

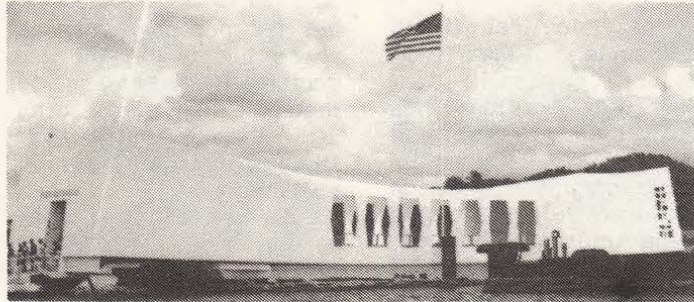


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Greetings

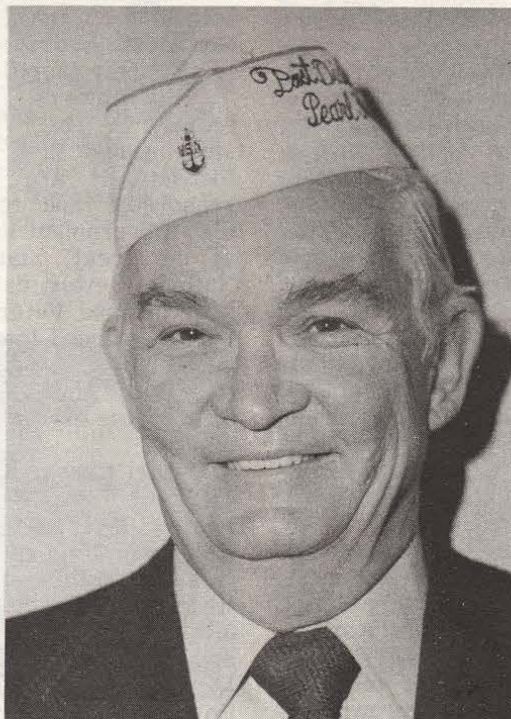
To the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association assembled in National Convention at Las Vegas, Nevada:

I send you greetings from Pearl Harbor on the occasion of your 37th National Convention. I regret that I cannot be in Las Vegas to present these greetings in person; however, I know that the Navy in Hawaii is very well represented.

I am pleased to report that construction of the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center is progressing nicely. The contract was awarded in August and the groundbreaking ceremony took place on October 19th. The completion date is scheduled for July 1980. Officer Kokuna, whom I have asked to deliver these personal greetings to the assembled convention, has with him photographs of the groundbreaking ceremony, as well as architect's drawings of the center which he will have prominently displayed.

The visitors' center is being constructed directly opposite the present boat landing on Halawa Stream. It will house a museum
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT Pearl Harbor Survivors Association 1978 - 1980



Thomas Decker
Waukegan, Illinois

The Obligation

Good Morning!

President Slavens, Honored Military guests, Members of the dais, fellow survivors, and guests of the Association.

The National Pearl Harbor Survivor Association, its officers and members, bid all welcome to the 11th National Memorial Service and convention of the Association — on this 37th anniversary of the attack of December 7, 1941.

Once again we are privileged to be able to gather together to pay homage to those of our comrades and shipmates, who are forever enshrined in Hawaii — at the "Punchbowl", the U.S.S. Arizona, and the U.S.S. Utah.

Too, we include those of our fellow Survivors who have since joined them in eternal sleep.

We again affirm our Pledge, and, thru our prayers, state that their supreme sacrifice shall always be remembered. Some may ask — "What is our Pledge?" and that is best answered by saying that our Pledge is the seven (7) obligations of our Constitution. Basically: Look to our Nation, to our
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Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Day Observance Aboard the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown

Admiral Kossler, Admiral Gibbons, distinguished and special guests, fellow survivors and fellow veterans; ladies and gentlemen:

"Remember Pearl Harbor" — Keep America Alert! This is the creed of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association: "I was born an American; I live an American; I shall die an American; and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career. I mean to do this with absolute disregard of personal consequences in the defense of the liberties and constitution of this country."

Those words were spoken in our Nation's young years by Daniel Webster. And how well they express the valiant spirit of those we honor today.

Those early patriots were Americans. When their country needed them, they put aside personal considerations and shouldered arms, leaving homes and families to defend the freedoms of American Democracy. They suffered. They fell.

Their sacrifice was ultimate. One can give no more than his life.

Last year marked our nation's 200th anniversary. We should also pay a special tribute today to the 4,500 patriots who gave their lives in America's first war — The War of Independence. When our country's first army gathered under George Washington in the summer of 1775, it was truly a citizen's army, but they believed in three essential ideals.

Those ideals were Independence from Foreign Tyranny, Human Freedom, and Democracy. They risked their lives for what was then called the "Great Experiment."

The vision that stirred their souls kept them fighting until Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, thus putting an end to the armed conflict. They believed the people of this new nation should actively participate in the American Democracy that's served us so well for the 200 years that followed our Declaration of Independence.

Those ideals — the visions of the men who founded the United States — were made realities by the deaths of 4,500 farmers, shopkeepers, and tradesmen... And the wounding and disabling of countless more.

Sunday, December 7, 1941 — that was the day and the reason for us being here today. More than a million and a quarter Americans who put on the uniform of our armed forces died while fighting for the principles that made our country flourish.

But this isn't the total human cost of America's freedom. Millions more left parts of their bodies and minds on the battlefield. They lived, but they will never forget the human costs of war, because they carry with them the constant reminders of those costs. Remember Yorktown — Remember Bunker Hill — Remember the Alamo — Remember the Main — Remember Verdun — REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR. More than two and a half million American Veterans today bear the physical and mental scars of war. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association has some 7,200 of those who were touched, and they are men and women dedicated to our heritage as Americans who proved their Patriotism by serving in the Armed Forces; and there are another approximately 5,300 known survivors who were there,

but for personal reasons chose not to join the Association — the scars and memories remain — even after that INFAMOUS DAY, DECEMBER 7, 1941, 36 years ago.

We are not here today to glorify war. It deserves no glory. But the men and women who answered the call when their country found it necessary to go to war, deserve more than glory. Those who became disabled in America's struggles to remain free, deserve more than honor. The 2,400 at Pearl Harbor who gave their lives on December 7, 1941, deserve much more than a Memorial Service one day each year. They should forever receive constant gratitude from all Americans. You who were there shared that moment in history. If we are sincere in our desire to honor our comrades who fell on the field of battle, we must live lives that justify their sacrifice.

Lawmakers listen closely to what Veterans say, because their recommendations are always reasonable and responsible. Government agencies at the local, State, and National levels have publicly praised Veterans for their continued interest in events that affect their lives; and this — "More than anyone else's" — AMERICA.

Pearl Harbor Survivor Members — who have proven their loyalty by great sacrifice in America's Armed Forces — continue to prove it in their fervent citizen activism and public service. They live up to the ideals of Democracy, justifying the ultimate sacrifice made by those whom they left behind in Hawaii — Who died to keep us free.

Finally, in our ceremony today, let us pay homage to the men who are

still missing in action in Southeast Asia — Vietnam. We still owe a debt to these men who served their country bravely and remain unaccounted for.

So we pray that this final issue will soon be resolved and that America will continue to grow and prosper as the beacon light of Freedom and Democracy in the world for generations to come.

And now in closing, let us share the charter purposes of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association — "TO KEEP ALIVE THE MEMORY OF OUR COMRADES WHO DIED IN THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, DECEMBER 7, 1941, AND FOR FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES; TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADSHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS; TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD; TO MAINTAIN TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FIDELITY TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS; TO FOSTER TRUE PATRIOTISM; TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND THE INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AND TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES FROM HER ENEMIES — WHOMSOEVER."

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR — KEEP AMERICA ALERT.

The above address was given by Clarence "Buck" Wiley, South Carolina State Chairman aboard the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown at Patriots Point, Charleston, South Carolina during Memorial Day Observance, December 4th, 1977. We felt that it was appropriate to reprint it in this issue of the GRAM with "Buck's" permission.

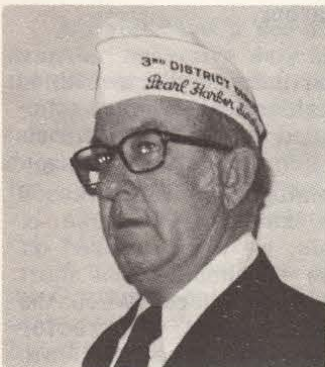
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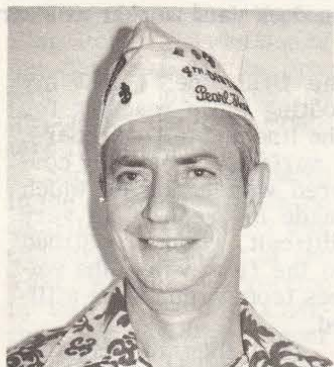
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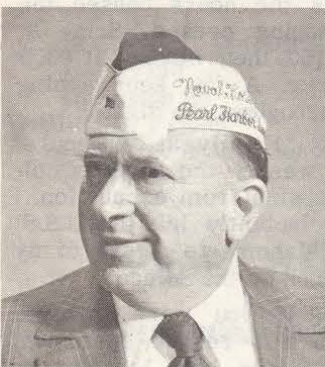
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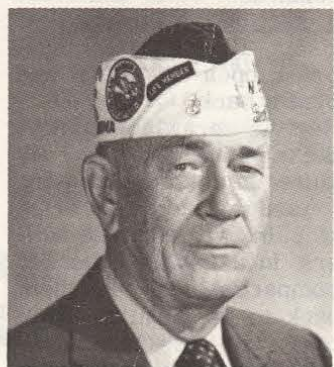
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When President Carter placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 10:30 on Saturday, George Slavens, President of PHSA, and Jesse Pond, PHSA Treasurer, who with their wives had been invited by the Veterans Day Committee to witness the ceremony, were among those present.

A few minutes after the ceremony at the Tomb, President Carter, his escort, and the assembled guests went to the adjoining amphitheater, where an audience of about five thousand people had already gathered. Mr. Slavens and Mr. Pond, their wives, and guests and several PHSA members shared a reserved box, and Mr. Slavens was one of the dozen or so notables (including the French Ambassador to the United States) who were asked to rise and be presented to the audience.

In the evening, still as invited and honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Slavens and Mr. and Mrs. Pond enjoyed a concert by the U.S. Army Band at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

The French Ambassador, by the way, was escorted to his seat in the amphitheater by no other than Maryland State Chairman, PHSA, George Sanner.

Joe Hydrusko of Statue of Liberty Chapter

In 1939 Joseph Hydrusko joined the Navy and served for six and a half years. As a 21-year old seaman first class he was stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, assigned to the U.S.S. *Solace* when the Japanese launched the aerial attack. For two days he and a civilian shipyard worker, Julio de Castro, crawled through the capsized USS *Oklahoma* and managed to save the lives of 22 sailors who were trapped in the hull. Following the incident, he served off the Pacific southwest where he spent the duration of the war.

A Charter Northeast Director of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association he marks every Anniversary of the bombing by dropping a bouquet of roses strung along a red, white and blue ribbon at the site of the Statue of Liberty.

On his 50th birthday, Mr. Hydrusko, as a birthday present to himself, acquired his pilot's license. (He currently owns a 1947 Stinson 108-3, named "Penelope.") He is a Captain in Nassau's Support Squadron No. 1, the New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, auxiliary of the United States Air Force. He earned his pilot's wings in 1972 which enabled him to participate in CAP mercy missions.

In 1976, Joe Hydrusko was honored by the Civil Air Patrol. Earlier that year he had aided in the rescue of a group of people who were trapped in a burning plane at Zahn's Airport in Amityville. His deeds were once again the topic of conversation among the many who know him.

In addition to his aviation interests, Mr. Hydrusko is involved in a number of local organizations: He is Past Commander of American Legion Post 160,

a Board Member of the Massapequa Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Massapequa Elks Lodge 2162 and V.F.W. Post 7277. A former President of the Massapequa Rotary, he received one of the group's few Paul Harris Fellow medals given on Long Island for Charitable works.

Joe Hydrusko has an application before the Board for the Correction of Naval Records and asks your help. The Navy rewards are silent as to his deeds on December 7, 1941. Following are details of his account to the Navy:

"Apparently I was the first to board the *Oklahoma* in her present state. I heard S.O.S. signals being tapped from within, on the bulkheads. I answered these signals, telling them there was help on board. An officer in civilian clothes emerged and ordered me to the submarine base to enlist the aid of divers.

I raced to pier 10-10 and returned to the *Oklahoma* with men and equipment. By this time, part of her superstructure was touching bottom putting her hull at a 43 degree angle.

"We heard voices coming from a 5 inch flood valve amidship. The yardworkers immediately set to work cutting holes with their torches. They encountered difficulties due to the internal pressure dousing the cutting flames.

One of the rescue crew obtained the ship's compartment plans from the *Maryland* which was moored alongside. While the men were working the torches, I talked to two sailors through the flood valve. They were choking from the acrid smoke created by the smoldering cork-lined bulkhead.

"We called for oxygen lines from the *Maryland*. Within minutes they tossed



Left to right: Joseph Hydrusko; Captain Richard Stratton, USN CO NTS Great Lakes (Captain Stratton was a POW in Vietnam for six years); Julio De Castro, civilian dock yard worker at Pearl Harbor.

the first line. I lost my footing while reaching for the line and fell overboard. I surfaced completely covered with bunker oil which made my reboarding very difficult. When I returned to the flood valve, the voices from within were stilled.

"We then moved to a point forward of the starboard screws for a new entry attempt. Julio De Castro, a civilian dock worker, and I followed the S.O.S. signals tapped out on the bulkhead and commenced cutting air holes with hammer and chisel through the blisters and bulkheads. Julio and I cut a section on three sides. Using all my strength, I pried open the metal and bent it back.

"We crawled through the opening and were engulfed in darkness. Moving toward the moans and cries of pain, we found the sailors in a partially flooded compartment and led them back to the opening. I bent over so that the sailors could use my back for a step to assist them past the jagged metal that framed the escape hole. Twenty-two seamen were rescued from that compartment after hours of work and many trips back into the rapidly flooding com-

partment. Julio remained inside until all were evacuated and I led them out.

"The gunfire from adjoining ships had increased in intensity. Because of this, we were ordered off the *Oklahoma* for a short stay on shore. When the firing ceased, we asked for and received permission to return to the *Oklahoma* to continue our search for survivors.

"When we pulled up alongside the *Oklahoma*, we heard a profusion of S.O.S. taps coming from various parts of the ship. Some very close, others from under the waterline. As the hours passed the tapping ceased. Some at 2100 then others at 0300 hour. A few kept tapping throughout the night.

"Finally, at 1700 hours, I was on the verge of collapsing from exhaustion. I reluctantly left the U.S.S. *Oklahoma* to return to my bunk on the *Solace*."

If you were involved in this rescue operation, you can help Joe by contacting him c/o Michael O'Brien, 1527 Franklin Ave., Mineola, N.Y. 11501, (516) 741-1556. Joseph Hydrusko waits to get the record clear, straight and complete. With your help this can be done.

CORRECTION

We would like to apologize to Frank P. Stock for the error on page seven of the 57th issue of the GRAM under the article of the four cartoons. It should read: "Mrs. Stock who is married to Frank P. Stock MMI/c U.S.N." and not Frank P. Scott. Sorry Mrs. Stock.

Offspring Directory

Do you have a son or daughter on active duty in the military service?

Submit your offsprings full name and military address with zip code to Editor, Pearl Harbor-Gram, P.O. Box 2093, Lancaster, CA. 93534

A copy of this issue of the Gram will be mailed to each of the "Offsprings" listed below:

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Grandson of:
William R. Friend
(90th F/A BN. Schofield Bks.)

CORRECTION to Article written in July 1978 issue of the GRAM on page 21... We stated that California Chapter 2 were the hosts for the first "Avenue of Flags Ceremonies at the Golden Gate National Cemetery." The National Cemetery is located within the boundaries of Chapter 16 San Mateo County, and all Chapter's of PHSA were considered hosts.

A special thank you should go out to Gene Byers of Chapter 16 for a job well done for the many hours that he put into this project, collecting flags, raising funds and buying Flag Poles. He was one of the Chairmen for the project and promoted it throughout the many Chapters in California.

Secondly, it was stated in the article that DeWayne Chartier of Chapter 2 was California Survivor of the Year winner. Correction to this is that Mr. Chartier is a two-time winner of Chapter Two's "Survivor of the Year" award.

Editor's Note: We will gladly make these corrections, but we can only put into the GRAM what is sent to us through articles, Chapter Newsletters and Letters. If these are in error, so will it be in the GRAM!

The Easy Way

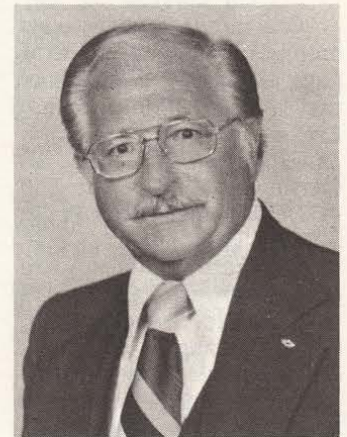
To protect your thumb when driving a tack, hold the tack in the eye of a bobby pin.

California State Chaplain

California State Chairman, Henry (Hank) Freitas (USS Tangier) has appointed Reverend Frank Solomon (Headquarters Co. 34th Engineers) as the California State Chaplain of the PHSA. California has 25 active chapters in the PHSA, with more than 1700 members.

"Reverend Frank" as he is known throughout the west is an ordained minister. He received his ministerial training from the Institute of Religious Science in Los Angeles, Ca. He lectures extensively in California and on occasion in other states.

Reverend Solomon joined Sacramento Chapter 6 during the 1947 California State Convention in Concord. He has served as a trustee, vice president and president and is cur-



rently in the 1979 and 1980 secretary of Chapter 6 in Sacramento, California.

We are certain that Reverend Frank Solomon would be happy to hear from his 34th Engineer buddies. His address is 9061 New Dawn Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.



Daw MacHaffie California Vice State Chairman No. installing Fortuna, CA Redwood Chapter 22 officers at the November 1978 Installation. Left to right: Carlo Albonio, Don Davis, Wilfred Wendt, John Fillman (President) and Daw MacHaffie.

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1978-1979 Membership Contest Winners

One-hundred twenty new members as the GRAM goes to press. Winners of the 1977-1978 Membership Contest were as follows: 1st Prize \$100 — M. J. Carraway. 2nd Prize \$50 — Dave Bedell. 3rd Prize \$25 — H. "Sarge" Cook. Separate plaques were presented to California Chapter No. 1 and Atlanta, Georgia Chapter for their outstanding team efforts. Complete address of new members may be obtained by writing the National Vice President, William E. Aupperlee, 6310 Goodland Place, North Hollywood, California 91606.

Contest format and schedule of prizes for the 1979 - 1980 Membership Contest will be announced in the next Gram. You are all recruiters. Lots of luck in "digging them out of the woods." Go get 'em.

By States:

California	370
Florida	111
Texas	60
Pennsylvania	40
Georgia	39
North Carolina	33
Washington	30
Ohio	27
New York	22
New Hampshire	22
New Jersey	22
Michigan	21

Hawaii	20
Illinois	19
South Carolina	19
Virginia	18
Nevada	18
Missouri	17
Massachusetts	16
Arizona	16
Indiana	15
Maryland	15
Tennessee	15
Connecticut	13
Oklahoma	13
Nebraska	13
Alabama	11
Idaho	1
Maine	1
Mexico	1

By Districts:

1st	407
2nd	50
3rd	58
4th	93
5th	54
6th	244
7th	148
8th	88

Sponsors with five or more new members:

California No. 1	67
Treas. Office	39
Atlanta (Ga.)	38
M. J. Carraway	37
Bedell, D.	27
Cook, H.	23½
Rastin, E.	17
Hittle, B.	16
Garbuschewski, H.	14
Mazeau, J.	14
Magee, K.	13

Berlier, J.	13	Kinnaman, J.	6
Wittler, E.	11½	Briner, D.	5
Bachner, J.	10	Middleton, F.	5
Rowe, T.	10	Dei Santi, B.	5
Neff, R.	8	Hanger, A.	5
Hendry, R.	8	France, W.	5
Lawrence, F.	8	Grey, E.	5
Simmons, O.	8	Kuzela, S.	5
Guest, F.	7	Curnow, F.	5
Slavens, G.	7	New Orleans (La.)	5
Laden, W.	6	Stopp, R.	5
Street, J.	6	California Chapter 14	5
Fournier, H.	6	Helderman, J.	5
Dierks, J.	6	Liberty Bell (Pa.)	5
Chappell, E.	6	Smith, S.	5

NEW MEMBERS

The fourth quarter of 1978 closed with survivors of Pearl Harbor and of the Island of Ohau becoming members of PHSA.

The GRAM welcomes each of them to our association.

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

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Lenoir, NC 28645
(USS Oklahoma)
- SIMUNOV, Joseph A.
Detroit, MI 48234
(3rd Def. BN Marines)
- LIVINGSTON, Goodhue
Seattle, WA 98112
(USS Conyngham)
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Arlington, VA 22205
(USS Tangier)
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Santa Rosa, CA 95405
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- STEWART, Loyal P.
Fresno, CA 93711
(HQ Hawaiian AF Hiokam Field)
- CAMERON, Hubert
Broadway, NC 27505
(34 Eng. Schofield Bks.)
- HALE, Richard V.
Decatur, GA 31030
(USS Maryland)
- CLAYTON, Raymond W. Jr.
Island Heights, NJ 08732
(USS Maryland)
- KANDELBERG, Raino
San Francisco, CA 94080
(USS Nevada)
- LAVOIE, Edgar A.
Paramus, NJ 07652
(Hawaiian Dept. Fort Shafter)
- GROUS, Felix T.
Nice, CA 95464
(USS Sicard)
- COX, Leo W.
Pass Christian, MS 39571
(1st Marine AirWG Ewa Air Base)
- SHARPE, George A.
Honolulu, HI 96814
(QM Det. Fort Kamehameha)
- NEWTON, Marvin M.
Tacoma, WA 98499
(98th C/ A Schofield Bks.)
- WYNANT, Arthur L.
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(USS Medusa)
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(Bks. Navy Yard U.S. Marines)
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(USS West Virginia)
- SCHRY, Robert C. Jr.
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Santa Ana, CA 92703
(USS San Francisco)
- SLOAN, Lewis T.
Orlando, FL 32803
(USS Neosho)
- TORACINTA, August
St. Petersburg, FL 33708
(251st C/ A Camp Malakole)
- HART, Kenneth D.
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(2nd Eng. BN. Marines)
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(U.S. Coast Guard)
- CANNON, Raymond S.
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(USS Nevada)
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- ABRAMS, Robert L.
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(USS St. Louis)
- BOYNTON, Lester J.
Largo, FL 33571
(24th Mat. Sq. Wheeler Field)
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Warner Robins, GA 31093
(58th Bomb Sq. Hickam Field)
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(3rd Def. BN. Marines)
- PAJUNAS, Albert
Villas, NJ 08251
(98th C/ A Schofield Bks.)
- DUDLEY, George F.
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(USS Dobbin)
- ROGERS, Reese A.
Spring Valley, CA 92077
(USS Gamble)
- STEVENS, Walter L.
National City, CA 92050
(USS Dobbin)
- SHOW, Donald E.
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
(USS Phoenix)
- STONER, Paul A.
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(USS Dobbin)
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Idabel, OK 74745
(USS Oklahoma)
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Memphis, TN 38127
(USS Nevada)
- ZIPSZER, Paul C.
Miami, FL 33157
(USS Pennsylvania)
- NELSON, Oscar P.
Carpinteria, CA 93013
(USS Nevada)
- FARRIS, Arthur M.
Washington, DC 20317
(19th Inf. Schofield Bks.)
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Glen Burnie, MD 21061
(13th F/ A BN. Schofield Bks.)
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Aiea, HI 96701
(251st C/ A Camp Malakole)
- BOYD, Howard R.
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(19th Inf. Schofield Bks.)
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Nokomis, FL 33555
(USS Honolulu)
- HOUSE, Clifford I.
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(HQ 5th Bomb GP Hickam Field)
- DRESSER, Horace E.
Caldwell, ID 83605
(USS San Francisco)
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(USS Perry)
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(Amo Depot, Marines)
- DICKSON, John W.
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(35th Inf. Schofield Bks.)
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Memphis, TN 38109
(VP-23 Ford Island)
- Parker, Henry S. Jr.
So. Freeport, ME 04078
(PT-22 Patrol Torpedo Boats)
- ERMOLOVICH, William
Lyons, NY 14489
(USS Whitney)
- BIERSCHWALE, Carl C.
Canyon Lake, TX 78130
(USS West Virginia)
- LOUIS, Fred W.
Hoquiam, WA 98550
(8th F/ A BN. Schofield Bks.)
- MILES, Frank A.
Vienna, VA 22180
(USS Bagley)
- MILLER, Donald E.
Whittier, CA 90603
(VP-25 Ford Island)
- HEDDEN, Henry
Young Harris, GA 30582
(th C/ A Fort Ruger)
- SHOLTY, Roland M.
Covina, CA 91724
(251st C/ A Camp Malakole)
- JOHNDROW, Neil J.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
(USS Pennsylvania)
- DREXL, Willmer F.
El Cajon, CA 92020
(VP-22 Ford Island)
- GHAN, William E.
Las Vegas, NV 89110
(Fort Shafter)

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(USS Bobolink)

BEVERLY, Howard J.
Waycross, GA 31501
(11th F/ A BN Schofield Bks.)

COPPER, Arthur J.
Los Angeles, CA 90006
(USS Tennessee)

KATZ, Marshall H.
Los Angeles, CA 90066
(19th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

DAMATO, William A.
Valencia, CA 91355
(Fort Shafter)

WATSON, James M.
Augusta, GA 30906
(15th C/ A Fort Kamehameha)

SHOWEN, William F.
Waukesha, WI 3186
(24th Inf. Div. Schofield Bks.)

TUCKER, William L.
Selma, CA 93662
(USS Maryland)

SMITH, Arthur L. Jr.
Angwin, CA 94518
(USS California)

CONNELLY, William E.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(th C/ A Fort Ruger)

MINOR, Elbert W.
Wellington, NV 89444
(USS New Orleans)

HOLCOMB, William R.
Augusta, GA 30909
(72nd Bomb Sq. Hickam Field)

COOPER, John W.
Las Vegas, NV 89108
(HQ Hawaiian AF Hickam Field)

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Fort Worth, TX 76111
(USS San Francisco)

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Concord, CA 94520
(USS Pennsylvania)

FERGUSON, Clifford P.
Ft. Smith, AR 72904
(USS Helena)

McDERMOTT, Thomas J.
San Miguel de Allende
Guanajuato, Mexico
(USS Bobolink)

ZIEGLER, Donald A.
Carson City, NV 89701
(13th F/ A BN Schofield Bks.)

WORDEN, Frank N.
Alexandria, VA 22308
(Cincus Submarine Base)

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Greenwood, AR 72936
(USS California)

MONK, Robert S.
Augusta, GA 30909
(34th Eng. Schofield Bks.)

ZELLMER, Howard B.
Kingman, AR 86401
(USS Maryland)

NASH, Ronald J.
Oceanside, CA 92054
(86th Obser. Sq. Bellows Field)

RHODES, Aaron
Augusta, GA 30906
(97th C/ A Fort Weaver)

STUTTS, Delmus E.
Norwalk, CA 90650
(USS Blue)

JONES, Neal C. Jr.
Long Beach, CA 90803
(USS West Virginia)

TOLER, Richard G.
San Antonio, TX 78230
(42nd Bomb Sq. Hickam Field)

KERNS, Raymond C.
Austin, TX 78758
(89th F/ A BN. Schofield Bks.)

GANLEY, Francis M.
Anaheim, CA 92804
(19th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

SANBORN, Bernard F.
Ashland, NH 03217
(53rd Sig. Maint. Hickam Field)

BROOKS, Charles H.
Rainelle, WV 25962
(USS Helm)

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Manteca, CA 95336
(USS Curtiss)

BETTS, Frederick M.
Long Beach, CA 90808
(USS Phoenix)

ARMISTEAD, Edward H.
New Orleans, LA 70128
(USS Tangier)

YOUNG, Harold W. Jr.
Emerson, NJ 07630
(USS Trever)

JUZA, Kenneth A.
Salem, OR 97302
(USS Henley)

NASH, James J.
Harbor City, CA 90710
(USS Pennsylvania)

PRIDGEN, William W.
Rockville, MD 20850
(USS Whitney)

KINGSLEY, Thomas E.
Hatboro, PA 19040
(USS Phoenix)

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Memphis TN 38127
(USS California)

HELSEY, Harold E.
Elkhart, IN 46514
(USS Whitney)

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San Lorenzo, CA 94580
(USS Curtiss)

THEROS, James A.
St. Louis, MO 63102
(USS Honolulu)

ROAN, John B.
San Jose, CA 95136
(USS Castor)

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Greenville, OH 45331
(Wailupe Radio Station)

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Lexington, KY 40503
(USS Ramapo)

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Chesterfield, MO 63017
(USS Pennsylvania)

McKINLEY, William
Vinalhaven, ME 04863
(USS Nevada)

KAPSCANDI, Eugene
Apopka, FL 32703
(Admin. Kaneohe Bay)

HOIN, Edward J.
San Jose, CA 95134
(USS Pruitt)

REED, Ira S.
Placerville, CA 95667
(USS Tangier)

BOYER, Charles D.
Orlando, FL 32809
(72nd Pur Sq. Wheeler Field)

FEDERICO, Severino F.
San Martin, CA 95046
(USS St. Louis)

JACOB, Harold H.
Louisville, KY 40219
(USS Sumner)

BALLOU, Robert W.
Las Vegas, NV 89104
(VP-11 Kaneohe Bay)

ESCOBAR, Edward
Milton, FL 32570
(USS Nevada)

VOLPE, Lorenzo
New Haven, CT 06513
(USS Wasmuth)

ROBERTS, Vird A.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(USS Antares)

Octogenarians of PHSA

In the April 1978 issue of the GRAM we asked the membership to please send in the names of all PHSA members who were 80 years of age or older. As we said at the time, we are not running a contest, but we do wish to salute these survivors and say God bless each and every one of you. Our hats are off to you. We would like to start with the eldest and right on down the line to the youngest.

Comdr. Carl M. Moe (Ret)
Seattle, WA. Chapter 2
July 1890 (88) USS Curtiss

Vice Adm. Lloyd E. Wiltse
(Ret)

San Diego, CA Chapter 3
Sept. 1891 (87) USS Detroit

Bill Benjamin
Palomar, CA Chapter 24
Aug. 1893 (85) USS Chew

Frank E. Aissa
Los Angeles, CA Chapter 1
Sept. 1893 (85) USS Phoenix

Vice Adm. Homer N. Wal-
lin (Ret)
Seattle, WA Chapter 2
Dec. 1893 (85) USS Cali-
fornia

Harry Lee "Doc" Hill
San Diego, CA Chapter 3
Sept. 1894 (84) U.S. Sub
Base

Herbert Straus (Nat. Jew-
ish Chaplain)
El Paso, TX Chapter 7
Sept. 1895 (83) U.S. Navy

Lloyd E. McBride
"Nutmeg" CT. Chapter
Ukn. 1895 (83) USS Solace

Bryan Thomas
Palomar, CA Chapter 24
May 1896 (82) USS Cocke-
noe

Myron King
San Diego, CA Chapter 3
Aug. 1896 (82) USS Thorn-
ton

Kenneth Sears
Las Vegas, NV Chapter 2
Oct. 1897 (81) U.S. Marines

William "Bill" Behler
"Nutmeg", CT Chapter
Ukn. 1897 (81) USS Solace

Jose M. Llopis
Northeast, FL Chapter 6
April 1898 (80) USS Sumner

OUCH!!

If you were to kick the person responsible for most of your problems and mistakes, you wouldn't be able to sit down for six months!

Dallas Reed

The United States Flag

I am the Flag of the United States of America. I am whatever you name me, nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a people may become.

I live a challenging life, a life of moods and passions, of heartbreaks and tired muscles. Sometimes I'm strong with pride, when workmen do an honest piece of work. Sometimes I droop, for then purpose has gone from



REMEMBER THIS GUY? WE NEED HIS ADDRESS.

If you do contact C. A. Wilkinson Jr. (USS Tangier), R-2, Box 38, Troup, TX 75789 or phone (214) 842-3647.

General Edmundson's Speech

Because of the enthusiastic response to and the many requests for copies of General Edmundson's speech we have received his permission to reproduce it. It will be printed as an insert in a future issue of the GRAM. Extra copies will be available from the National Treasurer, Jesse Pond Jr.

me, and cynically I play the coward. But always, I am all that you hope to be and have courage to try for. I am song and fear, struggle and panic, and enabling hope. I am the day's work of the weakest men, and the largest dream of the most daring. I am the farmer, the lawyer, doctor, cook, counselor and clerk. I am the battle of yesterday and the mistake of tomorrow. I am the mystery of the men who do, without knowing why, I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of resolutions. I am no more than what you believe me to be, and I am all that you believe I can be. I am what you make me, nothing more. I wave before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of all that makes this nation great. My stars and stripes are your dream of your labors. They are high with cheer, brilliant with courage and firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts. As long as men cherish liberty more than life itself, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America; and of mankind!

by
Peter R. Patrus &
Larry Tully

Convention Delegates May Deduct Expenses

If you paid your own way to the National Convention in Las Vegas this past December and attended the business meetings you are a delegate to the Convention. Some of your expenditures may be deductible as a charitable contribution in computing your federal income tax.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that a taxpayer who gives his services gratuitously to an organization, contributions to which are deductible, and who incurs unreimbursed traveling expenses, including the cost of meals and lodging, while away from home overnight in connection with the affairs of the organization and at its direction, may deduct the amount of such unreimbursed expenses in figuring his taxable income.

NOTICE FROM NATIONAL STOREKEEPER

Effective at once is the cost of the PHSA hat. The official Hats are now \$10 each, with emblem and postage, due to the raise in supplier prices and postage.

Storekeeper - Ed Chappell

The PHSA, meets the Internal Revenue Code's definition of a charitable or non-profit organization, contributions to which are deductible.

This means that a delegate may deduct as a charitable contribution the actual unreimbursed expenses for travel, transportation and a reasonable amount for meals and lodging while attending the Convention. Instead of deducting actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in using a personal automobile for transportation, delegates may use a standard mileage rate of seven cents a mile. In addition, parking fees and tolls attributable to such transportation may be deducted as separate items.

You may not, however, deduct the cost of such expenses as theater tickets, sightseeing, nightclubs or other personal expenses. Nor are the travel, meals and lodging expenses for your wife and children deductible.

In order to make these deductions from your tax statements, the delegate should save all records such as receipts and check stubs. If questioned, you must also be able to furnish proof that you were a bona fide representative of your Chapter and PHSA and that none of the deducted expenses were reimbursed and that you were actually present at the Convention business meetings. There were official notices handed out on the Convention floor for this purpose and signed by the Past National President George Slavens.

The IRS points out that delegates must itemize their deductions on Form 1040 in order to claim their Convention expenses.

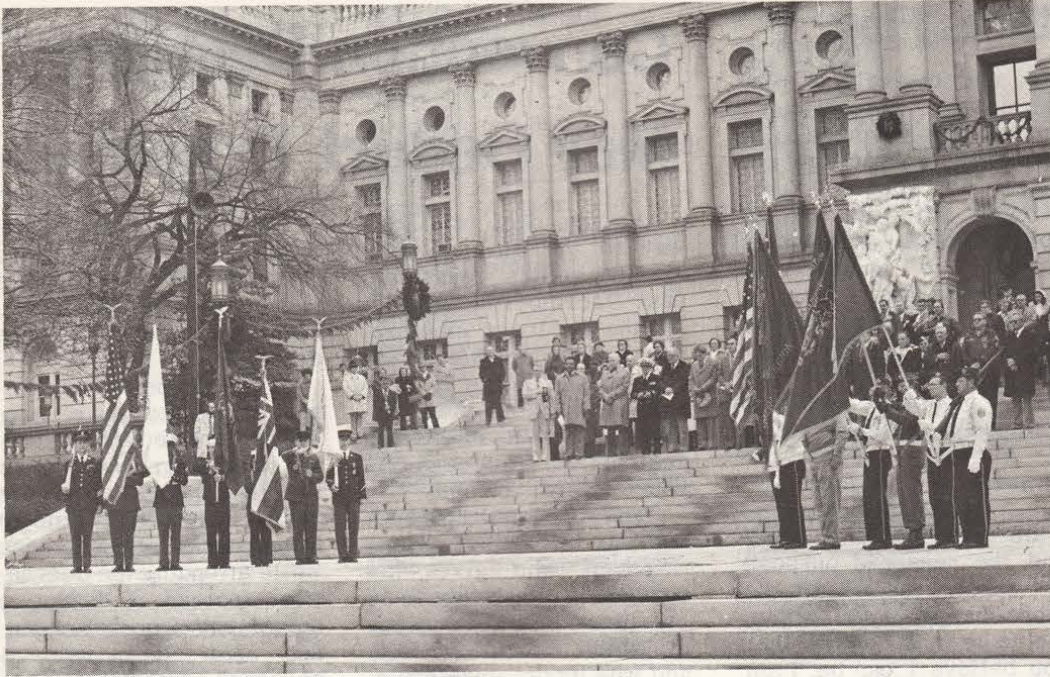
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The two color guards participating in the Pearl Harbor Day exercises Thursday fall into position on the State Capitol steps.

Pearl Harbor:

37 years ago remembered

From the Harrisburg, PA Patriot, December 8, 1978.

by Barker Howland
Staff Writer

Thirty-seven years ago Thursday about 2,330 servicemen in the uniforms of the United States were killed at Pearl Harbor, which up to that time was a place unknown to most Americans. In addition, 1,145 were wounded and about 100 civilians were killed or wounded.

"Lest we forget," Harrisburg had a ceremony of remembrance on the steps of the State Capitol Thursday afternoon, recognizing the fact that those who fell on the Hawaiian Island were the first to die in what was to become another American struggle against tyranny and totalitarianism.

Once again the Pennsylvania Survivors of the Pearl Harbor Attack were in charge of the program with Paul Bemis serving as chairman. But this year two other organizations joined in — Central Penn-Letterkenny Chapter, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the Liberty Bell Chapter, headquartered at Philadelphia, of the same association.

While many veterans who were on duty at Pearl on that fateful day were present for the ceremonies, representatives of other veterans groups, who didn't enter the service until months or even years later, were in attendance.

Two color guards participated in the exercises, one made up of representatives from all the Armed Forces, and the other from American Legion Post 109 of Mechanicsburg.

David Edward Williams, the vocal soloist, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "God Bless America." The memorial prayer was given by the Rev. Stanley Ray of Newville, a retired U.S. Navy chaplain, who served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

After the prayer, three wreaths were placed. Clarence Kindl of Latrobe, president of the Pennsylvania Survivors of the Pearl Harbor Attack; Joseph Letteer of Harrisburg, president of Central Penn Letterkenny Chapter and Paul Moyer of Lansdale, president of the Liberty Bell Chapter, made the wreath presentations. The sounding of taps followed and the ceremony was over.

There was a time, then, for a group picture as well as time for reminiscing about those infamous December days when it almost

seemed as though the world had ended — at least the world of swaying palm trees and Waikiki swimming parties.

On the Capitol steps and later at the Steelton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post where the luncheon was held, the survivors and their wives talked about Ford Island and the Submarine Base, Hickam Field and Schoefield Barracks, Wheeler Field and Fort Shafter, Fort Kamehameha and Camp Malakole as well as the eight battleships that were either sunk or badly damaged.

Some of the veterans found that they had been with the same division on the island, the 21st Infantry regiment of the 24th Infantry Division. Some of them discovered that their respective ships were nearly broadside within that harbor which probably bore more death and destruction than any other harbor in history.

And after the luncheon address by State Rep. H. William DeWeese, D-Waynesburg, "lest they too might forget," Bemis made a slide presentation of the official Navy version of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

But it's a sure bet that those survivors will never forget those 360 planes off six carriers from the Land of the Rising Sun which engaged in a reign of terror that possibly united the people of the United States more than at any other time in our history.

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Reunion Notices

PHSA Pennsylvania State Annual Convention will be held in the Philadelphia area the weekend of September 28th through the 30th, 1979. Anyone interested, please write to Richard P. Wallen, 235 Hummingbird Lane, Cornwells Heights, PA 19020, for further information.

The USS Arizona reunion Association is attempting to contact as many Arizona Sailors and Marines that served aboard the battleship.

In less than two years, their association has grown to a current membership of 175 and growing daily. They hope to help perpetuate the memory of the Arizona and help re-instill a little patriotism along the way.

For further information please write to Bill Nolte, Secretary; USS Arizona Reunion Association Hicksville, OH 43526.

USS Oklahoma Association will be holding their reunion on May the 24th through the 27th, 1979 in Dubuque, Iowa. For further information please contact E. A. Sanderson, 74 Lindberg Terrace, Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

The Kaneohe Klippers held their 3rd Reunion in Tuscon, Arizona on November 2 through the 5th. They are an organization consisting of all personnel who were stationed at the Kaneohe Naval Air Station during World War II. They are mainly a social group, but their aim is to collect sufficient funds to place a memorial plaque at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, in memory of the men who gave their lives on December 7, 1941 — THE DAY OF INFAMY.

The memorial will be dedicated on December 7, 1981 at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Oahu, Hawaii.

Lester Morris was our host for this reunion and did an outstanding job. Their next reunion will be held in San Antonio, Texas on the first weekend of November 1979, and will be hosted by Gordon Poling and Otto Horkey.

The USS Vestal (AR-4) will be holding their reunion at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Nashville, TN, from the 24th through the 26th of August 1979.

Grand Ole Opry tickets are available. Please contact G.L. "Nick" Carter, 114 Ray Ave., Old Hickory, TN 37138 or phone (615) 847-5558 for further information.

The 11th Bomb Group (H) Association is planning for their 1979 reunion in Denver, Colorado, from July 18th through the 22nd. Denver is normally a very dry place in July, with warm days and cool nights. Bring a light warm jacket for nights and for trips to the mountains, as they can at times be cool. For further information, please write to Bob May, P.O. Box 11, Perrysburg, OH 43511.

Bob and Donna May would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and not to forget the Hawaii reunion in 1980.

Oliver J. Brinkerhoff, Major U.S. Army Ret. would like to get in touch with anyone from Service Co. 27th Inf. (Wolfhound) who might recall his having a sinus problem in the spring of 1941 and going on sick call to the 11th General Hospital, Schofield Bks. Please contact Oliver at 2335 34th Ave., North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713.

The USS Henley DD-391 will hold their reunion on July 20th through the 22nd 1979 near Boise, Idaho.

For further information, please contact Roy E. Anglen SMC U.S.N. Ret., P.O. Box 3, Hume, IL 61932.

The 2nd USS Tangier reunion will be held during the month of June from the 22nd through the 24th, 1979, at the Americana Inn of Six Flags, in Arlington, Texas, which is just outside Dallas. The Inn has a reputation for comfort, relaxation, good food and friendly hospitality. The Inn also offers swimming, tennis, golf, a game room and an amusement park next door for the kids or grandchildren.

The Tangier reunion committee is giving a big Texas welcome to all, with an open hospitality room, a country breakfast, a bar-b-que and beer dinner which will be served outside around the swimming pool, plus a western band for dancing.

For further information or reservations, please write the Americana Inn of Six Flags, 601 Ave., H — East, Arlington, TX 76010 or call Toll Free — 800-228-3278. You can contact the reunion chairman



Tom Hutchinson in front of Headquarters Bldg., 19th Pursuit Sq., 18th Pursuit Gp. The squadron was quartered at Wheeler Field Oahu, Hawaii — 1940.

Elmer Weygandt at P.O. Box 455, Malakoff, TX 75148 for the registration which will be \$40 per adult.

World War II Marine/Navy Paratroopers will hold their Annual Reunion at the Marine's Memorial Club in San Francisco, California from June 22nd through the 24th, 1979.

For further information please write to: Association of Survivors, c/o Col. D. E. Severance, P. O. Box 1972, La Jolla, CA 92038.

SEND IN CHAPTER HISTORY

All chapters are reminded that their annual history must be submitted to the Historian each year on the 1st of April, as of the 31st of December preceding. Send your current history and years 1974, 75, 76 to Bill Cleveland, 1106 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Bill would also like to get on the mailing list of all Chapter Newsletters.

UNIT LISTINGS

Requests for Unit Listings, which contain the names of the current PHSA members from your ship or station, are to be mailed to Mr. George Slavens, 2016 Herron Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. 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.

CONVENTION HI-LITES

The PHSA members, wives, girlfriends and guests started arriving in Las Vegas and the Convention Center as early as November 30th, 1978. They kept streaming in all week long and right up to the Banquet on the evening of December 7th. As the Banquet hour approached there was a total of 1,651 survivors and guests in attendance for the 37th Anniversary Banquet at the Sahara Space Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

During the days before December 7th, survivors and friends gathered together to talk and discuss the times that were spent with each other in the past. Then there were those who spent many hours with the One Arm Bandits or Slot Machines. Some were mighty lucky but many more of us left Las Vegas with far less than what we arrived with. Business meetings and District caucuses took up much of our time before the general meeting on the afternoon of December 5th. There were candidates to meet that were running for National and District offices, resolutions, to discuss and of course a lot of politicking.

During the afternoon of December 5th, President George Slavens held our first business meeting getting introductions, officers and committee reports completed so that on the 6th at the general business meeting, we could get to the business at hand, which was resolutions and election of new officers. We wish to interject and note here that President Slavens controlled and ran one of the best business meetings that have been held in some time. Election of new officers was held during the afternoon session of the 6th with Tom Decker from

Waukegan, Illinois getting a unanimous vote and standing ovation from the membership on his election to the position as our next National President of the PHSA. Running for the office of National Vice President were Charlie Vaughn from Mableton, Georgia, Ski Garbuschewski from Hawaii, Bill Aupperlee from California, and Dale Speelman from Ohio. Elected to office as your new Vice President was Bill Aupperlee of California who received a large margin of the votes. In one of the closest races, Hall Pickard from Las Vegas, Nevada edged Harry Hopkins from Virginia for the office of National Secretary. For the office of National Treasurer, Jesse E. Pond, Jr., incumbent from Virginia, won by a decisive margin over Henry "Hank" Shane from St. Petersburg, Florida.

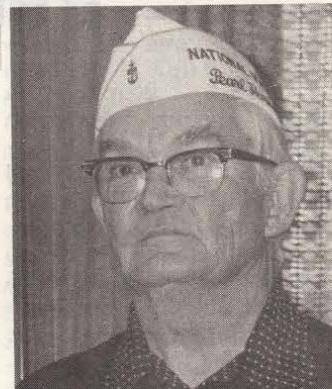
New, and in some cases incumbents, elected to the position of District Directors are as follows: 1st District is Wally France from California — 2nd District is Homer I. Price from Washington — 3rd District is Garvin C. McComas from Oklahoma — 4th District is Ben DeiSanti from Missouri — 5th District is Dave Briner from Illinois (Past GRAM Editor) — 6th District is Sam D. Smith from North Carolina — 7th District is Hervey Spencer from Michigan and 8th District is Thomas J. Stockett from Massachusetts. These are your National Officers and Executive Board Directors for the next two years. It is the firm belief of the majority of the membership present at the Convention that these fellow survivors will do an outstanding job during the next two years.

Before the business meeting was adjourned, several sites were submitted on the floor of the convention to the membership for their selection of the 1982 Convention city. By a decisive margin their selection was San Antonio, Texas for 1982. President George Slavens thanked all of the members and the Board of Directors for their support during the past two years and offered the incoming officers his full support and wished them much success in the upcoming two years. With the business of the Convention completed, a motion was made for adjournment and seconded with all members in agreement, the 1978 Business Meeting at the Las Vegas, Nevada National PHSA Convention was adjourned.

That evening there were many celebrations and congratulations to the survivors that were elected to office with partying going on into the wee hours of morning, but many of us were still down in the casino at the crap tables, black-jack tables, and of course the One Arm Bandits, and many just sitting quietly playing Keno.

Bright and early on the morning of December 7, 1978 survivors, wives, friends and dignitaries were present for Memorial Services in the Sahara Space Center. There were very few empty seats that morning for the services. As Hal Pickard, National Convention Coordinator, remarked in the program: Welcome to our 37th Anniversary Service. We are most honored to have you present on this memorable occasion as we commemorate Pearl Harbor day, 1978.

It is a day which should be long remembered, not



THOMAS DECKER
President
(USS Hull DD-350)

Fellow Survivors:

My sincere thanks to the membership for electing me to Office of National President. I will endeavor to continue on in the fine traditions that our Past National Presidents have established. With the help of National Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and eight District Directors, we will try to make PHSA a Veterans Organization second to none. Although we are small in number, we are the most elite veterans group in the country.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

Thomas E. Decker
National President PHSA

only by the survivors, but by the rest of the Nation as well.

On this day of days, we thank God for the many liberties blessed unto us in this great land of ours. We know that the men and women who died at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, did not die in vain, but gave their last full measure of devotion so that we may continue to enjoy these liberties. May the good Lord continue to watch over us and grant us the goal we seek as Survivors.

National Chaplain, Marcus A. Valenta, gave the opening prayer with George E. Currier singing



BILL AUPPERLEE
Vice President
(USS Ralph Talbot DD-390)

Your confidence and support in electing me as National Vice-President of PHSA is sincerely appreciated — I am highly honored. Please feel free to contact me for any reason regarding your Association. All inquiries will be acknowledged. It will be my pleasure serving the membership in the capacity of Vice-President and as Membership Chairman, I hereby appoint all members recruiting officers. Hope to see many of you personally during the next two years.

National Vice-President
William E. Aupperlee



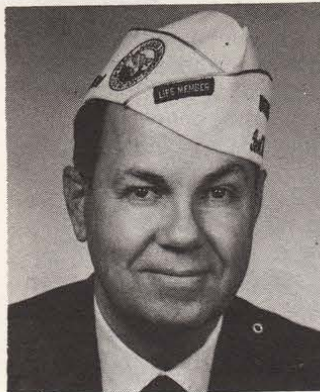
HALL PICKARD
Secretary
(USS Whitney AD-4)

Fellow Survivors:

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your support and trust in electing me your National Secretary. I will do everything possible to fulfill the duties of this office. I will be available for any assistance that I may render.

G. Hall Pickard
National Secretary

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JESSE E. POND Jr.
Treasurer
(USS Chew DD-106)

I wish to thank the members of PHSA for their support in re-electing me as your National Treasurer. It was an honor to be associated with Past President and Secretary, George Slavens and Fred McEnany. My wholehearted efforts these next two years will be to support and help our new National President and the members of PHSA, for the betterment of the Association.

Jesse Pond Jr.
National Treasurer

After thoughts of the National Convention

Dear Survivors and Guests, another National Convention has come and gone but never forgotten by many of us. It had its bad moments and many good ones and a lot of hard work by some, but all the fine compliments and thanks that were received, made everything worth while.

The SAHARA Hotel Staff had only praise for all of you and the signs of a good time had by all, made them feel their job had been done well.

Just a few added notes on the convention, over nine (900) hundred attended the Reception, and there was a very good turn-out for the ladies show put on by Las Vegas show girl Kathy Saxe. The Memorial Service was a full house, with quite a few local guests. For the Memorial Banquet we had one-thousand six-hundred and fifty-one (1651) present. Not to be outdone approximately sixty (60) golfers turned out Friday morning in the cold (Brrrr) for the Golf Tournament.

We are sorry about the weather and that is was so mean, but we had no control over Mother Nature. Thanks to all and we will see you in Orlando, Florida in 1980.

ALOHA
G. Hall Pickard
National Convention
Coordinator and
Silver State 2
Convention Committee

our National Anthem. Master of Ceremonies Jim Daw gave the welcoming speech and then introduced the Honorable William Briare, Mayor of Las Vegas, to those present. During the morning service we were delighted with the music and renditions of the Bonanza High School "Concert" Choir directed by Diana Tomlinson. At precisely 0955 everyone stood for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives on December 7th, 1941. This was followed by the Choir singing "America".

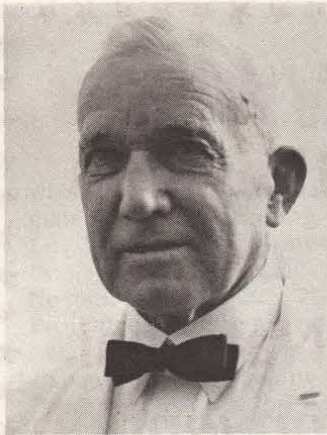
Honored Guest Speakers were Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Na-

tional President George E. Slavens and Lt. Gen. James V. Edmundson (Ret.), Hickam Field. General Edmundson's address will be made available to all the PHSA members in a separate publication from the GRAM at no cost to the membership. This will be released and mailed sometime during the month of July. For those of you who were not present, please take the time to read his stirring comments on the state of the United States today! Our thanks to General Edmundson for making his comments available to the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.

Representing the U.S. Armed Services were: Col. John J. King, U.S.A.F., Col. Lavere W. Dindrop, U.S.A., Lt. Cmd. Calvin Cohn, U.S.N. and Capt. Gene S.M. Watson, U.S.M.C..

In closing the Benediction was given by Las Vegas Chapter Chaplain, Rev. Wells Miller.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks are extended to the Bonanza High School choir and their director, Diana Tomlinson, the officers representing the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, National Officers and Survivors, and the men and women of the Sahara Hotel for making this program possible.



Major General Howard C. Davidson, Retired.

Major General Howard C. Davidson was born at Wharton, Texas on September 15, 1890. He dropped out of Wharton High School in 1907, but finally made the grade to Texas A&M 1907-1909. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1909 and while there was active in track and football and graduated in 1913. After graduation he was assigned to the Infantry and then took up flying. He finished his pilot training in 1916 having a pilot number 500.

After receiving a rating of Junior Military Aviator he was sent to Mexico with General John J. Pershing's Expedition. In May of 1917 he was sent to Cornell University and put in charge of Aviation Ground School. He left for France in October 1917 and served there until 1919. After World War I he returned to the United States and was assigned to McCook Field in Dayton, Ohio. From 1922 to 1946 he was Commanding Officer and Commanding General of several Air Force Bases, 19th Bombardment Group, Hickam and Wheeler Fields in Hawaii, and was Executive Officer for the Chief of the United States Army Air Corps.

Here is the General's account of the period just before the Japanese attack and during the attack.

Major General Howard C. Davidson, Retired

"In November of 1941 I was sent to Seattle, WA with two of my Officers to learn the operation of a Fighter Control Unit. We returned to Wheeler Field on December 4, 1941. We had received no information about the strained relations existing between the U.S. and Japan. I wrote a report of our visit to Seattle and turned it in on December 6th. On December 7th I was shaving when I heard some airplanes flying low over Wheeler Field. I knew we had sent some aircraft carriers to sea and thought the Navy planes were beating up on Wheeler Field. I went outside to see if I could obtain the numbers of the airplanes, when one of my Officers yelled that the airplanes had Japanese Insignia's on them.

"Before leaving for Seattle we had all our fighters in individual bunkers with the pilots sleeping near them. About November 30th, Washington sent a cable to General Short, saying in their opinion the danger of sabotage was much more serious than the danger of a Japanese attack and that we should take every measure to protect the airplanes from sabotage. The danger from sabotage was real for the main highway from Honolulu ran directly across the flying field at Wheeler and there was nothing to prevent strangers from coming right out on the field. General Short and General Martin held a con-

ference and decided to pull the airplanes out of their bunkers and park them on the flight ramp, where a guard could protect them. Regulations stated that when an airplane was parked on the flight ramp the guns would be unloaded. The mechanics unloaded the guns by removing the steel boxes with ammunition from the wings. These boxes were stored in a hangar on the flight line and the first bombs dropped by the Japanese struck that hangar with the hangar and ammunition going up in flames. When we moved the airplanes and concentrated them on the flight ramp, the telephone wires to the bunkers were rolled up and stored in the same hangar with the ammunition boxes, so we also lost our telephone cables."

After Pearl Harbor, General Davidson continued on as Commanding General at Wheeler Field until December 1942. In 1943 he was promoted to Major General and sent to the China, Burma and India Theatre to command the 10th Air Force. The 10th Air Force was assigned to support General Stilwell and his Army in their campaign to drive the Japanese out of Burma.

One of the General's favorite military stories took place in Burma. General Stilwell was placed under General Slim of the British 14th Army. General Slim decided he should visit Stilwell, so he and

his aid flew in a L-5 Piper Cub to a small landing strip near Stilwell's Headquarters, walking the rest of the way down the muddy Ledo Road. The conference lasted late into the afternoon and they worried about a take-off from the unlighted field. As they were walking down the road a ten ton Caterpillar tractor came along. They hitched a ride and were congratulating themselves on their luck when the tractor stopped for a truck that was stuck in the mud. The Sergeant who was driving the tractor began backing the tractor and General Slim tapped him on the shoulder and said, "I am General Slim and I must get to the air strip." The Sergeant gave him a big grin and said, "But I am the General of Salvage and have to pull that truck out of the mud."

After VJ Day General Davidson returned to the States and Letterman Army Hospital, in San Francisco. He retired in June of 1946.

After his retirement he operated an 800 acre farm raising Registered Aberdeen Angus cattle. He also was President of Ducks Unlimited of the District of Columbia, and had his own workshop making iron-work furniture. As if this wasn't enough to keep him busy, he was the Director of the 1st National Bank of Arlington, Virginia.

General Davidson married Mary Perrine Patterson in 1921. Their long and happy marriage brought them 4 children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. As of this writing General Davidson is enjoying good health and maintains a steady schedule each day.

He has received many Decorations from his service days, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Air Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Air Cross.

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U.S.S. DETROIT

From Pearl Harbor, 1941 to Japan, 1945: The U.S.S. Detroit looked on, from the very next berth in Tokyo Harbor, when Japanese emissaries signed formal documents of surrender aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, Admiral Halsey's flagship.

And the Detroit had a right to be there for the finish. She had been there for the beginning at Pearl Harbor, and she had been there, all there, playing her full part in the months and years of the war that followed.

She was no glamour girl of the fleet; she seldom took the spotlight; in the drama of the Pacific war, hers was a "character" role — of the kind which, in the theater, goes to tried and proven veterans. Even the most casual film fan knows that the star who gets the billing isn't the whole show; the lime-lighted ladies of the cinema — and of a fleet — need solid support from the rest of the cast. Support. That was the old Detroit's main job.

Old? She was 22 then. That's a few years older than Shirley Temple in 1945, a few years younger than Betty Grable — but in modern Navy terms that is old. In modern Navy terms she's so old that she's entitled, like a kindly grandmother, to go and dream by some friendly seashore and watch the sea and sky and sit in the old rocking chair and watch the world go by.

She'll have things to remember. She'll never forget that calm Sunday morning, when she was lying in Berth F-13 at Pearl, that began like any other Sunday morning, and at 0758 was suddenly no longer calm but hideous with treachery, hot with battle fury and burning with outraged anger and courage.

The Detroit's anti-aircraft battery was among the first to open fire on the enemy planes which were hurling aerial torpedoes and strafing attacks on the anchored fleet. The Detroit's guns take credit for knocking down two of the attackers. The ship took near misses from torpedoes and sustained slight casualties and damage from strafing. From her decks men could see the U.S.S. Raleigh, berthed less than 100 yards away, take heavy punishment. They could see the U.S.S. Utah, the old target ship, blanketed in smoke and flame, keeling over. Across the island flame and mountains of black smoke marked " Battleship Row."

The Detroit was one of three cruisers (the St. Louis and the Phoenix were the others) to survive the attack. By 1115 she was underway and had passed the channel outer bouys by 1200 taking up a zig-zag course. By 1600 Capt. Lloyd J. Wiltse, USN, had his ship with the rest of the surviving fleet and was flagship of Task Force One under command of Rear Adm. Milo F. Draeml, to seek out the enemy. It was a pitifully small force: The Detroit, the Enterprise, the St. Louis, and five destroyers. But it was the Navy's promise of things to come the Japanese way in due time — things like the "Mighty Third" and the "Fierce Fifty."

Perhaps fortunately, Task Force One made no contact with the enemy. A week later, the Detroit took up unglamorous but vital convoy duty running between San Francisco, Pearl Harbor and the Samoan Islands. Now under command of Capt. E. H. Geiselman, USN, in November 1942 the cruiser was assigned to duty in the North Pacific and Bering



USS DETROIT (CL-8)

Sea, first to Task Force Eight and later to Task Force Ninety-four, with Rear Adm. W. W. Smith as division commander and Rear Adm. Chas. H. Mc Morris as task force commander.

Now she left the warm waters of the tropics to cool her nose in the snow, sleet, rain and fog of the Aleutians. She was there for the invasion of Amchitka (January 12, 1943), the bombardment (April 26, 1943), and the invasion of Attu (May 12, 1943), and the invasion of Kiska (August 2, 1943). Under Capt. H. G. Sickle, USN, she finished her North Pacific job with the bombardment of Matsuwa To, in Japan's Kurile islands (the first bombardment of the Japanese home islands in the war) on June 13, 1944.

There followed, under Capt. Duncan Curry Jr., USN, a short tour of duty as flagship for the Commander Southeast Pacific Force, operating out of Balboa, Canal Zone, on patrol duty along the west coast of South America. But in December, 1944, the Detroit returned to the thick of battle to perform one of her greatest, and wholly unpublished jobs. She became the flagship for Service Squadron Six, under command of Rear

Adm. D. B. Beary, operating in the forward area of the Central Pacific.

Service Squadron Six — "ComSeron Six" — has been dubbed "Halsey's secret weapon." When Halsey's Third Fleet — or Spruance's Fifth — roamed Japanese waters and struck ceaselessly for months on end the Japanese, most Americans, were mystified. How could such a gigantic assemblage of ships remain at sea, constantly on the attack, seemingly without pause for refueling and provisioning? ComSeron Six, which was a guarded secret then, now is revealed as the answer. The service squadron brought fuel and supplies to the fighting units, wherever they were — at Iwo Jima, at Okinawa and off Japan. When the Japanese surrendered the U.S.S. Detroit was still operating, now under Capt. E. D. Graves Jr., USN, with the "support forces" for the fast carrier raids then in progress.

From December 7, 1941 to July 31, 1945, she had been almost constantly at sea, cruising 227,519 miles, and trained hundreds of officers and men. Now her role was played out. Captain Graves was taking her home, her work was done.

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Binghamton New York Chapter 1 announces their officers for the coming year. Their newly elected President is Kenneth Dury of Binghamton; Vice President, Robert Bouee of Binghamton; Secretary, John Rusnak of Kirkwood; Treasurer, Bernard Kirwan of Binghamton; Trustees Leslie Simons of Vestal, John Kuzma of Binghamton, and Harry Dunham of Whitney Point. Appointed to the position of Chaplain is Chester Majeski of Johnson City, NY.

Chapter 1 meets on the third Saturday of each month at the American Legion Post in Binghamton. All mail to the Chapter should be addressed to their Secretary, John Rusnak, Rd2 Hayes Ave., Kirkwood, NY 13795.

Atlanta, Georgia Chapter held their Remembrance Banquet at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel on Saturday, December 2nd. Some of the highlights were:

A luncheon in the Six Flags room, complete with TV interviews.

Chapter meeting in the Six Flags room followed by a cocktail hour and then the Remembrance Banquet.

Guest speaker for the evening was newspaper columnist Mr. Leo Aikman of the Atlanta Constitution.

During the evening they were entertained by the Oasis Hula dancers which brought back many memories. A wonderful evening was had by all, with dancing following the banquet.

Michigan wishes to advise all of its members that the 1979 Michigan License Plates will soon be available. These will be for Pearl Harbor Survivors with the plates starting out with PHS-000 and so forth. To get your plates just sign your 1979 registration and send along with check made payable to Michigan Secretary of State, Gib Wilson, 2630 Hillcrest, Wixom, MI 48096. This is for cars only.

Katherine Lipscomb announces that their ladies held a workshop in January to make gifts for the State Convention.

This past December 3rd the Motor City Chapter were the guests of B. V. Goodell VFW Post 552 in Lincoln Park for Memorial Services which were followed by dinner at the post.

Elected officers for the coming year are: President, Andrew Carol; Vice President, Edward Wells; Secretary, Gerald Lipscomb; 3 year trustee, Gilbert Willis; 2 year trustee, Harvey Spencer. Miles Brickly will remain on as the 1979 Michigan State Convention Chairman by appointment of State Chairman Charles Hosch.

On October 21, 1978, San Francisco Chapter 2 elected their new officers for 1979. Their installation dinner-dance was held on November 18th, at the Admiral Nimitz Club on Treasure Island. It was a gala affair.

Elected to office were: President, Al E. DeFratus; Vice President, Henry Boverhuis; Secretary, Karl Johnson; Treasurer, Al Crow; Trustees, John H. McGoran, Henry Ruff, Albert C. Foster and DeWayne Chartier.

On November 11, 1978 the Chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Hayward, CA. The line of march was packed with spectators and they were greeted with rousing applause along the complete parade route.

Several of their members also participated in Memorial Services on November 11th in the Avenue of Flags ceremonies at the National Cemetery in San Bruno.

For those Chapter members that didn't travel all the way to Las Vegas, they held Pearl Harbor Dayceremonies aboard the USS Carpenter on San Francisco Bay, December 7, 1978.

Utah Chapter held their November meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Knowley. The theme for their dinner was Chinese cuisine. There was delicious Chow Mein, Fried Shrimp, and Egg Roll. Also scrumptious Chicken Cantonese, Sweet and Sour Pork and Ham Fried Rice.

Those present could hardly make it to the living room

to see a film which was sent to them by National Treasurer, Jesse Pond, because they were so full from this wonderful food.

The highlight of the evening was the sound movie from National Office of Jesse Pond.

The Chapter held their December 7th Memorial Services under the direction of Rev. John Hornok at the Hellenic House Restaurant in Salt Lake City. Guest speaker was the Rev. Thomas J. Meersman of the Salt Lake City Diocese.

In October of 1978 Long Island Chapter 135 held their meeting at the American Legion Post 1066 in Massapequa.

A report was made at this meeting on the 8th District Meeting. Various resolutions were discussed which was climaxed by a "No Host Dinner." Out of these discussions the Long Island Chapter will offer a resolution to have District Directors elected at District Meetings or Conventions rather than at a National Convention.

Nominations of officers was held with final nominations being made in November and elections to follow.

The Chapter participated in the "325th Anniversary of Oyster Bay," with their color guard and were also present at the War Memorial Dedication of the US Submarine Veterans of WWII. Chapter 135 dedicated a plaque to the Memorial.

On December 7th a great number of chapter members assisted Joe Hydrusko again with his "Roses Dedication," a fly over the Statue of Liberty and New York Harbor dropping these roses at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Sierra Chapter 17, Chinlake, CA was the host Chapter in the joint installation of officers from Chapters 5 of Bakersfield, 8 of Fresno, 18 of Antelope Valley and 19 of Lake Isabella. This gala affair was attended by 80 Survivors and guests at the CPO Club, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA.

Those that were able to get up early the next morning

on Sunday the 19th of November had a wonderful time talking about the evening before over breakfast, bloody Mary's and Ramos fizzes. Past California State Chairman Bob Campbell and his lovely wife were our hosts for the breakfast. Installing officer was Hank Freitas, California State Chairman.

New officers were elected on October 28, 1978 in Sacramento Chapter 6 at the Citrus Heights Sportsman Hall. Chapter Secretary Gene Mapes reports that the meeting and dinner were a great success. There were many members in attendance who had not been present at their Chapter meetings for some time.

Elected new officers are: President, Mel Garcia; Vice President, Jim McCullough; Secretary, Frank Solomon; Treasurer, Robert Jay; Trustees, Jim Cone, Bill Littlejohn, Nelson Granzella, and Eric Sorensen. Bob Castle will be Honorary Chairman of the Board.

The installation for the above officers of Chapter 6 was held on November 25, 1978 at Wongs Islander. This was a joint installation with Chapters 10 of Stockton, 25 of the Feather River area and Mother Lode Chapter 26. It was Polynesian food at its best, plus music from the Golden Era (our kind of music).

Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts had their annual Luau at the Diamond Head Restaurant (no, not Hawaii), but Saugus, Mass., on November 19, 1978. The food was just great, with Chop Suey, Roast Pork and fried rice, Sweet and Sour Chicken along with a Luau appetizer Platter. During and following dinner there was entertainment and wonderful music for dancing after dinner.

Honored by the members were Mrs. Bertha Fournier, who was presented a plaque, honoring her late husband Henry for winning the membership contest, and Eugene Boggs who was also presented a plaque for his outstanding

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ing work in publicizing the PHSA throughout the USA through the Order of the Eagles.

The annual Memorial Meeting of Pine Tree Chapter of Maine was once again held at the NAS Brunswick. Eric Russell who was the Chapter's local host invited all guests and Survivors to attend Sunday Services at the base Chapel on December 3, 1978. Following the Chapel services there was a brunch at the officers' club. Later that day they held their business meeting and elected new officers.

Their December 3rd Memorial Meeting at the NAS Brunswick Officers' Club was held with great sorrow for many of the members, due to the sudden tragedy and loss of all the crew of one of the patrol planes stationed at the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

It was decided by the membership that the officers elected for the coming year would be installed at their Spring get-together.

The following new officers of Los Angeles California Chapter 1 were installed on Sunday, November 12th at the CPO Club, Terminal Island. It was a joint installation of officers from Chapters 12 of San Fernando Valley, and 9 of San Gabriel Valley.

Chapter 1 officers installed were: President, Frank Schilling; Vice President, Fred Dietrich; Secretary, Jacque Noftzger; Treasurer, Carl Jones; and Trustees, Ed Brooks, Luke Korich and Roland Blanchard.

A special thank you goes out to Luke Korich for his help during the California State Chairman's Barbeque in Fresno. Luke was out before dawn helping Vaughn and his crew with the pig and lambs and didn't leave until 9:00 p.m. that evening.

On December 7th Chapter 1 attended Memorial Services at El Toro Marine Base.

Virgil Cosgro wishes to thank all the membership of Chapter 1 for the support that was given him during his term of office as president

and asks the membership to give this same support to incoming president Frank Schilling for the next two years.

I would like to wish all of the newly elected officers the best of everything for the coming year. It has been a pleasant experience to serve as President of Chapter 9 and its wonderful membership for the past two years.

This was Lorena Danis' ANC-Schofield Bks. message to the Chapter as she steps down as past president of Chapter 9 and turns the reins over to incoming president elect, John Blanken. Serving under John for the next year will be: Vice President, Charles Bohnstadt; Secretary, Vic Lewis; Treasurer, Hazen Palmerton; Trustees, Speed Meyers, Clarence Minor and Bob Kosut. Appointed to Chaplain was George Parker.

Chapter 9 participated in the joint installation of officers at the CPO Club, Terminal Island on November 12, 1978.

On December 29, 1978 they plan to have a late Christmas Party and an early New Year's Party all at one time. Please give me a report on this event, Vic!

During the month of November Paso Del Norte, Texas Chapter 7 met at the American Legion Hall in El Paso. They held elections and installation of their 1979 officers. After the installation and dinner the membership enjoyed movies of the actual Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor which were taken by Mr. Mehl Peterson. Mel was a Naval Photographer at the time of the attack.

At their September meeting the Chapter helped National Jewish Chaplain, Herbert C. Straus, celebrate his 83rd birthday.

Chapter President Frank Luciano and the members of Texas Chapter 1 wish all of PHSA a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Up in the northwestern part of the U.S. Seattle, Washington Chapter held another

Chapter Golf Match at Mt. Si Golf course in North Bend. It was a little cold but everyone had a great time.

Then on October 11th the members and their guests toured the Ranier Brewery. The beer was free with the Wiggins' supplying the popcorn and the food was catered. During the tour they were entertained by the Seattle Banjo Band, compliments of the Wiggins'.

Also during the month of October, on the 21st, their social was held at Pier 91 Officers' Club with a cocktail hour with dinner following and dancing to some wonderful music.

In November, they elected and installed their new officers for 1979 and on the 11th participated in the Regional Veterans Day Parade in Auburn, Wash.

For those members who stayed home and didn't go to Las Vegas, the local December 7th Memorial Services were held in conjunction with the Olympic Peninsula Chapter aboard the USS Missouri in Bremerton.

Mac's Steak House at Hanna and South Keystone in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 22nd was the meeting place for Indiana Chapter of the PHSA.

It was auction No. 2 for the Chapter and it was another great success for the coffers of Chapter 1.

Survivors from Chapter 2 converged upon the rural setting of the Firman Martin farm near Warsaw, Indiana. The corn was roasting over an open fire, the coffee cooking in a can. Food-laden tables groaned under these delicacies. All hands tried their skill at fishing in the Martin pond. Herb Roach, Chapter President, won the daily double. First prize for catching the biggest fish and the most wide-mouthed bass. While Herb was doing his thing, the rest of the members were lightening the load on those food-filled tables. By dusk the tables were eventually cleaned. As darkness was approaching, each with his good-bye and thanks to the Martin's. A wonderful, wonderful time was had by all.

Election results for the new officers of Chapter 2 are as follows: President, Herbert Roach; Vice President, George Churley; Sec-Treas., Raymond Crane. The installation dinner meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Merriville, Indiana.

It's back to brunch time for Monterey Bay Area Chapter 15 of California, at the Elks Lodge in Santa Cruz.

They started real early with cocktails at ten o'clock with the brunch at eleven. According to all reports it was a super breakfast with lots of talk in between. After brunch the Chapter held nominations for next year's officers with recommendations on the side by Clyde Parker and his henchmen, giving advice and instructions as to who should be elected to office.

On Admission Day, Sam Jackson hosted their September meeting up in the Ben Lomond Hills. Despite some raindrops, everyone had a great time.

Don Swanson, Chapter News Editor, says, "We all have our own particular items of interest, but one thread is woven through all of PHSA Chapters — and that is we enjoy having fellow survivors attend our meetings, no matter where from. You are so right, Don!"

Veterans Day, November 11th, Suncoast Florida Chapter 1 of St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tampa Triangle had a dinner meeting at the St. Pete Sweden House. For dinner there was Alaska King Crab which was Claw Nite at the Sweden House. During the meeting they held their final nominations for 1979 officers and then elections and installation of their new officers. The Chapter decided to hold their installation of officers due to the fact that so many members would be in Las Vegas for the National Convention. New officers will take over and assume their duties on December 7, 1978.

Also on Veterans Day the Chapter participated in Memorial Services at the Chapel Hill Memorial Park at Wild

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Acres in Largo. The Largo High School Band of Gold played several numbers during the ceremonies with Florida State Chairman, Sarg Cook also taking part in the ceremonies.

During the month of December Chapter members that remained at home participated in Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Services at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park in Clearwater, FL.

Bob Kronberger, one of PHSAs founding fathers, keeps pushing the faithful of Hi-Desert Chapter 21 of Yucca Valley, California to make a pitch for either a State Convention or a National Convention. Their presentations get better each time. This group might even pitch tents down at Twenty-Nine Palms just outside the Marine Base for their Convention Site?

Their November meeting was held at the American Legion Hall in Yucca Valley where they elected Chapter officers for the coming year. They are as follows: President, Art Cunningham; Vice President, Nick Gonzales; Secretary, Roy McKeehan; Treasurer, Russell Jensen; Trustees, (1 yr.) Walt Altpeter, (2 yr.) Tom Stephenson, (3 yr.) Ray Rapp. Appointed to the position of Chaplain was John Peterson.

If you are ever traveling along California Interstate Hwy. 10 in the Hi-Desert area detour off the freeway and over to Yucca Valley and visit with this bunch of fun-loving survivors, they will show you the time of your life.

Orange County Chapter 14 of California held their installation of officers during their Anniversary Birthday Party on October 15, 1978, at Sam's Seafood Restaurant. Officers elected and installed were: President, Jim Facer; Vice President, Joe Morano; Secretary, Roy Clark; Treasurer, Pete Correa; Trustees, Ellsworth Johnson, Howard Bower and Bob Caley. Continuing on as Chapter News Editor is Past President Andy Antosik.

There were 130 survivors, guests and friends in attendance for the November 26th meeting and Christmas Party with 26 of these being children who received Christmas Stockings. The tables were decorated beautifully and the food plentiful, plus a lot of good cheer.

A greeting to all of PHSAs members for the coming year from Chapter 14 — Laugh a little now and then, it brightens life a lot; you can see the funny side, just as well as not. Don't go mournfully around, gloomy and forlorn; try to make your fellowmen glad that you were born. Laugh a jolly, hearty laugh 'til the rafters shake; there is no better medicine you can ever take. — by O.S. Hoffman

Last summer it was like California, hot and dry, but this winter they are catching their woes. It has been cold and wet with floods, washed-out bridges and plenty of damage across the state, but undaunted by all of this, the Howard E. Brannon Chapter of Phoenix, Arizona held Memorial Services on December 7, 1978 along with other Veteran Groups at the USS Arizona Anchor Memorial on the State Capitol grounds. Past President Merrill Duge was the Master of Ceremonies.

Also during the month of December, on the 15th, they had their Pot Luck dinner and Christmas Party with Cliff and Mabelle Taylor being gracious hosts.

Elected and installed as the Chapter's new officers for 1979 were: President, Lewis Litchfield; Vice President, H. L. Nordin; Secretary, Cliff Taylor; Treasurer, Garth Brown; and State Chairman is Harry Musgrove. Chapter Chaplain is M. E. Leggett, and News Editor is Steve Pechac.

Pearl Harbor Survivors 37th Anniversary Memorial Services were held by the Charleston, South Carolina Chapter on board the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point, on Thursday, December 7, 1978.

Special guests were General Mark Clark USA (Ret), Radm. Hermann J. Kossler USN (Ret), Radm. Hugh A. Benton USN, Maj. Gen. John Blanford USMC (Ret), Col. Jack Clark USAF (Ret) PHS, Col. Samuel Galbreath USAF (Ret), and other dignitaries. Guest speaker was Congressman William J. B. Dorn.

Veteran groups laying of the Wreaths were: Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc., S. C. Chapter 1; AMVETS; American Legion; Disabled American Veterans; Jewish War Veterans; VFW; Fleet Reserve Assoc.

Ceremonies were closed by benediction of CDR. Henry Maxwell USN (Ret) the sounding of Taps by bugler from the Charleston Navy Band.

Pennsylvania Survivors held their Memorial Services on December 7, 1978 before the main Capitol Building in Harrisburg, PA. Color guards during the ceremonies were the Armed Forces Group, American Legion Post 109 and Pearl Harbor Survivors from Central Penn-Letterkenney Chapter, Liberty Bell Chapter and Pennsylvania Survivors of the Pearl Harbor Attack.

Honored guests were Representative H. William De Weese, Rev. Stanley Ray, Rev. Barker Howland and Mr. D. Edward Williams.

The Memorial Services opened with a vocal rendition of the Lord's Prayer by D. Edward Williams, followed by the Memorial Prayer by Rev. Stanley Ray. The Veteran groups that were present gave the presentation of Memorial Wreaths with the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Bandmen giving a rendition of "Taps."

In attendance for the ceremonies were 22 PHSAs members and 12 survivors who were not members of the Association.

Santa Rosa Chapter 23 of California, who will host the next State Convention this coming August, elected and held installation of officers for the coming year. Their new officers are: President,

Harry Fessler; Vice President, Dick Remmers; Secretary, Herb Stettler; Treasurer, Bob Hicks; Trustees are Tom Bates and Ken Settle. Appointed to the positions of Chaplain and Chapter News Editor are Jesse Love and Dwight Kenady.

Herb Stettler, State Convention Chairman, wishes to inform all California PHSAs members and our survivor friends to the north and east of us, to make plans now for one of the biggest and best Conventions that California has ever held. Herb, that is a big statement to make, but I believe you and we from the south end of the State will be there in mass.

Heading up the high country in the southern section of the State, we hear from our smallest Chapter of California, which is the Survivors of Chapter 19 and Lake Isabella. They will be holding their annual Anniversary Birthday Party at Josef's Steak House in Wofford Heights, CA on January 27th. There will be a no-host cocktail hour starting at 1730 followed by dinner and dancing to the music of Dick Gallagher. His music is great and he has a terrific sense of humor. Chapter 19 guarantees that a good time will be had by all, because the entire club is reserved for the PHSAs that evening. There is plenty of room for everyone so we can have a rip-snorting time.

Survivors and friends are invited throughout the State, so come one come all and have a good time. Joe and Ann Nemish will be there to greet you.

It was my pleasure while at National Convention as the GRAM Editor to meet Illinois State Chairman Joe Szewerenko and to get his assurance that his group back there gives their full support to us and the GRAM, and from Dave Briner who was elected as the new 5th District Director. Dave is also the Illinois State Newsletter Editor. You could not stay away from it, Dave?

Despite miserable weather, fourteen survivors, wives

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and friends attended Memorial Services at the Daley Center in Chicago on December 7, 1978. The services were conducted indoors with the Wreath laying held outdoors at the Eternal Flame with the Rifle Squad and Bugler from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center rendering a salute to our fallen comrades and the playing of "Taps."

Also attending the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada were 15 Survivors from the State of Illinois.

South Dakota Chapter elects officers at their yearly meeting for 1979 at the VFW downtown Post in Rapid City.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Frank Pehouiack; 1st Vice President, Gerald Von Colln; 2nd Vice President, "Si" M. Spisak; Sec-Treas., Marvin Melius; Trustees, (3 yr.) Gabriel Verdi Pierre, (2 yr.) William Feiler, (1 yr.) John Nehl.

Chapter members discussed plans for the 5th District Convention for Rapid City in 1979. South Dakota will be the host Chapter for the big event. After the meeting and installation of officers, they had dinner, followed by dancing with their wives and invited guests.

News from Mother Lode California Chapter 26 and our baby Chapter, was their Anniversary Birthday Party at Pine Acres, with 70 survivors and wives present for the festivities. The chapter held a joint installation of officers with Chapters 6 of Sacramento, 10 of Stockton, and 25 of Chico. Following the installation it was a fun-filled evening with great food and dancing until the wee hours of the morning.

Elected to office were: President, Cliff Schmidt; Vice President, Preston Harrold; Secretary, Cec Malmin; Treasurer, Louis Berry; Trustees, Riddle, Slamon and Duran.

On December 7, 1978 the Chapter participated in Memorial Services aboard the USS Carpenter (DD-825) on San Francisco Bay.

The State of Texas held their Veterans Day Services on November 5th at Praha, TX with Father Valenta in charge of all activities. The Confederate Air Force was present once again using live explosive charges in their simulated Pearl Harbor attack. From all reports, this event is something to see.

San Jacinto Chapter 3 held a joint meeting in conjunction with the Toledo Bend Chapter 8 at Jim and Burnet Caudel's "Summer Place" on Lake Livingston in August 1978. State Chairman Bill Harris and his wife Barbara were present along with 44 other survivors and their wives.

The GRAM wishes to give its many thanks to the Texas wives for their Coffee at the National Convention in Las Vegas and especially to Mrs. Harris who was in charge of this event. You gals are to be commended. It was a worthwhile event and well done.

Turkey Day or Thanksgiving at San Fernando Valley Chapter 12 in California this past November was the time for everyone to fill themselves until they couldn't eat another bite. The food was plentiful and did they eat! There wasn't one survivor or guest who could motivate after that wonderful dinner. This Chapter really puts on the feed bag.

Also during the month of November they participated in the annual Sacred Torch Ceremonies at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in the Hollywood Hills, to honor our departed Veterans.

Newly elected officers in the Chapter are: President, Allen Dardenelle; Vice President, Ernie Reepmaker; Secretary, Bob Bassett; Treasurer, Chuck Porterfield; Trustees, Lou Mathisen, Leon Forbes and Ward Hulin.

Congratulations to Bill Aupperlee who was elected as our new National Vice President and to Wally France as the new 1st District Director both of Chapter 12.

Out West and way down south is San Diego Chapter 3 with news coming from them that Past National President

George Slavens appointed Vice State Chairman South of California, Tom Rowe as the Hospital Representative to the VA Hospital in San Diego. PHSA has been accepted as members to the Hospital Advisory Committee for Voluntary Service. Also appointed as Deputy Representatives are Mrs. Szwab, Collier and Middleton.

Newly elected and installed officers of Chapter 3 are: President, Eugene Chandler; Vice President, Art "Rex" Kelly; Secretary, Luther Adams; Treasurer, William Oliver; Trustees, Frank Pavlu, John Moore and "Ski" Szwab.

The installation was held at the Naval Station CPO Club at the foot of 32nd St.

Palomar Chapter 24, also located in southern California at Escondido, held their installation dinner at the Chopping Block in Vista, CA. It was great food, great service and a great party.

During the month of December 1978 the Chapter participated in the Escondido Jaycees Christmas Parade, getting a standing ovation along the entire parade route.

The new Chapter officers were installed in a joint installation along with San Diego Chapter officers at the CPO Club in San Diego. Their newly elected officers are: Leonard Brown as President; Robert Tibbs as Vice President; Harold Oliver as Secretary; Frederick Conzalez as Treasurer and Trustees Thomas Hall, George Potts and Oscar Norr.

In January they held their monthly meeting at the Palomar Estates East Mobile Home Park Clubhouse. This was a Pot Luck dinner-meeting.

On December 3rd Santa Clara Valley Chapter 7 of San Jose, California honored their deceased members by a flag lowering at the Oakridge Cemetery.

Out-going President Del Patrick thanked the Chapter members for their support during his reign and wished for the incoming group of officers much success for the coming year at their installation Christmas dinner.

New Chapter officers are: Thomas Pollett, President; Tom Maniscalco, Vice President; Frederick Edwards, Secretary; Del Patrick, Treasurer; Trustees, William Laden, Robert Walker and Robert Hittle. Appointed to Chaplain was David Snyder.

On December 7th, their Memorial Breakfast was held at Sambo's Restaurant with 60 survivors and their wives participating in the events of the day.

"What's New With Twenty-Two" That's Redwood Chapter 22 of Fortuna, California new 1st Edition and monthly slogan for their Newsletter.

On November 4, 1978 they held their installation of officers for the coming year. This was at the Scotia Inn, Scotia, CA. Installing the new officers was newly elected Vice State Chairman North Dauw MacHaffie from Mare Island Chapter 11. The new officers are: President, John Fillman; Vice President, Wilfred Wendt; Sec.-Treas., Don Davis. Appointed to Chaplain was Carlo Albonico. With Mayo and Lee Fowler present for the festivities a fun-filled evening was enjoyed by all. The only ones that missed the fun were those that were not there.

In January they held a Box Lunch Social, with each lady preparing a box lunch for two. These were auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Chapter treasury.

The theme for the February meeting and get-together will be Mrs. Valentine and of course, a Party.

Last, but not least, is Feather River Chapter 25 of Yuba City and Chico, California. From Chapter President Joe Adams comes word that once again they will have their Clam Bake and Steak Feed in the Spring. This will be held on April 21, 1979 on a Saturday evening and will not interfere with any State functions or Chapter functions in the northern section of the State. So Joe invites everyone from the 1st District to attend this big event. (Joe,

Wedding Anniversaries Observed

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

55th Anniversary

Bill (USS Chew) and Helen Benjamin, 2300 E. Valley Pkwy., Sp. 192, Escondido, CA 92027 — May 18, 1979.

45th Anniversary

Richard (USS San Francisco) and Helena May Baker, 817 Fourth St., Oceanside, CA 92054 — January 6, 1979.

Arthur D. (USS Argonne) and Gladys McClaughry, 5700 S. Seneca, Wichita, KS 67217 — March 2, 1979.

35th Anniversary

Chester (Naval Hospital) and Nell Oxford, 2417 Palmetto Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 — February 3, 1979.

Wayne (USS Solace) and Florance Sisco, P.O. Box 468, Bonsall, CA 92003 — February 18, 1979.

Donald (Hickam Field) and Audrie Bloomfield, 9301 Columbia, Detroit, MI 48239 — November 5, 1978.

Marvin (USS Maryland) and Viola Frydenlund, 6633 Mayfair, Utica, MI 48087 — November 25, 1978.

Jim (Schoefield Bks.) and Edwina McCullough, 4432 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 — November 1, 1978.

Woody W. (Co. A 65th Eng. 25th Div. — Schoefield Bks.) and Virginia Saway, 2906 Larchmont Dr., Jackson, MS 39209 — December 9, 1978.

Phillip E. (USS Tennessee) and Helen Atchison, P.O. Box 532, Sterling, CO 80751 — October 11, 1979.

Leonard (USS Phelps) andquette, Crystal Falls, MI 49920 — January 13, 1979.

Thomas G. (USS Raleigh) and Helen Powers, 929 Blandford Ave., Venton, VA 24179 — February 12, 1979.

30th Anniversary

Richard (USS Dobbin) and Wyona Perkins, 1202 Borden Rd., Sp. 141, Escondido, CA 92026 — January 19, 1979.

Robert (USS Maryland) and Lucille Rineholt, 1033 High St., Worthington, OH 43085 — January 15, 1979.

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you had better hold this in a much bigger place than you did last year??).

This past December the Chapter held their meeting on Sunday the 10th for the annual Memorial Breakfast at the Studio Inn, Chico, CA. In January Joe and Alice hosted the members to a late Christmas Party and gift exchange at their home in Gridley.



Army and Navy nurses who were stationed on the island of Oahu on December 7, 1941. The above whitecaps were in attendance at the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 7, 1978. (Editor's note: If these nurses will please write to Les Pulliam, 7137 Lime Street, Long Beach, California 90805, he will gladly send each of you a copy of the above pictures.)

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association

Prayer for the Dead

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

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USS Allen
Garden Grove, CA

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Hagerstown, MD

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San Pedro, CA

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USS Maryland
Bearden, Ark.

San Francisco Bay December 7, 1978

The weather on the morning on December 7th was extremely clear. The brisk north wind had the temperatures down to 34 degrees and with the chill factor, it was much colder!

Over fifty Pearl Harbor survivors, accompanied by spouses, and friends, started boarding the USS Carpenter docked at Alameda Naval Air Station at 7:30 a.m. for the Pearl Harbor Day cruise and ceremonies that were scheduled to pay tribute to the 2403 comrades who died 37 years ago. At precisely 8:00 a.m. the Carpenter cast off her lines and was underway with the assistance of a tugboat. The tug saw her safely on course for the passage through the breakwater.

Sadly, five guests stood on the dock looking forlorn; they had "missed

the ship" because of free-way traffic. What followed was beyond anyone's expectations; the tugboat's skipper released from the Carpenter, returned to the dock, took aboard the late arrivals and sped out into the bay to catch up with the Carpenter and deposit the awe-struck late ones safely on board. Some tears of joy were in the eyes of those who watched the heart-warming operation.

The Carpenter "dropped the hook" off Treasure Island at 9:15 a.m. to begin the Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies. Survivor John McGoran, (USS California), President of Bay Area Chapter 2 Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, began the program by welcoming everyone aboard and thanking the officers and enlisted men of the Car-

penter for having the services. Then he, in turn, introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Survivor Joseph Paul (USS West Virginia,) who conducted the solemn ceremonies.

Captain Richard Pohli, Commanding Officer Treasure Island, was guest speaker. The Captain's remarks were impressive; he reminded us of the fact that a threat of foreign attack still remains:

"Despite the best efforts of our leaders and our servicemen, the threat remains with us. The growing military strength of our adversaries continues to fertilize the seed of fear that we might again awaken some Sunday morning to the anguish of a surprise attack.

Many in this and similar audiences continue to ask: 'Are we prepared?'"

After Captain Pohli's remarks, the count-down for the wreath-tossing began. At exactly 9:55 a.m., (7:55 a.m. Pearl Harbor time,) the memorial floral wreath was tossed from the fan-tail onto the waters of the bay by survivor John McGoran. As the wreath floated away, the Navy Hymn was heard playing softly in the background. The benediction was given

by Captain Vernon Stenberg, U.S.N.R., a volley by the Marine Corps, Rifle Squad and Taps by the Navy Band concluded the solemn ceremonies. Then the Carpenter's Commanding Officer, Captain R. R. Denis stepped to the lectern and presented the Pearl Harbor Survivors with the Carpenter's Official Plaque, and to accompany it, the flag flying at half-mast over the ship's fan-tail which had flown over the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. John McGoran gratefully accepted the two gifts on behalf of the Survivors and assured Captain Denis that "Every Survivor will be proud of these gifts."

At 10:15 a.m., Captain Denis ordered the Carpenter underway. As she steamed slowly along on the bay cruise, "chow-down" was announced over the public address system. A scrumptious luncheon of fish, shrimp, navy beans, french-fries, salad, coffee and ice cream greeted the cold and hungry Survivors and guests.

The ship sailed close by Angel Island and Sausalito, then by the Golden Gate bridge and turning south, she glided by San Francisco's water-front. Passing under the Bay Bridge, she turned and crossed the bay, arriving at her Alameda Berth at 2:00 p.m..

It was a wonderful, inspiring day, made possible by the special efforts of the officers and enlisted men of the USS Carpenter.

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You Don't Forget"

December 7th, 1941



Members of Greater Minneapolis, Minn. Chapter at the entrance to Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel during the State Convention. Front row left to right: Mrs. Tom Sparks, Mrs. Al Quackenbush, and Mrs. Michael Matusko. Second row left to right: Tom Sparks, Al Quackenbush — President, and Michael Matusko — Minnesota State Chairman. Back row: Ray Witt.



Some of the 250 plus survivors, wives and friends in attendance at the California State Chairman's Barbeque at Kearny Park in Fresno, September 30th, 1978.



Minnesota State Chairman
Michael E. Matusko

Michael E. Matusko of the Greater Minneapolis Chapter was elected Minnesota State Chairman at the Minnesota State Convention held on October 7, 1978 at the Normandy Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Evening entertainment was poolside refreshments followed by dinner with popovers as the specialty. Door prizes were in abundance. Every Survivor and spouse were recipients of at least one door prize.

Sunday morning services on October 8th were held at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel with Dr. Clifford Nelson officiating. This was the conclusion of the convention.



Our cocktail gals at State Chairman's Barbeque at Kearny Park in Fresno, CA along with Past National President George Slavens and Vaughn Avedigan of Chapter 8, and California's number 1 chef.

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From the Editor's Desk

I would like to clarify our statement in the 57th issue of the GRAM on COSTS for back issues.

When taking over the GRAM, there were many issues that were missing, and some issues that had only two or three copies. In the past year and a half, I have received many requests for some of these back issues but they were not available to the membership through the Editor of the GRAM. With the help of National Treasurer Jesse Pond Jr., who had the large sized GRAM's reduced in size and with the go ahead from my company we have reproduced by Xerox Machine all back issues of the GRAM starting with issue No. 1.

Due to the cost of paper and the reducing in size of the larger copies of the GRAM, we feel that the charge of \$2.00 per copy is in line. This includes first class postage. (This will be for issues 1 through 49). From issues 50 to the present extra copies will remain \$1.00 per copy, including postage.

The Xerox reproductions look great!

ORIGINALS — HAWAII

In the 57th issue of the GRAM Roy and Wilbur Crow of Originals — Hawaii ran their first ad in the GRAM for their Pearl Harbor glasses. They have graciously offered to return to the PHSA Inc. 15 percent of the purchase price for any 4-pak bought by a member of PHSA.

The 4-paks cost \$7.95 per pack plus \$2.05 handling, tax and delivery to the U.S. This means a return of \$1.19 per pak to the Association. Their Ad is on page 27 of the 57th issue of the GRAM.

Their address is: Originals — Hawaii, P.O. Box "P", Kaaawa, Hawaii 96730. (Attention Roy Crow Jr.)

WHO'S THAT GAL?

This question was asked several times during the National Convention business meetings. She was Jeannie Aupperlee, wife of our new Vice President Bill Aupperlee. Our National Executive Board asked Jeannie to be the recording secretary for the business meetings. She is the Head-Secretary for a business office in North Hollywood, CA and graciously consented to help the Association in this task.

When offered by the Board to reimburse her for the hours she spent writing and recording the minutes of the meetings, she turned them down and offered her services free of charge.

She is one of the many dedicated wives of Survivors in the Association who give their all for us and the betterment of PHSA.

The Executive Board and the GRAM wish to say Thank you Jeannie from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you.

Ken Creese
Editor

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Charles Farinella and Ken Settle standing beside roasted pig that was served to the membership of California Chapter 23 — Santa Rosa, at the Clear Lake outing on September 9th and 10th, 1978.



St. Louis County Supervisor Gene McNary signing proclamation proclaiming December 7, 1978 as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 1978" in St. Louis County, Missouri. In photo, left to right: Morris McBride, Sec'y-Treas.; Lester Hutnick, Past President; Supervisor McNary; Glennon Ryan, President; and Fred Schmidt, Past President, all of Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Missouri Chapter 1.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

This December 7th will Mark the 37th anniversary of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor. Services will be conducted throughout the Nation, memorializing this "Day that will live in Infamy." Missouri Chapter 1, Pearl Harbor Survivors Ass'n.,

will hold Memorial Services aboard the USS Inaugural, a retired Navy Minesweeper which is moored on the Mississippi River at the south leg of the arch.

Survivors, families and friends were requested to come aboard the Inaugural at 11:30 AM for services that will be held at 11:55 AM the exact time of the Attack (St. Louis Time) on Pearl Harbor by Naval Forces of the Japanese Imperial Navy.

Father Thomas Odlum, retired Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clayton, and a Pearl Harbor survivor, will deliver the Invocation and offer prayers for the Servicemen who made the SUPREME Sacrifice on Dec. 7th, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. Guest speaker will be Capt. W. H. Class, USN. A memorial wreath will be placed in the river, and Taps sounded. Information concerning the local chapter of PHSA can be had by calling Glen Ryan, Local Chapter President, at 381-9439.

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Jesse Pond
National Treasurer

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containing artifacts of the Pearl Harbor attack and the battleship USS Arizona. These artifacts will include salvaged pieces of USS Arizona, 1941 newspaper accounts of the attacks, personal letters and mementos of attack victims contributed by relatives and friends, photographs, paintings and historical documents of the attack.

Other features of the more than four million dollar complex will be a museum workshop, twin movie theaters, a landscaped courtyard, a terrace overlooking the Arizona Memorial, covered walkways to the docks, twin landing ramps from which boats will depart for the memorial, a National Park Service Office, and storage and concession facilities. Once completed, the new shoreside facilities will become the operational responsibility of the National Park Service. The Navy will continue to provide the boats and crews for the no-cost trip to the memorial proper.

I am happy to inform you that visitor interest in the Arizona Memorial and

Pearl Harbor continues to grow annually. A one-year high mark was achieved in calendar year 1977 with 1,224,637 persons visiting the memorial, nearly 70,000 more than the previous record set in 1976. During 1978, the number of visitors has continued to increase. Through October, 630,008 people had taken the Navy tour, another 459,067 had taken commercial tours. This total of 1,089,075 is 8 per cent ahead of the record set in 1977.

From these figures, you can see that Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial continue to be of great historic interest to visitors to Hawaii. I would say, along with Waikiki Beach, it is the top tourist attraction in the state. With the completion of the new shoreside visitors center, I am confident that the number of visitors will continue to grow.

I wish each of you a successful and enjoyable convention, and, on behalf of the men and women of the Pacific Fleet, send best wishes.

Sincerely,
D. C. Davis
Admiral, U.S. Navy

OBLIGATION continued

Pearl Harbor continues to honored dead, to one another, and to keep our fellow citizens ever mindful of their great loss of December 7, 1941. But there is still another obligation! One that is not written down, but one that every Survivor upholds, and supports with all his heart!

Our 8th Obligation!

Which is our total support of the Armed Forces of the United States, and is our only political movement within our Association.

Yes, we are a group of Veterans, but not a Veterans group. There are a fine group of Veterans organizations that are helping you and I in our civil needs, as having served our Nation. The American Legion, AM-Vets, D.A.V., and others. A good many of you belong to these groups. Yet! The Pearl Harbor Veteran is a most unique person; belonging to a most unique, and exclusive Association, and with one goal in mind: "KEEP AMERICA ALERT"

All speeches should be short (so say the members of this Association — un-

less you are the President of the United States, or a General or Admiral), so I would like to conclude with the following.

Some time ago the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy made a famous statement in a speech of his: "Ask not what your Country may do for you, but rather what you may do for your Country!"

To this famous and proper statement, by President Kennedy, and in keeping with our 8th obligation, The Pearl Harbor Survivor Association makes this reply: "Every Pearl Harbor Survivor, from the very inception of this Association, has given answer to that statement — to our Nation, and to our fellow citizens — with just a simple five (5) word sentence: "HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU!"

The above address was given by Jim Daw (Chapter 9 of California) at Memorial Services on December 7, 1978 in the Sahara Space Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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