Chapter's Installation of officer's and their banquet. If arrangements go as planned this will be at the Dante Club in Sacramento.

A potluck dinner and swim party was held at Karl Kafer's in Ridgecrest, California by Sierra Chapter No. 17. Highlight of the evening was a Magic



Show put on by Mr. Magic himself; "Len Finney." All of the members present, brought their children, grandchildren and all their friends children. It was an evening of fun and thrills for all the kids and even the grownups.

Latest news from Seattle, Washington Chapter and the Scuttlebutt with Editor Ken Irwin reporting, that their Chapter participated in their first Memorial Day Parade. The uniform for the parade was a light blue blazer, with a PHSA patch on the left upper pocket, white shirt, navy tie, navy slacks and our official National Cap. Unfortunately some of the blazers were not ready at parade time, so some of the members wore dark suits.

In July they held their annual RV picnic and campout at Thunderbird Park in Monroe, Wash. At the end of the month there was a four day campout at Westport with 24 families attending this affair. During the four days there were plenty of salmon caught and then BBQ over an open fire and some of the finest gourmet potluck that was ever served.

New Chapter formed in Colorado by William Jones State Chairman, Jim Snyder Co-State Chairman in the Denver area and John Garcia Co-State Chairman in the Pueblo area, located 9 survivors in the Colorado Springs and Pueblo areas and applied for a Charter to become Colorado Chapter No. 2. John was named the first President and also named Man-Of-The-Year in Colorado. Any other Pearl Harbor Survivors in this area please contact John Garcia. The Chapter meets the last Saturday of every month at the VFW Hall in Pueblo.

Mare Island Chapter 11 of California met at Skaggs Island for their Sept. meeting and like most Chapter's at this time of the year, nominated members for officer's for the coming year.

In Oct. they will be holding a Silent Auction, which will be a White Elephant sale. What might be your "Junk" might be someone else's treasure.

Chapter 11 will be the host for the Bay area bowling in December at the Bel Aire Bowling Lanes.

This past 4th of July California Chapter 14 of Orange County marched in one of the biggest Parades held on our country's birthday. Marching along with them were members from Chapter 1 of Los Angeles. The line of march in Huntington Beach was attended by thousands, who stood and cheered as they marched by.

Coming up in October will be their annual Birthday Dinner, at Sam's Seafood, in Sunset Beach, then in November they plan to have another "Hobo Party" at the American Legion Hall in Los Alamitos, Calif. Proceed's from this affair will go to the American Legion Charity.

For the Utah Chapter it's get together time once again at the Officer's Club at Fort Douglas for "Friendship Day" Fort Douglas has been kind enough to let them have a booth so as to make their visitors more aware of PHSA. For this event they will have TV-Radio and Newspaper coverage. They will have available at a very small price "Roots of Freedom" books which covers much of the past history of these United States.

Down at the Valley of the Sun in Phoenix, Arizona they held their September meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Tempe to discuss a fall dance, plus a get together in Prescott for the month of October. The December Memorial Services will be at the Arizona Anchor Memorial in Phoenix.

Central California has now set up for area meetings of Chapter's 8 - 5 - 19 - 17 and 18 with the first meeting to be hosted by Chapter 5 of Bakersfield. This will be on October 29th at the Woolgrower's, 620 East 19th St., Bakersfield. President Stan Susskind of Chapter 5 informs us that reservations are required and must be in by the 19th. The business meeting will start at 4:00 P.M. Stan says if you have never tasted basque food now is the time. He advises to come with hunger pains, no one goes home hungry.

Long Island Chapter No. 135 has been very busy these past months with members actively participating in carrying the

name of PHSA out to the public and making them aware of our great Association. Jos Hydusko, Past 8th District Director and Charter Member of Long Island Chapter, was appointed President of the Long Island Restaurant Association. Joel Bachner Past National President, was invited to speak at the 11th Bomb Group reunion in New Hampshire. Hap Searles has completed work on a new batch of PHSA flags.

Their installation and Charter presentation dinner was well attended with Bill Cleveland New Hampshire State Chairman swearing in the Chapter Officer's.

You all remember the city where you left your heart? Well, San Francisco Chapter 2 is planning and making arrangements for their 1977 installation of officer's which will be held at the Nimitz Club, Alameda Naval Air Station, on November 19th.

This past August they held their annual picnic along with Chapter 13 at San Pablo Dam. For the price of \$1.00 they had BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs, Soft drinks, Beer and if you wanted anything stronger you had to bring your own. From all accounts both Chapter's had a fun-filled day.

The Portland, Oregon Chapter held their annual August Camp-out at Depoe Bay with 52 survivors and guests in attendance. Also attending were Willamette Valley and Crater Lake Chapter's, with Oregon State Chairman Jim Tharp, National Secretary Fred McEnany, and 2nd District Director Homer Price and their wives, all joining in for a great time enjoyed by all.

On Saturday after a day of fishing, beachcombing or just plain visiting, a bountiful and delicious potluck dinner was held on the terraced campsite overlooking the ocean. Following the potluck dinner their was a short business meeting called to order by President Jim Wright, at which time it was decided to make the annual campout the Oregon State Convention next August.

Austin, Texas Chapter No. 6 met last June at the Sirloin Stockade in Temple. President Larry French called the

meeting to order and after the opening prayer, Chapter members turned over playing cards, books, magazines and leather materials for delivery to VA Hospital in Temple.

After the meeting members had a dutch treat meal at the Sirloin Stockade.

Mt. Diablo Chapter No. 13 of California is one of many Chapter's supporting our Hospitalized Veterans. President George Saunders has been designated as the PHSA representative to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service, for the Veterans Hospital, in Martinez. George works 4 hours a week at the hospital and Chapter members help by supplying "Ditty Bags" with toilet articles, shaving cream and etc. George says without the help of our wives this activity would not be possible.

This October on the 29th they will have their annual Halloween Party at the VFW Hall in Richmond, with all those attending expected to wear a costume.

Up in the high country of California sets the smallest Chapter in the State, Chapter 19 of Lake Isabella. This coming November they will be hosting the Installation of Central Chapter's 5 - 8 - 17 - 18 and 19 officers for the coming year. This event will be at Ewing's on the River, on the 12th. The following morning on Sunday there will be flag raising ceremonies at Ufert Park in Lake Isabella, with all Chapter Officer's and State Officer's taking an active role and also participating in flag disposal ceremonies. This will be a two day affair so President Joe Nemish says to please call him if reservations are needed at any of the many motels in the area.

North Cascade Chapter No. 5 of Washington in September had their fall outing at the Roche Harbor Inn on San Juan Island. Members boarded the Anacortes Ferry and had a joyful trip to the island. For dinner they enjoyed a Prime Rib or Salmon dinner. The portions were so plentiful that many of the members had to take a doggie bag home. After arriving back at the Anacortes

Ferry landing all members agreed that it was a fun-filled day.

James Kegley member of Motor City, Mich. Chapter recommends as must reading "Lonely Vigil: Coastwatchers of the Solomons" by Walter Lord Viking. (Time Magazine, August 1, 1977). The author traveled 40,000 miles (including a rugged three-day bivouac on Guadalcanal) to assemble this story of men and women who flashed reports of Japanese ship and plane movements and rescued more than 100 downed pilots. A number of foundering sailors also owe their lives to the coastwatchers. A total of 165 sailors on the U.S.S. Helena were rescued and saved by these men and women.

Toledo Bend Chapter No. 3 of Texas on June 26th, enjoyed a train ride on the Texas State Railroad from Rusk to Palestine. Some of the members had a picnic while others took advantage of the snack bar on the trip. After everyone was well fed, they had a short meeting while the train rocked and rolled along the tracks.

In December on the 7th they plan to have Memorial Service's at Shreveport, La.

The 6th annual campout was held in September by Chapter No. 2 of Mo. Dinner was served at the North Side Cafe with 33 PHSA members and their families in attendance. Some 25 of the members stayed overnight at the hotel with everyone getting up bright and early and having a social hour over breakfast. That afternoon they all had lunch at Lowries before heading home.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

This Chapter Mini News is close to my heart if for no other reason than the lack of communications to the general membership on whats happening around the country in PHSA Chapters.

I would like to build this Mini News Section into something big, but only you can help. Send in your Chapter Newsletters, or just a letter or even a Postcard. Let us know what is going on in your Chapter area or State.

If it looks like there is quite a bit of California news you are right. That is because they have



Northeast Fla. Chapter No. 6 — PHSA Front Row Left to Right - John Brown, Red Palmer, Rosalie Elliott, Tom Aretz, President. Back Row Left to Right - Clifford Tanner, Fred Guest, John Walker, Alfred Lee, Steve Bernhard, Arthur Elliott. The above members attended Memorial Day Services at Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville, Fla.

26 Chapters and all 26 of them are mailing out Newsletters. Send in the news and I will get it in the Gram. It's your Gram so snow me under with all the articles you can send out.

One other request from the membership is that you try to give me news into the future as

much as possible. By the time some letters are mailed to the Gram they are two months old and then by the time the Gram is sent out to you it is then four to five months old. So if you will keep this in mind when sending us articles and news, it will be greatly appreciated.

APPROVAL GIVEN FOR AVENUE OF FLAGS

Veteran groups of the San Francisco Bay have received the final go ahead from Washington, D.C. to construct an Avenue of Flags at the Golden Gate National Cemetery. They held their first

meeting this past August, and set up committees and are now ready to start work on this outstanding project.

The PHSA is well represented on committees of the Veteran Groups, with Gene Byers

President of Chapter 16 being selected as the Memorial Day and Dedicating Chairman, Vern Travoli is the Installation and Storage Chairman with Tony Dias assisting and George Saunders President of Chapter 13 selected as the Contra Costa Area Chairman.

They are now accepting all CASKET FLAGS. It doesn't matter how old or new, or how many stars the flags have, they will take all of them. All that is asked, please put the name of the Veteran or person donating the flag on a slip of paper and pin it to the inside of the flag. Donations will also be accepted to help defray the construction costs.

All flags that are donated lose their identity, but the Veteran or person who donates one will have his name entered in a beautiful book that will be kept in the Golden Gate Cemetery offices and will be sent a certificate and letter of thanks.

Flags and donations can be sent to Gene Byers, President of Chapter 16, 1652 Wellesly Ave., San Mateo, CA. 94403 and he will deliver them to the proper committees.

IN MEMORIAM

Jesus, meek and humble of heart Make my heart like unto Thine.

FELIX A. BRADLEY Chapter 1, of the Metropolitan area Culpeper, VA.

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Wally Taylor of Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii is seeking research information on the life of Doris Miller who is now deceased. He was a U.S. Navy Messman who served aboard the U.S.S. West Virginia (BB-48) at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. For Miller's heroics at Pearl Harbor, he was awarded the Navy Cross in May, 1942.

He was transferred to the U.S.S. Indianapolis (CA-35) for a short time and then transferred again to the U.S.S. Liscomb Bay (CVE-56) and in November of 1943 went down with his ship and most of his shipmates.

Mr. Taylor would appreciate any information concerning Doris Miller. Also pertinent to his research is information on the whereabouts of Wayland D. Sears of Teaneck, N.J. — Tom Harmon of Dorchester, Mass. — and Clark J. Simmons of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Please contact Mr. Taylor by writing P.O. Box 597, Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii 96714.

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## NORTH CAROLINA PHSA HISTORY

In the early 1960's the Kannapolis Daily Independent had a Sunday magazine supplement who's editor and staff writer, Jim McAllister, had never been to Pearl Harbor. As a newspaper man, Jim's forte' was the human interest story. It was this instinctive ability that prompted his seeking out those men who had participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941. Soon the twentieth anniversary of the attack would be at hand. He had in mind an edition dedicated to these servicemen and to "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR." As fate would have it, he too was becoming a "parent" as well.

Nearing the time for this special edition, individual interviews were needed. Locating several survivors from the greater Charlotte area and a smattering from across the state, they met at Lake Lynn Lodge east of Concord on December 7th, 1961. Other than Jim McAllister, attending the meeting were: George Campbell — USS Arizona, elected President; R. Lee Hill — USS Raleigh, 1st Vice President; B. L. Crayton — USS Conyngham, 2nd Vice President; Burice Price — Hickam Field, Secretary/Treasurer. Additionally were Gerald Haithcock — Schofield Barracks, Harold Hawkins — Hickam Field, Conley Whaley — USS Thresher, Carl Talbert — USS Cassin, M. J. Brothers — USS Honolulu, James Owen — USS Honolulu, H. T. Robertson — Ford Island, James Lail — USS Cachalot. These men were the founding fathers and chose to identify themselves as the "North Carolina Pearl Harbor Survivors Club."

The years 1962-63-64 can be considered formulative years. While conceived as a "club", no formal constitution or by-laws were proposed to insure orderly conduct of affairs and needless to say, growing pains should have been expected. The lack of safe-guards did on occasion result in less than substantive direction. While the "who and how" may have been questioned by some, the "why" always remained constant, to honor and perpetuate the memory of Pearl Harbor and those who died there.

An obvious consideration in those years was locating eligible members. Frank Helderman is to be commended for locating many. Increasingly, at one point there were 200-plus members including invited Bataan and Corregidor survivors. Too, club officers and leadership changed often, the Presidency five times in three years. Lee Hill, Burice Price, Bill Crayton, Jesse James, Ralph Broughton, Frank Helderman, C. H. Whiteheart, Aubrey Grey, Al Edwards, Garland Coats, Jim Norris, James West, Wilbur Beck, Jack Wallace, Jack Anderson, Jim Lancaster, Charlie McBride, Roy Buchanan, Clarence Conner, Eddie Akins, Ralph Starlings, Carl Helsabeck, M. W. Locke, W. A. Rolfe, Howard Lawson, H. B. Stirewalt, John Allen, and Edgar W. White did at some time with possible others, hold office in some capacity either elected or appointed. Highlighting much of this time were newsletters ably written by Jack Finan, C. H. Whiteheart and Al Edwards, much to the pleasure of all and did much to strengthen comradeship across the state.

While locating early members for the club, several were found to be already in the National PHSA. During Jesse James' Presidency in the fall of 1964 and at the direction of the membership, overtures were made to become a chartered member of the National with abandonment of the club concept. After meeting the required format and obligations, the National did issue a charter dated January 6th, 1965 with designation, N. C. Chapter 1 and National Chapter 28, indicating charter members as: Jack Anderson, Ralph Broughton, Garland Coats, B. L. Crayton, Bolden Cummings, Kenneth Dews, Robert Flake, Aubrey Grey, James F. Helderman, Carl Helsabeck, Leon Howell, Joseph F. Hudson, James T. Norris, Bowie Pierce, Samuel D. Smith, H. B. Stirewalt, Albert W. Wallace, James C. West, and Edgar W. White. Jesse James was appointed State Chairman, however, refusing to take office. Ralph Broughton did assume and fill the office from 1965 to 1973 at which time Jim Norris was elected but failed to secure national recognition. Jack Finan was elected in 1975 and did serve until resignation in 1976. The Sixth District Director, Charley Vaughn, appointed Raymond Hendry to fill the unexpired term and presently is State Chairman.

An effectual umbrella of influence by the National PSHA has been apparent, mainly through its fine publication, Pearl Harbor - Gram. Issued quarterly, it does much to provide answers to all chapters nationwide as well as notes and material of a personal nature enjoyed by survivors. Jim Norris, Garland Coats, Charlie McBride, Bill Crayton, Jack Wallace, Jack Anderson, Raymond Hendry, Edgar White and presently Frank Helderman have since the mid-sixties given much of themselves in perpetuating harmonious and responsible administration during their respective tenures as chapter President and indeed, are to be commended for their efforts in behalf of the chapter membership.

Meetings have continued much as always with attendance rising and falling with location and season. Those first few held in the Cabarrus-Mecklenburg area were special and proved as a springboard to the present. Nevertheless, who of us can forget Jim and Fern Lancaster's country shindig at Smithfield, along with square dancing, the Country Playboys and Sundowners where the National Charter was displayed for the first time; Jim and Virginia West's 'clogger' spectacular held in Hendersonville, or the just as spectacular 'mini-clogger' event put on by John and Mildred Allen in Asheville that had us throwing pocketsful of change to the kids and being kids again ourselves; Ralph and Sally Broughton's Hawaiian decorated meeting in Greenville; Al and Eva Edwards' presentation of 'Vinegar Bend Mizell' along with great entertainment and dinner in Winston-Salem. Remember when Garland and Lounette Coats had the town of Coats invaded by a paratroop outfit only to wind up with dancing in the streets. Coats has been on the map ever since; the Jeffords' memorable meeting on the USS North Carolina and enjoyed by so many down in Wilmington; Clarence and Dorothy Conners' jointly held meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, and a tour of the MacArthur Memorial; the more recent Rupert Kiker sponsored meeting with the South Carolina group held in Bennettsville must take its place. Hopefully, these serve to bring to mind grand moments of past history and tend to propel the chapter ever onward in much the same manner.

The Chapter in 1970 saw fit to petition the State of N. C. for an Article of Charter. Jim Norris, Terry Peak and Jim Lancaster appeared before representatives of the Secretary of State giving testimony resulting in Charter to the North Carolina Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, encompassing all acts and purposes as contained in Chapter 55A of the general statutes of N. C. and is now on file with the Register of Deeds, Cabarrus County, with H. B. Stirewalt acting as agent for the membership.

August 18, 1976 saw the Catawba Valley Chapter receiving National Charter and designated as PHSA Chapter 132 with Clark Lehman elected President. Other Charter Members are Albert Moose, Coyte Hunsucker, Neil Gabriel, Max Gabriel, Joe Queen, Clifford Sigmond, Junious Carpenter. We wish this sister group nothing but the best.

The on-going history is not without sadness. Reflecting on the past also demands compassion for those survivors no longer with us. True, at some point in time, we all, like the multi-hued sunsets of the islands we came to love, will one by one slip over that horizon with only history to "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR." George Campbell, our first President, passed on shortly after the first meeting. Sid Murray, Gerald Haithcock, Al Edwards, Buddy Pierce, Jim Blythe, and perhaps others no longer with us, are to be remembered as an integral part of our history and May God Bless.



### THIRTY-FIVE YEAR REUNION

Mervin Jones, Blue Lake, California, flew to Youngstown, Ohio, last September to see Don Kramer for the first time in nearly thirty-five years.

The two men served together in "A" division aboard the USS California at Pearl Harbor. After Pearl, they went aboard the USS Chicago - CA-29, and saw action in the battles of the Coral Sea and Guadalcanal.

Jones is a member of both Crater Lake and Redwood chapters and Kramer belongs to Mahoning Valley Chapter No. 5. They are anxious to hear from any of their Chicago shipmates and if possible, will try to arrange a reunion.

Anyone interested, please contact Don Kramer, 41 Homestead Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44512.

### WARSHIP SAVED BY EX-CREW MEN

Some sentimental ex-crew members have succeeded in saving their old ship, the USS St. Louis, from a scrap heap in Brazil — at least temporarily.

Their eventual goal is to restore the "Lucky Lou" and maintain it as a museum.

The St. Louis, a cruiser, won its initial fame and began earning its nickname on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when it was berthed at Pearl Harbor for maintenance and repairs.

As Japanese planes and submarines began destroying the American fleet in a sneak attack, the St. Louis' crew managed to get its ship under way. It steamed out of the harbor and reached the open sea, the only major U.S. warship to do so that morning.

The ship's crew later claimed six Japanese planes and was officially credited with three during the attack.

By the end of the war, the St. Louis had survived torpedo attacks and kamikaze pilots. It fired more rounds than any other Navy ship and sank one

submarine, two cruisers, five destroyers, and 14 planes.

But in 1951, the United States sold it to Brazil, where it was renamed the Almirante Tamendare, after the founder of the Brazilian navy. In 1975, Brazil retired the ship, cannibalized its working parts, and prepared to sell the hulk for scrap.

That was when retired Cmdr. Al Seton of Staten Island, N.Y., found out what was going on. Seton, who was on the St. Louis at Pearl Harbor, began contacting other ex-crew members. He talked to representatives of the Brazilian government.

Another ex-crew member, Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Tex., wrote to Brazilian Ambassador Joac Baptista Pinheiro, asking him to intercede to help save the St. Louis.

Now, a Brazilian government spokesman says that the plans to scrap the St. Louis have been abandoned for now. The spokesman said Brazil is aware of the interest in saving the ship and has no present plans to dispose of it.

"That's great news," said

### I Pledge Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of our land  
And to all men who died that it  
might stand!  
To pilgrim fathers armed with  
Bible, plow and gun;  
Who found our verdant shores  
then held and won.

Allegiance to Washington —  
leader George —  
And to his gallant men at Valley  
Forge.

To Patrick Henry, who, with  
near last breath  
Proclaimed his stand for liberty  
— or death!

The United States of America,  
to cherish  
As one Nation, or 'twill surely,  
surely perish.  
For freedom and bondage will  
never mix —  
Thus the Declaration of seven-  
ty-six.

At Concord the shot heard  
round the world,  
While united we stood, our flag  
unfurled.

The first guns were sounded at  
Lexington  
And then the war with England  
had begun.

To the republic for which it  
stands  
Hold high our flag, strike up the  
bands.

Behold now its beauty and  
praise its worth,

Seton. "Now we have to raise  
some money." But he said fund-  
raising could not begin until  
Brazil gives some indication it  
is willing to sell the ship to its  
would-be rescuers.

The money required will be  
substantial, Seton said. The  
hulk is probably worth about a  
million dollars. Simply painting  
it would cost more than a  
million. Add towing charges  
and the cost of some basic  
restoration, and the amount  
needed approaches \$5 million,  
Seton said.

Seton said he is exploring the  
possibility of joining with for-  
mer Almirante Tamendare  
crew members in a joint project  
by both countries.

Flying o'ver the greatest nation  
of our earth.

One nation — our flag in west-  
ward flight;  
Pioneers, explorers proved a  
path forever right.  
Fremont let the flag of glory fly  
once more  
Upon our California's golden  
shore.  
With liberty and justice for all  
to choose,  
Disaster at Bull Run — the  
North must not lose!  
One nation — these words so  
nearly lost;  
The flag fell at Sumter — such a  
holocaust!

Behold the flag! It tells our na-  
tion's story,  
Battles waged for freedom —  
give our God the Glory.  
Great men who fought, not for  
worldly gain,  
Or yet to bring our country  
wealth and fame.

Stand up! Place your hand upon  
your heart,  
'Most two hundred years passed  
since the start!

My friend as you salute, kneel,  
kiss the sod;  
Through fire and sword 'tis one  
nation under God!

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### IDAHO CHAPTER OFFICERS

The following is a complete  
roster of Idaho Chapter Officers  
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elected and installed on August  
6, 1977.

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**TWENTY-SIX SURVIVORS** from the attack on Pearl Harbor attended the group's quarterly meeting last Saturday in Bennettsville, S.C. The survivors, members of the North and South Carolina chapters, met to elect officers, and to reaffirm their motto: "Remember Pearl Harbor. Keep America alert now; let us keep on the alert on land, sea and in the air and keep our nation strong and free, so that no nation will attack us again." Several members of the group were wounded during the attack at Pearl Harbor, but all of the survivors remained in service following the initial attack. Area members of North Carolina Chapter One who attended the meeting were W.P. Revels of St. Pauls' Leo M. Hester of Bladenboro; Ralph Singletary of

Lumberton. Others attending were J.E. Brown of Florida, Pete Trenier, Pennsylvania; J. M. Anderson, Kannapolis; Frank Heiderman, Graham; Sam Smith, Elon College; E.V. Bender, Wallace; Clyde Bost, Kanapolis; Raymond Hendry, Fayetteville; Joe McKhean, New London; Plato Jacobs, Winston-Salem; E.W. White, Huntersville; P.J. Luper, Winston-Salem; C.H. Whiteheart, Winston-Salem; Joe Scoggins, Cary; Moe Wale, Raleigh; Paul Johnson, Butner; Richard Page, Ruffin; Alvin Stevenson, Raleigh; B.L. Crayton, Charlotte; Charles Britt, Clinton; Thad Lilly, Crixton; H.B. Stirewalt, Kannapolis, Wm. A. Garganus, Greenville. (W.P. Revels Photo)

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On page 28, column 3 should start and read as follows: On the evening of June 18th, three hundred plus PHSА members

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