

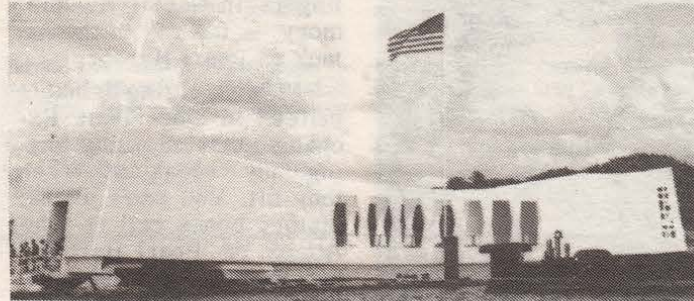


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## Two Army Fliers Get D.S.C.

The following article was taken from a Honolulu Newspaper one week after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the Island of Oahu.

The war department has announced that the distinguished service cross had been awarded to 2nd Lts. George S. Welch and Kenneth M. Taylor, air corps, stationed at Wheeler Field, for their outstanding acts of heroism during the attack on Oahu by Japanese planes on Sunday, December 7.

The citations read as follows:

George S. Welch, O-398557, 2nd Lieutenant, air corps, 47th pursuit squadron, 15th pursuit group, Wheeler field, T. H. For extraordinary heroism in action over the Island of Oahu, T.H. and waters adjacent thereto, 7 December 1941.

"When surprised by a heavy air attack by Japanese forces on Wheeler field and vicinity at approximately 8 A. M., he left Wheeler field and proceeded by automobile, under fire, to Haleiwa landing field, a distance of approximately 10 miles, where the planes of his

squadron were stationed.

"He immediately, on his own initiative, took off for the purpose of attacking the invading forces, without first obtaining information as to the number or type of planes in the attacking force, and proceeded to his initial point over Barbers point.

"At time of takeoff he was armed only with .30 caliber machine guns. Upon arrival over Barbers point, he observed a formation of approximately 12 planes over Ewa, about 1,000 feet below and 10 miles away.

"Accompanied by only one other pursuit ship, he im-

mediately attacked this enemy formation and shot down and enemy dive bomber with one burst from three .30 caliber guns.

"At this point he discovered that one .30 caliber gun was jammed. While engaged in this position his plane was hit by an enemy bullet, which passed through the baggage compartment in rear of his seat.

He climbed above the clouds, checked his plane, returned to the attack over Barbers point and immediately attacked a Japanese plane running out to sea, which he shot down, the plane falling in the ocean.

"No more enemy planes being in sight he proceeded to Wheeler field to refuel and replenish ammunition.

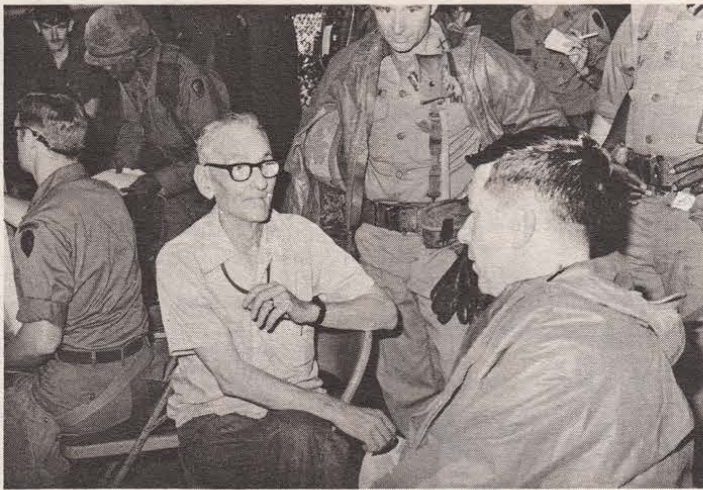
"Just as refueling and reloading was completed, but before his guns had been repaired, a second wave of about 15 enemy planes approached low over Wheeler field.

"Three came at him and he immediately took off, headed straight into the attack and went to the assistance of a brother of-

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MEMORIAL DAY 1979 AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY...The National PHS Capitol Honor Guard, Maryland Chapter, wearing official jackets. From left to right: Ray James, Chet Millman, Tony DiLorenzo and Steve Shemelyneec.



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, (25th Infantry Division), Dec. 13, 1978 — Master Sergeant (retired) Ralph Garrison, 69 year old WWII veteran, and former 8th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division Artilleryman discusses "today's Army" with Division Artillery Commander Colonel Thomas Lightner. Garrison spent a week visiting with his old unit during his recent trip to Hawaii to participate in the Sunrise Memorial Service at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7. U.S. Army photo by Clude Weaver.

## MSG Garrison's Return

By Jane Easterly

"Those were hard times. I remember one terrible day when eight of my men were killed by bomber attack. But I had sworn on the day of the Pearl Harbor Attack that I would never break in combat, no matter what happened. I owe a lot to the men of my battery. We pulled through those times together. That's why I wanted to come back to the 'Automatic Eighth'."

Over 45 years ago, Ralph A. Garrison, a newly recruited 23-year-old arrived at the 25th Infantry Division, then known as the Hawaiian Division. For 13 years he served with a single battery, Alpha 105 Howitzer Battery of the Division's 8th Field Artillery Regiment. The last four of those years were spent during the midst of WW II, defending the coastline of Kalihi Channel from enemy attack on the island of Oahu then to Guadalcanal to fight with the division all

the way to Luzon.

Now, with the help of soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 8th Field Artillery "Automatic Eighth", ex-Master Sergeant Garrison, who still considers himself "a military man" has realized his 33-year-old dream of returning to what he feels is the "best battery, battalion, and division in the whole U.S. Army." "I guess you can say I'm being a sentimental old man, an eccentric or whatever, but I've come a long way to be back with this unit and I'm awful proud to be here."

At the age of 69, Garrison is still full of spirit and quick of memory in recollecting minute details of the days of the old "brown shoe Army". Those were the days, he remembers, when he was too busy being a soldier to think of marriage or settling down. Garrison had waited until after his retirement to court and marry his wife Virginia

and start a family of his own. His son, Ralph A. Garrison Jr., is now 18 years-of-age.

One day in particular lingers in Garrison's memory — the day of the Attack on Pearl Harbor.

"I was sitting drinking coffee in the Post Exchange that morning having my breakfast when they hit. You know all the history books call it 'The Attack on Pearl Harbor', but the harbor wasn't the only one. They hit us bad, wave after wave of them. I remember running from the snack bar down a row of barracks, grabbing a Filipino bugler and telling him to sound 'Call to Arms'. I was a senior sergeant in the battery then, with nine years of service. It was the first time in my life that I'd ever heard the sound of the call. I didn't have time to be scared. With the first sergeant still at his home I rounded up the men and gave the orders to get ready for the field. By the time 'Top' arrived we were ready to go."

For 11 months Garrison took up his wartime position in the vicinity of Salt Lake, defending the Kalihi Channel alongside units of the Hawaii National Guard. After a month of offensive training at Kole Kole Pass, Garrison and his men deployed with the division to Guadalcanal in the fall of 1942. As Chief of the firing Battery, Garrison first saw action on January 10, 1943.

On March 10, 1945 Garrison left the 25th Infantry Division. He served in succession with the 2nd Division, the 1st "Big Red One" Division and finally the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Though he tried for transfers, it wasn't until December 6, 1978, 25 years after his 1953 retirement that Garrison returned to the "Automatic Eighth". He did so as a special guest of the division.

During his week-long visit with his old unit, Garrison and his wife were treated with the spirit of Aloha. He lunched with the 25th Infantry Division Commander, Major General Otic C. Lynn and recorded his own version of the Attack on Pearl Harbor for the Tropic Lightning Historical Center. Garrison spent much of his time speaking with the commanders and non-commissioned officers of the 1-8th Field Artillery, and made many friends among the soldiers of that unit.

One highlight of Garrison's visit was the December 7th Sunrise Memorial Service at Pearl Harbor. As a special guest for the ceremony, Garrison got a chance to meet other survivors of the attack. A member of the Little Rock, Arkansas Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for years, he was made a member of the National Chapter.

According to Garrison, things haven't changed much in the nearly half a century since he himself enlisted. Though in those days it took years to earn sergeant stripes and today's specialist grades still leave him slightly puzzled. He thinks that today's soldiers are much more educated than they were in his time and "Likes what he sees in the soldiers of the Tropic Lightning Division".

When he returned to his home in Sheridan, Arkansas, Garrison took with him many memories of his return to the Automatic Eighth, and the conviction that after all these years, A Battery is still the best and the division still runs like clockwork.

The GRAM wishes to thank the Public Affairs Office and the 25th Infantry TROPIC LIGHTNING for the above News Release (Schofield Barracks, Hawaii).

# Radioman Northup on the USS Ramapo

Chief Radioman George A. Northup was aboard the USS Ramapo on December 7, 1941 as a Radio Striker when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. In fact George spent the entire war on the Ramapo until she was decommissioned in January 1946. The USS Ramapo spent the first six months of the war traveling to and from the South Pacific, and later replaced the USS Neosho when it was sunk in the Coral Sea Battle in 1942. In mid-1942 she commenced operations in the North Pacific area and thereafter spent the greater part of the war traveling to and from the Aleutian Islands where the weather was almost a bigger adversary than the Japanese. George says "the USS Ramapo was a good ship", and he was always proud to have spent so much time aboard her. "We had an excellent crew, and I will never forget the men and the events that took place aboard the AO-12.

As he remembers December 7, 1941: The USS Ramapo was moored in Pearl Harbor, T.H. with starboard side to Dock No. 12, with standard mooring lines out. Boiler No. 1 was in use for auxiliary purposes. Workmen were aboard placing PT boats on deck. The USS California (Combatfor), SOPA and various of the US Fleet were basing at Pearl Harbor.

At 1755 Enemy planes (Japanese) commenced dropping bombs and torpedoes on the Naval Air Station and units of the US Fleet. They went to General Quarters and commenced firing on the enemy planes with 3 inch and 50 caliber machine guns.

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The other ships in the harbor gradually opened fire with AA batteries and machine guns. Torpedo planes were attacking the battleships at Ford Island, coming in along the channel from the Submarine Base and directly astern of the Ramapo. They opened fire as soon as possible about 0810 with machine guns and approximately 4 minutes later with the 3-inch. Ammunition was ready in the ready boxes. Five enemy planes were destroyed in the first attack. At approx. 0807 Emergency sail was hoisted on the signal tower. The USS Arizona was hit by torpedo, which also damaged the USS Vestal which was towed out into the stream. At 0809 the USS Arizona was hit by a second torpedo. About two minutes later a spurt of flame came out of the guns in No. 2 turret, followed by explosion of the forward magazines. The foremast leaned forward and part of the ship was enveloped in flame and smoke and continued to burn fiercely. Approximately 0814 the USS Oklahoma suffered two hits by torpedoes. She commenced to settle and later turned over. At 0820 we lit off No. 2 and No. 3 boilers. At this time the USS West Virginia was hit by one or two torpedoes. She listed and commenced to settle slowly. Also the USS California was hit at this time by a torpedo and commenced listing slowly to port. At 0830 enemy Dive Bombers begin at-

tacks, aimed generally at Naval Air Station, Battleships, and drydocks. The USS Oglala was apparently hit during this attack as she was listed soon afterwards. Lit off No. 4 boiler at 0832, and at 0845 cut in No. 2 and No. 3 boilers on the main steam line. 0910 the No. 4 boiler was cut in on the main line. At 0919 the USS Nevada got underway and stood out of channel but was hit by torpedoes and bombs and was beached. At 0920 Dive bombers attacked Navy Yard and Hickam Field. Five bombers from high flying horizontal bombers (two-motored) struck the water close to the USS Rigel showering her, the destroyer to port of her, and the USS New Orleans with shrapnel and bomb fragments. On this same attack the USS Cassin and the USS Downes were apparently damaged, for a huge cloud of flame and smoke was seen in the general direction of the drydock. The drydock was also put out of commission. 0930 the USS Bagley and the USS Jarvis stood out. Approximately five minutes later the USS Cummings and the USS Drayton stood out. At 0950 the USS Helena stood out. MTB's started out at 1000. The MTB's on the deck of the USS Ramapo opened fire and PT30 hit one plane attacking battleships. 1020 a Light Cruiser underway from berth M of Ford Island. 1115 the USS Raleigh observed to have been damaged, listing about 15 degrees.

At 1120 the Yard Pilot and Captain came aboard to shift vessel to another mooring. 1125 enemy planes flying overhead to port. At 1140 the USS Detroit stood out. We were underway at 1159 from berth 12 to berth X-15, with Pilot at the wheel and the Captain and Navigator on the bridge, with the USS Sunnadin assisting us. By 1200 attack by enemy Japanese planes were gradually decreasing.

We cast off from the tug at 1210 and by 1245 was moored to buoys in the middle lock, berth X-15. That evening at 1717 we darkened ship. Then at 2110 we opened fire on enemy planes. Firing continued for approximately one-half hour. One plane apparently hit, and fell among houses setting fire to one.



Tony Januchowski and Willard Yorach met each other after 35 years during a dinner - dance at the Charles Blazek Chapter in Menomine Falls, Wis.

Tony and Willard were in the 4th Def. BN Btry. "F" U.S. Marines. They would like to hear from their old buddies from Barrery "F". Their addresses are: Tony Januchowski, 6948 N. Seville Ave., Glendale, Wis. 53209 and Willard Yorach, 552 Gerald Ave., Sun Prairie, Wis. 53590.



Both of the above survivors have the same birthday. On the left is Joseph Szerwerenko, Illinois State Chairman whose birthday is Nov. 12th, 1919 and Mr. Jack Timm is Nov. 12th, 1923. Both men were on the USS Oklahoma on December 7, 1941. At that time neither of them knew the other until Jack joined Illinois Chapter 1. Now they are great friends, along with Jack's wife Betty, and Joe's wife Pella. Over the past two years this group has traveled to Hawaii for the 35th anniversary and most of the meetings in the State of Illinois. This past December, all four of them hit the road again to attend the National Convention in Las Vegas.

## Part II

# Midget Subs Endless Journey

By C.L. Jackson

A salvage crew from Pearl Harbor Submarine Base was sent on Dec 10, 1941, to board the Sakamaki sub. I was a radioman second class serving aboard the battleship USS Pennsylvania (BB - 38) (which had been in drydock during the December 7 attack) as part of CINC-PAC's staff. Because of my slight build, I was selected to go aboard the midget sub and remove all communication gear for study.

The morning was cold and miserable as the salvage party climbed into a truck for a jostling hour and a half ride. When the truck finally stopped, we jumped out, happy to stretch our legs.

"What the hell is that?" someone asked in amazement.

Tethered to a palm tree, a long cylindrical ob-

ject rolled in the surf about 50 yards from shore.

"Strip down and go take a look, Jackson," the chief of the salvage party told me.

Clad in skivvies, I dove into the surf and swam to the craft. When I got to what looked like the bow, I reached for the iron framework to board. From shore the chief yelled, "Get the hell away from there; those are torpedoes sticking out!"

I backed away fast, swam around to the side and pulled myself aboard. Shivering, I walked to the conning tower and pulled open the entrance hatch. The air was foul. After taking a few deep breaths, I eased myself through the small opening.

There wasn't much to see. The communication gear was on the starboard side. A navigation chart

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"There are some days you don't forget"

December 7th, 1941

occupied the port side. I was shocked to find that it was an official U.S. Navy chart of Pearl Harbor with positions of most of the larger warships neatly penciled in. I gathered up as much as I could and headed for the beach. After my second trip, the chief and officer in charge of the salvage party came aboard while I removed the radio gear.

The chief discovered the explosives with the wet, slightly burnt fuse. Like most of Sakamaki's efforts this, too, had failed. We got the radio cables and motor-generator ashore and I came back one last time to get

the transceiver. I pushed the radio up through the conning tower and paused a moment to take one last look before crawling out of the midget sub.

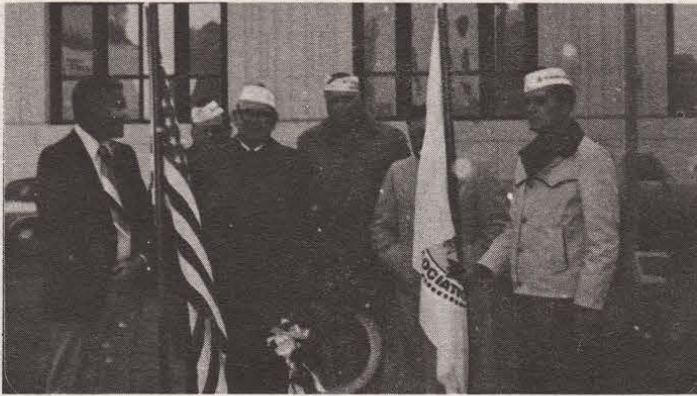
Later, the sub was disarmed and picked over completely. Japan's secret weapon was no longer a secret, and every sonar man in the Navy soon knew from then on that even a tiny blip on his screen spelled potential danger. The annotated chart I had retrieved from the sub showed the positions of many of our ships and a carefully plotted course for the small intruder. It was suspected that the

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The 1978 National Convention in Las Vegas, NV, was a rewarding experience for four (4) PHSA members of the 23rd Bomb Sq. Hickam Field after 36 years. This was their first reunion after all these years. They spent most of their time at convention talking of old times, and will be looking forward to meeting again in Orlando, Florida in 1980. They would like to see some more of their old buddies to show up for this convention and a great reunion of the 23rd Bomb Sq.

Left to right: Willard Buska, Vernon Andrews, Bill Smith and Leo Dougherty.



Paso Del Norte, Texas Chapter 7 in attendance at Wreath laying ceremonies on December 7, 1978 at the Memorial Marker in downtown El Paso. From

left to right: Alderman J. B. Jones, Frank Townsend, Joe Dillan, Leon P. Sell, Frank Luciano and John J. Springer.

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## Midget Subs...

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craft had made an early morning reconnaissance of the berthing of fleet units and had successfully communicated the findings back to Japanese attack forces. That a sub could get past harbor entrance patrols and nets was alarming enough, but this chart revealed that the sub had traveled completely around Ford Island undetected! (It was evidence that prompted the widespread belief that Japanese midget submarines "must have been in the harbor at will," as the Army Pearl Harbor Board summed it up.)

This opinion was reversed later when a chart found in a downed Japanese bomber proved that the submarine chart was only an attack plan, not the route of a daring reconnaissance mission.

Eventually, the midget sub was used in America's war bond effort. Viewing windows were cut into the sides and the sub traveled all over the U.S. to carnivals and state fairs. I was on leave in Pittsburg, PA., when I saw the midget sub again. Japan's secret weapon, draped in red, white and blue bunting, had become the means of raising money to build American ships to fight Japan.

(Editor's note: The ill-fated midget submarine that dropped "Prisoner No. 1" and Japan's secret weapon into America's lap is now on exhibit at the Lighthouse Museum, Key West, FL. Similar Japanese midget submarines are on display at many locations, including Naval Submarine Bases, New London, Conn., and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard.)

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J. "Gus" Gostel writes into the GRAM that on December 7, 1941 there were 14 men assigned to the Signal Tower at Pearl Harbor. He would like to have the Tower called out on the Unit list with a separate symbol number, rather than have it under Navy Misc. At the time of the attack the tower was attached to Com 14, and they also had Cincpac and some temporary duty men from the fleet assigned there. Gus, we will see what we can do.

If anyone assigned to the tower on December 7, 1941 would like to get in touch with Gus, his address is 1813 White Lane, Norfolk, VA 23518.

## Kaneohe Bay

On 7 December in '41,  
the bandits came out of the morning sun.  
At ten minutes of eight on that fateful day,  
with seaplanes at anchor in Kaneohe Bay.

Our status was casual that Sunday morning;  
we had been given no official warning.  
The liberty party was ready to go,  
the sailors in uniforms white as snow.

The previous night's rain had turned the mud  
beneath Kansas Tower as red as blood.  
We cursed the Army for disturbing our rest;  
it appeared to be an inter-service test.

They strafed the hangars and planes at will,  
then continued up Kansas Hill.  
The cars in the parking lots, mostly burned;  
catalinas on fire, and overturned.

Even the duck blind was set aflame;  
a Nakajima could take the blame.  
The bugler quickly sounded the alarm  
from the landing mat to the pheasant farm.

The liberty party rolled in the clay  
to hide white uniforms that ugly day.  
I will name no names; they were heroes all.  
Some made mistakes; most were on the ball.

When the raid was over, seventeen lay dead;  
many were wounded, and the decks were red.  
In out crowded dispensary, volunteers worked  
many long hours and not one shirked.

One Japanese came cross the bay,  
over Koolau Range from Pearl Harbor way.  
All guns were firing - he was already dead  
from three .30 caliber slugs that entered his head.

He crashed at the base of Kansas Hill  
and cannot be faulted for lack of will.  
Already dead, he fired his guns  
and continued to fly into the rising sun.

Sailors, Marines and civilians too,  
merely asked what they could do  
To help defend, and to strike back  
to make our Station safe from attack.

"How could it happen," some people asked,  
"that we could be hit with surprise attack?"  
"Surprise for whom?"; the echoes say,  
"Not the folks at Kaneohe Bay."

By Charles H. Roberts,  
SCT, USMC, Retired

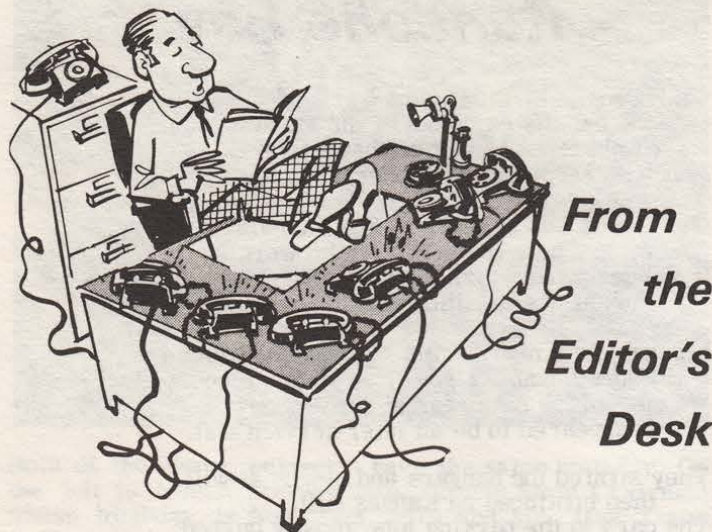
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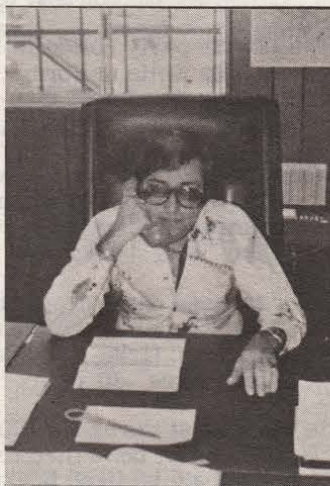
In the 58th issue of the GRAM we ran a list of PHSA members who were 80 years and older. We received a letter from Capt. Edwin O. Seiser, USN, Ret. of Kingsville, TX. that he was 82 years young this past May. He was born in 1897 and served on the USS Rigel, December 7, 1941. Happy Birthday Capt. Seiser.

## CREDITS DUE

In the past three issue's of the GRAM, articles have been written on General Davidson and the 19th Pursuit SQ. of Wheeler Field. Joseph W. Hudrick of Rockledge, PA. was kind enough to send these articles into the GRAM for publication and we of the GRAM wish to give our many thanks to Joe for sending us this information. The article on the front page of this issue was also sent in by Joe.

In the 59th issue of the GRAM, April 1979, article entitled "Where did they go from Battleship Row?" The author's name, Jesse N. Bradley, and Magazine from which article was taken were inadvertently left out. We would like to thank the Retired Officer Magazine and Jesse N. Bradley for the use of their story.

The National Executive Board of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association takes this means of introducing James K. Levitt to the entire



membership. Through his company, Advertising Analysis, located in North Hollywood, CA, labor charges for mailing the Pearl Harbor Gram have been donated. The only expense incurred by the Association is the cost of postage. This constitutes quite a savings per each issue. It is with pride and appreciation that we recognize this man's efforts on our behalf. We are sure every member will add "Thanks and amen."

## CORRECTIONS

On page 4 of the 58th issue (Feb., 1979) Headed: "Joe Hydrusko of Statue of Liberty Chapter" — it should have read: "Joe Hydrusko of Long Island Chapter".

## DISAGREEMENT

In the October 58th Issue of the GRAM on page 19 the picture submitted by I. R. Clark of Cateret, NJ. say's the picture is of the 13th FABn which was sent to him by Robert E. Mantor of Florida.

Charles E. Clark of Reno, NV. say's the picture is of the 61st Ord. Ammo Co. with Charles the eighth man in the top row, reading from left to right. He also claims that the man holding the colors is PFC Congers.

If anyone can shed some more information on this picture, please write to Charles E. Clark, 211 Luxury Lane, Reno, NV. 89502.

Do not write the GRAM we do not wish to get into the controversy.

## BY-LINE MIDGET SUB

Dr. Herman L. Meltzer, M.D. of Clinton, IL., wrote into the GRAM that on December 7, 1941 he went out to Hickam Field with the automatic weapons Battalion, and had two assignments just before and during that period. (1) He was part of the Station Complement of Fort Shafter and (2) The Medical Detachment of the 64th C/A (AA) Regiment.

He tells us that when Lt. Kuzuo Sakamaki was captured, he was placed in the guard house at Fort Shafter. Dr. Meltzer was at that time a Captain in the Army Medical Corps.

## WISHES TO LOCATE BUDDIES

C.C. Neel of Cypress, Florida, would like to get in touch with some of his old buddies that were in the 25th Inf. Div. on December 7, 1941 and during World War II.

Please write c/o General Delivery, Cypress, FL. 32436.

## REST IN PEACE

The last grain of sand trickled through the hour-glass for William F. Jones. "Bill" Jones died on March 13, 1979 after a very lengthy illness. He had many friends in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. He was instrumental in the founding of the Colorado Mile High Chapter No. 1. He helped form Chapter 2 in Pueblo, CO. He was State Chairman for 6 years. He was also a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He entered service August 7, 1941 and was stationed at Camp Mulate on December 7, 1941. He spent 42 months in the South Pacific, Fiji Islands. He received the American Defense, Asiatic Pacific Campaign and Northern Solomons Campaign medals.

He is survived by three brothers, neices and nephews. He was born May 24, 1914 in Geneva, Nebraska. Buried March 16, 1979 at Fort Logan National cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may he rest in peace.

He was called to Ft. Shafter to treat Lt. Sakamaki for a sore throat. Dr. Meltzer say's that he seemed to be a brave officer. Our soldiers had given him a bad time verbally and had told him that the doctor was coming to execute him. Through an interpreter he indicated that he had no fear of death but asked that the doctor kill him quickly. Dr. Meltzer reassured him that he was only there to treat his sore throat. The Doctor say's he could not tell whether he was relieved or disappointed.

# New Members

The second quarter of 1979 closed with survivors of Pearl Harbor and of the island of Oahu becoming members of PHSA.

The GRAM welcomes each of them to our association.

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

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(USS Nevada)

HUSKEY, Robert A.  
Green Cove Springs, FL. 33204  
(U.S. Navy, Naval Hospital)

NEIDERER, Charles L.  
Hanover, PA. 17331  
(35th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

FAIR, Bernard D.  
Detroit, MI. 48219  
(USS Medusa)

GRIFFITHS, Richard S.  
Castro Valley, CA. 94546  
(USS Tennessee)

SHANN, William A.  
Napa, CA. 94558  
(USS Tangier)

MARBACH, William E.  
Monterey, CA. 93940  
(USS Honolulu)

SWEANEY, Logan G.  
Santa Rosa, CA. 95405  
(USS Maryland)

SEWARD, George  
Alameda, CA. 94501  
(USS West Virginia)

HILL, Robert J.  
Yreka, CA. 96097  
(USS Hull)

MASTON, Garland G.  
Virginia Beach, VA. 22454  
(USS Patterson)

BLANKENSHIP, Cecil  
Brocton, NY. 14716  
(USS Pennsylvania)

McCOY, Dale M.  
Escondido, CA. 92027  
(USS Patterson)

NORMAN, John F.  
Interlachen, FL. 32048  
(USS Honolulu)

BELL, Doyle A.  
Saratoga, CA. 95070  
(Admin. Kaneohe Bay)

MILLER, William J.  
Arlington, VA. 22207  
(USS Castor)

PACKARD, Sherman C.  
Atlantic Beach, FL. 32233  
(USS Helm)

LOVEDAY, Jack J.  
Lincoln Park, MI. 48146  
(USS Utah)

STEIN, Abe A.  
N. Miami Beach, FL. 33162  
(Sta. Hosp. Schofield Bks.)

ALBERTSON, Douglas E.  
Seattle, WA. 98178  
(35th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

BAKER, Paul B.  
Escalon, CA. 95320  
(USS Pennsylvania)

BOSLEY, Richard L.  
Clinton, MO. 64735  
(USS Nevada)

PACUK, Edward  
Central Islip, NY. 11722  
(27th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

KENNEDY, Billy R.  
Amarillo, TX. 79121  
(Pat Wing 2, Ford Island)

WATSON, James G.  
Yorktown Hts., NY. 10598  
(USS Phoenix)

McCluskey, Edson J.  
Rapid City, SD. 57701  
(USS Castor)

SIMPSON, Joseph L.  
Nevada City, CA. 95959  
(Pat Wing 2, Ford Island)

McBRIDE, James F.  
San Diego, CA. 92110  
(USS Vestal)

ELSER, Roger P.  
Somerville, TN. 38068  
(23rd Mat Sq. Hickam Field)

SMITH, Cyrus G.  
W. Columbia, SC. 29169  
(35th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

DAGLE, John C.  
Minneapolis, MN. 55431  
(27th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

BARBER, Buford B.  
Sheffield Lake, OH. 44054  
(USS Helena)

SMITH, John E.  
Lompoc, CA. 93436  
(19th Pur. Sq. Wheeler Field)

SKIDMORE, Richard O.  
San Diego, CA. 92117  
(USS New Orleans)

KIEFER, Wilbur E.  
Woodstock, IL. 60098  
(USS Oklahoma)

PEARSON, George H.  
Ralston, OK. 74650  
(USS Detroit)

WARD, Bernard A.  
Fanwood, NJ. 07023  
(251st C/A Camp Malakole)

KLOSS, John E.  
Harrisburg, PA. 17109  
(4th Def. BN. Marines)

APPLETON, Charles H. Jr.  
Hatboro, PA. 19040  
(9th Sig Ser. Fort Shafter)

CHANDLER, Hiram F.  
George West, TX. 78022  
(USS Phelps)

FAULKNER, Jack P.  
Anchorage, AK. 99504  
(11th F/A BN. Schofield Bks.)

FORTIER, Asa L.  
Mt. Morris, MI. 48458  
(Hosp. Med. Det. U.S. Army)

MacGREGOR, Robert R.  
Cypress, CA. 90630  
(USS West Virginia)

JOHNSTON, Charles N.  
Marshall, IL. 62441  
(481st Ord. Co. Hickam Field)

SELLERS, Palmer  
Augusta, GA. 30904  
(35th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

BURKERT, Carl H.  
Yellowstone, NP. WY. 82190  
(USS Whitney)

ARGO, Yancey E.  
Pensacola, FL. 32505  
(98th C/A Schofield Bks.)

KELLER, Howard L.  
Syracuse, NY. 13205  
(Fort Armstrong)

POLLAN, Howard O.  
Tyler, TX. 75704  
(USS West Virginia)

LUCKNER, Richard P.  
Babylon, NY. 11702  
(USS Helena)

MOSS, Earl V.  
Augusta, GA. 30904  
(VP-14, Kaneohe Bay)

GERTIZ, William J.  
Berkeley, CA. 94708  
(VP-23 Ford Island)

KOHNTOPP, Leroy J.  
Filer, ID. 83328  
(USS Maryland)

HARBER, Stanley B.  
Walnut Creek, CA. 94596  
(USS Aylwin)

HANSEN, Paul F.  
Plymouth, MN. 55441  
(USS Blue)

LAWRENCE, Henry W.  
Honolulu, HI. 96826  
(45th Pur. Sq. Wheeler Field)

# New Members Wedding Anniversaries Observed

DIMMIT, Calvin Jr.  
San Diego, CA. 92111  
(USS Nevada)

BLAHNIK, Ted E.  
Coloma, MI. 49038  
(USS Helena)

REES, Francis J.  
Levittown, PA. 19055  
(USS Curtiss)

SILLS, Paul V.  
Winston Salem, NC. 27103  
(Fort Shafter)

DOUZANIS, Nicholas  
Memphis, TN. 38117  
(21st Inf. Schofield Bks.)

STANLEY, Raymond J.  
Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055  
(USS Maryland)

WOOD, Marion G.  
Gooding, ID. 83330  
(98th C/A Schofield Bks.)

REEVES, Cecil B.  
Richmond, VA. 23230  
(USS Helm)

BREWER, Orville E.  
Merriam, KS. 66203  
(USS Medusa)

SOMOGYI, Alexander J.  
Metuchen, NJ. 08840  
(251 C/A Camp Malakole)

BURTON, Dwaine D.  
Twin Falls, ID. 83301  
(USS Pennsylvania)

KING, Lawrence C.  
Concord, CA. 94520  
(Naval Hospital, U.S. Navy)

FOSTER, James P. Jr.  
Coldspring, TX. 77331  
(USS Arizona)

KISS, Anthony G.  
Hilmar, CA. 95324  
(USS Detroit)

STOUT, Herman E.  
Ft. Smith, AR. 72903  
(USS Maryland)

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

**50th Anniversary**

Anton (Fort Shafter) and Ellen Nelson, 855 Cambridge Ct., Dunedin, FL. 33528 — September 4th, 1979.

**45th Anniversary**

William J. Jr. (USS San Francisco) and Eunice Thomas, 80 Lutie St., Nashville, TN. 37211 — December 19th, 1979.

**40th Anniversary**

G. L. "Nick" (USS Vestal) and Lou Carter, 114 Ray Ave., Old Hickory, TN. 37138 — December 30th, 1979.

**35th Anniversary**

Hank (USS Tangier) and Peggy Freitas, 548 Fireside Ct., Walnut Creek, CA. 94598 — September 2nd, 1979.

Mayo (Hickam Field) and Rae Fowler, 476 Banning Way, Vallejo, CA. 94590 — August 7th, 1979.

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Kentucky.....	1
Delaware.....	1
West Virginia.....	1
Rhode Island.....	1
Arkansas.....	1
Oklahoma.....	1
Iowa.....	1
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Maine.....	1

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**Sponsors with five or**

Charles (USS Argonne) and Frances Christensen, 8106 Acme Way, Louisville, KY. 42019 — July 8th, 1979.

C. Robert (Utility Sq. Two, NAS) and Mim Smith, 210 S. Maple St., Bowling Green, OH. 43402 — July 4th, 1979.

James T. (USS Dobbin) and Mary Kerns, 4001 Brentwood Dr., Corpus Christi, TX. 78415 — December 7th, 1979.

Wallace "Tiny" (Hickam Field) and Lorraine Vannoy, Box 122, Clearmont, WY. 82835 — August 29th, 1979.

George (USS San Francisco) and Margaret Schmidt, 5085 Cardington Dr., Saginaw, MI. 48603 — April 25th, 1979.

John (USS Ralph Talbot) and Sue Aupperlee, 944 Beech S. W. Wyoming, MI. 49509 — April 1st, 1979.

E. H. "Johnny" (USS San Francisco) and Kay Johnson, 1521 3rd Ave. No., Texas City, TX. 77590 — August 15th, 1979.

William (USS Tennessee)

**more new members:**

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The number of survivors recruiting one to five new members would fill another column in this Gram. As the quarters go by more names will appear of survivors who have recruited five or more new members. Food for thought — If each member recruited one new member, we would double our membership. As Membership Chairman I congratulate the membership of District 7 for one heck of a good time at their Convention in Norfolk. Look forward to the District Conventions of District 1, 3 and 6.

William E. Aupperlee  
National Vice President  
PHSA  
Membership Chairman

and Martha Martin, 924 Edgecliff Dr., Langley, WA. 98260 — February 14th, 1979.

Lyle (Kaneohe Bay) and Marge Jackson, 4245 147th S. E., Bellevue, WA. 98006 — March 25th, 1979.

Ken (VP-22 Ford Island) and Jo Irwin, 1313 S. W. Cambridge, Seattle, WA. 98106 — April 27th, 1979.

Earl S. (USS San Francisco) and Rita Card, 1033 Lindsay, Saginaw, MI. 48602 — August 27th, 1979.

E Elmer (USS San Francisco) and Opal Sharp, R. R. No. 2, Box 7C, Piedmont, MO. 63957 — August 27th, 1979.

Ervin (USS California) and June Schmidt, 22609 56th Ave. W., Mountlake Terrace, WA. 98043 — April 21st, 1979.

Ray (USS West Virginia) and Gladie Glover, 1010 164th S. W., Alderwood Manor, WA. 98036 — May 28th, 1979.

Earl (Schofield Bks.) and Margaret Cummings, 5262 Beach Dr., S. W. Seattle, WA. 98136 — July 14th, 1979.

George (USS St. Louis) and Babe Strain, 822 5th St., Kirkland, WA. 98033 — August 21st, 1979.

Bill (USS Honolulu) and Thelma Phillips, 8629 20th S. W., Seattle, WA. 98106 — November 3rd, 1979.

Orval (USS West Virginia) and Shirley Aylesworth, 3605 206th Place, S. W., Alderwood Manor, WA. 98036 — October 26th, 1979.

Thomas (VP-11 Kaneohe Bay) and Helen Roth, 8421 Springfield Rd., Daisy, TN. 37319 — May 21st, 1979.

Robert (Hickam Field) and Phyliss McClellan, 2364 Birch Rd., Harrison, MI. 48625 — April 29th, 1979.

Dale (NAS Kaneohe Bay) and Marilyn Speelman, 870 Brighton, Toledo, OH. 43609 — May 7th, 1979.

**30th Anniversary**

Les (Schofield Bks.) and Elsie Brown, 6911 California Ave. S. W., Seattle, WA. 98106 — March 8th, 1979.

Russ (USS Phoenix) and Elaine Marlow, 1113 N. W. 57th, Seattle, WA. 98107 — April 18th, 1979.

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# Offspring Directory

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

Submit your offspring's 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 Off-Springs listed below:

**Lt. JG. Marie C. DiLorenzo**  
NC/USNR  
Oak Knoll Naval Hospital  
Oakland, CA. 94605  
**Daughter of:**  
Anthony DiLorenzo  
(USS Honolulu)

**Staff Sgt. Andrew Groseclose**  
516 Texas  
Alamogordo, New Mexico  
**Son of:**  
Ward R. Groseclose  
(58th Bomb Sqd. Hickam Field)

**William A. Carr USN**  
(USS Enterprise)- CVN-65  
Star Route 1, Box 248  
Grapeview, WA. 98546  
**Son of:**  
William L. Carr  
(Schofield Bks.)

**Arthur R. Gray FTMI**  
455-74-9277  
USS Norton Sound  
A.V.M. - 1 (D&T Div.)  
c/o FPO. San Francisco, CA.  
96601  
**Son of:**  
Hedwige K. Gray (RN)  
(Schofield Bks.)

**2nd Lt. Norman B. Carver**  
10 Avellino Rd.  
Fort Bragg, NC. 28307  
**Son of:**  
Ted L. Carver  
(Cincpac - Sub Base)

**Sgt. Marvin E. Wiley**  
USAF Andersen, AFB South  
43rd Combat Spt. GP.  
Guam Island  
APO. San Francisco, CA  
96334  
**Son of:**  
C. "Buck" Wiley  
(CMLC., Schofield Bks.)

**Capt. Gary A. Chabot**  
HQ - SAC - S/IGOL  
OFFUT A.F.B.  
Omaha, NE. 68113  
**Son of:**  
Frederick G. Chabot  
(USS Mugford.)

**Sgt. John B. Dodge**  
560-90-0903  
Base M.P. Co.  
Quarters 1577-A  
Pershing Drive  
Presidio, CA. 94129  
**Son of:**  
Morris B. Dodge  
(Marine Bks. U.S. Marines.)

**Raymond J. Zaharevitz**  
USN (GMG3)  
Class 2BX79  
NAVSCOL EOD  
Indian Head, Maryland 20640  
**Son of:**  
Walter Zaharevitz  
(86th Obs. Sq. - Bellow Field.)

**Michael W. Batz**  
E-16 Allan Curcle  
Naval Sub Base Bangor  
Bremerton, WA. 98315  
**Grandson of:** Walter L. Batz  
(USS Chew)

**Theresa A. Daigneault**  
6917th SCTY SA Box 1347  
APO New York 09240  
**Daughter of:**  
Robert A. Daigneault  
(Fort Kamehameha)

**E - Z STOR MINI-STORAGE**  
10515 North 98th Avenue  
Peoria, AZ 85345  
Helen & Denny Dragan, Mgrs.  
3 Inch AA, 3rd Def., USMC

## Wedding Anniversaries... Contd.

Frank (Hickam Field) and  
Joan Kessel, 2916 S. 200th -  
No. 35, Seattle, WA. 98188 -  
June 16th, 1979.

George (USS Oglala) and  
Bea Mackey, 1825 Camas  
Ave. N. E., Renton, WA.  
98055 - September 17th,  
1979.

Howard (USS Case) and  
Nadine Teague, 41 E. Brook-  
lyn, Pontiac, MI. 48055 -  
May 16th, 1979.

Billy (USS Argonne) and  
Arlene Daugherty, 3319 Cur-  
wood, Drayton Plains, MI.  
48020 - June 7th, 1979.

### 25th Anniversary

Walter (USS Honolulu) and  
Patricia Fox, 37294 Hancock  
Mt., Clemens, MI. 48043 -  
June 7th, 1979.

### 10th Anniversary

Henry (Camp Malahkole)  
and Jean Weber, P. O. Box  
58, Milton, WA. - August  
5th, 1979.

### 5th Anniversary

Jim (USS Hull) and Arlene  
Stansell, 525 166th Ave.  
N. E., Bellevue, WA. - Au-  
gust 23rd, 1979.



McGoran-Foster Wedding on April 7, 1979 at CPO Club, Treasure Island, CA.

## San Francisco's Chapter 2 Biggest Event

One of San Francisco Bay Area Chapter 2's biggest events of 1979 occurred this past April 7th — the marriage of Alice Joy Foster and James David McGoran.

Joy is the daughter of A. "Chuck" Foster (Survivor, Schofield Bks.) and wife Betty of San Francisco. James D. McGoran is the son of Robert McGoran (Survivor USS Detroit) and wife Lorraine of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The couple was introduced a year ago at the chapter's February meeting in Oakland's Jack London Square. Joy appeared at the luncheon with her sister as they were delivering a gift of a mimeograph machine, donated to Chapter 2 by Kenneth Askew (USS Phoenix) of Los Angeles. James who was on a week-end leave from the U.S. Navy, was a guest of his uncle, John H. McGoran (Survivor USS California) and President of Chapter 2 and his aunt Gloria.

The couple dated and became officially engaged during the 4th of July holiday. J.D. as he is better known, was then stationed at Mare Island, while attending computer training school.

In August, J.D. re-

ceived orders to report for sea duty in San Diego, California.

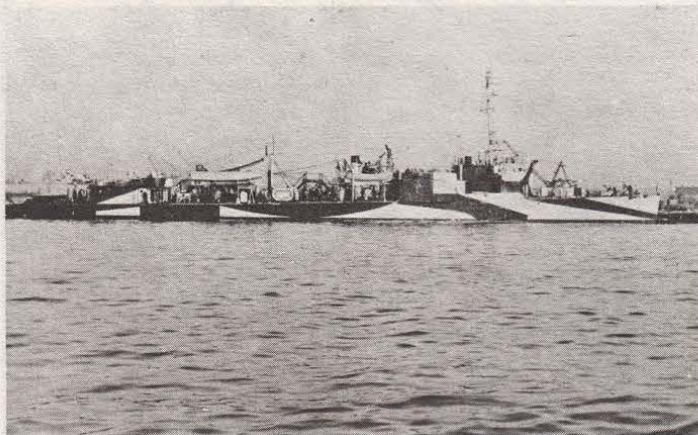
Can anyone guess the name of the ship that "J.D." was sent aboard? The fates were in operation again — as you probably guessed, it was the USS P.F. Foster.

The wedding ceremony took place in Treasure Island's Naval Chapel. Father McDonnell, (the only Chief Machinist Mate to rise to Commander in the Naval Chaplain's Corp.) and Father Benny, who gave Joy her first communion performed the Nuptial Mass.

The bride's sister, Charlene, was maid of honor; the groom's father, a retired navy chief, acted as best man, and Gloria and John McGoran completed the wedding party.

After the ceremonies, a reception was held at the Treasure Island C.P.O. Club. Fifty seven Pearl Survivor's and wives along with 119 relatives and friends from across the nation enjoyed a sumptuous buffet luncheon and later danced to a five piece band.

San Francisco Chapter 2 takes a personal pride in this happy event as we believe it is a first: a marriage between the offspring of two Pearl Harbor Survivor's.



USS THORNTON (AVD-11) BAY (CVE-80) on 25 June as seen by USS PETROF 1944.

## USS Thornton (AVD-11)

The USS THORNTON (DD-270) was constructed by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation at Squantum, Massachusetts. She was launched on 22 March 1919 under the sponsorship of Miss Marcia T. Davis, grandniece of the vessel's namesake, and commissioned on 15 July 1919 under the command of Commander A.G. Stirling, U.S. Navy. Her statistics were: length, 314 feet; beam 30 feet 11 inches; draft, 9 feet 4 inches; speed, 35 knots; and displacement, 1190 tons. Her armament consisted of two 3"/50 caliber dual purpose mounts.

After a short shakedown and fitting out period she steamed from Newport, R.I., on 26 August 1919 for the European Station, via the Azores. She arrived at Gibraltar on 15 September and during the remainder of the year visited European ports on the Mediterranean and along the Atlantic Coast. She departed for the United States early in 1920 and arrived at Boston on 12 February.

On 27 March 1920 the THORNTON sailed from Boston to join the Pacific

Fleet. After making calls at several ports on the Gulf of Mexico, she passed through the Panama Canal on 30 April, visited the Mexican ports of Salina Cruz, Mazanillo and Guaymas for protection of American interests, and arrived at San Diego, California, on 27 May. During the next few years the THORNTON was attached to the Destroyer Squadrons, Pacific Fleet, engaging in operations along the west coast and training reserve personnel. On May 24, 1922, she was placed out of commission and laid up at the Destroyer Base.

On 25 May 1940 it was directed that the THORNTON be recommissioned and converted into a seaplane tender (small) (AVD-11). She was placed in commission at San Diego on 25 June and subsequently sent to San Francisco for conversion by the Bethlehem Steel Company. She arrived at Mare Island Navy Yard for fitting out on 17 March 1941.

The THORNTON was at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 under the command of Lieutenant Commander W. F. Kline, U.S. Navy, when the Japanese

attacked that island bringing the United States into World War II. Combined fire from the HULBERT and THORNTON brought down an enemy torpedo bomber during that attack. She remained in the Hawaiian area until 23 August 1942, performing convoy escort, air-sea rescue, and anti-submarine duties.

On 24 August 1942 she steamed out of Pearl Harbor for Dutch Harbor, Alaska. She arrived at Dutch Harbor on 2 September and commenced her seaplane tender duties for a patrol squadron performing reconnaissance and anti-submarine operations in the Alaska-Aleutians area. During the period 7 to 12 September she was occupied with the job of freeing a sister tender, CASCO, from the beach where she had been driven to prevent her loss due to torpedo damage received from an enemy submarine. She escorted the damaged CASCO to Dutch Harbor and returned to her station off Amchitka Island where she continued her tender duties until 21 October 1942.

On 21 October she steamed for the South Pacific Area, stopping at Pearl Harbor, Palmyra Island, Fiji Islands, and Funafuti in the Ellis Islands, enroute to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. From 30 November until 31 December 1942 she was assigned to convoy escort and anti-submarine duties in the Espiritu Santo area.

On 1 January 1943 she again undertook seaplane tender operations rotating between Espiritu Santo and Vanikoro Island. This tour of duty was interspersed with several convoy escort sorties to the Solomon and Santa Cruz Island Groups. On 31 January 1944 she left this area and steamed for the Continental United States via Pearl Harbor. She arrived at San Francisco, California, on 16 February, and spent the period 16 February through

30 April undergoing overhaul and post-overhaul operations off the west coast of the United States. From 1 May 1944 until 23 February 1945 she was employed in operational training exercises and plane guard operations with various aircraft carriers off the West Coast of the United States.

The THORNTON steamed out of San Diego bound for the forward area in the Pacific on 24 February 1945, stopping first at Eniwetok, then at Ulithi in the Caroline Islands. On 5 April 1945, while underway from Ulithi for Karema Rhetto, Nansei Shoto (Okinawa), the THORNTON was rammed by the tanker USS Escalante (AO-70) and was opened to the sea from galley deck house to keel. The destroyers STOCKTON and GILLESPIE and the seagoing tug MUNSEE went to her assistance, MUNSEE taking her in tow for Karema Rheeto. Upon arrival at that port she was declared a total loss, driven upon the beach and on 13 August 1945 was decommissioned and destroyed.

During her period of active service the THORNTON was credited with the following medals: World War I Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic - Pacific Campaign Medal with three stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

**Northern Indiana Chapter 2**  
embroidered 10 inch Back Patch is still available. The price has been increased to \$12 plus \$3 for postage. Please send check and order to Herbert R. Roach, 248 Mary St., Dyer, IN. 46311.

**ROCHESTER CHAPTER NO.5**  
Meets 4th Friday Monthly  
CPO Club  
425 River Street  
Rochester, New York

**OHIO CHAPTER 3, TOLEDO, OHIO**

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- Past Dist. 7 Director.....Dale Speelman VP-12 Kaneohe Bay

# AVENUE OF FLAGS

We had Memorial services at the Golden Gate National Cemetery May 28th. We also had our Avenue of Flags, which consist of 537 Flags (Casket Flags) plus all the small Flags placed at the head stones of over 100,000 graves.

We had a good turn out of P.H.S.A. members to help put up the Flags and also take them down.

One of our members (Albert C. Foster Past President of Chapter No. 2 passed away before Memorial Day. His Flag was donated to the Avenue of Flags by his wife, Mrs. Betty Foster, and that Flag was given the honor of representing all the other Flags by being flown on a special pole behind the speakers platform, and was raised at 12 o'clock noon when the National Anthem was played. To me that was one of the greatest honors that we could bestow upon one of our members.

We needed a permanent speakers platform as a place to hold our services, so we appealed to the Veterans Organizations for donations to build one, and they all came through like the true Veterans they are. With the donations and permission from Washington, we built a beautiful platform, and in front of that platform placed in concret is an Emblem representing every Veterans Organization involved in

the Avenue of Flags.

John Metzler (Director of the Golden Gate National Cemetery) collected pictures of the Avenue of Flags, and he totaled up the many hours it took to build the Avenue of Flags, and the many miles traveled to collect Flags and donations. He also explained how the Avenue of Flags has reached the public and turned their interest back to the Veterans that gave their all for our great country. This information was sent to Washington, D.C.

Thanks to Mr. John Metzler, the Avenue of Flags Committee was given one of the highest awards given out by the Veterans Administration. Known as the Administrators Award, and was presented at the Memorial Day service.

The award reads — Administrators Award - Presented to the Avenue of Flags Committee, Golden Gate National Cemetery, In Grateful Recognition of Your Significant And Meaningful Contribution To The Golden Gate National Cemetery. By Honoring Those Who Served, You Have Inspired in Your Fellow Citizen A New Spirit Of Patriotism And Love Of Country, And For That We Salute You — May 1979 — Max Cleland.

Fellow Survivors I salute you. This is what makes me proud to be a member of the P.H.S.A.



“Avenue of Flags” at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA. This view is looking north on Circle Dr. Each flag represents a deceased veteran.



Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA. Standing in white shirts and saluting the flag that was blessed on behalf of all flags displayed on Memorial Day 1978. On the left George Saunders and Gene Byers to the right.

because it is a special Group of Veterans. What really makes me proud of P.H.S.A. is when I ask for help in starting the Avenue of Flags, Survivors from all over the United States responded. To all you Survivors when I stand looking at all those

Flags, and knowing what they represent, it brings a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes. What can I say, but thanks and God bless you all.

Aloha and God Bless  
Gene Byers President  
Hayne L. Moyer  
Chapter No. 16

# 37th Anniversary and Las Vegas Reunion 1978



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Headquarters Battery, 11th Field Artillery

### DIRECTIVES

The following is a report from the National Secretary on Executive Board Directive votes. (Directive No. 2-79 April 24, 1979).

Concerns the repair of one electric typewriter assigned to National President.

EBD No. 2-79	
V.P.	Yes
Sec'y	Yes
Treas	No
DD 1	Yes
DD 2	Yes
DD 3	Yes
DD 4	Yes
DD 5	Yes
DD 6	Yes
DD 7	Yes
DD 8	Yes

**HEADQUARTERS BATTERY ELEVENTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE:** Commanded by Captain Philip H. Draper, Jr., with First Sergeant Joe L. Farrow as battery "top-kick." Front row, left to right: Cpl. H. A. Ashwood, Sgt. P. Bowman, Sgt. C.T. Grabes, Sgt. L. E. Turner, Staff Sgt. S. Tomasetti, First Sgt. Joe L. Farrow, Captain Philip H. Draper, Jr., commanding, Capt. Ralph R. Mace, Second Lt. Misha N. Kadick, Tech. Sgt. C. E. Pate, Staff Sgt. D. Grainger, Sgt. G. G. Burgeon, Sgt. V. J. Carlson, Jr., Cpl. C. C. Hayes and Cpl. F. G. White. Second row, left to right: R. E. Webster, B. F. Klocek, A. C. Brent, K. M. Whitam, W. H. Quarles, M. C. Sheets, D. C. Scivally, D. J. Fererro, J. J. Walsh, Cpl. E. L. Davis, CPL. N.P. St. Laurent, J. H. Erb, Cpl. F. W. Beam, C. O. Clements, A.B. Hoffman, L. M. McKey, H.W. Clark, R. McFarland, A. W. Stawinski, and R. Ratliff. Third row, left to right: W. E. Manis

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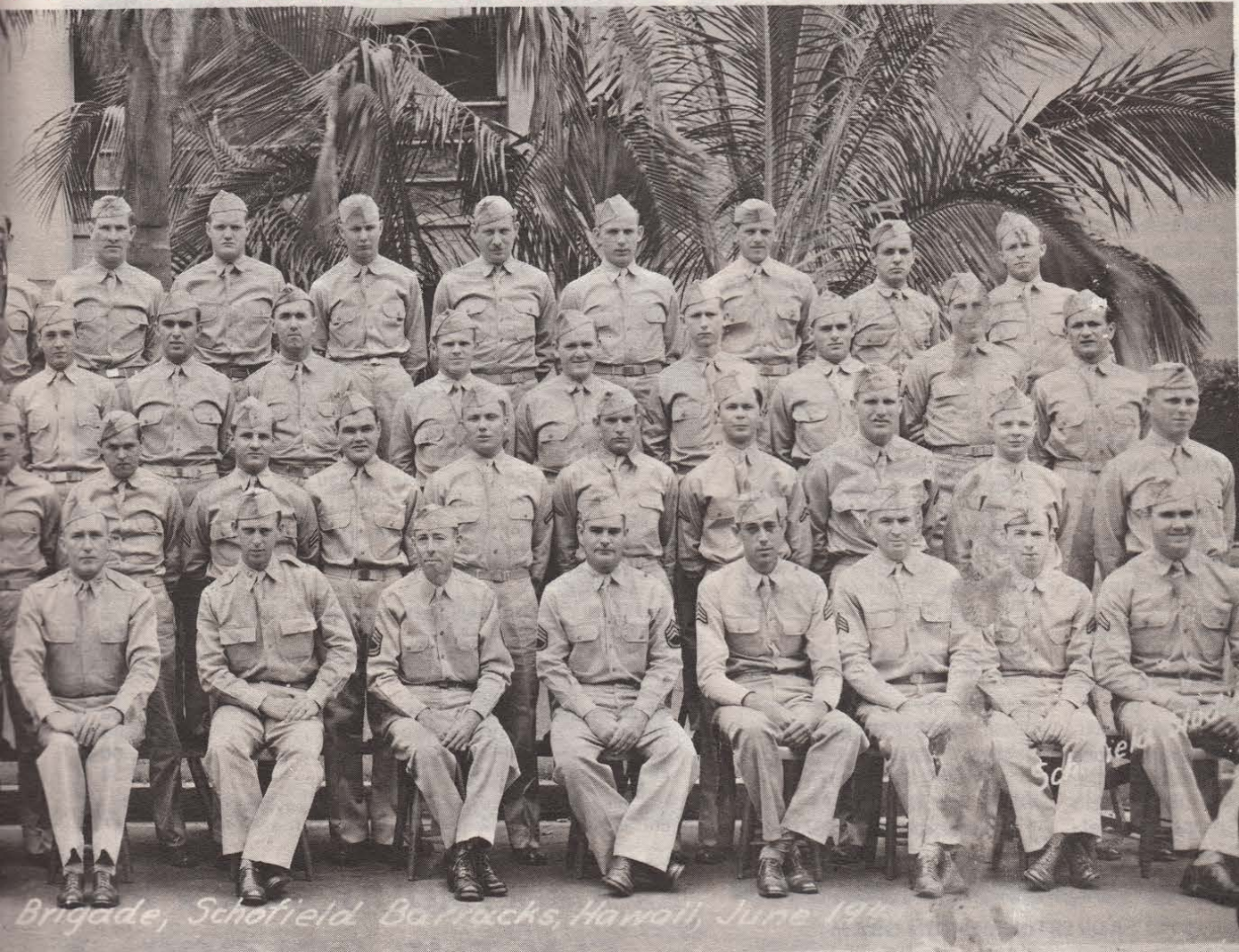
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### NOTICES

At National Convention in Hawaii, it was voted by Membership that a copy of Executive Board Directives be sent to State

Chairmen for information purpose only. State Chairmen need not return ballot.

Records of National Secretary show, that a large number of Chapters are not complying with the National Constitution and By-Laws or the Hand



*Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, June 1941*

W. J. Deitz, E.D. Coleman, E. W. Cunningham, S.H. Pullvers, J. Hocevar, Jr., T. Hornbeck, E. L. Souza, W. P. Mackerowski, C.B. Huff, P.E. Babula, B.S. Worthen, G.K. Hollingworth, C.E. Spurling, and S. Karnish. L.L. Moore, Jr., F.M. Shroyer, H.F. Swenk, W. C. Anderson, A. A. Skrypeck, M. L. Thompson, D.D. Gordon, S. Spryshak, R. G. Hudgens, J.P. Key, O.L. Patton, E. H. Reel, C. M. Riley, Jr., I.L. Belcher, E. Vetrovee, E. J. Raedy and W. R. Barnes. Absent when picture was made, Master Sgt. Victor A. Ellis, Tech. Sgt. Irvin Kittelsaa, Staff Sgt. Carlton Freese, Sgt. Homer G. Snodgrass, Cpl. George Blanchard, Cpl. Daniel Holt, Cpl. Stephen Ori, R. E. Barnes, Andrew Carol, Edward Murphy, Wilby T. Sumway, Joseph F. Surnia, Francis X. Connors, Woodrow W. Chandler, Elisha Davis, Daniel S. Frutcher, Willard D. O'Berry, and Walter H. Schulte. (Photo by Schofield Studio) June 1941.

tional Office on Form 15 Death Report. Most of these are known of by the Chapters some are not. Please fill out form 15 and send to National Secretary as soon as possible so the Members names can be removed from National Roster.

The National Secretary has a number of 1978 National Convention Program books for sale, cost \$2.00 per copy including postage, make checks payable to PHSA.

Your copy of new CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS will be an insert in your July Gram please remove and keep for future reference.

Hall Pickard  
National Secretary

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Jesse Pond  
National Treasurer

Book. ARTICLE 9 Par 2 sub par. b-4 states Chapters shall conduct business meetings at least Semi-Annually, and Hand Book Chapter Seven (7) page 7-5, 5d states (A copy of the Chapter "Minutes" shall be submitted direct

to National Secretary. PLEASE COMPLY WITH ABOVE.

We are receiving a number of DEATH notices from the next of KIN and copying some from Chapter News Letters that have not been reported to Na-

## New Chapter in the State of Idaho

The second Chapter of PHSA in the State of Idaho was chartered in Twin Falls on Saturday evening of April 7, 1979. It will be known as the Magic Valley Chapter No. 140. At the dinner meeting were honored guests, Mr. Homer Price and his wife of Oak Harbor, Washington. Homer is the 2nd District Director of our association.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Joe White, Idaho State Chairman from Boise.

Magic Valley Chapter Officers installed were: Ted Manker - President; W. C. McCollum - Vice President; Ray Roessler - Secretary; Dick Hansing - LeRoy Kohntopp and Eldor Ulrich - Trustees.

A total of 40 survivors and friends attended the meeting from the Magic Valley, Boise and Pocatello areas.



Magic Valley Chapter No. 140 officers 1978-79 State of Idaho.



Chapter No. 140, Magic Valley, Idaho Survivors in attendance at their Charter installation-dinner meeting.



PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION AND ADDITION TO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Under Article VIII - (Elections) para. 1 line 21. Please add after the word candidate - District Directors may be elected at, District Conventions.



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### OFFICIAL PHSA MAGNETIC SEALS

Florida Chapter No. 6 is selling 12-inch diameter tri-colored magnetic PHSA Seals for \$8.00 each. Forward check and order to 2223 Hyde Park Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32210.



Five members who braved the cold weather to go golfing during the National Convention in Las Vegas. From left to right: Wilmer Richter, Fleet (Panty Hose) Hamby, Fred Garbuschewski, Henry Adair and Marv Ziegler just before blast off time on the 1st tee.



Note the warm garments that were worn by PHSA members and wife's while golfing in Las Vegas during the National Convention. From left to right: Arlene Dahl, Peter Lemerise, James Wright and Marge Schmidt.

honor went to Wilbur Good of California, but this was a fix. After going out on the front nine in 44, one of Wilbur's golfing buddies came up with a bottle of heat for the tummy, which was passed around the foursome and Wilbur came in with a 72 on the back nine for a grand total score of 126. Some guys will do anything to win a bet?

Louise Mularcik had a final score of 142, but with the weather as it was that day it was the spirit that counted.

Some other comments! One golfer hit his ball into the pond but instead of taking a stroke penalty, he

## GI Insurance Dividend

### ...the rumor that won't die.

Over the years, the Veterans Administration has received a million inquiries about cash dividends on World War II GI life insurance. Inquiries to my office have recently picked up, indicating this rumor is going around again.

To set the record straight, the VA is not now in the process of paying any dividends based on World War II service. The rumor is apparently based on the fact that a dividend was paid in 1950. It amounted to almost \$3 billion and was paid to

about 16 million veterans. This special dividend was based on premiums paid for GI life insurance prior to 1948. The only dividends are the regular dividends paid to veterans who have continued their government life insurance in force. These dividends are payable on an annual basis and they are normally distributed on the anniversary date of the policy.

Yet, despite the fact that no claims have been honored for a special dividend in more than 20 years, the rumor refused to die. Evidently, judging from the questions to my office in the past month, some well-meaning people have been publicizing the rumor, without checking it out. For those who never claimed their 1950 special dividend, your time has expired.

The veterans of this nation answered the call to defend our country, however, it is a cruel hoax to perpetuate a rumor about benefits which are not available, and I urge support of the public and all veterans organizations in disseminating the facts about this hard-to-kill rumor.

played his ball off the ice as the pond was frozen. Also one survivor, a Maryland sailor by the name of Fleet Hamby decided he was going to be warm out on the course, so he wore a pair of his wife's panty hose. His only comment after traveling the complete 18 holes was; "there not very convenient".

Although it was mighty cold Brrrrr, a good time was had by all with the prizes being donated by Early-Times Distillerys.

Marv Ziegler  
National Golf  
Chairman

Rep. Norman F. Lent  
Washington, Report

## National Golf Tournament

On December 8th, 1978 at the Sahara Nevada Country Club in Las Vegas, NV., 58 golfers (52 PHSA members and 6 women) braved 39 degree weather to try their luck and attack on par.

Jack Hopkins shot a 75 to take first place for low gross, which was an outstanding round in this type of weather.

Percy Byron had a low net of 72 after shooting a round of 82 which was also very good.

In the women's Division, Retha Morris low gross of 124 won her the first place trophy and Marge Schmidt came in with a low net of 128.

Other Winners: (Men least putts) - George Schmidt, (Women least putts) - Arlen Dahl, (Longest Drive) - Jack Hopkins, (Closest to a hole) - Harry Hunt.

For the worst score



Trophy winners of Golf Tournament at National Convention in Las Vegas From left to right: Hank Freitas accepting for Wil-

bur Good, Louise Mularcik, Retha Morris, Marge Schmidt, Jack Hopkins and Percy Byron.

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South Dakota Chapter 1 hosted the 4th Semi-Annual PHSA 5th District Convention at the Imperial 400 Motel, in Rapid City, on June 8th and 9th, 1979. Festivities were topped off by the Banquet and Dance on the evening of the 9th.

President Frank Pehovack informs the GRAM that those in attendance enjoyed the two day convention with side trips to Mt. Rushmore, The Badlands of South Dakota and a great amount of time was spent fishing in the lakes and streams of the Black Hills area.

Over in North Dakota Chapter they held their annual meeting at the Kirkwood Motor Inn in Bismarck. Officers were elected for the 1979 - 1980 calendar years. Those serving include: President - Alvin Schreiber, Vice President - Sam Kostenko, Sect/Trea. - Irma A. Block, and Chaplain - Ernest Young. Elected as State Chairman was Lemuel Jones.

Reports of the National Convention in Las Vegas were given and the 5th District Convention in South Dakota was discussed.

Following the meeting, cocktails and dinner was enjoyed by members and their wives.

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California Chapter 18 of the Antelope Valley - Hi Desert Area is very active with their summer and fall events for 1979.

During the month of June they held their 5th birthday party at the Villa Basque in Rosamond. During the upcoming weeks they will participate in several parades and flag raising events and be the color guard for the big parade of the year - "The Antelope Valley Fair Parade" on the evening of August 29th. Two weeks later it will be "Luau" time once again with the Chapter holding their 5th Barbecue with Arnold V being the host. Arnold is being primed right now and will go in the "Pit" on the morning of September 8th to be served to all those hungry survivors, wives and guests that evening. There will be lots of entertainment, girls, fun and a live 7 piece band for dancing, topping off this eventful day. President

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James Murphy invites one and all to come join in on the food and fun. No problem getting gas.

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The April meeting of Northeast Florida Chapter 6 was held at the Chapter Clubhouse. The early afternoon was devoted to a tupperware party by the ladies with the husbands reluctantly joining in the fun. Chapter President Fred Guest conducted a short business meeting followed by his introducing guest speaker Commander Carl R. Summers, Executive Officer of the Naval Rework Facility, NAS, Jacksonville, Florida.

The NARF is one of the largest industrial plants in the Southeast, employing over 2600 people. Commander Summers gave a slide presentation on "THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVY IN JACKSONVILLE". One interesting bit of information is that the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, is the only military base purchased by the local community and presented to the Navy - Insofar as is known.

At the conclusion of the presentation, a steak cook-out was enjoyed by 30 members, their guests and families.

Fred Guest was chief honcho in charge of the food preparation and was assisted by some of the members in cooking the steaks to everyone's satisfaction. It was a day and evening full of fun, socializing and the food was great.

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Memorial Services were held last December 7, 1978 by the Howard E. Brannon "Phoenix" Chapter at the Arizona Anchor Memorial with Chapter President, Merrill Duge, officiating. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe Leggett and the PHSA Prayer offered by Asst. Chaplain Charles Robinson. Dr. Leslie Nunn read his Patriotic Poem.

Guest speaker was Lt. Commander Reverend E. Clark Roble, USNR. The Color Guard was provided by the U.S. Marine Corp. and units of the Naval and Air Force Reserve, also the Arizona National Guard were present.

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Special guests were: Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Laura White - Henry Cruz of Chula Vista, CA. and Dr. Daniel J. Condon of Phoenix, AZ. Both survivors of the USS Arizona.

In closing the benediction was given by Charles Robinson and taps sounded by Wesley Ehrhardt.

The Howard E. Brannon Chapter of Phoenix conduct these ceremonies each year on December 7th, with all PHSA members and friends, welcome.

A late report from the Chapter is that President - Lew Litchfield is recuperating at home from a severe Heart Attack. He cannot have any visitors but cards and letters are welcome. Take care Lew, we hope to see you up and around soon.

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Luther Burbank Chapter 23 of California wishes to remind all members in the State that its getting late with the State Convention just around the corner. Get those reservations in now. The convention site is in Santa Rosa at the El Rancho Tropicana Motel, from August 1st through the 4th, 1979. There are also spaces for RV and Trailer Units. If you have not received your convention package by now please contact chapter 23 officials and they will gladly send one to you.

After a somewhat weak beginning for the year the chapter began to blossom and blaze, with a dinner meeting at the Green Mill in Cotati with reports that 48 members and guests were present for this lively affair, during the month of May.

For those members, wives and friends who have helped in the stuffing of envelopes, President Harry Fessler and his lovely wife Marge, say: (Mahalo nui nui, kua aloha kau), (Many many thanks, we love you).

During the month of April Chapter 23 was especially busy, having their birthday party on the 14th and visiting chapters 11 birthday party, 13's white elephant sale and meeting, 25's Yuba City Clam and Steak Feed and the Tom Bates Golf Classic at Bennett Valley. Let us not forget their annual trek to the far

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and mysterious north for the Fortuna Chapter 22 birthday party. In parting, mai ka omole, inu kakou.

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Out in the lower desert area of California around the Yucca Valley and Marongo Valley, Chapter 21 is still plotting on how and when to get a State or National Convention. Chapter President Art Cunningham says their next presentation cannot and will not be turned down.

With the events, night life and program they have planned, some Chapters and States across the nation will want to cancel their convention dates that are set, just so everyone can head for the lower desert area, to attend this big shindig. We are waiting Art!

Chapter 21 held their May memorial services at the Mountain Valley Memorial Park in their Hawaiian shirts, white pants and PHSA hats.

During the month of June it was picnic time at the Covington Park in Morongo Valley. There was plenty of liquid refreshments to keep them cool, cold turkey and ham, baked beans, salads and all the trimmings with a few surprises. A wonderful time was had by all.

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From the desert to the redwood county in the northern section of the State, we find members from Redwood Chapter 22 still on the go with meetings during the month of March at the Veterans Building, Fortuna and making several earth shattering resolutions which were voted upon and approved unanimously by the members present. After this meeting everyone adjourned to "OH'S Townhouse in Eureka for dinner and an evening of entertainment. Betty Fillman, "Queen of Valentines for 1979, bought a round of spirits for all the sports, but the king, somehow missed his calling.

The gasoline shortage out on the West Coast is playing havoc, but Chapter 22's birthday party on May 19th and 20th with a few less attending

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## Book Reviews ...

(Admiral Wallin's Book)

"Pearl Harbor - Why, How, Fleet Salvage and Final Appraisal", by V. Adm. Homer N. Wallin is a must for everyone's library. It is a true story, with pictures of the events about the Pearl Harbor attack — before, during and after. It is now in its third printing, and it can be obtained by writing the: Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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## USS San Francisco History is Published

A history of the heavy cruiser SAN FRANCISCO WAS RECENTLY (Dec. 78) written and published by Heber Holbrook, doing business as Pacific Ship and Shore, in Dixon, California. Holbrook is a member of PHSA Chapter 6.

Members will recall that the "Frisco" was at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, and also took more than a passive part in the ensuing war in the Pacific.

The SAN FRANCISCO was the flagship of Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan during the Battle of Guadalcanal on November 13, 1942. From all appearances and accounts from those who were there, Holbrook tells the story of "Frisco's" participation in that struggle quite well, and in addition he weaves an interesting and factual tapestry of the war in the Pacific and the ship's part in it from beginning to end. Several readers of this history who are in a position to know firsthand, have given it high marks (including the then Lt. Cdr. Herbert E. Schonland - now Rear Admiral

- who after all of his senior officers were killed by Japanese gunfire, took over as the ship's commanding officer during the remainder of the engagement).

The SAN FRANCISCO served as flagship of Cruiser Division Six during many of her active service years (1934-1946), so consequently her story also touches upon the admirals who sailed aboard her, in this richly footnoted and documented tale of a ship. Holbrook follows her from the laying of her keel in Vallejo, California, to her ultimate demise under the cutting torches of salvagemen in Panama City, Florida.

In 1974 Holbrook went into the publishing business in Maryland (where he wrote and published Civil Aviation Medicine in

## 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.

the Bureaucracy - which aviation historians call the definitive history of the subject). Then in the fall of last year he moved to Dixon, Ca. where in December he published the History of the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO in World War II, 192 pages, illustrated.

He is a retired CWO who served on the SAN FRANCISCO as a Pharmacist's Mate Third Class. He was stationed at the Naval Hospital during the Pearl Harbor attack, from

**HENRY "HANK" SHANE**  
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CMM-USS Raleigh (CL-7)

where a few days later he was transferred to the "Frisco." After Navy retirement (Fleet Reserve) he was for many years the Executive Officer of the Office of Aviation Medicine, Federal Aviation Administration, in Washington, D.C.

## 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.

**JOHN R. KOPP**  
Schofield Bks.  
Beltsville, MD.

**JACK J. MOSER**  
USS Raleigh  
Gore, OK.

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Cadillac, SC.

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USS Arizona  
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USS California  
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US Navy Ford Island  
Bangor, ME.

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Bellevue, WA.

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Camp Malakole  
Arvada, CO.

**WILBUR B. BIFFERSTAFF**  
USS Honolulu  
Burlington, WA.

**ALBERT C. FOSTER**  
Schofield Bks.  
San Francisco, VA.

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this year (78) was still a success. There were seven (7) other chapters represented and several State Officer's present, also National Vice President PHSA, Bill Aupperlee and his lovely wife Jeanie attend this gala affair.

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Dave Briner along with his other duties in the PHSA manages to put out the Illinois State Newsletter, which informed the GRAM that Southern Illinois Chapter 3 during the month of May, held a meeting and dinner at the Elks Lodge, in Charleston, Illinois. This was dinner at its best with a 10oz. Rib Eye Steak with all the trimmings.

Also in May Northern Illinois Chapter 1 held their monthly dinner-meeting at the "Drake Oakbrook" in Oak Brook, Illinois. They elected new officers for the 1979-1980 calendar years with Alex Mihalka being the chairman.

Central Illinois Chapter 2 had their June dinner-meeting at the AMVETS Post 169 in North Pekin, Illinois. They had Roast Beef for dinner, along with live music and from all reports it was a fun evening for all.

Dave shows in his last newsletter that the 5th District of PHSA now has a total of 749 members, (391 annual members) - (354 life members). Total membership in the PHSA as of April 1979 is 7,675.

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From the Director of Public Relations, Missouri Chapter 1, Lester Hutnick, writes the GRAM the following letter: Dear Father Valenta: It is with the greatest of pleasure that we, the members of Pearl Harbor Survivors Ass'n. Missouri Chapter 1, wish to inform you that on June 10, 1979 Father Thomas Odlum, Past National Chaplain Pearl Harbor Survivors Ass'n, and our local Chapter Chaplain, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Father Odlum will celebrate Mass on that Sunday, at which the members of our chapter will be special guests. A reception will immediately follow the Mass. This celebration will take place at St.

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Joseph's Church, in Clayton, Missouri.

Father Odlum has been our Chaplain of Chapter 1 since its inception, and although he has retired from St. Josephs, he still maintains an active interest in our chapter, its members and families.

As National Chapter 1 thought that you should be aware of this information, also I am sending President Tom Decker a copy of this letter.

The GRAMS apology to Father Odlum, Lester Hutnick (my old shipmate) and Chapter 1 for not getting this into a separate article, but the GRAM news for the July issue was completed by the time this item of news reached us, we decided to put it in the MINI NEWS rather than leave it out until the October Issue.

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Back in Long Island Chapter 135 at their March meeting, the chapter was invited to attend the USS St. Louis reunion which was held at the Officers Club of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Under Old Business the members decided to hold their 2nd anniversary celebration on May the 27th and have a spaghetti dinner at the American Legion Hall in Massapequaz.

The chapter is trying to get a surplus building from the town of Huntington. Blackie says that there will be a further report on this in the next issue of their newsletter.

Chapter members attended two functions during the month of April and May. The first event was the 10th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets Corps at the Navy and Marine Corp. Reserve Centre in Huntington. Then in May the UVO hosted the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Eisenhower Park, with the chapter being present with their color guard.

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Paul R. Ross well known to Arkansas Pearl Harbor Survivors, has been appointed Arkansas State Chairman for 1979-1980. In 1978, Paul had been appointed as Co-State Chairman by then State Chairman, Henry Hawkins.

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Paul is a Charter member of Arkansas Chapter 1, which was chartered in 1973.

Hank Retzloff requests that all members in the Arkansas area that have extra clothing, (shoes) - (boots) - (hats) - (gloves, ties, jackets or whatever) also radios, games or cards, please contact him because the veterans at Ft. Roots Hospital are in need of these items for their daily existence. Thelma George will also receive these articles for delivery to the hospital.

On July 21st the Arkansas Chapter will celebrate their 6th anniversary with a birthday dinner-meeting at the Coachman's Inn for survivors and their wives. During the evenings events they will elect their new officers for the coming year.

In May it was campout time at Lake Ouachita in the Buckville Camp Grounds. Paul Ross brought his cooking equipment and was assisted by Fish Fryers, Cecil Harper, Bud Reddig, Angelo Belotti, Joseph George and Bob Hughes to one of the biggest fish fries this State has ever seen. No one went home hungry.

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Hoosier News from the State of Indiana and the Indiana Chapters.

Indiana Chapter 1 in May held their meeting at the Nickerson Farm Restaurant in Seymour, Indiana. Fellowship was enjoyed by all who were in attendance with a great turn out of survivors, wives and guests.

At their March meeting, Carl Browning USS Phelps and Lafayette Kibler USS California came over from Illinois to be with the chapter and spend a wonderful day with them.

Chapter 2 held their meeting on April 9th, at the Big Wheel Restaurant in Scherer-ville, with much important news being discussed.

John Berlier would like to remind all Indiana members of the Association that in October on the 13th, there will be a Indiana State meeting at the Holiday Inn, in Merrillville, Indiana. Indiana Chapter 2 will be the host chapter.

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Out on the West Coast again and Mother Lode Chapter 26 of California, on May 12th in Murphys at the Town Hotel it was wet the whistle time at 1900 hours and Prime Rib dinner time at 2000 hours. This was Ladies Night for the Chapter members, to show their gals just how much they appreciated them. From all reports it was "appreciation night", these survivors from Chapter 26, waited on their women folk hand and foot.

During the months of April, May, and June the members traveled far to visit events in Chapter's 22, 23, 6, 25, and 10. Being the baby chapter in California, they are small but growing fast and giving a helping hand to everyone.

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San Diego (Carnation) Chapter 3 in the month of April held their meeting at the Miramar CPO Club out on the mesa. 33 members along with wives and guests attended this dinner-meeting. Bill Oliver was appointed as the chapters new Editor of the "Alert". Lots of luck Bill, its a thankless job, but you will enjoy it.

During the month of May the Chapter meeting and get together was a good old fashion picnic at Adm. Baker's Field in Mission Valley. This was a Pot-Luck affair with the chapter supplying the refreshments. Also in May the Chapter participated in the Lemon Grove Ole Timers Parade.

The Bell that is used for the tolling of our "Dead" at California State Conventions comes from San Diego Chapter 3. The bell was donated to Chapter 3 by Millie Collier in remembrance of her late husband "Sol". It is now engraved and in permanent position of the Chapter.

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Across the county line from Chapter 3 in the Palomar Chapter 24 area, President Robert Tibbs writes the GRAM that on June the 10th they had their monthly meeting at the Travelodge Mobile Home Park Clubhouse in San Marcos. It was a Pot-Luck affair and he would like to give special thanks to Ruth Woody, Jo Sansone and Irene Norr for their assistance and

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help since he has taken over as chapter president. In fact he says the whole chapter has been wonderful in their support.

At their April meeting Dottie Spiegelberg presented a program which included a slide presentation and narration on the Senior Nutrition and Assistance Project (SNAP) which is under the auspices of the Veterans Admin. This program provides Veterans 55 years of age and older, who are subsisting at or below the poverty level, with a nutritious meal twice a day-five days a week. The budget for this program is about due to expire and she is hoping the VA will include this program in their budget for the coming year. This is a needy program and we veterans and PHSA members in California should let the VA know of our feelings.

Tiger Tibbs who moved up to the position of Chapter President when former president Len Brown resigned say's, that chapter 24 will hold its annual picnic at Dixon Lake just outside Escondido on July 8th, 1979.

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On Memorial Day, Sacramento Chapter 6 participated in memorial services along with Branch 69 of the Fleet Reserve Assoc., at Miller Park on the Sacramento River. Past Chapter President Bob Castle placed a floral wreath over the side of his boat into the waters of the river in remembrance of those who gave their lives in the service of our country. California State Chaplain of PHSA Frank Solomon was the main speaker of the day at this meaningful service.

Also in May, 45 members and their wives traveled to Reno, NV. for a day of fun and frolic and to test their luck at the gaming tables. This two day trip was very eventful from all reports.

During the month of June it was picnic time along with chapter 10 and 26 members at the Rancho Seco Park, with chapter 10 as the host chapter.

This coming August it will be chapter 6's 15th birthday anniversary party which will be a grand affair at "Splinter City" which is the McClellan AFB Civilian Club.

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Swing into Spring they did just like the month of March coming in. The PHSA survivors their wives, friends and special guests from National Chapter 5, also known as the Pine Tree Chapter made their spring on April 14 at the installation dinner-dance at the CPO Club, NAS, Brunswick, ME. Ed and Emma Perry were the local hosts for this event, with Tom Stockett 8th District Director being the installing officer. The food was great and the music delightful.

During the month of May the Pine Tree Chapter held Memorial Services and their meeting at NAS Brunswick with 50 members, their wives and guests in attendance. Following services at the chapel, greetings were exchanged around the punchbowl followed by the now traditional champagne lunch. Past State Chairman Bob Presnell was in charge of events for this memorial day.

Officers elected for the next two years are: President - Joe Brilliant, 1st Vice President - Fred Fischer, 2nd Vice President - Stuart Saunders, Sec/Trea. - Ed Perry, Trustees - Maurice Storck, Robert Presnell and Forrest Smith. Appointed to the positions of Chaplain and Sgt. of Arms were: Grover Clifford and Ralph Vigeant.

The new chapter officers would like to remind everyone of the Fall 8th District Conference on September 29th at the Ramada Inn at Portland, ME., and the summer picnic at Pleasant Pond, which will be hosted by the Charles Leclerc family on July 29th. President Joe Brilliant say's come one come all for a day of fun and frolic.

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Chapter Chef Lou Mathisen went out with a loud bang with his Spaghetti Dinner at San Fernando Chapter 12's monthly dinner-meeting affair in the month of April. Lou's spaghetti feeds will not be forgotten soon. Chapter members, guests and friends with a few tears in their eyes bid Lou and Billy a fond farewell as they head north to the Chico area. Lou is now retired and this was his farewell dinner to his fellow survivors their wives and his many friends. Lou and Billy will now relax under the stars, in the green forests

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and rivers of northern California. If Chapter 25 is smart, they will officially make Lou their chief cook and bottle washer.

On Memorial Day, Chapter members participated in the traditional ceremonies at VALHALLA Memorial Park in North Hollywood, CA. Along with other veteran groups, they honored our departed comrades. President Allen Dardenella wishes to thank all of those that attended the services and as usual it was a very impressive ceremony.

In June it was tacos, enchiladas, tamales, and steaming bowls of 'hot chili' also bicarbonate of soda time at their monthly meeting. Any dinner or meeting that is spent with this fun group of PHSA members and their wives, is to say the least a very eventful day or evening.

Our congratulations to their new Editor, Leon Forbes, better known as Cuzzin Leon, on his Chapter Newsletter the "San Fernando 12 Reporter" its great. If you are not on their mailing list, you are missing something.

The chapter picnic this year will be held during the month of August in North Hollywood. More information on this in their newsletter.

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The smog is bad this time of the year in southern California especially in the San Fernando Valley so lets get out of the State and head up Utah way and pay a visit to our friends in the Utah Chapter.

Sherwood Knowley chapter President say's they are active once again that the spring and summer months are now here. Large numbers of the membership have been attending the meetings and dinners of late and it has been heart warming to those who plan and make arrangements for these get togethers.

At their April meeting which was held at the NCO Club at Fort Douglas, President Knowley says we no sooner get our heads in the clouds from good attendance, then it drops off. Maybe there is something about the Hellenic House Restaurant that attracts our membership because of the large turn outs.

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In May they held their monthly meeting at the Chuck-A-Rama in Salt Lake City.

Third District Director, Garvin McComas wishes to remind everyone of the District Convention in Oklahoma City on July the 13th through the 15th at the Holiday Inn West. Also Garvin sends his congratulations to R. G. "Smitty" Smith of the Utah Chapter on his appointment to the "Hayne Moyer Sunshine Memorial Committee", and would appreciate all State Chairman west of the Mississippi River to notify their local chapter presidents to send the names and addresses of PHSA members, who are sick or of those who have passed away, also their branch of service and next of kin, so that he might write to them and let those in need, know that we really care.

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Out across the Pacific Ocean and the Hawaiian Islands come word from Aloha Chapter 1 and their newsletter the "Pupukahi" that all is well and the membership is now working hard and making plans for the 1981 reunion. The Aloha Chapter has a standing invitation to any PHSA member or their family, when visiting the Islands they say "Aloha" and welcome to the Chapter meetings when on Oahu.

As most Chapters are this time of the year, chapter 1 was quite active during the month of May. On the 1st it was Lei Day in Hawaii, then on the 5th they participated in Boy's Day in Hawaii. On the 10th it was their monthly meeting at the Top of the Q, which is on the 7th floor of the BOQ across from Nimitz Gate at Hickam Field. Activities didn't end with their meeting in May the chapter participated in Memorial Services at three different locations and were spread quite thin. Ski and Janet Garbuschewski represented PHSA at the Arizona Memorial Services, over at the Sub Base it was Walt and Isabelle Andrewsen. Up at the Punchbowl it was Hilory and Helen Jones with Paul Lynch as the flag-bearer. "GRAM Editor's Note": From all of we survivors here on the mainland, (A job well done, troops).

In June the Chapter welcomed 1st District Director Wally France and his wife

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Mural to their social - business meeting at the "A" Frame over at Hickam Field. From all reports we here on the mainland should have been there.

Its baseball time in the month of July for the Islanders and Chapter 1. This will be a tailgate party winding up at the ball park for a "Night with the Islanders" followed by fireworks. More on this event when the "Pupukahi" arrives in the GRAM Headquarters in late September.

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Back to the West Coast of the mainland to the San Francisco Bay area and Chapter 2. Al DeFratus Chapter President reports his members along with Chapter 16 hosted a dinner-dance in May at the San Mateo, American Legion Hall. There was live music which was very delightful to listen and dance to. It was a very enjoyable evening and such a great success that Al says these joint get togethers will have to be planned more often.

The big event for Chapter 2 and its membership was the wedding of Alice Joy Foster and James David McGoran at Treasure Island's Navy Chapel. They take great pride in this happy event as they believe it is a first: A marriage between the offspring of two Pearl Harbor Survivors's? (See article elsewhere in this issue of GRAM).

On Memorial Day Chapter members participated in services at the Golden Gate National Cemetery and were in awe at the display of "The Avenue of Flags. Its a heart warming experience. "Old Glory" repeated 537 times around the hill and down the Avenues, along with her smaller replicas at each of the 106,000 white headstones, wind-snapping her brilliance into a sunny sky, is an awe-inspiring sight never to be forgotten. (Its tears in yours eyes, an ache in the throat and a heart full of comfort and deep pride.)

A reminder from Al that the northern California chapters quarterly meeting will be on July 7th at the Elks Lodge in Santa Cruz, which will be hosted by Chapter 15.

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Out to the desert area once again in California and to Sierra Chapter 17 in the China Lake - Ridgecrest area. The gas shortage really played havoc with Chapter 17 and its members when in May they had to cancel their 4th

annual birthday party because of this shortage. In the past this has been one of the highlights of PHSA functions here in the high desert area. We hope that in the future that circumstances will not deter us from holding and attending these special events.

In June with the gas supplies a little more plentiful the chapter members traveled up to Crowley Lake and enjoyed a Gourmet Fish Dinner (Trout) which was hosted by Corliss and Elma Lux. This was really a fun weekend and for those who went fishing out on the lake, they all came back with their limits.

Also during the month of June, Chapter 17 was invited by the Exalted Ruler of BPOE, 1913 to participate in Flag Day Ceremonies and program as Honor Guard and posting of colors in Ridgecrest, CA.

In August at their monthly meeting it will be Swim Party time at the Kafers.

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Across the nation and to the north-east coast the Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts informs the GRAM that in April its Chapter members participated in the Patriot's Day Parade in Concord, Mass. Frank Tassinari was parade chairman. Also during the month of April they traveled to the 8th District Spring Conference which was sponsored by the Connecticut Nutmeg Chapter 1. Headquarters for the conference was the Lord Cromwell Motor Inn, Cromwell, Conn.

Over 50 members, wives and guests were in attendance at the Windsor Restaurant on April 29th in Dracut, Mass. for one of the best dinner-meetings ever held. It was fellowship and camaraderie at its best.

Due to the long Memorial Holiday and with so many chapter members visiting families it was decided to cancel their May meeting. So for the last dinner-meeting until the Fall Season they have arranged for a June dinner which will be held on the 10th at Peter's Landing in Quincy, Mass.

Until next fall, Aloha!

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The Michigan Chapters and Charles and Agnes McClelland never fail to send the GRAM many articles and information in for publication, plus their support, which is greatly appreciated. The one article that we would like to print: "Pearl Harbor vets unrattled by bomb" will

have to wait and be published in the October issue, because of limited space, but it will be in there Charlie, we promise.

Now that the dust and smoke have settled from the Michigan State Convention, congratulations have to go to the Motor City Chapter, their officers and trustees, for a job well done. A special thanks to the following: Andy & Jean Carol, Ed & Phyllis Wells, Jerry & Katherine Lipscomb, Norm & Mary Moore, Bill & Eleanor Friend and to Spence & Cordie Spencer. Also to all of those who gave their support to the convention.

On May 20th the Motor City Chapter held their monthly meeting at the Livonia Elks Lodge and on June 10th the Wolverine Chapter meeting which was a Pot-Luck affair was held at the Camelot Manor Trailer Park in Grand Rapids.

On June 30th it was 4th of July picnic time at Camp Dearborn near Milford and in July the chapter plans to support the Ohio State Convention in Burr Oak State Park Lodge in Glouster, OH. Reservation cards are available from State Chairman Charles A. Hosch, Jr.

At the Annual Picnic the members held a benefit auction for the Pearl Harbor GRAM.

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Monterey Bay Area Chapter 15 will Host the 13 Chapter Northern California joint area meeting on July 7th, at the Elks Lodge in Santa Cruz. Chapter secretary reports that they expect a large turn out for this meeting so they would like to have those reservations in early. They are quite apprehensive because this is their first such event and they want it to be a success. Don, from what we have seen you folks do in the past, you will do a great job.

In June they held their regular meeting at the Elks Lodge in Santa Cruz this being a brunch-meeting with 27 members, and their wives in attendance. Looking ahead to August, Erick Sorensen has graciously volunteered to make his home available for the chapter's annual barbecue.

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Orange County Chapter 14 of Los Alamitos, Ca. participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Cypress along with C.R. Rogers Memorial Post 9847, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with Chap-

ter 14 Chaplain Ray Penrose assisting in the laying of the wreath, and Jack Pettit along with Fred Greene carrying the PHSA colors for the pageant of flags. There were 22 chapter members and their wives in attendance for the ceremonies.

During the past three months the Chapter has participated in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade and the Gardena Parade. This coming 4th of July they will take their place in line along with many other veteran groups in one of the biggest parades held in southern California: "The 75th annual 4th of July Parade" in Huntington Beach. This is a must if you have never participated in this event. It will leave a lump in your throat, from the cheers and standing ovation that we PHSA survivors receive from the people along the line of march. Following the parade it will be picnic time at the Park in Huntington Beach.

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President Frank Schilling of Los Angeles Chapter 1 would like to take this space to thank Chapter's 9 and 14 for their participation along with 17 Chapter 1 members in the Loyalty Day Parade. Here again it is so heart warming to see PHSA survivors taking an active part in these events. Again in May for the Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance and the Memorial Services which were held at the "Roosevelt Memorial Cemetery along with the wreath laying services for Sam Kronberger, Founder of the Pearl Harbor Survivors's Association.

At their June meeting it was a Pot Luck affair at the AMVETS Building in Gardena with the Chapter picnic being planned for September 16th at the Mole on Terminal Island.

A short story from Frank: A man stopped for a traffic signal. He noticed that the car ahead had a decal on its rear bumper reading, "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association". What really piqued his interest was the make of the car - a Japanese Mazda. (Yesterday's grudge is today's transportation, and a former enemy is now a friend.

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Mount Diablo Chapter 13 of California has elected to office for this coming calendar year the following: President - Manuel DeSouza, Vice President - Jack Hughes, Secretary - George Saunders.

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Treasurer - Earl "Ed" Klein, Trustees - Nelson Dampf, Jim Loucks, Ed Wittler and Wilbur Good. Appointed to the position of Chaplain is Bernard "Dutch" Schilz.

In May the chapter held a dinner-dance at the Veterans Hall in Rodeo and Memorial Day Services, Avenue of Flags at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno also Flag Day in June at the cemetery in San Bruno.

Coming up in August will be their annual picnic which will be held at the Kennedy Regional Park in Contra Costa County.

This coming fall in October its their annual Halloween Party on the 26th at the Veterans Hall in Rodeo.

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Santa Clara Valley Chapter 7 continues to be the bowling Chapter in the State of California participating in this event at least twice a month throughout the Bay area.

Their June 24th meeting will be a short day for those that do not golf and a long one for those that do, with tee off time at 1130. It was dinner time at the CPO Club from the UNO in the evening hours with some of those golfers dragging in at 1700 hours for dinner.

The Chapter picnic was held June 16 at Ed Lavin Park, Spring Valley area, in Milpitas. It was barbecued chicken at its best along with all the trimmings.

In August its Hawaiian Feast with the Chapter Luau along with the Professional Polynesians at Strawberry Lane in San Jose.

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Chapter 9 of the San Gabriel Valley in California held their "Ladies Appreciation Night" in May at the Elks Lodge in Ontario. This was a dress up affair with the members treating their gals to a Prime Rib dinner. This event takes place every year at this time with the survivors wishing to show their appreciation to these wonderful ladies for the help and support that they have given them throughout the year.

Chapter members were invited by Elks Lodge 1469 to participate in Flag Day ceremonies in June. Guest speaker for the ceremonies was Comdt. of March Air Force Base with the color guard and special events by the "March Air Force Base Drill Team". Following the ceremonies all those present attend a special dinner along

with cocktails.

In July their meeting will be at the VFW Hall in Pomona. It will be a Pot Luck dinner featuring "Cold Cut Night".

Remember the California State Convention coming up in August in Santa Rosa.

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On September 28th through the 30th the State of California will hold its 3rd annual Barbecue for the "California State Chairman's Fund".

Headquarters this year will be at the Holiday Airport Inn, Fresno, with the Barbecue taking place on Saturday the 29th at Kearney Park in Fresno.

State Sec/Trea. Fred Durborow reminds everyone to get those reservations in early.

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California's Chapter 11 of Mare Island enjoyed having 90 survivor's and their wives at its 10th birthday party at the CPO Club's Green Room on the 8th of April. Visitors included our immediate past National President, George Slavens (USS Medusa), Past District Director John Dierks (Ford Island), and our California State Chaplain, the Reverend Frank Solomon (Schofield Bks.). Their attendance for the chapter meetings has been a little above average for the first half of 1979, thanks to telephone calls and some personal invitations. Everything helps, regardless of the approach.

The Chapter's next meeting will be the 8th of July and will be an old fashion Box Supper, at the Presidents home. There will be a contest or two, with lots of prizes which is just part of the program. They will have two gatherings during the month of August, the California State Convention and a visit to Luther Burbank Chapter 23 and their picnic.

In their June issue of the Chapter Newsletter, Hank Freitas (USS Tangier) and California State Chairman has distributed steer manure on their planted Redwood Trees and they are coming along just fine.

**Back issues of GRAM are now available:** Zerox issues 1 through 49 \$2.00 each. Original issues 50 to the present \$1.00 each. Postage paid. Send check made payable to (PHSA Inc.) Editor Pearl Harbor GRAM, P.O. Box 2093, Lancaster, Ca. 93534.

### HAYNE MOYER SUNSHINE MEMORIAL (Committee)

CONTACT: John C. Berlier, 4209 Brown Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46226 - East of the Mississippi River and R. G. "Smitty" Smith, 1872 So. 2nd East, Salt Lake City, UT. 84115 - West of the Mississippi River.

Name, Branch of Service, Next of Kin. Please advise if sick or member has passed away.

## Memory Jogger Pearl Harbor

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## 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.

# Reunion Notices

The USS Honolulu (CL-48) "Blue Goose" reunion will be held at the Oakbrook Sheraton Hotel in Oakbrook, IL., on August the 10th through the 12th, 1979.

For further information, please contact, Jim Jeanguenat, 610 So. Euclid Ave., Villa Park, IL. 60181 or phone (312-500-4459).

The 12th annual reunion of the USS Northampton (CL-26) will be held this year in Seattle, Washington on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September, 1979, at the Seattle Hilton Hotel.

All former crew members are urged to attend. Also the USS Fletcher (DD-445) who picked up survivors of the USS Northampton on the night of November 30, and December 1, 1942, after the Northampton had been torpedoed and sunk are very welcome to attend. For more details please contact Al Mann, 10811 37th Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98146 or phone (206-242-4819).

Another USS Phoenix will soon be sailing the high seas. This USS Phoenix will bare little resemblance to the USS Phoenix (CL-46), a Brooklyn class light cruiser that was launched March 12, 1938, commissioned October 3, 1938 and fought at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

This new USS Phoenix will be America's newest nuclear attack submarine.

All former officers and crew members of the Cruiser Phoenix are invited to attend the launching of the Submarine Phoenix on November 17, 1979.

Former members of the Phoenix (CL-46) should contact Chester J. Millman, 7514 Cherry Tree, Fulton, Maryland 20759 or

the Public Affairs Office of General Dynamics, Electric Boat Div., Eastern Point Rd., Groton, Conn. 06340.

The Bull-Horn newsletter for the USS Phelps is back in publication once again. The Editor would like to remind one and all of the July 28th, 1979 get-together at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn in Chicago, IL. If you can't make it please drop a line to George Stodola, 10158 Indianapolis Ave., Chicago, IL. 60617.

George Say's that he would like the Roster Request Card filled out and returned. If they do not receive a card from you, your name will be dropped from the mailing list for the newsletter. It's also "Flank Speed" for the San Diego reunion in 1980. Address for the Newsletter is: USS Phelps Shipmates, "The Bull-Horn", 1005H Bryant Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Destroyer Squadron Four hosted by the USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390) will have their reunion in Colorado Springs, CO from May 14th through the 18th, 1980. For further details contact Harry E. Smith, 1031 Lake Ave., Pueblo, CO 81005 or George E. Saunders, 3544 May Rd., Richmond, CA 94803.

You are reminded that Desron-4 consists of the USS Selfridge (DD-357), DesDiv 7 - USS Blue (DD-387), USS Helm (DD-388), USS Henley (DD-391), USS Bagley (DD-386), and DesDiv 8 - USS Patterson (DD-392), USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390), USS Muggford (DD-389), and USS Jarvis (DD-393).

This will be the eighth formal Ship's Reunion and it would be nice to have at least one representative from each of the ship's

## 1st District Convention

Wally France, 1st District Director wishes to inform his fellow survivors that this year's convention will be held in Santa Rosa along with the California State Convention. Headquarters will be

at the El Rancho Tropicana Motel, Santa Rosa.

The business meeting will be on Friday the 3rd of August at 1300 hours. Wally says that due to the many other activities going on at the State Convention he will keep the business meeting as short as possible.

## 6th District Convention

Fred Crumley of Charleston, SC and convention chairman informs the GRAM that the 6th District Convention will be held in Charleston, SC from November 8th through the 10th at the Frances Marion Hotel.

On the 8th it will be registration for survivors and their wives with the rest of the day as free time for visiting and sight seeing.

Friday the 9th is late registration with Chapter and State meetings in the afternoon. There are five (5) rooms available for these meetings but will have to be reserved, first

come first served. Please schedule early.

On Saturday the 10th, there will be a sight seeing trip to the Yorktown. From 1330 hours to completion and not later the 1800 hours will be the District meeting.

Starting at 1800 hours will be cocktail hour in the Colonial Room with the Dinner-Banquet starting promptly at 1900 hours. This will also be held in the Colonial Room. At 2100 hours until the wee hours of the morning it will be dancing for those survivors and their wives who like to dance cheek to cheek.

Sunday the 11th, will be get-away day, Aloha, Farewill, Take care and please drive carefully.

of the Squadron.

The fifth USS Detroit reunion will be held this coming September 14th through the 16th, 1979, at the Fresno Hilton, in Fresno, Ca. The first mailing on the reunion is out, so make those reservations now. The Detroit reunions are held every other year, so if you miss this one it will be 1981 until you can see your old buddies again.

For reservations and further information, please write to: Ed Rastin, 3373 East Weldon, Fresno, CA 93703., or call Ed at (209-264-1421).

The USS Tangier sailors would like to inform

the sailors of the USS Ralph Talbot and Chapters 23 and 11 of California, that their attempts to hijack the guys off the USS Tangier to Cuba, were unsuccessful!

94 ex-Tangier sailors attended the ships reunion in Dallas, TX along with their wives and friends. From some of the stories that we have heard, it will be the usual noisiness and bull session at the California State Convention in August.

**CALIFORNIA STATE CHAIRMAN**  
**HANK FREITAS**  
USS Tangier (AV-8)  
548 Fireside Ct., Walnut Creek  
CA 94598 (415) 937-2766



**ROGER L. HEYMAN AND ASSOCIATES**  
 Certified Public Accountant  
**PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1978**

**ASSETS****CURRENT ASSETS**

Petty Cash Funds	\$600.00
Cash In Bank - United Va. Bank/National	15,381.38
Cash In Savings - No. Va. S & L Assn.	19,693.50
Cash In Savings - Convention	8,188.06
Cash - Arizona Memorial Fund	2,455.21
Cash - Certificate of Deposits	132,993.78
Prepaid Supplies - Memorials	152.36
Prepaid Insurance	395.46
Prepaid Postage	383.38
Inventory - Trade	4,473.25

Total Current Assets **\$184,716.38**

Office Furniture and Equipment 3,483.31

**Other Assets**

Flags, Pictures, etc.	1,866.86
Corporate Seal and Trademark	33.00
Dies and Patterns	290.00

Total Other Assets **2,189.86**

**TOTAL ASSETS \$190,389.55**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE****Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable - State and Local Dues	\$5,787.36
Overpayments	251.90
Current Deferred Life Membership Dues	20,790.04
Arizona Memorial Trust Fund	2,455.21

Total Current Liabilities **\$29,284.51**

Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues 60,774.05

**Fund Balance**

Fund Balance - January 1, 1978	99,521.31
Add: Net Income - 1978	1,809.68
Less: Prior Period Adjustment - 1976	1,000.00
Hawaiian Convention	
Fund Balance - December 31, 1978	100,330.99

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE \$190,389.55**

**INCOME STATEMENT****REVENUE**

Initiation Fees	\$2,585.00
Charter Fees	25.00
Dues - National Share	25,628.73
Boosters - Pearl Harbor Gram	111.00
Advertising - Pearl Harbor Gram	936.00
Interest Income	12,548.42
Handbooks, Memorials, and Other Income	632.39
Reinstatement Fees	225.00
Merchandise Sales	\$6,936.47
Beginning Inventory	\$3,670.41
Purchases	6,582.01
Subtotal	\$10,252.42
Less: Ending Inventory	4,473.25 (5,779.17)
Convention Income	59,386.00

Total Revenue **\$103,234.84**

**EXPENSES**

Pearl Harbor Gram - Printing and Mailing	\$15,851.90
Executive Board Meeting and Directive Expenses	6,488.13
Insurance and Bonding	592.54
Memorials	1,517.19
Unit List Expense	70.06
Convention Expense	53,843.55
Fund Raising	175.00
Special Audit - New York	1,217.24
Office Expenses:	
Postage	\$4,042.71
Printing and Stationery	1,427.27
Telephone	1,682.35
Travel	1,452.26
Rent	2,939.00
Data Processing	1,858.50
Professional Services	2,440.18
Office Services	5,296.02
Xerox	501.35
Repair and Maintenance	29.91

**\$21,669.55**

**NET PROFIT \$1,809.68**

**SCHEDULE OF PETTY FUNDS****LOCATION****Gross Amount**

Petty Cash Fund - Decker	\$100.00	Petty Cash Fund - Slavens	100.00
Petty Cash Fund - Pond	100.00	Petty Cash Fund - Chappell	100.00
Petty Cash Fund - McEnany	100.00	Petty Cash Fund - Pickard	100.00

TOTAL **\$600.00**

**SCHEDULE OF PREPAID SUPPLIES - MEMORIALS**

Location	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Treasurer	7	10.98	\$ 76.86
	1	3.50	3.50
	18	4.00	72.00
			<u>\$152.36</u>

**SCHEDULE OF PREPAID INSURANCE**

	Prepaid
Office Contents	\$ 50.00
Liability	267.00
Bond	78.46
	<u>\$395.46</u>

**SCHEDULE OF INVENTORY - TRADE**

Location	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Amount
Storekeeper	PHSA Hats		\$ 8.00	\$ 128.00
	Decals - Windshield	692	.036	24.91
	Lapel Pins	146	5.45&5.00	775.45
	Emblems-Blue&White	1407	.635	893.45
	Bumper Stickers	800	.147	117.60
	Rubber Stamps			
	PHSA Seal	16	1.08	28.80
	PHSA Flags-Blue & White 3'x5'	12	40.00	480.00
	Decals - Gold	400	.201	80.40
	Emblems - Gold Embroidered	1538	.53	815.14
	Chains	294	1.00	294.00
	Pendants	294	2.50	735.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>			<u>\$4,372.75</u>
Treasurer	Decals - Gold	500	.201	100.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<u>\$4,473.25</u>

**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS**

Institution	Liquidation Date	Control Number	Interest Rate %	Face Amount	Present Value
Virginia Nat'l Bank	4/10/79	14395	7 1/4	\$10,000.00	\$ 13,364.00
Northern Va. S&L Assoc.	4/9/80	M40800	7 1/2	10,000.00	12,282.57
Northern Va. S&L Assoc.	2/20/81	M78042	7 3/4	20,000.00	27,010.47
Providence S&L Assoc.	2/8/83	822596-6	7 3/4	25,000.00	29,015.54
Arlington - Fairfax S&L Assoc.	8/18/83	107-9303-8	7 3/4	27,400.00	30,520.46
First Fed. of Arlington	1/11/79	01-500411-2	9.784	20,000.00	20,800.74
				<u>\$112,400.00</u>	<u>\$132,993.78</u>

**SCHEDULE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT**

Location	Quantity	Amount
New	PHSA Handbook	1 5.00
President	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
Past	IBM Electric Typewriter	1 \$ 389.00
President	Administrative Manual	1 5.50
	Tape Recorder No. 505A	1 79.95
	Adler O-5 Elite Cubic No. 15334583	1 165.08
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 639.53</b>
Vice Pres.		
Secretary	4-Drawer Metal Cabinets	4 \$ 92.00
	Tab Card Files	5 42.49
	Postal Scale	1 5.50
	Copy Machine - Speed O-Print, Model 900 SR No. 9451	1 391.60
	4-Drawer File Cabinets	2 109.62
	SMC Typewriter No. 7ELB2004147	1 275.00
	Typewriter Carrying Case	1 32.25
	Trunk	1 10.25
	Sectional Steel Shelves	3 23.95
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 982.66</b>
Editor	IBM Typewriter	1 \$ 365.70
	4-Drawer File Cabinet	1 187.23
	Triner Postal Scale	1 26.00
	35mmPraktica Super TL Camera-79	1 100.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 678.93</b>
Treasurer	4-Drawer Plunger Lock Metal File Cabinet	1 \$ 80.00
	4-Drawer Metal Cabinet	1 106.97
	Paymaster Checkwriter-used No.4059863	1 29.64
	IBM Electric Typewriter No. 1158614	1 365.98
	2-Drawer Metal Card Files	2 19.00
	Microfilm-Membership Records	1 398.10
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 999.69</b>
Historian	Speed-O-Print Mimeo-graph No. 600	1 \$ 150.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
5th District Director	2-Drawer File Cabinet	1 \$ 27.50
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 27.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$3,483.31</u></b>

**SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Year	Base	Annual Amortization	Unamortized
1964	\$ 6,143.50	\$ 307.18	\$ 1,535.86
1965	2,260.50	113.03	678.13
1966	2,706.00	135.30	947.10
1967	4,436.40	221.82	1,774.56
1968	2,181.00	109.05	981.45
1969	4,668.75	233.44	2,334.35
1970	6,093.00	304.65	3,351.15
1971	8,655.75	432.79	5,193.43
1972	9,555.00	477.75	6,210.75
1973	26,399.25	1,319.96	18,479.49
1974	5,844.75	292.24	4,383.55
1975	7,410.00	370.50	5,928.00
1976	5,599.00	279.95	4,759.15
1977	4,200.00	210.00	3,780.00
1978	<u>5,827.50</u>	291.38	<u>5,536.12</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,980.40</b>		<b><u>\$65,873.09</u></b>

1. Analysis of Current Deferred Life Membership Dues  
 Prepaid Dues 1978.....\$15,691.00

Deferred Life Membership Dues 1978 .....	5,099.04
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$20,790.04</b>
<b>2. Analysis of Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues</b>	
Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues .....	\$60,774.05

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$60,774.05</b>
<b>3. Analysis of Deferred Life Membership Dues</b>	
Deferred Life Membership Dues 1978 .....	\$ 5,099.04
Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues .....	\$60,774.05
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$65,873.09</b>

**SCHEDULE OF OFFICERS EXPENSES**

Classification	Total	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Storekeeper	Editor
Postage	\$ 4,042.71	\$ 144.50	\$104.43	\$ 245.07	\$ 2,113.81	\$294.06	\$1,140.84
Printing & Stationery	1,427.27	14.42	5.70	320.59	900.89	-0-	185.67
Rent	501.35	70.93	-0-	36.55	393.87	-0-	-0-
Telephone	1,682.35	339.73	-0-	71.47	970.98	-0-	300.17
Travel	1,452.26	1,071.85	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	380.41
Rent	2,939.00	-0-	-0-	539.00	2,400.00	-0-	-0-
Data Processing	1,858.50	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,858.50	-0-	-0-
Professional Services	2,440.18	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,340.18	100.00	-0-
Repairs and Maintenance	29.91	-0-	-0-	-0-	29.91	-0-	-0-
Office Services	5,296.02	148.80	-0-	2,498.25	2,548.97	100.00	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,669.55</b>	<b>\$1,790.23</b>	<b>\$110.13</b>	<b>\$3,710.93</b>	<b>\$13,557.11</b>	<b>\$494.06</b>	<b>\$2,007.09</b>

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## Air Heroes...Contd.

ficer who was being attacked from the rear.

"This enemy plane burst into flames and crashed about half way between Wahiawa and Haleiwa.

"During this combat his plane was struck by three bullets from the rear gun of the ship he was attacking, one striking his motor, one the propeller and one the cowl- ing.

"This attack wave hav- ing disappeared, he re- turned to the vicinity of Ewa and found one enemy

plane proceeding seaward, which he pursued and shot down about five miles off shore, immediately there- after returning to his sta- tion at Haleiwa landing field.

"Lt. Welch's initiative, presence of mind, cool- ness under fire against over whelming odds in his first battle, expert maneu- vering of his plane, and determined action contri- buted to a large extent toward driving off this sudden, unexpected enemy air attack."

"Kenneth M. Taylor, 0-409061, 2nd Lieutenant air corps, 47th pursuit squad- ron, Wheeler field, T. H. For extraordinary hero- ism in action over the is- land of Oahu, T. H., and waters adjacent thereto, 7 December 1941.

"When surprised by a heavy air attack by Japa- nese forces on Wheeler field and vicinity at ap- proximately 8 A. M., he left Wheeler field and pro- ceeded by automobile, un- der fire, to Haleiwa land- ing field, a distance of ap- proximately 10 miles, where the planes of his squadron were stationed.

"He immediately, on his own initiative, took off for the purpose of attack- ing the invading forces,

without first obtain- ing information as to the num- ber or type of planes in the attacking force, and proceeded to his initial point over Barbers point."

"At time of takeoff his plane was equipped with .30 caliber machine guns only. Upon arrival over Barbers point, he ob- served a formation of ap- proximately 12 planes over Ewa, about 1,000 feet below and 10 miles away."

"Accompanied by only one other pursuit ship, he immediately attacked this enemy formation and shot down two enemy planes."

"No more enemy planes being in sight he pro- ceeded to Wheeler field to refuel and replenish ammunition."

"Just as reloading was completed but before am- munition boxes had been removed a second wave of enemy planes attacked Wheeler field, approaching directly toward him at low altitude."

"Although Lt. Taylor had been advised that he should not go up again he made a quick takeoff end- ing in a chandelle, there- by saving his plane as he escaped from superior force of eight to 10 planes by climbing into the clouds."

"Lt. Taylor's initia- tive, presence of mind, coolness under fire against overwhelming odds in his first battle, expert maneu- vering of his plane, and determined action contri- buted to a large extent toward driving off this sudden, unexpected enemy air attack."

The presentation of the decorations will be made after receipt of the medals from Washington, D. C.

Today Kenneth M. Tay- lor is a retired Air Force General and George S. Welch is deceased...

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This is the season when the Veterans Ad- ministration sends out dividend checks from military insurance poli- cies — and when many are returned each year because of bad ad- dresses. Veterans who continued their military insurance after returning to civilian life thus are reminded to make sure the VA has their correct addresses.



Standing left to right; Wallace J. Kempey, state chairman, New York. Al Fassbender, conference committee chairman.

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