

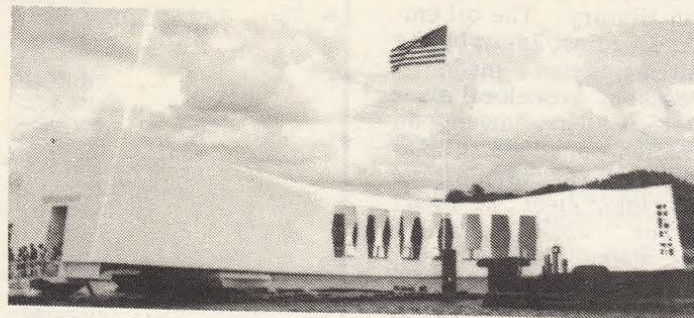


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**A long & happy
hula is pau:
Hilo Hattie is
dead at age 78**



Hilo Hattie

Now, Hattie's sure to die
from too much gin.
But she will never pay for
her life of sin.
St. Peter's gonna take a
look and say, "Come on
in."
When Hilo Hattie does the
Hilo Hop.

Hilo Hattie, the school-
teacher who became a com-
ic hula dancer, and who
for nearly a half century
personified the happy Ha-
waiian tutu, died Dec. 12,
less than two months after
her 78th birthday.

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Was Pearl Harbor Set-Up?

There is no need to repeat the results of the attack or time of the surprise that December 7, 1941, nor the allegations by some historians that President Franklin Roosevelt and Army Chief of Staff George Marshall and others knew of the attack but allowed it to happen to arouse American public opinion and mobilize the country for war in Asia and Europe. The following might be considered co-incidents, misunderstandings, misinterpretation of conditions or a mere speculation?

Congress conducted hearings in Washington and in Honolulu, Hawaii, after the attack. It was revealed that Lt. Gen. Walter Short, Commanding general in Hawaii received a message from Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall on November 24, 1941, with a warning of possible hostile action. Army Intelligence had cabled that negotiations with Japan were at a standstill and hostilities may follow and subversive action expected. This meant sabotage to General Short by the estimated 150,000 Japanese civilian residents. He ordered an

alert which resulted in the stationing of one company of infantry on installation and bridge guard duty in the north sector of the island, probably more in the south sector due to the more dense population and

military installations in the area.

Information available at the time also indicated a Japanese Task Force south of Japan possibly to attack in Southeast Asia.

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Wheeler Field, Dec. 7, 1941, taken by a Japanese pilot.



Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, Arizona.

Was Pearl Harbor set-up?

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Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, on November 27, 1941, sent a message to United States Commanders in Hawaii and the Philippines to be considered a war warning, that negotiations with Japan were failing and a hostile move by Japan was expected within a short period. Both General Short and Admiral Kimmel, Commanders in Hawaii were relieved of command after the hearings as though their actions or lack of action had caused the devastation resulting from the attack.

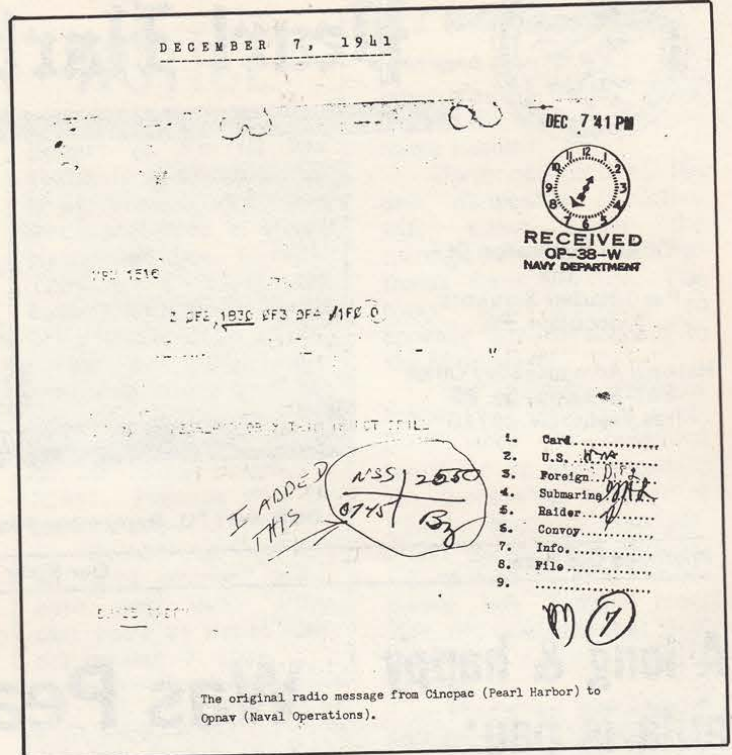
Recently information released indicated that General Douglas MacArthur was surprised by the attack on Hawaii but did nothing. He must have known the Philippines would be next. Though B-17's were readied for action, no bombs were placed in their bomb bays. Ships remained in position, not a single shelter was prepared at Clark Field, the Japanese later stated after the war they were surprised to find the bombers lined up wing tip to wing tip. Clark field was destroyed after the initial attack on December 8.

Nearly two weeks went by and little preparation was made for any expected attack against the Philippines and on December 22, Japanese troops disembarked from their ships. Defenders outnumbered the invaders by nearly two to one but many ran away to the hills. Later Shigenoro Togo, War Time Foreign Minister of Japan would state that military pressures in Japan decided the plan to attack Pearl Harbor, they had lost all faith in negotiations with President Roosevelt who was becoming more dictatorial toward Japan, especially

since the American Congress passed the National Defense Act which provided for the first peacetime conscription in American History. The oil embargo against Japan by the United States made it necessary to seek oil elsewhere. That meant an invasion of Indo China. They were afraid the American fleet at Pearl Harbor would interfere with these plans and decided to attack.

In October 1974, Group Captain F. W. Winterbotham, who had been with the British Air Department for 15 years and was a member of the Secret Intelligence Service revealed that the British had broken the German code in 1940 and the Japanese code had been broken by the Americans at about the same time. The British knew about German moves throughout the war but never shared the information with the Russians. They feared the Germans had penetrated the Soviet General Staff and the Soviets would have been able to move across Eastern Europe and into Germany faster than they did.

In October 1976, the John A. Burns Oral History Project compiled by director Gerry Brown were formally presented to the University of Hawaii. Former Governor John A. Burns account of the happenings in Hawaii immediately prior to December 7, 1941, were taped in January and February 1975 as he grew weaker from cancer. Burns stated that he was a police captain with the Honolulu Police Department in charge of a special five man espionage unit located in the same building as the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in December 1941. He knew the agent in charge, Robert L. Shivers, who told him, "I'm not telling my men this but I am telling you, were going to be attacked before the



week is out". The agent asked Burns to take his unit into the Japanese community and look for signs of anyone expecting a catastrophe or planning to leave Hawaii.

Burns said Shivers indicated he was going to tell island commanders about the attack but failed to do so. Burns thought Shivers learned of the attack plans from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who might have been informed by British and American Intelligence sources who had cracked the Japanese code. Shivers was called to testify before the Congressional committee that came to Honolulu on December 28, 1941, but apparently never let it be known he was aware of Japanese intentions.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1979, a CBS News Special, one of a series called "Inside Yesterday", described the establishment of a 300 man British Security Coordination Office under direction of Sir William Stephenson. Their mission was to arouse American public opinion in favor of war against the Nazis as allies of the British. One of their main targets was Charles A. Lindburgh who led the American First movement which was opposed to our lend-lease program and the war in Europe in general. They preferred the United States use its efforts to negotiate a peace between the participants so that no one would win. The British circulated a rumor that Lindburgh's kidnapped and murdered son was actually alive in Germany. Political personalities opposed to involvement in the war were also targets of this British effort. However, the program ended with the announced attack on Pearl Harbor which made further efforts by the British unnecessary.

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Please notify National Treasurer of ANY information on any of these people.

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.

10,000 Member of PHSA

Isidore Baratz of Windsor, Connecticut was surprised and delighted when he received word that he was the 10,000 survivor to become a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association, Inc.

He is an avid collector of old toy trains and his collection includes many old-timers, some of which go back to before the turn of the century. Since his retirement he has also taken up the hobby of building model ships.

Isidore joined the Navy in New Bedford, Mass. in 1926 at the age of seventeen. He went through Boot Camp at New Bedford, Mass. in Newport RI, and from there went to the USS Cleveland which was attached to Compsperon and served there for two and a half years. During this period of his naval career he received the Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, having gone ashore there with the Marines. He then went back to Newport, RI. for a two year tour of shore duty. While at Newport he quartered aboard the USS Constellation which was moored at South Point.

In 1931 he was transferred to the USS Raleigh and served aboard her until he helped put the USS Phoenix in commission on October 3, 1938. By this time he was a Gunner's Mate 1st Class. They made their shakedown cruise to South America, crossed the equator for the fourth time and had the honor of being the Royal Barber that initiated the Polywogs. They returned to Philadelphia and then on to the West Coast to join the Fleet. They stayed in the San Pedro — Long Beach area until the fall of 1939 when the fleet went to Pearl Harbor. In June of 1941



Isidore Baratz

he was promoted to Chief Gunner's Mate.

On December 7, 1941 the USS Phoenix was moored at Berth 6 when the Japanese attack began. Isidore remembers jumping out of his bunk to the sound of General Quarters and hearing "This is not a drill." After jumping into his clothes he ran to his battle station which was the after magazine flooding station. Shortly after arriving at his battle-station he was relieved and told to go to the 3 inch AA guns where he was instructed to change the shell fuse settings of 2.5 seconds. During most of the attack he was stationed on the 3 inch Battery and when a lull came in the fighting he assisted in making up ammunition belts for the 50 caliber machine guns. The one main thing that stuck in his mind that morning was he and Chief Gunner's Mate Winchell, supervising the removal of a gun barrel that was damaged during rapid firing. Fortunately he had seen this operation performed while attending the U.S. Naval Gun Factory while at Gunners Mate School.

They left Pearl Harbor later that day to join what was left of the fleet and Task Force 1 then

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2nd District Convention

The 2nd District Convention will be held in Wonderful Wyoming the third week-end in July 1980.

The convention will be in Cody, home of Buffalo Bill Cody, which has one of the finest museums of Western history in the nation and houses the famous Winchester Gun Collection.

In the vicinity of Cody are Yellowstone National Park, Teton National Park, and Jackson Hole, Wyo. Also it is not far from Devil's Tower National Monument, which was used in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Members of the Second District will receive a separate mailing with additional information.

10,000 PHSA ...

proceeded on to Mare Island Navy Yard to get the damaged gun barrel replaced. After leaving the Navy Yard they joined a Convoy to the South Pacific and Melbourne, Australia where they joined the 7th Fleet in its infancy.

He spent most of the war in the South Pacific and participated in the New Guinea Campaign. In 1944 he was promoted to Warrant Gunner and transferred at Manus in the Admiralty Islands and finally wound up at Terminal Island in California as an instructor. He and shore duty did not take kindly to each other so to the dismay of his superior officers he asked to be transferred to sea once again.

His wish was granted and he left for the South Boston Navy Yard where in 1945 he put the USS Providence in commission. Isidore was to finish



Center of photo is "Joseph Hydrusko and Long Island Chapter 135 Color Guard" just before Joe took off to drop the roses he is holding over New York Harbor at the Statue of Liberty. Color Guard, left to right: James Riffle, Phil Fortunato, and Frank Mankowski. — U.S. Navy Photo.

Note from the National Storekeeper

Greetings to all Survivors from Lake Havasu City. The local VFW Post No.9401 had for its third consecutive year a day "Honoring Pearl Harbor Day." This Survivor was invited for the second year to be a guest of honor, but Past President from Pennsylvania, Howard Trost, was in town along with a very new member, Beau Collins, USS Case. Out of the woodwork came three other Survivors who never heard of PHSA. An application from Harold LaLone, Kaneoghe Bay, has been received and applications are out to Frank Horton, USS West Virginia, and Thomas C. Roberts, USS Argone. Approximately 200 participated in the ceremony with a total of six Sur-

vivors.

The National Storekeepers office hopes that all the orders received were delivered on time for those requesting items for December 7th and also for Christmas. We would like to encourage orders to be submitted in plenty of time so they may be filled and mailed.

Also, we would like to request that all of the Chapters having items for sale to please send a brief description, price and the name of person in charge of Small Stores to this office as soon as possible. Many requests come here for items that the individual Chapters have for sale and we would like to steer them in the right direction.

out the war on the Providence and was discharged from the Navy in 1946 as a Chief Warrant Officer 2.

He married in 1946 and after his retirement from the Navy he joined the Royal Typewriter Company in Hartford, Conn., where after 25 years he retired once again in 1971. His wife

who was a Registered Nurse is also retired, and both enjoy and love working at his hobbie — TRAINS.....

5th DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 27, 28 and 29, 1980
at Council Bluffs, Iowa

3rd District Convention

Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 18, 19, 20, 1980

Vacation in the Great Southwest at the luxurious Sheraton Old Town Hotel adjacent to Historic Old Town founded in 1706. Visit the new multi-million dollar Albuquerque Museum, Indian Pueblo Cultural Museum (finest museum of its kind in the world with daily shows and dances), and numerous shops and gourmet restaurants. We invite all Pearl Harbor Survivors, particularly 3rd District members to join us for a grand weekend of memories and good fellowship in the great State of New Mexico. Make your reservations early! For more particulars contact - Roland E. Burr, 1308 Parsifal St NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87112; 505-298-1473.

Was Pearl Harbor set-up? ...

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We later realized that a great injustice was committed against the Japanese-American residents in both Hawaii and the West Coast when they were displaced and interned in camps during the war. Not a single act of sabotage or espionage was ever proved or determined to have been committed by any of these citizens. actual espionage was actually conducted by a single Japanese Naval attache attached to the Japanese Embassy in Honolulu who merely observed the activities of Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field from the heights of mountains west of Honolulu. But how could we possibly have known at the time?

by William F. Showen



From the Editor's Desk

There are some corrections that we would like to make in the July 1979 issue of the GRAM. G.E. Fisher of North Cascade Chapter 5 in the State of Washington informs the GRAM that we had the name of our departed comrade spelled wrong. Our sincere apologies go out to the family of Wilbur B. Biggerstaff for this error. We had incorrectly spelled his name Bifferstaff. Wilbur was the paymaster off the USS Honolulu.

Both in the July and October issues of the Gram under departed shipmates, and new members list, inadvertently the name of the USS SUMNER was called out as the USS SUMMER. Our thanks to William R. Frederick of San Diego for bringing this to our attention. Your right Bill, it has always been the USS Sumner.

A reminder to one and all that the closing dates for articles, pictures and information in the APRIL 1980 issue of the GRAM is March 10th, 1980. Anything received after this date will be deferred to the July issue. With so much material and pictures coming into the GRAM, its a first received, first in print policy the GRAM has to take. We appreciate the articles, pictures, poems and other materials that are being sent in, and keep them coming, but if your information and articles are not printed right away, please be patient.

All death reports must go through the National Secretary, Hall Pickard, before they can be printed in the GRAM. This is for verification.

Official Blazers Jacket

The same jackets as worn by the National Honor Guard as shown on the front page of the JULY GRAM are available direct from the supplier. To buy one of these white polyester blazers, complete with our seal on the breast pocket, send your

check or money order for \$67.50 plus \$2.50 postage (\$70 total) to Lauterstein's Uniforms, 411 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA. 22204. Request PHSA No.999 style white No.10 blazer, and give size, shape, and sleeve length. Examples: Size - 46, Tall or Short - Sleeve length - 34, Size 43 Reg 32 sleeve.



Don F. Lang of Battle Creek, Michigan with his new Michigan License plates.

Also, please notify the National Treasurer of address changes. We are receiving 40 to 50 GRAM's back through the mail (back page address label only) at a cost of 25 cents per page, also a destroyed GRAM. If you do not receive your GRAM in a reasonable time please contact the National Treasurer and he will see that a GRAM of that issue is sent to you. This office does not do the mailing of the GRAM.

us a tape cassette of the "Day of Infamy". It is a good quality reproduction of many events that took place right after Pearl Harbor and would make a fine addition to the many momentous that you survivors have collected over the years. Peter is only asking \$2.50 per a cassette which is just about costs for him after mailing. The opening speech on the tape of Franklin D. Roosevelt's remarks to Congress on December 8th, 1941 is worth the cost alone.

Tapes Available

Peter Sarantapoulas of Bardonia, New York has been kind enough to send

If interested please send Check to - Peter Sarantapoulas, Public Relations, 104 Rennert Lane, Bardonia, NY. 10954.

ITEMS FOR SALE

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- BUMPER STICKERS 50
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- BRONZE 1976 SOUVENIR MEDALLIONS 3.00
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(Checks or money orders are to be made payable to PHSA INC and mailed to the National Storekeeper's Office.)



Chuckle a
with
Luzzin **L**eon



A woman dropped her contact lens into a full wastebasket. She looked for it diligently, but had to give up. Her husband took the basket and soon found the lens.

"How did you do that?" asked the wife, amazed.

"Simple. You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$125.00."

A mild little man returned from his wife's funeral on a windy, stormy day. He had just reached home when a tile was blown from the roof and hit him on the head. "My," he exclaimed, "she certainly got to heaven fast!"

Thoroughly steeped in ethics, a physician always insisted on the presence of a third party in the room whenever he examined a female patient.

Near the close of a busy afternoon, he wearily motioned a couple into the examining room. The woman complained of pains in her lower abdomen, and submitted to a pelvic examination reluctantly. The man looked on with a great deal of interest.

"Your wife's certainly lively," commented the doctor. "She'll be all right in a few days."

"My wife?" said the man. "I never saw her before, Doc. I was wondering why you called me in here with you."

Cuzzin Leon was making his first visit to a hospital where his Cuzzin Jimmy was about to have an operation. Watching the doctor's every move, he asked, "What's that?"

The doctor explained, "This is an anaesthetic; after he gets this he won't know a thing."

"Save your time, Doc," exclaimed Cuzzin Leon, "he don't know anything now."

Overhead at an auction sale: "Sold to the lady with her husband's hand over her mouth."

What is called "congestion" in the subway is called "intimacy" in a night club.

One reason there are so many juvenile delinquents today is that their dads didn't burn their britches behind them.

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.

Veterans Smoked Out

Pearl Harbor Vets unrattled by bomb

They survived Pearl Harbor 38 years ago, and don't get rattled easily.

So when people began yelling "Fire" Saturday night at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Woodhaven, the veterans and their wives filed out of their dinner dance calmly, most of them even remembering to bring along their drinks.

"When you've been through Pearl Harbor and survived, you don't get too excited," Gib Williss of Wixom said Sunday. He was one of about 200 persons who had gathered for the annual state convention of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

As they milled about the parking lot and watched the black smoke billowing from the motel, Williss said, "One guy joked, 'The bastards are still after us.'"

It wasn't the Japanese however, and it wasn't even a fire. It was a smoke bomb, set off in a hallway at about 9:25 p.m., according to Woolhaven Fire Chief Robert Gildersleeve.

"The Whole building was completely engulfed in smoke," he said Sunday. "We thought the whole southeast wing was going."

Gildersleeve quickly enlisted the aid of two neighboring communities, and before long there were five pumper trucks on the scene.

Although there was no fire, four persons were treated at a nearby hospital for smoke inhalation.

Another 15 persons were given oxygen at the scene. Gildersleeve said..

Only one person, Woodhaven Deputy Chief Kenneth Brown, remained hospitalized late Sunday. He was in fair condition at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton.

The entire 130-room motel was evacuated, and guests and revelers didn't resume their activities until around midnight.

It Isn't Clear who set off the smoke bomb, which Gildersleeve described as a "quart-sized metal canister" filled with chemicals.

One veteran noted that the smoke bomb appeared to be "the same type that we used during World War II," but members of the group interviewed Sunday unanimously agreed that this wasn't their type of convention humor.

Gildersleeve said two men in their early 20s were seen running through the halls of the motel just before the smoke began billowing. And one of the veterans, who asked not to be identified, said that the motel management earlier in the day had forcibly ejected two young men for selling candy door to door.

The manager on duty Sunday refused to discuss the incident.

Aside from a three-foot-long scorch mark on the hallway carpet where the smoke bomb went off, there appeared to be little damage inside the motel Sunday, and not even an odor of smoke.

OFFICIAL PHSA MAGNETIC SEALS

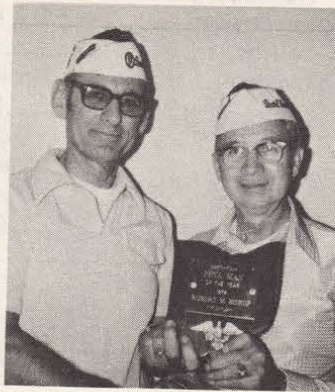
Florida Chapter No. 6 is selling 12-inch diameter tri-colored magnetic PHSA Seals for \$8.00 each. Forward check and order to 2223 Hyde Park Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32210.

Ohio PHSA Man of the Year

Robert Bishop joined the U.S. Navy in Sept. 1940, later going aboard the USS Tennessee and serving most of WWII in the South Pacific. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict, and served most of that period in the Mediterranean.

Bob is employed by the U. S. Steel Corp., in Youngstown, Ohio. He has held numerous offices in PHSA, including President of the Mahoning Valley, Chapter No. 5.

Bob was presented this award at the Chapter's annual summer picnic during the month of August.



Ohio State Chairman, James W. Dittoe, presenting Robert Bishop the Ohio State PHSA Man of the Year Award for 1979.

National Conventions and Reunions of the PHSA

The following is a sequence of National Conventions and Reunions from the year 1961 through 1982.

Year	National Convention, Reunion & Site	District
1961*	Disneyland Hotel...Anaheim, CA	None
1962*	Lafayette Hotel...Long Beach, CA	None
1963*	Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel...St. Louis, MO	None
1965**	Ft. Harrison Hotel...Clearwater, FL	6
1966	Princes Kialani Hotel...Honolulu, HI	1
1968	Ben Franklin Hotel...Seattle, WA	2
1969***	Natl. Memorial Services, Mayflower Hotel... Wash. DC.	7
1970	Commodore Hotel...New York City, NY	8
1971	Sheraton-Waikiki H...Honolulu, HI - 30th reunion	1
1972	Fairmont H...New Orleans, Louisiana	4
1974	Disneyland Hotel...Anaheim, CA	1
1976	Sheraton-Waikiki H...Honolulu, HI - 35th Reunion	1
1978	Sahara Hotel...Las Vegas, NV	1
1980	Sheraton Twin-Towers...Orlando, FL	6
1981	Sheraton-Waikiki---Honolulu, HI - 40th Reunion	1
1982	Gunter Hotel...San Antonio, TX	4

Editor's Note: * There were no Districts during these years.
 ** Last Odd Year for a National Convention.
 *** National Memorial Services held due to December 7th falling on a Sunday.

The following Cities in their respective Districts have not hosted a National Convention. (3rd Dist.) Denver, Salt Lake City and Phoenix. (5th Dist.) Chicago, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Indianapolis. (7th District) Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Pittsburgh...The GRAM thanks Hank Shane for the above information.

WAUKEGAN BOARD MEETING

**National Executive Board Meeting
 Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
 September 14, 15, and 16, 1979
 Sheraton Waukegan, Waukegan, Illinois**

PRESENT:

- Thomas E. Decker, President
- William E. Aupperlee, Vice President
- Hall Pickard, Secretary
- Jesse Pond, Jr., Treasurer
- Wallace France, 1st District Director
- Homer Price, 2nd District Director
- Garvin McComas, 3rd District Director
- Ben DeiSanti, 4th District Director
- David Briner, 5th District Director
- Hervey Spencer, 7th District Director
- Thomas Stockett, 8th District Director
- Wilson Rutherford, Counsel and Parliamentarian

MOTIONS:

Hervey Spencer — That exclusive rights authorized by the Executive Board to any item with PHSA Logo, be discontinued if production and availability to members ceases for a period of 12 months.

Wally France — Second

Hervey Spencer — Amended to read retroactive one year from this date. (Sept. 14, 1979)

Vote: Unanimous vote in favor of the amendment and the motion as amended.

Tom Stockett — That the Executive Board reaffirm the awards for the Membership Contest.

Hervey Spencer — Second.

Vote: Unanimous, in favor.

Hervey Spencer — That the Survivor having Membership No. 10,000th be granted Life Membership, after becoming a bonafide Member.

Garvin McComas — Second.

Vote: Unanimous, in favor.

Tom Stockett — That prices stated by National Treasurer, for GRAM ads be adopted.

Garvin McComas — Second.

Vote: Unanimous, in favor.

Jesse Pond — To amend Paragraph No. 14 of the National Convention Guidelines, to read, "Regular PHSA Savings Bank."

Hall Pickard — Second.

Motion Carried.

Garvin McComas — That the Executive Board approve that the Association take out \$500,000 professionals Liability Insurance, \$2,500 deductible, at a cost of \$592.25 per year.

Dave Briner — Second.

Motion Carried.

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Reunion Notices

The first reunion of the USS Chicago (C-29 and CA-136) will be held during the month of May 16th through the 18th, 1980, at the O'Hare - Kennedy HOLIDAY, Inn in Rosemont, IL.

Please contact Don Kramer, 41 Homestead Dr., Youngstown, Ohio -- 44512.

The fourteenth (14) annual Michigan State Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc. Reunion and Convention will be held on April 25th through the 27th, 1980 at the Caberfae Motor Lodge in Calillac, MI.

The Caberfae Motor Lodge features large rooms, indoor pool, dining room, two cocktail lounges, bowling lanes, shuffleboard, pool tables, and golf.

Please contact the Michigan PHSA Office, Charles McClelland, 28524 Ursuline St. Clair-Shores, MI. 48081 for registration forms and Motor Lodge Reservation forms.

The Hawaiian Reunion for the 11th Bomb Group (H) Association will be from November 29 through December 12, 1980. Sec./Treas. Bob May has just mailed out your brochure to all members of the 11th Bomb Group so if you don't receive them soon please contact Bob. The membership to date is 959. The address for the travel agency is: Elite Travel Inc. 2025 South Byrne Rd., Toledo, OH. 43614. Get those reservations in now.

The USS Phelps reunion will be in September 1980 from the 11th through the 13th. Stan Parker Editor of the Bull Horn says that some planning must be started now for a successful reunion and that Jim and Mona Tracey will be helping out on the activities for the early ar-

rivals, so step forth and lend a hand. Stan may be contacted at the following address: 1005-H Bryant Way, Sunnyvale, CA. 94087.

The first reunion of the USS Shaw (DD-373) will be held in San Francisco, CA. from April 25 through the 27th, 1980. Any former crew-members of the USS Shaw interested in information regarding this reunion please contact: E. E. Ness, 1900 No. Serrano Ave., Los Angeles, CA. 90027.

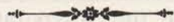
Todate Ed has been in touch with 76 former crew-members and would like to hear from many more of his shipmates.

World War II Marine-Navy Paratroopers Annual Reunion will be held at the Bahia Hotel, in San Diego, CA., from June 20th through the 22nd, 1980. Please contact Col. D. E. Severance, P. O. Box 1972, La Jolla, CA. 92038.

Attention all USS Thornton sailors and shipmates of Jack L. Connoly, 617 Meadowbrook, Corpus Christi, TX. 78411 Jack is not up to par these days and would appreciate hearing from any of his old buddies, especially Jim and Luis Massey of Kentucky.

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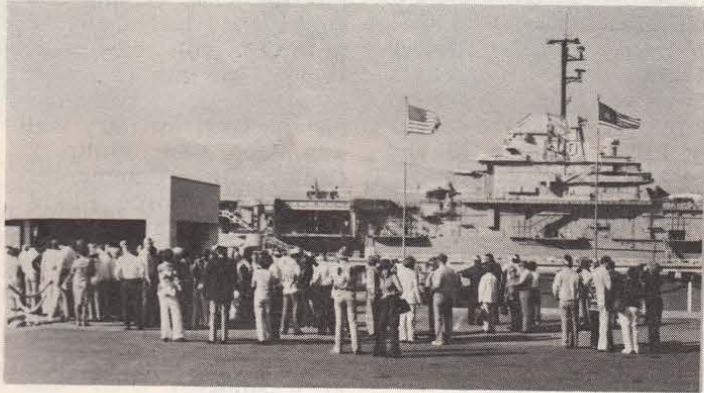
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December 7th, 1941

To Benefit Hospitalized Vets

1st Annual Military Ball Saluted as Glittering Success

The first Antelope Valley Military Ball held Saturday night at the AV Convention Center was termed a "glittering success" by general chairman Lee R. Embree.

The Military Ball was initiated to raise funds for hospitalized veterans of all services and was co-sponsored by the local Air Force Association Chapter 294 of which Embree is vice president, and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Chapter 18 of which he is a trustee.

The black-tie affair was a congenial mixer for civic leaders and military dignitaries who gathered to honor three veterans and their wives from the Sepulveda Veterans' Administration Medical Center who are representative of the thousands of veterans still hospitalized and/or receiving out-patient treatment at the nearly 300 veterans hospitals through the nation.

The three wheel-chair veterans were brought front and center by their wives and introduced by Embree. Sam Oftrofsky and his wife Miriam related briefly his enlistment in New York in the fall of 1941 in the U.S. Army and his subsequent participation in the battles in Italy, including Anzio Beach where he was taken prisoner of war for 18 months. In a soft voice Oftrofsky thanked those attending for the help that hospitalized veterans were still receiving.

From behind her husband's wheelchair, Clara Kaminsky spoke for her husband Herb who, because of surgery in U.S. Army related injuries, had lost the power of speech. In three sentences she thanked the local sponsoring groups for their help.

Sial Saevitz and his wife June represented three branches of the services: U.S. Navy, U.S. Ma-



Mr. and Mrs. William Aupperlee, National Vice President, during introductions to the Grand March at the Military Ball which was held in Antelope Valley, CA and co-hosted by PHSA Chapter 18 and the Air Force Association.

rines and the U.S. Air Force. Saevitz told of serving in the South Pacific theater in most of the heavy battles including Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. His incapacity today is the result of stepping on a land mine 35 years ago and he spoke movingly of the help he had received through use of the occupational therapy kits that challenged him both physically and mentally during his long hospitalization.

The occupational therapy kits were on display at the convention center and the project was described by Lola Tracey, National Coordinator and liaison officer for Help Hospitalized Veterans. Tracey, a vivacious redheaded sexagenarian, enthusiastically advised that the thousands of kits distributed to veterans depend solely upon contributions.

Guest of honor for the evening was Gen. Truman H. Landon, USAF Retired, and Mrs. Landon from San Antonio, Texas. Gen. Landon was a major and commanding officer of the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, U.S. Army Air Corps. His

assignment on Dec. 6, 1941 was to re-establish his squadron from Albuquerque, N. Mexico to Clark AFB in the Philippines. For refueling they stopped in Hawaii, arriving at 8:25 a.m. on December 7 or thirty minutes after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor had begun.

Landon related that he lost one place in the Pearl Harbor attack... the plane to which Embree was assigned. But Embree had been switched in San Francisco to the newer Model E B-17 because as an aerial photographer, the new model B-17 had a compatible 24 volt electronic system for his cameras.

Honorary chairman for the first Military Ball was Maj. Gen. Philip J. Conley, Jr., Commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base. With Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Conley were Gen. and Mrs. Alton B. Slay, Air Force Systems Command at Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C. who renewed acquaintances with many friends during the evening.

The Blue Eagle Color Guard posted the colors in an impressive display to open the evening, and provided the saber arch and salute for the Grand March preceding the dancing.



AT THE BALL — It was time to recall old days Saturday evening when Lee Embree, left, and retired Air Force Gen. Truman H. Landon, now of San Antonio, Texas, met at the first annual military ball in AV Inn Convention Center. Embree, chairman of the ball, and Landon, were in the Flying Fortress squadron landing in Honolulu, Hawaii, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. The ball was jointly sponsored by AV chapters of the Air Force Association and Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. All proceeds were earmarked to benefit patients at Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital in west Los Angeles. — valley press photo.

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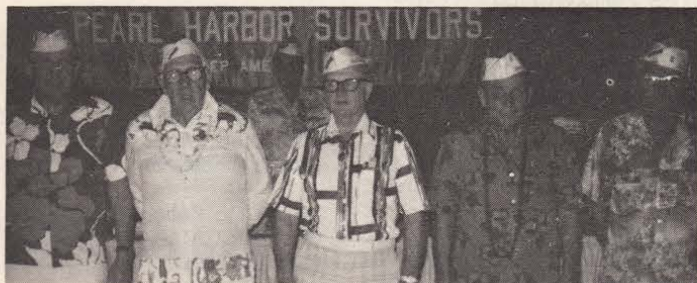
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Chapter Presidents after joint installation of officers at Antelope Valley Inn Convention Center in Lancaster, CA. Chapter 18 of Antelope Valley was the host Chapter for the installations. From left to right: Joe Nemish - Chapter 19,

Lake Isabella; Charles Fisk - Chapter 8, Antelope Valley; Lawrence McNabb - Chapter 8, Fresno; Ulnar Hart - Chapter 5, Bakersfield and Robert Campbell - Chapter 17, Ridgecrest, China Lake area.

Hilo Hattie ...

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Offstage, she was Clara Nelson, wife of violinist/ saxophonist Carlyle Nelson, who was sometimes featured with her in her long career. She lived with her husband at home in Kaaawa, where she liked to garden between performances.

Besides her husband, Hilo Hattie is survived by her brothers John and Simon Haili; sisters, Thelma N. Anaahu and Alice Nicholas; and a stepdaughter Gail Johnston of Calif.

Hilo was not from Hilo, nor was she really named Hattie. She was born Clarissa Haili in Honolulu on Oct. 28, 1901, but she called herself Clara. Later she took her

stage name from the 1932 song by Don McDiarmid, "When Hilo Hattie Does the Hilo Hop."

In 1948, in California she changed her name legally to Hilo Hattie, and she preferred to be called "Hilo", by her friends.

Interviewed often during her long career, she recalled that she first began singing for an audience in 1904.

"My mother was a practical nurse at Kapiolani Maternity Home," she told The Advertiser a few years ago. "When I was 2 1/2 years old, I used to follow her from bed to bed in the wards and sing to the babies and the mothers."

She said she was 100 percent Hawaiian and grew up on Liliha Street.

"I sang and danced

as any Hawaiian girl might," she recalled. "I had no teacher; I watched. "Then Hoapili Baker, our church choir leader, taught me to sing. He was strict, you bet, and I had to learn to sing by note."

Hilo's first job, when she was 16, was with The Honolulu Advertisers. She earned \$13 a week in the bindery department in 1917 when the newspaper was at King and Alakea Sts.

Later she attended the Territorial Normal School, and after her graduation she taught for 16 years in elementary schools at Ewa and Waipahu and on the Neighbor Islands.

Her pupils loved her, and she developed her own way of keeping them in line. If they behaved during the first part of the week, she performed her comic hulas for them on Friday.

Her career as Hilo Hattie may be traced to 1936, four years after her "Hilo Hop" was written.

ian Hotel.

"We didn't make any money singing," she said. "But somewhere along the line, I started kibitzing around with the comedy stuff."

Hilo became a favorite entertainer at parties and teachers' conventions. By 1937, she was featured at the Waialai Country Club and at other spots. Still she had no intention of turning professional.

In 1938, she told an interviewer: "Remember, I was a teacher before I was Hilo Hattie, and I'll teach long after they forget Hilo Hattie." But it was a poor prophecy. Her teaching days were almost over.

With her sparkling, mischievous eyes and the costume that became her life-long trademark — a coconut hat and a trailing holoku with a scarf tied low around her hips — she was in increasing demand in hotels and nightclubs.



Hattie does the hula in 1947, 1960, and 1975.

"In 1936, I went to a teachers' convention in Portland, Oregon," she recalled. "On the ship en route we rehearsed some songs, 'Hilo Hattie Does the Hilo Hop' was one of them."

While continuing to teach, Hilo also began singing with a group of homemakers, secretaries and teachers calling themselves the Royal Hawaiian Glee Club, performing mainly at the Royal Hawai-

But she said it was the Navy that brought her to national attention.

"In 1939, the Navy held maneuvers in Honolulu — both Atlantic and Pacific fleets," she recalled. "That's when my love affair with the military began."

That same year, she was booked into Vincent Astor's St. Regis Hotel in New York City, and the following year she return-

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New Members

The fourth 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 the (Membership Chairman):

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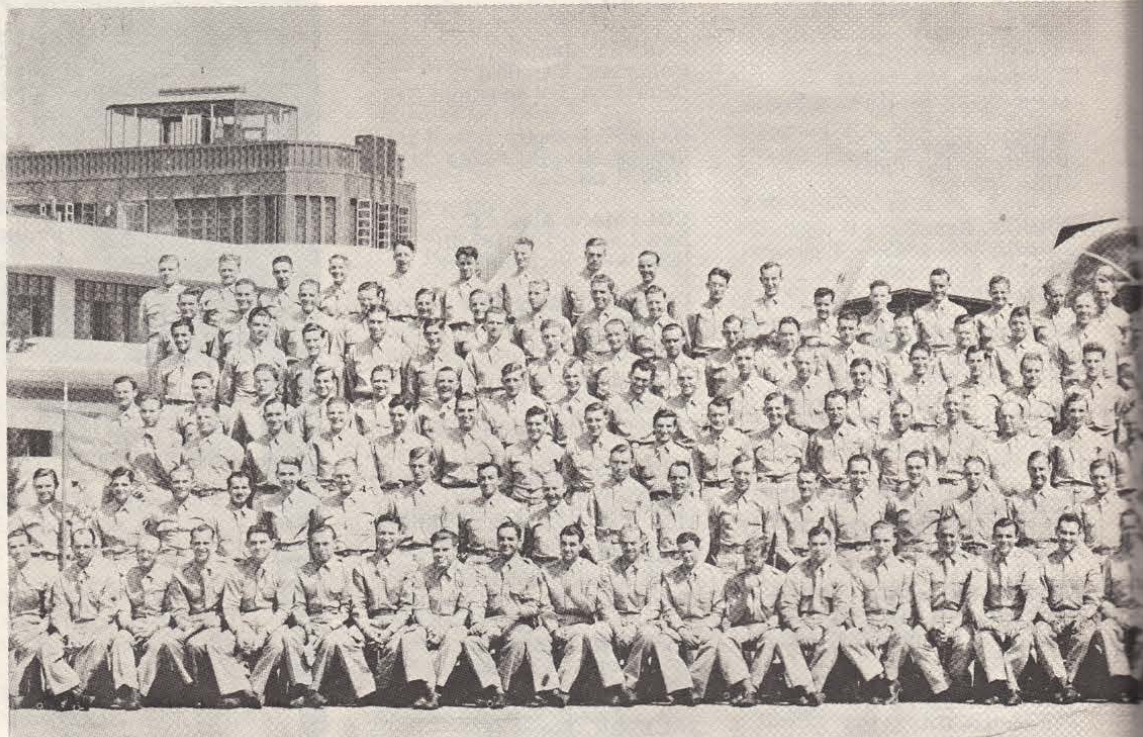
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At the end of my first year as Vice President and Membership Chairman I want to congratulate those who have recruited new members into our most unique organization. Also want to thank all members for the warm welcome and courtesies extended Jeanne and I on our visits to your District Conventions. State functions and of course all chapter meetings. More of the same in 1980. Pearl Harbor Survivors are the greatest... If you aren't an active member, you don't know what you're missing...
William E. Aupperlee

Resolution Notice 1980 Convention

All resolutions that will be presented to the National Convention in Orlando, Florida must be postmarked no later than July 1, 1980 and submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Gerald Glaubitz, 4507 Maple Rd., Morningside, MD. 20023.

They must also be on PHSA Form - 3 - Resolution and completed as prescribed in the PHSA Blue Book.



Notes from National Secretary

Some of the Chapters that have been sent New Handbook inserts are still using old forms, please destroy old ones and submit new up to date ones. If you have not received your new inserts please let me know. At this printing there are still about thirty Chapters who have not sent me their Handbook report on how many is held in the Chapter, I can't send out new inserts without this report.

Minutes of the Chapter Business meetings may be submitted quarterly.

Thanks to all those Chapters who have been sending in their reports, this has helped me very much in bringing my records up to date. Remember the death report is very important to all so please submit it as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP PHSA

"During the twelve months ended September 30, 1979 National Treasurer Jesse Pond:

Processed 455 new membership applications—

Secured the records of 89 members who passed away—

Dropped 265 members for non-payment of dues (notified each State Chairman)

Reinstated 178 members who had dropped out of the Association—

Removed 56 names from the mailing list for incorrect addresses—and

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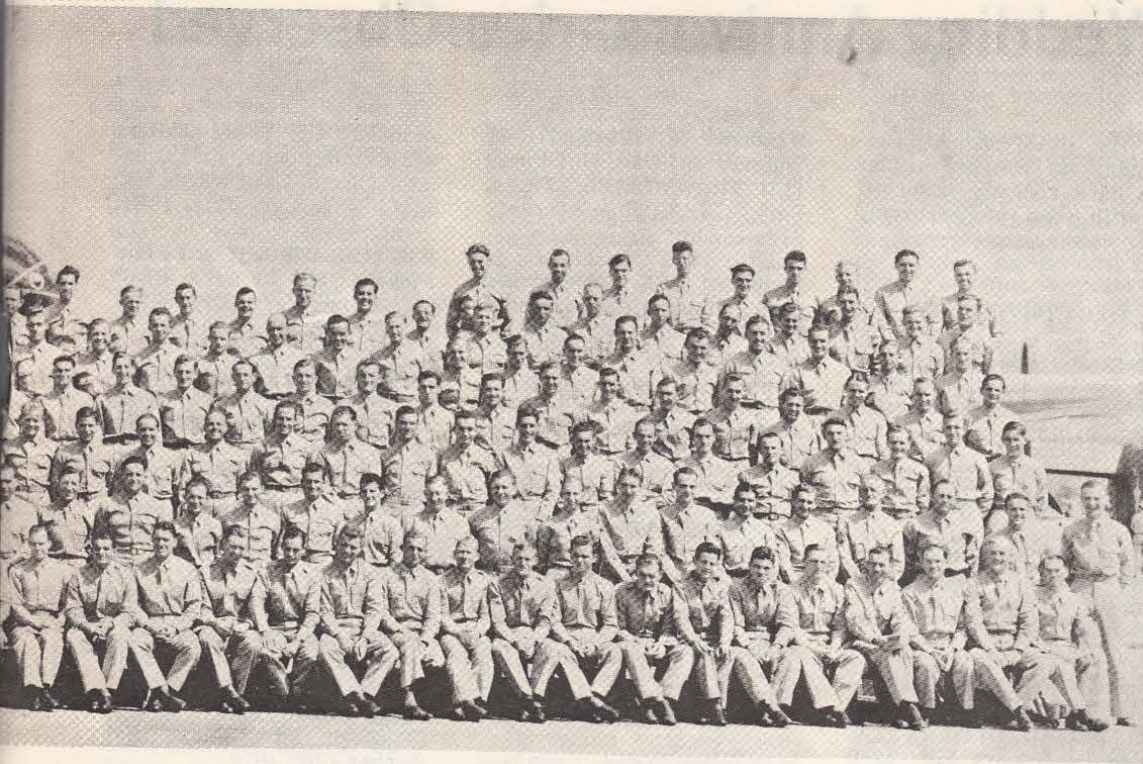
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- Mays, Howard J.
- McCrea, Clinton K.
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- McRoberts, James H.
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- Miller, Raymond A.
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Attached

Tech. Sgt. Gerhardt E. Schulte

ANNUAL DUES

The National Treasurer has mailed out all of the unpaid annual members 1980 dues bills as of December 1st, 1979.

Please allow some time between the mailing of your check and the receipt of your membership card as there are more than 4,000 to process.

Letter to President Carter

Dear Mr. President:

We the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, wish to congratulate you on the action that you have taken in the Iranian Hostage situation. Your action, thus far, has proven to us that no longer will we tolerate the actions of other governments who violate the rights of our people and who try to intimidate the United States of America. It is time that our government take a stand, that no one has the power or the right to jeopardize the lives of our citizens.

Let us hope and pray that the Iranian government will release the hostages, if they do not, the United States must take immediate and decisive action against the Iranian government and its people.

Yours respectfully,
Thomas E. Decker
National President
Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Inc.

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Fellow Pearl Harbor Survivors:

Memories of happy times shared throughout this past year with you, my fellow Survivors will long be remembered. The friendship and hospitality shown by you makes it all worthwhile. May each and everyone of you and your families have a most joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thomas E. Decker
National President PHSA

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:

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Son of: William R. Holcomb
Hickam Field

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390 SMW/DOV
Davis - Monthan AFB
Tucson, AZ 85707
Son of: Basil Kuzdenyi
USS Ralph Talbot

Dr. Rhett K. Rainey
(Capt. - U.S. Army MC)
Letterman Army Med. Center
Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129
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USS Honolulu

James A. French FTGC
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and

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Sons of: Alan H. French
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and

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dc. 23rd Engr. BN.
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Sons of: Bob Grogan
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Schofield Bks.

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Son of: Arglus L. Clark
USS Pennsylvania

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

45th ANNIVERSARY

Robert R. (USS Oglala) and Rae Davis, 831 Forest Hill Ct., Macon, GA. 31210 — August 29th, 1979.

40th ANNIVERSARY

Steve J. (USS California) and Irene Pechac, 17846 N. 20th Phoenix, AZ. 85022 — November 4th, 1979.

Morris "Willie" (Submarine Base) and Mary Williamson, P.O. Box 237, Granbury, TX. 76048 — January 14th, 1980

35th Anniversary

Mike (Schofield Bks.) and Mildred Godumski, 345 Riley St., Sugar-Notch, Wilkes-Barre, PA. 18706 — November 11th, 1979.

Clint (USS Tennessee) and Velma Chamber, 1299 Lynwood, Boulder City, NV. 89005 — December 6th, 1979.

Harold (USS Hull) and Katie Miller, Box 274, Lame Deer, MT. 59043 — April 9th, 1980.

Robert P. (USS Curtiss) and Letha Mullins, 3702 Atoll St., San Diego, CA. 92111 — January 26th, 1980.

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FPO San Francisco, CA 96601
Son of: Ralph Van Fleet
USS California

Gary A. Pearson CMM
2108 Saratoga St.
Beeville, TX 78102
Son of: George Pearson
USS Detroit

Lt. Jg. J.A. McDermott Jr.
USN VP-9
c/o FPO
San Francisco, CA 96601
Son of: J.A. McDermott, Sr.
USS San Francisco

Woodson A. (Chubby) (USS Whitnet) and Catherine Houze, 1131 Stonybrook Rd., Forest Park, GA. 30050 — February 24th, 1980.

Kenneth (USS Schley) and Ruth Detert, 9708 Tullamoor Dr., St. Louis, MO. 63136 — February 20th, 1980.

Elmer A. (Schofield Bks.) and Jaunita Flick, R. R. 3 Box 59 RA, Brownsburg, IN — September 10th, 1980.

John (Fort Shafter) and Ruby Stofflet, 128 Pearl St., Charlotte, MI. 48813 — January 6th, 1980.

James (USS Argonne) and Alma Jean Allen Jr., 17940 Mayfield, Livonia, MI. 48152 — March 7th, 1980.

John (Schofield Bks.) and Dorothy Demos, 1410 Barron Lake Rd., Niles, MI. 49120 — April 9th, 1980.

Robert (USS Nevada) and Betty Gursky, 31718 Carlisle St., Wayne, MI. 48184 — April 20th, 1980.

Clarence (Fort Ruger) and Florence Witter, RR 1 Box 296-D, Sebawaing, MI. 48759 — November 5th, 1979.

Warren (Wheeler Field) and Ellen Carlson, 505 Mark Ave. Flushing, MI. 48433 — December 30th, 1979.

Ledrew L. (Wheeler Field) and Mackie McAplin, Rt 2, Booneville, MS. 38829 — January 8th, 1980.

Woodrow (Fort Shafter) and Hazel McDonald, 158 Groveland Ave., Manchester, NH. 03103 — November 25th, 1979

Cliveous E. (USS West Virginia) and Ethel Grider, Groom Creek Route, Prescott, AZ. 86301 — November 28th, 1979.

Billy B. (55th C/A, Fort Ruger) and Betty Schrader, 620 So. Madison, Webb City, MO. 64870 — March 29th, 1980.

James A. (98th C/A Schofield Bs.) and Helen Nasser, 614 Cleary Ave., Metairie, LA. 70001 — January 24th, 1979.

Armand "Cy" (Fort Shafter) and Cecile Poulin, 4592 Gladiator Circle, Lake Worth, FL. 33463 — January 13th, 1980.

Hall (USS Whitney) and Elsie Pickard, 867 N. Lamb Blvd. Sp. 28, Las Vegas, NV. 89110 — February 7th, 1980.

Bernard (USS Dale) and Pauline Duchateau, Route 5, Green Bay, Wis. 54303 — April 7th, 1980.

Wilton O. (USS Curtis) and Mildred Kreinhedar, 1102 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 — February 2, 1980.

30th ANNIVERSARY

Andrew (Schofield Bs.) and Jean Carol, 4210 Charles, Dearborn, MI. 48126 — November 12th, 1979.

Paul (USS Vestal) and Julia Petersen, 212 Henry St., Coldwater, MI. 49036 — February 9th, 1980.

Hilburn J. (17th Air Base, Hickam Field) and Emily Burris, 407 West Ave. N., McComb, MS. 39648 — November 11th, 1979.

J. W. (USS Vega) and Simeral, 1243 Greenwood Ave. So., Apt. B-205 Clearwater, FL. 33516 — October 23rd, 1979.

arl M. (USS Phoenix) and Lois Wolff, 412 Thomas Ave., Cocoa, FL. 32922 — December 27th, 1979.

Joseph (Schofield Bs.) and Genevieve Gibula, 2427 N. Lowell Ave., Chicago, IL. 60639 — November 24th, 1979.

Wally (USS Utah) and Muriel France, 5016 Petit Ave., Encino, CA. 91316 — December 4th, 1979.

25th ANNIVERSARY

Frank F. (USS Nevada) and Annie Barros, 1056 Topaz Ct. Manteca, CA. 95336 — February 24th, 1980.

Alfred (U.S. Submarine Base) and Juanita Ause, 955 Edmund Ave., Saint Paul, MN. 55104 — October 23rd, 1979.

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The Peninsula Chapter 3 in the State of Virginia has re-elected to a 2nd term as their State Chairman, James C. Martin. James will continue to work for the betterment of PHSA an assist you survivors in the Virginia/D.C. area anyway he can to make this a greater Association.

Four PHSA Chapters are in the area of Virginia and Washington D.C. with the following Presidents. D.C. Area — Adolph Czerwenka, Chapter 1 - Richard Erickson, Chapter 2 - Frank Henkel, Chapter 3 - and Joseph Walters, Chapter 4.

The Virginia/D.C. District Convention was held last June in Norfolk, VA., and was a great success. There were 260 survivors and guests at the banquet and all four National Officers were present. State Chairman says, that all credit for the success of this convention should go to Harry Hopkins and his committee.

On December 7, 1979 Chapter 1 held their Memorial services at the Navy Chapel on Nebraska Ave., in Washington D.C. with services starting at 8:00 p.m. and sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association.

Chapter 2 held Memorial services and a banquet at the Fort Story Officers Club, in Fort Story, VA.

For the past two years the U.S. Army, at Fort Monroe, VA. has sponsored their Memorial Services and again this year were hosts to members and guests of Chapter 3. Services were held on the Parade Grounds at Fort Monroe. Services were followed by a luncheon at the Officers Club.

Down in the big state of Texas, State Chairman, Bill Harris reports that he delivered copies of the December 7th Proclamation issued by Texas Governor, William Clements to all chapter representatives who were present at the Texas State meeting in Praha, TX., on November 11th. The membership voted unanimously to hold the 1980 State Convention in the Dallas/Fort Worth area during the last weeks of May or the first two weeks of June. Duke Bolen, President of North Central Chapter 4 and his members will host the 1980 convention. Also during the month of November the Praha community and St. Marys Catholic Church, scheduled a special Mass for Father Marcus A. Valenta our National PHSA Catholic Chaplain, who has served over 50 years in his faith and community... Congratulations "Fa-

ther Valenta" for a job well done, and the prayers of all PHSA go with you.

Sam Jacinto Chapter 3 met for a covered dish meal at the League City Elks Lodge in August with 20 members and friends being present. Plans were made for their December 7th memorial services and banquet which were held at Sonny Look's.

Over in Corpus Christi Chapter 5 there was much activity from the months of April and May. It was picnic time in West Guth Park, but due to the weather being so hot, they voted not to hold any more outside meetings during the summer months. The food was great, but "Oh" that heat. Several members and their families attended the Freer Rattlesnake Round-up during the month of April and then participated in the Buccaneer Days Festivities Parade. All members rode who participated in the Falfurries, Watermelon Festival Parade, in Jack Connolly's truck.

In Austin Chapter 6 they held their August meeting at the L & R Cafe in Georgetown. They had an excellent Cat-fish lunch with everyone enjoying the comradeship which followed after the lunch and meeting.

Long Island Chapter 135 held their first meeting of the year (1979) this past September at the Massapequa, American Legion Post. Correspondence was read to the membership on the 8th District Executive Board meeting, which was held at Waukegan, ID. from the 14th through the 16th of September. Also during the month of September the Fall Conference was held in Portland, Main.

President Riffle gave a report on Radio Controlled Model Ships and Boat contest which was sponsored by the Huntington Nautical Festival and hosted by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The age group of these youngsters is from 14 through 17 and the program covers over 10,000 cadets.

On December 9th, 1979 Chapter members along with the AM Vets of Post 88 in Massapequa, participated in the annual Pearl Harbor Day Ceremonies at the Long Island National Cemetery, in Pinelawn. The Chapter Color Guard was there to present colors.

Down the coast from Long Island and to Atlanta, Georgia, Bob Kerr reports that the Atlanta Chapter held their

Remembrance Banquet at Fort McPherson Officers Club on the evening of December 7th.

The "Courage in Adversity" award was presented to Mr. Tommy Clack with the guest speaker for the evening being, The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Representative, of the Sixth Congressional District. Following the ceremonies PHSA members, wives, Honored Guests and friends, enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment and dancing.

Earlier that morning Memorial Services were held at the Georgia State Capital. There were selections by the FORSCOM Army Band, remarks by Governor George Busbee and a proclamation by the governor, then a flyover by planes from Dobbins Air Force Base.

The Memorial Services were well covered by the local Radio and TV Stations with personal interviews. The Chapter wishes to thank Pat McIntyre and the Commemoration Committee for all the hard work that was done to make this program such a huge success. "Thanks Gang".

The Atlanta has been quite active during the fall and winter months, with meetings in September at the Western-Sizzling Steak House, in Forest Park. The 1980 National Convention in Orlando, FL. was discussed. Atlanta will be making a strong bid for the 1984 National Convention to be held in Atlanta, GA.

Heading out west to the State of Missouri and Chapter 1. Their 16th Anniversary Dinner/DANCE was a complete sellout with not one ticket left for the late arrivals. But they were accommodated and everyone joined in for a gala evening. Bobby Dietz and his orchestra furnished the music and the food was excellent and plentiful. Liquid refreshments abounded and it was just one enjoyable evening for Chapter 1 and their friends.

A "Big Thank You" goes out from all Chapter members to Hank and Lillian Bergel for a terrific job and a "Well Done".

Les Hutnick Chapter Editor of the Missouri Newsletter, wishes to ask all of its members, to please inform him of any changes in addresses. Its mighty hard to keep up with you survivors if you don't leave a forwarding address. This is true throughout PHSA. Send in those changes.

A Proclamation was issued by Mayor Jim Conway of St. Louis, and County Executive Gene McNary, proclaim-

ing December 7th, "A Day of Remembrance.

December 7th, Memorial Services were held by Missouri Chapter 1, aboard the Sergeant Floyd which was moored at the riverfront near the south leg of the Arch in St. Louis. On December 2nd, 1979 PHSA members of Chapter 1 placed flags on the graves of their departed survivors.

The Illinois State Convention in Ladd was held on September 8th at the American Legion Post, this was their 16th annual Convention. Northern ILLINOIS Chapter 1 was the host chapter with Henry "Hank" Ellerbrock (USS West Virginia) being the convention chairman.

Illinois State Chairman Szewerlenko introduced Mayor Harry Volant who gave a special welcome to survivors their wives and friends. National President Tom Decker was introduced to those present, along with 5th District Director, Dave Briner. Dave presented an American Flag with certificate stating the Flag had flown above the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor on August 4th, 1979, to Commander Jerry Phillippeau and one to Henry and Elmira Ellerbrock for their outstanding services to the survivors of Illinois and for their high standards of Americanism.

The evening banquet was held at the Paramount Club of LaSalle. Entertainment was by the Clarion Kitchen Band comprising ten active ladies—singing and playing their favorite kitchen instrument. Dancing followed the entertainment.

A special breakfast was held on Sunday at the American Legion Post for those that stayed overnight. The Rev. Father Will Kirk, O.S.B. held special Mass for our deceased Pearl Harbor Survivors.

On December 8th Illinois Chapter 1 held Memorial Services at the Consolidated Open Mess, (Officers/Chiefs Club), U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. Services started at 11:45 a.m. with presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, then a selection by the Blue Jackets Choir. Greetings were given by Illinois Chapter 1 President Wesley Bott, Memorial Address, Presentation of Memorial Wreath, then the sounding of taps and the closing benediction. Following the ceremonies, all those present had lunches of Teriyaki Steak with rice, salad, hot rolls, coffee or tea.

Illinois Chapters 2 and 3 combined their efforts for a dinner - meeting on the 1st of December at the Elks

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Lodge in Charleston, IL. There was a short meeting followed by dinner, with those present enjoying Rib Eye Steak, with baked potato and all the trimmings. After dinner they all enjoyed the music of the Misty Combo for an evening of dancing.

Over Indiana way comes news from the Hoosier Chapters 1 and 2. On December 8th Chapter 1 held a Buffet Royale Dinner at the King's Table in Indianapolis, IN. Then on December 7th, Chapter 2 held Memorial Services at the Highway of Flags-Servicemen Memorial, in Highland, IN.

John Berlier reports that the Indiana State Convention at the Merrillville Holiday Inn was impressive, productive, with exciting entertainment and fun. Congratulations and thanks go out to members of Chapter 2 for doing such a tremendous job. Elected to the position of Indiana State Chairman was Charles Duval.

Up in Michigan and from Charlie McClelland comes lots of news about PHSAs. Memorial Services and Banquet were held on December 7th, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Detroit, MI., and the banquet later that evening at the Livonin, Holiday Inn.

Guest personalities for the Memorial Services, were: Michigan State Senator, John C. Hertel, Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, (Pastor of Mariners' Church), Admiral L. E. Landes, SC, USNR and City of Detroit Mayor, Coleman A. Young.

Back in September the Wolvering Chapter held their meeting at the Camelot Tr. Park in Grand Rapids. The business meeting and the workshop session by the ladies of the chapter were noteworthy which was followed by an excellent potluck cookout. Reports from the meeting were given by George Campbell on the site and selection for the 1980 reunion. The site and time for the reunion has been referred to the State Office of PHSAs for approval. More on this later. The ladies are working hard on projects for the coming year, but need all the help they can get for the upcoming reunion.

In November the Motor City Chapter held a special election to fill the office of Vice President and the position of one trustee. The present Vice President, Edward Wells (Schofield Bks.) is retiring and soon will be moving to the State of Florida. Their November meeting

was held at the Moose Lodge in Ypsilanti.

Many members from both Chapters attend the Pennsylvania State Convention and the Indiana State Convention. A reminder to one and all of the Spring Convention for the State of Michigan which will be held in Cadillac at the Caberfae Lodge. Hoping you all had a Merry Christmas and wishing each and every survivor and their families a very "Happy New Year".

Getting back to the mid-west area of this great country we receive news from the Iowa State Chairman, Jim Clark the they have combined their two chapters and have adopted the name of IOWA-HAWKEYE COMBINED CHAPTERS.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: President - Russel Neal of Council Bluffs, 1st Vice President - Donald Jungk of Dubuque, 2nd Vice President - Jerome Schenkelberg of Carroll, Secretary/Treasurer - Herbert Hansen of Elkhorn, Trustee's - Lawrence Fredrickson of Ottosen, Marvin Smit of Perry and Joseph Bagen of Cedar Rapids.

The above officers were sworn in by State Chairman Jim Clark on December 7th, 1979 at the AMVETS Post No. 2 in Des Moines. Services were held in conjunction with the meeting at the Woodlawn Cemetery with both Radio and TV coverage.

Jim wishes to remind all of PHSAs of the 5th District Convention for 1980, which will be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa on June 27th through the 29th. The convention committee will be co-chaired by Russ Neal and Herb Hansen with convention headquarters at the Holiday Inn.

Heading out west to the State of Utah, Art Buell sends in a sorry to the GRAM that might be of interest to you survivors and actually happened at one of their recent meetings. (As you all know Utah is a dry State, and predominately Mormon). They were having their regular meeting at a local restaurant in Salt Lake City, in a private room. One of the survivors went out to get something, and overheard this conversation: "Our waitress, a young girl, asked the chef: 'What's a Pearl Harbor Survivor?'" The Chef answered, "Those fellows in there were all bombed." The waitress indignantly replied, "No they're not, they're just drinking a little bit!"

The latest report from Utah only takes us up to No-

vember and their thanksgiving meeting which was held at the Chuck-A-Rama in Salt Lake City. It was Roast Beef Buffet at its best, and everyone giving thanks for all the blessings that they have received through the years.

Out where it all began in the blue Pacific and the Hawaiian Islands with Chapter 1 and their newsletter the Pukupahi some items of interest. On December 7th they held their installation dinner at the Hickam Field Officers Club in the Polynesian Room. This followed after sunset services aboard the USS Arizona.

During the months of November and December there were many friends, survivors and their families who visited the islands and the Aloha Chapter. There are to many to list in this space but they all received a warm "MAHALO!"

During the month of November it was meeting time at the home of Ike and Ann Sutton, and a marvelous time was had by all.

A special note to all those survivors who purchased "Next of Kin Flags" from the National Cemetery of the Pacific. They have requested that the Aloha Chapter contact all the recipients to determine if they would like to donate their flag for display on the Avenue of Flags at the Punchbowl Cemetery? There will be a plaque with the names of all who donate their flag for this Avenue of Flags. If you wish to comply, please contact - Mr. Ernest C. Schanze, Director, Punchbowl Cemetery, Hawaii or call 546-3190.

Officers for the coming year in the Aloha Chapter are: President - Lynn Robinson, Vice President - Jow Arruda, Secretary - George Williams, Treasurer - Hilory Jones, Trustee's - Walt Andrews, Al Brown, Roy Matthews and Ken Murray. State Chairman - "Ski" Garbuschewski.

Meetings for January and February will be held at the Flamingo Chuckwagon on Kapiolani Blvd. on the 10th and the Embers in February which is located at the CPO Club at the Navy-Marine Golf Course.

From the islands and Aloha Chapter 1 a "Happy New Year" and ALOHA UNTIL THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE GRAM.

Back to the coast and the mainland and all the way to sunny Florida with Miami-Dade Chapter 8. Members of chapter 8 spent a busy Memorial Holiday in memory

of our fallen comrades. On May 28th, 1979 at the invitation of the City of Hialeah, the American Legion Post and the Hialeah DAV Chapter 43, memorial services were held at Triangle Park. The principal speaker was "His Honor Florida Supreme Court Jurist Joseph Boyd, standing in for Congressman Claude Pepper. Chapter 8 lead by President Bernard Lensky presented the Chapter Flag and Memorial Wreath. Other services were held later at Vista Memorial Park Cemetery. During the ceremonies the City of Hialeah presented a scroll to President Bernard Lensky in behalf of the Association.

On the 30th of May President Lensky and other members of chapter 8 traveled to memorial services which were held in Miami Beach under the direction of the American Legion Post 85 of Miami. The principal speaker for these services was: Brig. Gen. William E. Cooper, Jr. Commander, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Homestead AFB., Florida.

Representative William Lehman, Dem. FLORIDA presented an American Flag to Chapter 8 which flew over the Capital on June 1979, during their August meeting.

Up in the New England States the Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts held their annual Lulu at the Diamond Head Restaurant in November. There was an appetizer platter for everyone along with chicken fingers, Jumbo shrimps, Egg Rolls, Pork Strips and Spareribs, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Lobster Sauce, Chicken Chow Mein, Roast Pork with Fried Rice plus dessert. After this filling Lulu Dinner there was entertainment and dancing until the wee hours of the morning and from all the reports we have received it was a gala affair.

November was a busy month for the Bay Patriots Chapter members and their wives, also participating in the Veterans Day Parade in Natick, and then in December attending Memorial Services and Mass at St. James Church in Salem. And last but not least their monthly meeting was held at the CPO Club at the South Weymouth Air Force Base with everyone enjoying a Roast Beef Buffet Dinner. Host for this meeting were Aime and Louise Arsenault and did a wonderful job. Frank Duseault volunteered to fill out the term of retiring Sydney Robinson as Chapter Treasurer.

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Staying up in the north eastern section of the country, the Pine Tree Chapter of Maine returned to Brunswick Naval Air Station for their Memorial meeting and get-together on the morning of December 2nd, 1979. This marked the 5th time that they have held Memorial Services at Brunswick. Capt. Henry S. Parker, Jr., Ret., USNR was their host for the services and the brunch that followed. After the morning services they all enjoyed watching an official Navy film, "The Pacific Boil Over" which was one of the famous Victory at Sea series depicting the events of Pearl Harbor 1941.

On December 7th members and their wives attended a special Navy League commemorative dinner meeting at the Officers Club, BNAS, with Vice Adm. Rapp, USN Ret., as the guest speaker.

Chapter President J. H. Brilliant and Ed Perry, State Secretary / Treasurer have been appointed to arrange and make plans for this years Spring Meeting at the CPO Club in Brunswick, Naval Air Station.

Arkansas Chapter 1 held their Memorial Program this year on December 1st at the Coachman's Inn. This has been a central meeting place for the Arkansas Chapter 1 members for many years because of their hospitality, the quality food, service and convenience. The evening affair and program was a huge success with members from all over the State being present. During the evening there was an exchange of Christmas gifts, with some surprises, but this only added to the festivities.

Hank Retzloff has announced that he will be stepping down as Chapter President after 61 1/2 years of faithful duty to his members. Taking over from Hank will be Angelo Belotti and he asks the members to give Angelo the support and hard work that they have given him over these past years. Hank says you are a great bunch of survivors and all your wives are just wonderful. "God Bless" each and everyone of you. When Hank took over as president 6 1/2 years ago there were only 27 members in the chapter, today there are 92, with 145 survivors throughout the State of Arkansas.

On Veterans Day Chapter members along with other Veteran Groups participated in services on the Capitol steps along with the 106th

Army Band of the Arkansas National Guard. State Chairman Paul Ross along with Chapter 1 represented the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Out on the westcoast and in the State of Oregon, the Willamette Valley Chapter has elected new officers for the coming year and are as follows: President - Warren Lane of Springfield, Vice President - Dick Ames of Eugene, Secretary / Treasurer - Roland Eberhardt of Eugene, Trustee's - Jean Rasor of Albany, Taylor Leedy of Albany and Thomas Taylor of Eugene. Appointed to the positions of Chaplain and Chapter Historian were Bob Rose and Robert Dahl.

The Willamette Valley Chapter meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at various locations throughout the Valley.

Down in sunny Arizona and the Howard E. Brannon Chapter of Phoenix comes word that they have been quite active throughout the year and during the month of November they held their meeting at the Villa De Paz Country Club Restaurant and Lounge in Phoenix. This was a social meeting with the big topic up for discussion their up coming December 7th ceremonies at the Arizona Memorial Anchor.

These services are an annual affair with special guests each year being survivors from the USS Arizona on that memorable day 38 years ago on December 7th, 1941. The Arizona Anchor is located on the State Capitol Grounds in Phoenix. These Memorial Services are quite impressive and if any of you survivors are in the State of Arizona on December 7th, this is one event that should never be missed. Just let the Howard E. Brannon Chapter members know that you are a survivor and a member of PHSAs and they will show you the time of your life.

Back on the eastcoast once again, we have received word from National Capitol Chapter 1 of their past events for 1979. Going way back to the summer months they held their annual picnic which was "togetherness". The weather was foul and this was the uniform of the day, "Foul Weather Gear". But the relentless wind and rain did little to

daunt the fellowship, so it was inside after awhile at the Moore's home with each and everyone gathering around the hearth to absorb a bit of the heat coming forth. During this storm several members of the Moore family ventured out on the river to secure a boat and when they didn't return immediately there was much concern, but everything turned out well and a enjoyable afternoon was had by one and all. It was steamed crab, and with all the other trimmings that go to make a delicious picnic dinner.

Chapter 1 reports that Jim Martin of Chapter 2 will be their new State Chairman for the coming year.

On the night of December 7th Chapter members, their wives and friends attended Memorial Services hosted by the Fleet Reserve Association in the Naval Chapel. It was an evening to remember.

On December 7th the Louisiana PHSAs members held their Memorial Services at Saint Christophers Church in Metairie, LA. The Rev. Andrew C. Taolmina officiated. After mass members of the chapter met with the school children of St. Christophers and showed them slides of Pearl Harbor attack and answered many questions for these 7th and 8th graders.

That evening at their annual reunion there was election of officers for the coming year with the following survivors being installed: President - Charles Swain, Vice President - William Groh, Secretary - Edward Jones, Treasurer - James Nasser, Trustee's - Nolan Albarado, August Erbs and Robert Shaw. State Chairman will be Troy Adams Jr.

Chapter member Bill Groh was asked to be the guest speaker at a luncheon for the Federal Business Association at the Saxony Restaurant on December 6th and represented the chapter and PHSAs.

Down in Florida once again and with our fellow survivor and dear friend "Sarge" Cook. Sarge keeps saying that he is through and tired and also had enough, but when the bell rings he is out there in center ring asking for more punishment. "Sarge" has been re-elected to his sixth consecutive term as Florida State Chairman at the 6th District Convention in Charleston, SC. He wishes to thank those who backed

and reelected him to office and will do as he has in past years, his very best for the State of Florida and PHSAs.

He has also undertaken the task as National Convention Chairman for the 1980 convention in Orlando, FL. For those new members in PHSAs the convention headquarters will be at the Sheraton Twin Towers and run from the 3rd through the 8th of December. Sarge says don't dilly-dally around, get those reservations in now. There are still many committee spots to fill so "Sarge" asks those of you in and around the Orlando area and even those of you that live in Florida to please step forward and lend a hand. This should be one of the biggest and best National Conventions to date, so don't be left out.

The USCG Taney the only ship that was at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941 and still on active duty will be visiting the Fort Lauderdale area.

North Carolina Chapter 1 of PHSAs, held their December Memorial Meeting on the 8th, at the Susse Chalet Motor Lodge in Lumberton, NC.

The Hosts for the meeting was Ralph H. Singletary of Lumberton, and Leo Hester of Bladenboro. There were 39 survivors, wives and friends in attendance for the meeting which was followed by a social hour then dinner. Guest speaker for the evening was Sam Smith 6th District Director.

Officers were installed for the coming year and are as follows: President - Plato Jacobs, Vice President - Hayward Jeffries, Sect./Treas. - Homer Williams, Trustee's - Bill Crayton, Ernest Clayton and Charles M. McBryde in the North Carolina State Chairman.

A Proclamation was presented by the Governor of North Carolina, proclaiming December 7th, 1979 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

On Sunday December 2nd, 1979, 20 survivors along with 80 other community members gathered at the Milwaukee Memorial Center on the Lake Front to honor our departed comrades. These memorial services were jointly sponsored by the Wisconsin PHSAs and the Navy Club of the U.S.A. This was one of the largest groups in attendance since the year 1966. Navy Captain Julie J. DiLorenzo,

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Commander Navy Recruiting for the Midwest was the guest speaker. Here are some of her comments: "Our unreadiness at Pearl Harbor was caused by failure of a remarkably well informed government to anticipate the hostile moves of a nearby warring nation. Surprise, when it happens to a government... shocks us into the startling realization that our system had somehow failed. At Pearl Harbor, this failure included neglect of responsibility and responsibility so poorly defined or so ambiguously delegated that action got lost. Gaps in intelligence and intelligence that was too sensitive to give it to those who needed it. Our failure not only included the careless watchman, but also the one who knows he'll be in trouble if he gets his seniors out of bed. It included the contingencies that occur to no one, and those that everyone assumes somebody else is taking care of. Not only did it include straightforward procrastination, but also decision hindered by interal disagreement. Our failure included the inability of some of our leaders to rise to the occasion until they were sure that it was the occasion - which, by then, was too late".

A wreath was thrown on Lake Michigan from a Marine Corps helicopter, with Ms. DiLorenzo continuing: "Where have we gone in the 38 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Have we learned from our mistakes? Could it happen again? We must face the question of whether we in America will be able to maintain our superiority - which is extremely vital if we are to keep the sea lanes open in the western world-or will we become a second-rate sea power in the mid 1980's?"

"Its something to think about fellow survivors!"

As stated in the October GRAM, the California Mini News is now being written by Leon Forbes, Editor of the state publication - THE CALIFORNIA SURVIVOR. Events will be summarized, with the emphasis on those items of interest to the GRAM readers in the other forty-nine states. Detailed coverage of state news will be published in the SURVIVORS, which will be published quarterly, but offset six weeks from the GRAM publishing date. Now, on with the Mini News...

Like most of the chapters in the other forty-nine states,

seventeen out of the 25 California chapters have been busy with the election and installation of new officers, participating in Veterans Day and December 7th ceremonies and activities, plus enjoying the festivities of the holiday season. First, let's take a look at the northern half of the state...

On October 6, the Northern California Joint Chapters meeting was held in Sutter Hill American Legion Hall. It was hosted by the Motherlode Chapter (26) and chaired by Douw MacHaffie, Vice State Chairman North. Thirty-eight Survivors and a like number of wives and guests, representing nine of the 13 northern chapters attended. The Motherlode members are to be congratulated on arranging an outstanding weekend.

The scheduled activities of the various chapters were discussed and coordinated where possible; this being the primary purpose of joint chapter meetings. Other subjects discussed, which should be of interest to all chapters, included:

— Chapters expediting death and illness information to the State Chaplain as soon as possible.

— Involving and/or reinvolving widows in PHSA activities.

— Indoctrinating new members. Each chapter should have a regular program, with assigned personnel, to review the chapter's history and its objectives.

— Chapters should fulfill their obligations to State and National administrations by complying with the rules concerning the submittal of forms in a timely manner.

Oh yes, Harry Fessler, President of Chapter 23, got straightened out on the fact that the Destroyer, USS Carpenter DD-825, is a "SHIP," not a "Boat!" I don't know about these "wagon sailors?"

Veterans Day - Of note in the upper state were Chapters Two (San Francisco Bay Area) and Seven (Santa Clara Valley) who marched in the Albany Veterans Day Parade. Hank Freitas, State Chairman, joined the State Officers of the numerous Veterans Organizations in leading the parade in chauffeured cars. The joint PHSA Chapters marching unit won a FIRST PLACE TROPHY. Yeh Team...

Down in Fresno, Chapter Eight had a small, but highly visible, contingent in the Veterans Day Parade and are doing their share to keep PHSA in the public's eye.

Veterans Day is always a big day with lots of work for Chapter Sixteen (Hayne L. Moyer) as they put up the 537 plus Flags for the AVENUE OF FLAGS at the Golden Gate National Cemetery (See July 79 GRAM). Later they fold and stow them all.

December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day - Nearly all chapters participated in Memorial Services of some kind and a lot of them provided speakers at High Schools and clubs. (A FACT GUIDE was published in the State Newsletter for just this reason) Almost without exception, the presentations were well received.

What is becoming an annual event in the Bay Area is the USS Carpenter Cruise and Memorial Service. This is organized by Chapter Two with Chapters 13 & 16 participation. This consists of a bay cruise, Memorial Services, and luncheon aboard ship.

Another event, which is becoming a ritual in the north country, is the lighting of the beacon on Mt. Diablo at sundown on 7 December. This is a Chapter 13 event with Chapter Sixteen joining in.

The southland followed the same basic pattern as our northern friends did. Most events were keyed to either Veterans Day activities or December 7th. There were numerous installation ceremonies which will be covered in the SURVIVOR. There was also one event, which was not related to a veterans function, which I think is very newsworthy. Those chapters who have trouble raising a little money, pay attention—The LADIES of Chapter Twenty-Four (Palomar Mt.) raised \$638.11 for the chapter as a result of their time and efforts in a 3 day Bazaar. Nuff said!

Chapter Twelve (San Fernando Valley) represented the PHSA in the SACRED TORCH

CEREMONY at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills on 12 November. Eleven members were present, with Bill Aupperlee, National Vice President, representing the Association as Senior Officer Present. The other ten formed a marching and parade unit. This is an annual event for Chapter Twelve.

Chapter Eighteen (Antelope Valley - Mojave Desert) must have come close to a record of some kind for an installation of officers "get-together." They got five chapters together with the most distant one, Fresno, traveling over 200 miles! Maybe they thought there was some ARNOLD-the-PIG leftovers from the September Luau? Hank Freitas, State Chairman, officiated at the ceremonies.

On December 7th, Chapter Nine (San Gabriel Valley) hosted the 38th Memorial Services of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for the Los Angeles area. The United States Coast Guard was the Host Service for the Armed Forces. The Memorial Service was held at the Coast Guard Station, Terminal Island, San Pedro, CA.

James Daw was the Master of Ceremonies. The PHSA speaker was National First District Director, Wally France. The guest speaker for the Armed Forces was the senior U.S. Army Officer in the Los Angeles area. There was an address by the Departmental Mother of the "Gold Star Mothers," followed by Wreath Ceremony by the Gold Star Mothers and PHSA Chaplains.

It was an impressive ceremony and representative of many others being carried out all over our country.

There were two southland chapters reporting on proclamations.

Frank Schilling, President of Chapter One, reported that Edmond J. Russ, Mayor of the City of Gardena, California, issued a proclamation designating December 7, 1979 as "PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY."

U.L. Hart, President of Chapter Five, reported that Donald M. Hart, Mayor of the City of Bakersfield, California, issued a proclamation designating the seven days beginning on December 2, 1979 as "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR WEEK."

Sons and Daughters of PHSA

Dear Members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association:

As the recently appointed editor of the Sons & Daughters of the Pearl Harbor Survivors OFF-SPRING Magazine, I wrote to Mr. Creese and requested that he publish an article relative to our organization. He has graciously allowed me to do this and I greatly appreciate the cooperation.

I would first like to ask a question of the PHSA members: who are the Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors and what do you (each) think or feel we hope to accomplish? Having first questioned, I will attempt an answer. We, the SDPHS members, are an organization encompassing your children, grandchildren, etc., hoping to carry on for all of you who survived 7 December 1941. We want you to be remembered for your love of country, God and fellowmen. We do not want our Nation ever to forget that you and all those who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor were victorious in your efforts and had it not been for your efforts and the sacrifices we would not today enjoy the freedoms we have. You ensured for us — your survivors — a free country and whether you be Jew, Catholic, Protestant or other — our God was with you.

On a more personal note, we, the SDPHS, need your help to continue in our efforts. We are yet a young organization and growing! There are problems to work out but, when your organization first came into being were there not problems to solve? Did you not encounter "rough edges"? Over the years since, those rough edges have been smoothed over to a great extent.

We want to help you reach the goal of having 7 December declared a National Day of Remembrance to honor you and those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor. I believe by working together and with support from you, we all will succeed. It has been far too long already in acknowledging the sacrifices made on 7 December.

Most sincerely,
(Mrs.) Sara R. Wallace
Editor, The OFF-SPRING

On a lazy Sunday morning, so many years ago,
Your world was greatly shattered by bombs and fires aglow.

You heard the call, you saw the need
And for many days thereafter, your hearts and wounds did bleed.

Overhead you saw the Rising Sun and everywhere,
all around,
The blackening smoke, fires aglow, and planes burned on the ground.

The dead and wounded laying - laying on the ground,
Some friends were lost forever, some you since have found.

Many will never truly know the terror of that day.
So many of our ships were lost that day, with many of their crew.

That Sunday morn so long ago when fears were all so new.
Because of you, we are free today.

The nation heard the battle cry
And those back home began to try
To see you safely home again; Yes! they did try
To help you keep our flag awaving — awaving in our sky!

It took some time but home you came
Some were wounded, none ever the same.
Others were never again to see
Their loved ones, homes, safe and free.

You did your duty and if not for you
Where would I be — this body — this me?
Your honor, your glory with the Lord does stand
The victories and honors cover our land.

We ask only, let us stand — stand with you if just by your side
To show you our honor, our love and our pride.
Help us to tell of your deeds to those we beget
To those to come yet - LEST WE FORGET!

— Sara Rippelmeyer Wallace
November, 1979

Changes on PHSA By-Laws

To: All holders of 1979 By-Laws

Subject: Changes to that were omitted in printing.

The following resolutions were passed at Honolulu, Dec. 1976. Please cut out and place in proper place in your By-Laws. New By-Laws will be printed after 1980 National Convention.

1. Page III At. V Elected National Officers, par. 1 add:
 - g. National President may not exceed himself after one full term of office.
2. Page IV Art. VII Membership, Par. 5 add:
 - g. The surviving spouses of all PHSA decedents shall receive the GRAM if so desired and to be invited to all social events, State, District and National.
3. Page V Art. IX Subordinate Bodies, Par. 1d, add:
 3. The State Chairman be empowered to appoint an assistant State Chairman.
4. Page VI Art. XIV Additional and Miscellaneous provisions, Par. 6, add - Removal of Elected National Officers:
 - a. If a National Officer becomes incapacitated for any reason in the performance of his duties as prescribed by the National Constitution and By-Laws, he may be summarily relieved by a 3/4 vote of the National Executive Board less the National Officers.

Par. 7 Dissolution of PHSA

- a. In the event PHSA disbands, its funds shall be disbursed as follows by ballot vote of general membership to a non-profit and charitable organization or organizations.

History of the USS Shaw (DD-373)

John Shaw was born at Mt. Mellick, Queens County Ireland, in 1773. He came to the United States in 1790, settled in Philadelphia, and entered the merchant marine. Appointed Lieutenant in the United States Navy of August, 1798, he first served in MONTEZUMA in Commodore Truxton's squadron in the West Indies during the early part of the naval war with France. In October of 1799, he was given command of the schooner ENTERPRISE in which, during the next year, he captured seven armed vessels from the French and recaptured several American merchantmen. By the time he was relieved of command due to ill health in 1800, he had made ENTERPRISE one of the most famous vessels of the Navy. During the Barbary War, Shaw commanded frigate JOHN ADAMS in the Mediterranean, under Commodore Rogers in 1804 and frigate UNITED STATES during the war of 1812. Captain Shaw died at Philadelphia on 17th of September, 1823.

USS Shaw (DD-373), second ship of that name, was laid down 1 October 1934 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard; launched in October of 1935; commissioned September 1936 with Lt. Comdr. E.A. Mitchell in command. Following commissioning, the SHAW remained at Philadelphia until April of 1937, when she crossed the Atlantic on her shakedown cruise. Returning to Philadelphia in June that same year, she commenced a year of yard work to correct deficiencies before completing acceptance trials in June 1938. In January 1939 she transited the Panama Canal to the Pacific and underwent overhaul at Mare Island

until April 1939. She remained on the westcoast until April of 1940, when she sailed for the Hawaiian Islands, where she participated in Fleet Problem XXI, and eight phased operation for the defense of the Hawaiian area. From late 1940 until November 1941 she operated back and forth between the westcoast and the Hawaiian area. In November 1941 she entered the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor for repairs, drydocking aft of SOTOYOMO (YT-9) in YFD -2.

During the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S.S. SHAW Commanded by Lt. Comdr. W. G. Jones, U.S.N. took 3 hits: two bombs through the forward machine gun platform, and one through the port wing of the bridge. Fires spread throughout the ship. By 9:02 all fire fighting facilities were exhausted and the order to abandon ship was given. Efforts to flood the dock were only partially successful, and shortly after 0930 SHAW'S forward magazine blew up, destroying the bow forward of frame 65.

Although the Japanese reported her as sunk, some repairs were made, she was measured for a temporary bow while on the marine railway, and this was installed when the Shaw was again drydocked in the repaired YFD-2.

On 9 February 1942, the Shaw began the tedious voyage to the westcoast for repairs. After bucking high winds and heavy seas she arrived at Mare Island slightly more than two months after the attack. During her stay at Mare Island the bow and bridge were replaced, all repairs completed and several pieces of new equipment installed. On 6 July 1942 the USS SHAW steamed out

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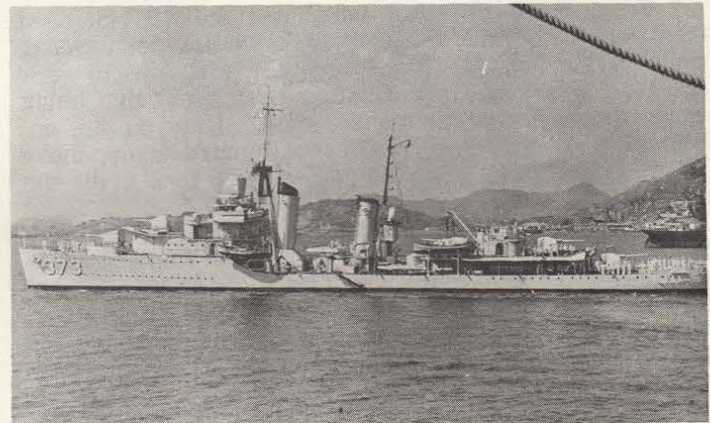
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of San Francisco Bay for her post repair trials and training in the San Diego area. In July of 1942 she joined Task Force 15 bound for Pearl Harbor, arriving 31 August. For the next two months she escorted convoys between the westcoast and Hawaii. On 16 October 1942 the Shaw left Pearl Harbor as

remove PORTER'S crew and sink the disabled destroyer. Periscope sightings, followed by depth charging, delayed the execution of the mission. By noon, however, the transfer was completed. Porter was gone and the USS Shaw left the scene to rejoin the task force.



a unit of Task Force 16 bound for the Solomon Islands. On 25 October Task Force 16, grouped around the ENTERPRISE (CV-6), joined Task Force 17, centered on HORNETT (CV-8). The two forces organized as Task Force 61, and moved north of the Santa Cruz Islands to intercept enemy forces headed for Guadalcanal.

By mid-morning of the 26th, both carrier groups were under attack. As an accompanying ship, USS PORTER (DD-356) stopped to pick up survivors from a downed torpedo plane, she was torpedoed. The SHAW went to PORTER'S assistance. Half an hour later she was ordered to

On 28 October 1942 the Shaw headed for the New Hebrides where she commenced escorting ships moving men and supplies to Guadalcanal. She continued that duty through November and until 12 December, when, as a part of Task Unit 66.7.2 she cleared Tulagi Harbor for Sydney, Australia, arriving the day before Christmas. Following a six day upkeep period, the Shaw steamed out of Sydney Harbor bound for Noumea, New Caledonia via Wellington, New Zealand. In January 1943 while entering the harbor at Noumea, she grounded on Sournois Reef. She was floated clear on 15 January and

placed in a floating dry-dock where the extensive damage to the hull, propeller, and sound gear were repaired.

While at Noumea being repaired, Lt. Comdr. G. P. Biggs, USN assumed command of the Shaw, relieving Commander Jones. On 31 January 1943 the USS Shaw returned to duty, but following a brief period of escort duty and a submarine hunt off Suva Harbor in the Fiji Islands, the veteran destroyer in March moved into the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor for additional repairs. There she remained until October 1943 when she pointed her bow westward and steamed for Noumea arriving there 18 October.

In November she changed command once

40 and 60. Rivets were loosened, seams opened, and frames longitudinally were ruptured. The Shaw returned to Cape Sudest, New Guinea, and transferred her wounded and dead to shore facilities, and then continued on to Milne Bay for temporary repairs.

The Shaw and her crew celebrated the New Year 1944 moored alongside the destroyer tender USS Dobbin undergoing repairs, and remaining there until late January, when she departed for San Francisco via Espiritu, Santo and Pearl Harbor.

On 29 May 1944 she was assigned to Task Group 51.19 and steamed out of Honolulu Harbor bound for the Marinas' operation. The task group entered Eniwetol Anchor-

turned to the main landing beaches on the southwest coast for screening duty. She continued in screening duty, shore bombardment, anti-submarine and anti-aircraft defense duty until July 1944.

On 18 July, SHAW steamed out of Eniwetok with Task Group 53.19 bound for Guam, arriving in the transport area off the west coast of the island on the morning of 22 July, where she was assigned transport screening duty. Then it was on to the Leyte operation where she was assigned to the Seventh Fleet at Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. Before leaving for the Leyte operation Commander Phillips was relieved as commanding officer by Lt. Comdr. V. B. GRAFF, USN. On 25 October she began the voyage to San Pedro Bay arriving in time to help protect the landing area from the numerous enemy air assaults. On 28 October, carrying survivors of the USS GAMBIER Bay (CVE-73) sunk in the Battle of Surigao, the Shaw steamed out of San Pedro Bay in company with Task Unit 78.2.21, bound for Hollandia, New Guinea. After discharging the survivors at Hollandia and taking part in the shore bombardment of Pegun Island in the Mapia Group, Shaw on 19 November once again entered San Pedro Bay for logistics and further orders. During the next two weeks she operated out of San Pedro Bay, escorting convoys. During one of these convoy runs the Shaw and other ships of Destroyer Div. 9 repelled a heavy suicide attack by Japanese aircraft, which attempted to impede the landing operations one mile north of Baybay,

Leyte. On the 7th and 8th of December she took part in the Ormoc Bay landings. On the night of 7 January while enroute to the landing areas, the Shaw and destroyers of DES-SQ 54 were detached from the main force to search for a Japanese surface vessel reported in the vicinity. At 2201, the Shaw picked up a target on the radar screen at approximately 21,000 yards. At 2227, the target, later identified as a Hatsuharu or Asashio class destroyer, was sighted. The USS Charles Ausburne (DD-570) fired a spread of star shells, illuminating the enemy vessel, the entire squadron opened fire. The Shaw and the other destroyers poured salvo after salvo into the enemy ship. Hit amidships and flaming from an explosion of the aft magazine, the trapped destroyer in desperation fired only sporadic bursts. At 2253, the flaming hulk, listing heavily to port, disappeared from sight. The action had lasted only 26 minutes.

For the remainder of her war career, the Shaw seemed destined to go no further north than the Philippines. With the United States position in Luzon relatively secure, the problem of consolidating the southern Philippines now began in earnest. She participated in rapid succession in the landings at Puerto Princesa on the Palawan Islands and Cebu Island and then radar picket duty and anti-submarine screening. During these operations she was damaged on an uncharted pinnacle and underwent temporary repairs. On 25 April the USS Shaw pointed her bow

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again this time commander Richard H. Phillips, USN relieving Lt. Comdr. Biggs as commanding officer.

Doing diversionary duty the remainder of the year on 25 December 1943 the Shaw escorted units engaged in the assault against Cape Gloucester, where she provided gunfire support and served as fighter director ship. On the 26th, Shaw sustained damage and casualties when attacked by two "Vals". Thirty six men were injured, three of whom later died from their wounds. Damage was to the shell plating on the starboard side of the ship between frames

age on 10 June in the Marshall Islands. There, amid the huge armada assembled for the Marinas operation the Shaw was ordered to convoy a group of attack transports to Saipan. Five days later, the Shaw operating with Task Group 52.9, made a diversionary landing maneuver on the northwest coast of the island. The maneuver was afforded realism by supporting naval gunfire as the landing craft approached to within 5,000 yards of the beach, circled for a few minutes, wheeled about and returned to their ships.

With this operation completed, the Shaw re-

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REQUIEM: The U.S.S. Arizona

She lies quietly 'neath the blue green waters
 next to the mooring to which she tied.
 Of all the officers and men who crewed her,
 over half still lie, entombed inside.
 For over twenty years her oil had still seeped,
 staining the tides that flowed in the bay-
 'twas oil fed, black smoked, hellish fires,
 burning both ships and water, that terrible day.
 Her tall superstructure was later removed
 and a simple flag pole built above;
 our flag flew each day and was lowered each night,
 with Reverence, Honor, and Love.
 Then, with donations given by Navy people
 and still more from across the nation;
 a beautiful white memorial was erected,
 as befitted the old Battleship's station.
 The memorial stands there bright and gleaming
 with swooping wings like those of a gull;
 it rises up, from the floor of Pearl Harbor
 and sits astride her bomb twisted hull.
 On some far off sea lane that we can't fathom,
 is it there her ghostly crew still sails?
 Do they gather yet, when smoking lamp's lit,

to laugh as they tell some tall sea tales?
 Do the young lads sit there, quietly listening,
 eager, wide eyed, and filled with awe?
 as the old hands tell of cruising strange waters
 and of the wonderful things there, that they saw?
 On quiet nights, from across the water,
 that whisper - is it words I hear?
 Voices of the crew who so long ago sailed her,
 who've gone so far, yet lay so near?
 The U.S.S. Arizona has for many years lain
 on Pearl Harbor's muddy floor,
 yet she remains a fully commissioned ship
 on the Navy's rolls forevermore.
 On the inner walls of her shimmering memorial
 engraved forever, the names of her crew;
 they answer still to each morning's roll call,
 fidelity to duty, each day they renew.
 These men live on in the hearts and memories
 of the people who held them so dear.
 Many of their families visit this eternal memorial,
 leave a lei, a prayer, tears for yesteryear.

Ruthy Newman Lacy
 July 1978

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Prayer for the Dead

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

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USS Shaw History ...

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eastward, leaving the Pacific War in her wake, and steamed for San Francisco via Eniwetok and Pearl Harbor. On 19 May she moored at the Mare Island Navy Yard for a 35 day availability period. While at Mare Island, Lt. comdr. I. C. Ochler, USNR, relieved Lt. Comdr. Graff as commanding officer. Her availability completed the Shaw on 21 August 1945 began the voyage through the Panama Canal to Philadelphia, arriving there on 6 September. A week later she moved to the Brooklyn Navy Yard where she was decommissioned on 2 October 1945. She was stricken from the list on the 4th of October, 1945 and scrapped in July, 1946 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

During the action in the Pacific in World War II, the USS SHAW earned eleven battle stars, and the Asiatic Pacific Area Service Medal.

World Shocked by Words:

Air Raid on Pearl Harbor

by Tom Williams of the
Early Bird

It happened 38 years ago, but there's a few now who can remember the shock and disbelief generated by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Local resident Karl Boyer remembers the event...he was the radioman who told the world of the murderous raid which forced the United States into World War II.

Three dozen years have softened Boyer's outlook of the war, he can look back now and label the event as "interesting." "that's a helluva thing to say about a war," he admitted, "a lot of men were killed, but there are better memories, too."

The 24-year-old radioman owed a buddy a favor, so he ambled up to the Wailupe naval radio station, NPM, shortly before the daytime shift started at 8:00 a.m. As he passed the small Japanese grocery that sold snacks to off-duty men, he noticed that it was closed on that fateful Sunday morning—never to reopen again.

Boyer's radio duties included the telegrapher's station; telegraph communication was used for intra-island correspondence. He had only been seated at the desk for a couple of minutes when the key began to click in rapid Morse code. The message was startling: "We're being bombed and strafed; we're under attack!" Signaled the radioman at the Marine Air Base at Kaneohe, some twenty miles northeast across the island of Oahu from Pearl Harbor.

Boyer, with a year of naval service under his belt, reacted predictably: "Go back to bed, sober

up," he advised the marine. "This is no drill! This is for real!" came the frantic response.

Boyer took the message out to his chief, who crowded at the window with the rest of the staff, looking downcoast to Pearl Harbor, some six miles away. Intervening hill prevented them from seeing the ships, but they could see the Japanese planes begin their bomb runs. At six miles, the radio staff assumed the planes were Army pilots on milk runs — until they saw the smoke-puffs from the trapped ships' anti-aircraft guns.

The chief was turning from the window with the sick realization of what was happening when Boyer came in with the message from Kaneohe. "Get on the line to Washington," the chief snapped, "don't bother to code it."

"Air raid on Pearl Harbor. This is no drill!" flashed across the Pacific to the Washington defense headquarters.

The radio staff was puzzled, disbelieving, but not afraid or panicky, Boyer recalls, "there was no sensation of fear at all." He said that the radio station was never in danger of attack. One Japanese plane, apparently lost, did zoom down the beach, strafing, but did not get near the station. "If the Japanese had known what the building was," said Boyer, "they would have surely attacked it."

Boyer claims credit for telling the world about Pearl Harbor, but naval records list another station which also sent the message, station NSM. The former radioman said that station NSM was a stand-by station, to be used only in emergencies, if NPM was knocked out.

The days following the attack have the biggest impact on Boyer's memory. "It was watch on, watch off for months afterward," he recalled, "eight hours on duty, eight hours when you just fell into bed and slept." The staff was moved inland where a concrete bunker was built for on duty personnel. Boyer described it: "A concrete tomb, 65 feet under the ground."

After three years in Hawaii, one before the attack and two after, Boyer was transferred to the West Coast for the remainder of his three year stint. His duties included cryptography, code-making and breaking.

Some of his fond memories came from his stateside duty. Military personnel who had been on Oahu the day of the Pearl Harbor attack got special attention at home. Boyer recalls a show he went to see in Chicago, Olson and Johnson's "Helzapoppin."

The show was a big war-time hit, Boyer recalls, and he had managed to buy seats in the second row. Boyer recalls that he was enjoying the show when the star, Olson, stopped about halfway through and called him up on stage. "He offered me \$10 for my neck-scarf," chuckled Boyer, "but I refused, because I would've been out of uniform, and in trouble, without it." To win the argument, the star said that he would give him cab fare so nobody would catch him out of uniform. He then proceeded to give Boyer \$10 for the scarf (which he told Boyer to keep), two cases of beer and an inscribed watch. "I'll never forget that," sighed Boyer.

Boyer is a man of many interests, he is

semi-retired, with hobbies including wood-working, photography and ham radio. He built a home, a modified A-frame in Wayne Lakes, with the help of his wife, Mary Ellen.

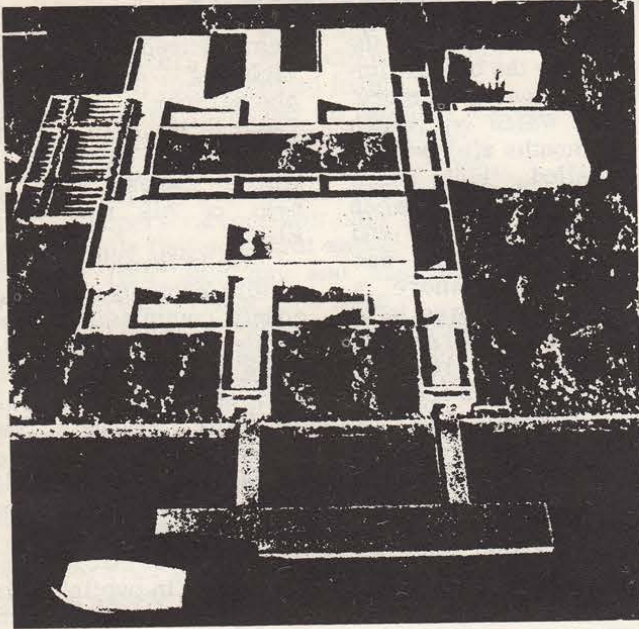
He is involved in community projects, a former county commissioner candidate and is currently going to Edison State for real estate school, where he will graduate this coming year. He also has a degree from LaSalle Extension University and the Locksmith Institute.

He said that he isn't interested in publicity, but was upset at all the attention that the radio operators at Pearl Harbor got. "They forget that somebody had to send the word," said Boyer, "that somebody was me."

Why did the man who told the world join the Navy in the first place? "You know," he said with a gleam in his eye, "I always admired the white uniforms, and wondered who kept them so clean... After I got in, I found out who kept them clean—I did."

Buzz Boyer would like the GRAM to assist him in locating some of his old buddies that were with him at NPM. He lists the following names and hopes that they are members of the Association: CRM C. A. "Moe" Porter — Radioman I.N.E. Johnston — George Verva — Commander Roy M. Graham who was commanding officer at the time of the attack — William Kramer — Don Yetter and Ott, he gives no first name. He says there were others but can't remember their names. Those who were there and remember can get in touch with Karl at the following address: 1169 N. Middle Dr., Greenville, Ohio 45331.

\$4.2 Million Visitors' Center Planned at Pearl Harbor



Prospective Completion Date: July 1980.
Navy Construction Supervisor: Officer-in-charge of Construction Mid-Pacific.
Contract Cost: \$4.2 million.
Contractor: S & M Sakamoto, Inc. of Honolulu.
Architect: Chapman, Cobeen, Desai, Sakata, Inc., of Honolulu.

More than 10 years of hopes and dreams will be realized when the new Arizona Memorial Visitors Center is completed at Pearl Harbor.

The target date for completion of the \$4.2 million project is July, 1980. A Honolulu contractor, S&M Sakamoto, Inc., is building the new shoreside facilities for visitors to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

Authorization of construction climaxed years of planning and negotiations by Navy and congressional leaders, and fund raising efforts spearheaded by the Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation (AMF).

A half dozen bills allocating funds for the proposed center had been introduced — but never passed — in congress since 1968. U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii drafted the first legislation while still a U.S. congressman in the House of Representatives.

In July, 1978, Hawaii's senior U.S. Senator, Daniel K. Inouye, obtained the project's full approval under the military construction Program for 1979.

Five years earlier the AMMF had been formed by the Navy and the Fleet Reserve Association (Pearl Harbor Branch 46) to raise funds for Arizona Memorial-related projects. To date the AMMF has raised \$580,000 from individual donations — and more than \$890,000 from all sources.

Major donations have been received from the State of Hawaii (\$350,000), the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (\$26,500), the national membership of the Fleet Reserve Association (\$20,000), the Disabled American Veterans (\$10,000), and the National Ladies Auxiliary of FRA (\$6,000).

The largest individual donation of \$1,000 was given by Prentice G. Smith of La Jolla, California. Smith, a former crew-member of the battleship

Arizona now in his seventies, was a special guest of the Navy at the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new center.

Senator Matsunaga and U.S. Congressmen Daniel K. Akaka and Cec Heftel of Hawaii were among the honored guests who attended the October 19, 1978 ground-breaking symbolizing the official start of construction on a landfill next to the Ford Island Ferry Landing.

Among the 130 invited guests were Admiral Donald C. Davis, the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Hawaii Governor George R. Ariyoshi; Rear Admiral Neal W. Clements, the Navy's top engineer in the Pacific; and retired Rear Admiral E. Alvey Wright, representing Senator Inouye.

The visitors center's architect, Donald D. Chapman of Chapman Cobeen, Desai, Sakata, Inc., the winning contractor and other project officials also attended.

The Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation was represented by its president, Ansil "Sandy" Saunders, a Pearl Harbor survivor. Frank Hood, president of Pearl Harbor Branch 46 of the Fleet Reserve Association, represented the national membership of the FRA.

Rear Admiral R.S. Wentworth, Jr., Commander of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, presided at the ground-breaking. He thanked the principal contributors, including State Representative Faith Evans of Hawaii and former State Senator David McClung for their noteworthy efforts in obtaining legislative approval of the \$350,000 gift from the State of Hawaii.

Admiral Wentworth called upon each of the major contributors and the key Congressional, State

and Navy representatives to join him in turning a spadeful of dirt with a ceremonial shovel handmade for the occasion. The shovel was forged by two Navy Seabees from a piece of steel plating salvaged from the sunken battleship Arizona.

The handle of the shovel was autographed by each groundbreaking participant for later display in the new visitors center.

Reverend Abraham K. Akaka, pastor of historic Kawaihau Church in Honolulu, sprinkled holy water on the broken ground with a green leaf from a ti plant in a traditional Hawaiian blessing.

The new visitors center is being constructed directly opposite the Navy's current Arizona Memorial Boat Landing in Halawa Stream. The site, about 50 yards off Kamehameha Highway (Route No. 90), is a former World War II fleet landing where small boats landed liberty parties.

Design plans include a new boat landing and twin movie theaters which will continuously show

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Miami-Dade Chapter 8 Memorial Services ...



Miami-Dade Chapter No. 8 at Memorial Services held by the City of Miami Beach. From left to right: William Watson, holding Chapter Flag; George DeHay; His Honor, Dr. Leonard R. Habor, Mayor of the City of Miami Beach; Brig. Gen. W. E. Cooper, Jr. and Chapter 8 President Bernard Lensky.



Members of Miami-Dade Chapter No. 8 at wreath laying ceremonies at Triangle Park. From left to right: Jay Shumway (foreground) Front row: William Watson, Honorable Joe Boyd and Emil Abrisch. Back row: President Bernard Lensky, George DeHay and David Leigh.

\$4.2 Million Center...

films of the actual December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor.

Housed within the new visitors center will be a museum containing artifacts from the Pearl Harbor attack and the battleship Arizona. These artifacts will include such items as salvaged pieces of the USS Arizona, 1941 newspaper accounts of the attack, personal letters and mementos of attack victims contributed by parents and friends, photographs, paintings and historical documents of the

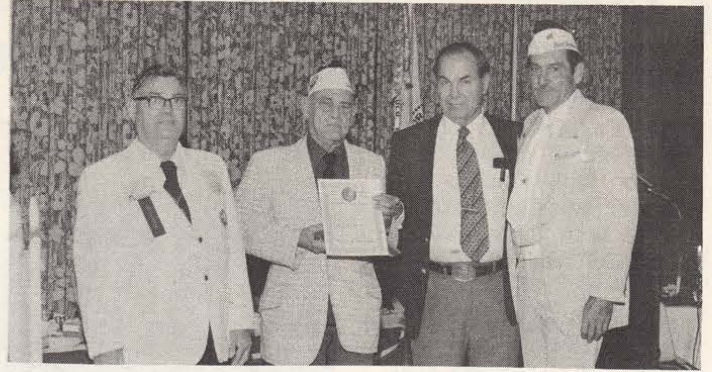
attack.

Other features of the \$4.2 million complex will include a museum workshop, landscaped courtyard, a viewing terrace overlooking the harbor, covered walkways to the boats, twin landing ramps, a National Park Service office, and storage and concession facilities.

The Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation is still actively raising funds for paved parking areas, roadways and landscaping, plans which had to be dropped from the original design because of limited funds at the time the con-

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Maryland Chapter 1 Officers...



Officers of Maryland Chapter No. 1 are shown receiving a certificate from Jesse Pond, Jr., National Treasurer at the 7th District Convention in Norfolk, VA in June of 1979. The certificate was presented for the Chapter's donation of \$500 to the Arizona Memorial Dockside Facility. From left to right: George Sner, Jr., State Chairman; Wayne Griffin, Sr., Chapter President; Jesse Pond, Jr., and Gerald Glaubitz, Past President.

North Carolina Chapter 1 Officers...



CHAPTER NO. 1 OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICERS FOR 1978-1979: From left to right - Bill Crayton (Trustee), Ernest Clayton (Trustee), Haywood Jeffries (Vice Pres.), Homer Williams (Sec./Treas.), Plato Jacobs (President) and Charles McBryde (State Chairman).

Northern Indiana Chapter 2

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REMEMBRANCE

In Memory of
BOB BRINDLEY,
life member PHSA, and survivor of Ford Island, Hawaii,
Died January 10th, 1980.

Hilo Hattie...Contd.

ed to Honolulu, still expecting to pursue a teaching career. She enrolled in the University of Hawaii's Teachers College.

But in a prewar Honolulu which still officially favored tuxedo-clad musicians playing for demure tea dances.

Old Friends Meet after 39 Years

It happened at the 6th District Convention, PHSA in historic Charleston, South Carolina in November. Many new faces graced the famous old Francis Marion Hotel to mingle with the crowd and spill old war stories. It was here that two old friends met for the first time in person since the battle of Guadalcanal. These two men were brought together through a notice in the "GRAM" and arranged to meet in Charleston. They first met at Schofield Bks. but could not remember each other until they corresponded with each other.

Cpl. Neel, then a member of "K" Company, 35th Infantry was giving basic training to new recruits. Private Ben Basinger, who is 6 feet 5 inches tall was picked for Military Police duty, however, after several weeks transferred to Company "A", 35th Infantry, where he had to report to Cpl. Neel to complete his training. Neel remembers Basinger as being transferred from the M.P.'s.

Both men were at Schofield Bks. during the

Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Cpl. Neel served there from 1937 to 1942. and Basinger from 1940 to 1942. They both left at the



From left to right: Neel and Basinger at the 6th District Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

same time enroute to Guadalcanal on the same ship. Cpl. Neel served with Co. "K", 35th Inf. until the take over of the Philippines when he was rotated to the states and transferred to the Air Force, serving 12 1/2 years and retiring after 21 years of service. Neel now lives in Cypress, Florida.

Ben Basinger later transferred to HQ Co. 3rd BN, 35th Inf. where he served until he was wound-

NOTICE

PHSA Historian Robert A. Varrill has available to members only pictures of ships that were stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. They are 8" x 10" and cost \$4.00 a piece. These are pictures only, no histories or stories are available along with the pictures. Bob's address is: 2730 Atlantic St., Box 85, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951. Postage will be paid by Bob.

Remember there are no other pictures available, only those ships that were at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

ed on Guadalcanal from a Japanese Sniper in 1943. Basinger returned to the states and spent several months in the Army Hospital, then was later returned to duty. When the Japanese surrendered, Basinger was discharged at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, his home state.

Ben Basinger ended his career in the Army with the M.P.'s the same group he was assigned to in Hawaii. Ben now lives in St. Petersburg, FL.

\$4.2 Million Center...

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tract was awarded. More money is needed to fund these items.

Upon completion, the new shoreside facilities will come under the management of the National Park Service. The Navy will continue to operate the tour boats to the Memorial.

The new visitors center will fulfill a long-time need for enlarged facilities to accommodate the increasing number of Pearl Harbor tourists. Since the Arizona Memorial opened in 1962, attendance has jumped from 209, 361 visitors that first year to a record 1,271,175 in 1978.

That's an increase of 507 percent, a remarkable growth in 17 years. By the end of 1979, more than 13 million persons will have visited the Arizona Memorial by Navy and civilian boats since its opening.

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