

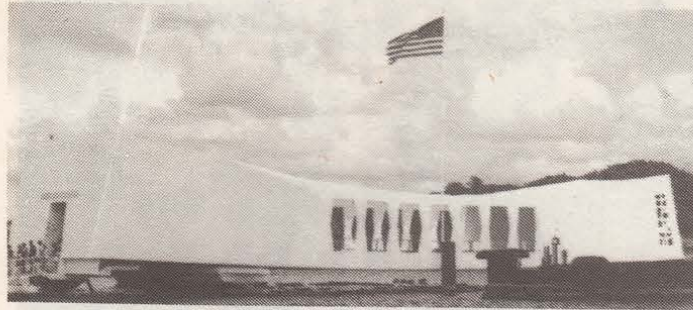


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## Arizona Desecration

The GRAM has received many articles, letters and notes from the membership on the desecration that took place on the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. All of them together would take too much space in the GRAM to print, so we will try to condense it down into one item, and hope you will understand. We wish to thank the members that have written in and shown their concern.

To those who have been away or to those here on the mainland who may not know of the incident that happened aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

On April 16th three people (a rather inappropriate term to be sure) did lower the American Flag on the USS Arizona Memorial and throw it in the waters of Pearl Harbor. They then attempted to raise what they called a "flag". A description of their "flag" is: It was two bed sheets tied together and dyed red. They were in the process of raising their "flag" when arrested.

Incidentally their "flag" also ended up in

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## Reviewing the Bismarck Sea Victory

A number of Superman stories seem to have grown out of the Bismarck Sea victory early in March, 1943.

When the boys knocked off the Japanese convoy near New Guinea, a number of people were left scratching their heads. Even the first press reports from the Southwest

Pacific summed it up as "incredible".

It was a landmark in the history of military aviation. But the Bismarck Sea victory was no miracle. When you analyze the engagement and the preparations leading up to it, you're convinced of that.

Good fortune played a prominent role. No one

will deny it. "Half luck, half practice and rehearsal" was the way Lieut. General George C. Kenney, Commanding General of Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, described the annihilation of the convoy, with its thousands of troops and tons of equipment.

But a study of the action indicates two chief factors responsible for the success:

1. Thorough diagnosis of the enemy's plans and intentions, which was formulated well in advance from numerous sources of information, including excellent air reconnaissance of the entire scope of the enemy's movement and possible sea lanes.

2. Precise execution of a well-planned and coordinated medium-and low-altitude bombing attack, with fighter cover and with repeated attacks on enemy refueling bases on land near the scene of action.

The Bismarck Sea job took about 48 hours in all from the time the convoy was first sighted on the evening of March 2, until there was nothing left of

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Faith Evans (far right), member of Hawaii's House of Representatives, congratulates Fleet Reserve Association members during honors rendered by the Hawaii State Legislature. The FRA was honored for their achievements in helping raise nearly \$1 million dollars for construction of the Arizona Memorial Shoreside Facility at Pearl Harbor. Honored (from left to right) are: Ansil Saunders, Lynn Robinson and Fred Garbuschewski (all three of whom are also members of Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.), Norm Pearson (President of FRA Branch 46 at Pearl Harbor), and Fred Kukonu (security guard at the USS Arizona Memorial).

(Official U.S. Navy Photo)

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it on the evening of March 4. A total of 20 missions was run. Approximately 35 percent of the bombs dropped hit home. Of the 20 missions, 17 were run on March 3. That was the red letter day.

The Japanese managed to maintain from 20 to 30 fighters over their convoy but our P-38's flying cover prevented them from effectively interfering with the action of our bombers.

Level bombing at medium altitude by B-17s and B-25s was followed closely by low, mast-high bombing by A-20s and B-25s, both of which covered their approach by strafing the decks of their targets. Additional protection was afforded through simultaneous deck-strafting by RAAF-manned Beaufighters. Attacking bombers alternately strafed barges and life rafts during the engagement.

A flight of nine B-17's began the assault on the evening of March 2. The initial attack proved successful despite interception by about 18 Zeros and by intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire from the vessels of the convoy. One thousand - pound bombs were dropped from altitudes ranging from 8,000 to 14,000 feet. Two direct hits were scored on a medium-sized merchant ship, which was left sinking; damaging near-misses were scored on an 8,000-ton and a 4,000-ton vessel, one of which came to a complete stop. One Zero was shot down and another probably destroyed. Five B-17s were damaged that day.

By the following day (March 3) the convoy was proceeding through the Vitiaz Strait between New Britain and New Guinea. Our planes then began pouring it on in weather marked by well-broken clouds and scattered showers. Here's the way the



The colors were paraded on Memorial Day the 26th of May at The National Cemetery, VA.

Guest speaker was Secretary of the Army, Clifford Alexander. A wreath was laid at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by George Sanner.

From Left to Right: George Sanner, State Chairman (Schofield Bks.) - Chet Millman, (USS Phoenix) - Ray James, (Hickam Field) - Steve Shemelynic, (Fort DeRussy) and Tony Di Lorenzo, (USS Honolulu).

missions ran that day:

Twelve A-20s moved in low with 500-pound delayed-action bombs. They executed skip - bombing from mast-high altitude, scoring 12 hits on six ships which immediately caught fire, one of them exploding.

Four B-17s, flying at from 6,500 to 7,500 feet, then scored four near-misses with 1,000 - pounders. They were intercepted by 15 fighters, five of which were destroyed. One B-17 was shot down, the only bomber lost in the entire engagement.

Twelve B-25s, flying mast-high, scored 14 hits on 10 ships with skip-bombing technique. One destroyer was sunk and another left sinking. One cargo ship was sent to the bottom, and another cargo ship and a troop transport were left sinking. In addition, a destroyer, two cargo ships and a transport were left burning fiercely. Ten enemy fighters attempted to intercept the B-25s but were ineffective.

Seven B-17s then attacked from between 6,000 and 9,000 feet, scoring direct hits on two 6,000-

ton cargo ships. Seven of from 15 to 18 fighters intercepted by our bombers were destroyed, another probably shot down.

Next followed a wave of six B-17s which sank a 4,000-ton cargo ship with two direct hits and two near-misses, and set a second cargo ship afire with one hit and a near-miss. Five intercepting fighters were shot down, another probably.

Thirteen B-25s, some flying at 200 feet and others at about 5,500 feet, scored two direct hits and one near-miss on a 3,000-ton ship which exploded; two direct hits and four near-misses on a 5,000-ton cargo ship which was left burning; one hit amid ship on a merchant vessel and one hit and three near-misses on a large transport, with resulting fire and explosions.

On and on it went for two days with wave after wave of bombers and fighters continuing the relentless attack on the Japanese convoy, meanwhile, 16 P-38s flying cover destroyed ten enemy fighters, six were destroyed with three probables. Three P-38s failed to return to

their base.

P-40s and RAAF A-20s attacked the Japanese airdrome at nearby Lae, the P-40s dive-bombing the base, all aircraft returning to base safely. At the same time, RAAF Hudsons bombed and strafed the Japanese base at Dobo, with Dutch B-25s firing a fuel dump.

On March 4, one B-17 on reconnaissance scored two hits and two near-misses on a crippled destroyer, leaving it sinking. The lone bomber was attacked by 20 enemy fighters but returned safely after shooting down four of the interceptors. Later reconnaissance that day revealed only one Japanese ship left afloat - a destroyer. It was finished off by a flight of nine B-25s, which were opposed by one lone machine gun left in operation on the destroyer. The Japanese convoy had been annihilated.

Any number of estimates can be made concerning the significance of a victory like the Bismarck Sea event, but it's almost impossible to produce comprehensive conclusion while the battle of the Pacific is still going on. Quite likely, that will have to wait for the history books.

What we can't forget is the potential saving in Allied material and manpower by the destruction of the Japanese convoy at sea before the force it represented could be brought to bear against our ground forces on New Guinea.

One can call it air support of ground troops, or label it air power. But the fact is that 48 hours after Japanese troops and equipment were proceeding full speed ahead for land action against the Allies, those same Japanese troops and equipment had been annihilated by our bombers and fighters before ever touching land. The GRAM wishes to thank the Air Force Journal and Ralph H. Singletary for the above article.

# Survivors Seeking National Offices



**WILLIAM E. AUPPERLEE**  
Candidate for  
**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

National Vice President, William E. "Bill" Aupperlee announces his candidacy for the office of National President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Inc. at the election of National Officers being held at the National Convention in Orlando, Florida in December 1980.

"During the past two years he has tried to attend one convention in each District and he would like to thank all for the courtesies extended to Jeanne and himself. They will always remember the hospitality and fellowship they experienced along with the good fun.

To his old friends and the new ones he has met throughout the country during his tour of duty as National Vice President, he asks for your support at the National election of officers in his effort to be elected National President.

"Years go by fast; our time here is unknown. Let's strive for unity, harmony, good fellowship with a continued stress on keeping

America Alert. "Remember Pearl Harbor" should become a household word, especially during the world crisis as it is today."

You can be assured his dedication to PHSA and all it stands for will continue as always.



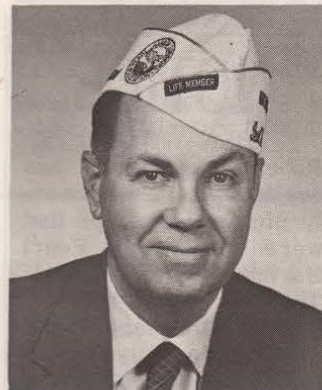
**HALL PICKARD**  
Candidate for reelection  
**NATIONAL SECRETARY**

Hall Pickard National Secretary PHSA, is a candidate for reelection as National Secretary.

I want to thank all those who voted for me in 1978 and elected me to this office. I have found it to be quite a challenge and very gratifying knowing I have been able to help this great organization of ours.

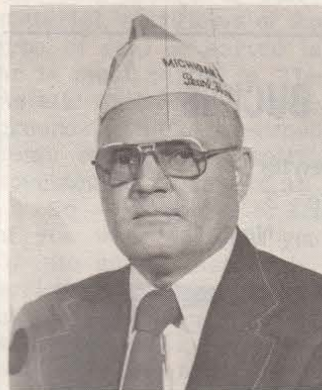
If reelected I will continue to keep the National Administrative Office operating at its most efficient level.

Thanking one and all for making my past two years so enjoyable serving you as National Secretary.



**JESSE POND**  
Candidate for Re-election  
**NATIONAL TREASURER**

Jesse Pond, National Treasurer, announces his intention to seek reelection to the job of busbanding the Associations funds for another two years.



**HERVEY SPENCER**  
Candidate for Re-election  
**SEVENTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Hervey "Spence" Spencer announces his candidacy for re-election to the office of Seventh District Director. Being a strong advocate of equality and justice for all, I have dedicated hundreds of hours during my current term in involving Seventh District members and units. Now I would like the opportunity to serve the membership with a forward approach, forgetting the past and looking to the future.

My commitment to PHSA is as total as time and expense allow. Events attended in 1979 included the Seventh District Convention in Virginia; the Michigan, Ohio and

Pennsylvania State Reunions; the December 7th Memorial Banquet in New Jersey; and a National Executive Board Meeting in Illinois. Expenses incurred for the year were transportation \$616.96; food and lodging \$479.17; stationery \$56.16; duplicating \$54.40; postage \$49.62 and telephone \$114.57; totalling \$1,373.98. Income consisted of dues rebate \$290.00; Director's stipend \$225.00; and National reimbursement \$159.61; totalling \$674.61. An additional \$530.55 was expended having Cordie, my number one girl for the past 33 years, accompany me to the various functions. Total expenditure \$1,905.53; income \$674.41; out of pocket expense \$1,229.92.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and chapters who have hosted Cordie and myself during my current tenure in office. It is deeply appreciated as I am sure it is by all elected officials who are the beneficiary of member's generosity.

PHSA is still growing and in need of solid constructive leadership. If re-elected, I will continue to serve with candor, devotion and humility.

Cordie and I reside at 26035 Cunningham, Warren, Michigan, 48091, telephone (a/ c 313) 754-6199. The door is always open.



**MANNIE SIEGLE**  
Candidate for  
**EIGHTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Mannie Siegle has announced his candidacy for the Eighth District Director of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Election will be held at the Eighth District Convention in Auburn, New

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## 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

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## Offices Contd. ...

York on September 26, 27 and 28.

Mannie is a charter and life member of Chapter 7 in New York State where he has served as President and is now serving as Treasurer. He also is a Past State President of the New York State Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Mannie is very active in veteran's affairs and has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 39 years. He has served as Post Commander, Council Commander and District Commander. As Commander, he won All-American Honors for the greatest growth in membership, Americanism and Community Service. Mannie was stationed at Wheeler Field on Dec. 7, 1941 and later served in the Central Pacific. In December 1944 he returned to the States from Guam. Mannie was discharged in July of 1945.

Mannie and his wife, Marian, reside in Auburn, New York. They have four children and three grandsons.

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## 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.

# Reunion Notices

The Blue Goose (USS Honolulu) reunion will be held this year at the National Convention site in Orlando, FL. which runs from December 3rd through the 9th, 1980.

The day of the reunion meeting it is planned to have a brunch and a day of togetherness. This will not interfere with the PHSA Convention.

Come join in on the fun: See Sea World, Disney World, Rosie O'Grady's, Cypress Gardens, and much much more while visiting with your old shipmates.

For further information please contact Carl J. Juff, 2709 Kingfisher Dr., Orlando, FL. 32806. Remember to bring your bathing suits, golf clubs and fishing tackle.

The second (2nd) reunion of the USS Curtiss will be held in Orlando, FL. in conjunction with the PHSA Convention. For further information please contact: Reynold (Andy) Anderson, 48 Beverly Place, Hamburg, NY. 14075 or phone: 716-649-6269.

Remember "Our Ship was a family, we left the navy, but we will never forget our family. See you in Orlando.

The 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army will hold its 1980 annual reunion from September 4th through the 7th, in Spokane, Washington.

According to Glenn E. Rathbun of Boise, Idaho, President of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Div., this will be the first annual reunion of the division ever held in Spokane. The organization is composed of 3rd Infantry Division veterans of WWI, WWII, and Korea, as well as those who served in peacetime.

Anyone desiring further information please contact: Frank Parker, Reunion Chairman, East 1225 Marietta, Spokane, WA. 99208.

Were you there? The town of Schyndel, Holland would like to contact any Serviceman from California who were sheltered by the nuns of St. Lidwina Hospital during the last months of the war in 1944. They are planning a big freedom celebration after 35 years in July 1980 and would like these servicemen to attend.

Please write to: L Van den Akker, Molendyk 62, Schyndel N. B. Holland.

The USS Phoenix (CL-46) reunion will be held at the Hi Q Motel in Orlando, FL. from December 1st through the 3rd, 1980. This will be during the National Convention so make those reservations now.

For further information please contact: C. J. Millman, 7514 Cherry Tree Dr., Fulton, MD. 20759 or phone: 301-776-3230.

The 1980 National Reunion of the 90th Bomb Group (H) of (WW-II) "Jolly Rogers" will be held in Minneapolis, MN. on September 18th through the 20th, 1980, at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Bloomington, MN.

For additional information, please contact - President Gil Schultz, 3208 West 87th St., Bloomington, MN. 55431 — or phone 612-831-3830.

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# The Olde Navee

In these days of great changes in Naval tactics and decline in military discipline, the old sailor, as he sees the changing of the uniform and reads of impending unionization of the Armed Services, shudders and says to himself, "What the hell is this Navy comin' to?" He drifts into nostalgia, back to his days in the Fleet, to his shipmates - many of them closer and dearer to him than members of his family, and remembers the ports he's visited the girls the speed runs he's been on, and finds it easy to believe that the OLDE NAVEE was the best Navy. He fondly remembers the Commanders of the Fleets, and the skippers of the ships he's served in. Quite possibly there was a time when he didn't regard those Commanders as fondly as he does today, but as time wore on he realized that they had to be as they were and his respect and admiration for them increased.

Many of us who have not answered the last call to quarters have these memories and fortunately most of them are pleasant. We recall the gut-splitting humor of Mr. Roberts and the sea-going humor of the Gallery and Lederer books, and wish that our own precious experiences and memories could also be recorded. We all enjoy a lively bull session and often wish they could be shared with others and with generations to come. The Navy is rich in sea-going humor and tradition and it should be preserved. However, we look with a chill in our hearts as these beautiful traditions, like so many of the prized benefits of the Armed Services, are being chipped

away by a heartless, computerized administration.

The first few chapters of THE OLDE NAVEE will consist of some basic history of our Navy from 1919 to 1946 which I hope will set the mood for the nostalgic return of the old sailor's thoughts to the Fleets and ships he's served in. He can browse through the memories and reminiscences of others like himself, and will surely discover many names of shipmates, skippers and ships — and can relate to many of those people and events.

This basic history starts with the reorganization of the Navy after World War I and the Naval Arms Treaties to the new Fleet structure as it expanded into a full Two Ocean Navy. Fleet movements and the various competitions, operational, gunnery and athletic, played an important part in the Olde Navee, building up its efficiency through stiff competitive schedules. The growth of the Air and Submarine branches would soon far exceed the expectations of the pioneers, bringing forth a new type of sailor and operation. These newcomers would soon take their place as fast striking air wings and a nuclear submarine force capable of remaining on station, submerged for weeks and launching a deadly nuclear warhead, thousands of miles into enemy territory.

To make the most of the reminiscence section of the history, we want the memories of the colorful landmarks in the Navy ports of Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Norfolk, San Diego, San Pedro - Long Beach, San Francisco and Seattle. The list can go on

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and on to ports of the European and Special Service Squadrons and the Asiatic Fleet.

Poetry with a nautical flavor and the endless supply of sea-stories, humorously or otherwise, as told by Joe Blow, W.T. Hatch and others are to play a primary part in The Olde Navee and is really what the book is all about.

The "Tin Can", Submarine (Pig Boat), battleship or carrier sailor has his own source of story material, significant of the type of ship he served in or is most partial to. The Asiatic sailor has a background which spawned some of the most weird, spectacular stories of all.

So — I appeal to all of you who feel that you fit into any of these categories and can recall any interesting event dealing with a ship or Fleet you were in, or a shipmate who stood out as an important factor in those memories. Please send your story to me.

Pictures of ships, groups or individuals, that are clear enough to be reproduced will also be needed. Remember, a picture is worth a thousand words. Group pictures of friends, divisions, or athletic groups are what we want, but please try to name all of those shown in the picture, if possible. All pictures or any other material sent to me will be protected and returned to the donor as soon as possible after publication. Every item will carry the

name of the contributor unless he desires otherwise. Your material will receive little editing except to exclude the vulgar. If you edit out the salty language of the sea-farer, it's like taking the onion from the stew. Raunchy it may be, but it **must** be Navy raunchy.

Time grows short for many of us, in spite of good health, so let's all "Turn to" and get those prize sea-stories of your experiences on tape, or send them written in any form, so we can swap them with others. Put this in your "Plan of The Day" for tomorrow and get it to me ASAP so I can get it into mine.

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## From the Editor's Desk

We have received several letters these past few months from Survivors voicing their opinions at what they feel, is being priced right out of State, District, and National Conventions.

They know it is difficult to arrange meetings for many people without having a variation of entertainment and interesting places to enjoy. But because of the economy and the scheduling of these meetings in areas that have a great attraction for tourists, naturally, the cost is more.

They asked me as Editor to please publish and announce their concern, and would like to know if other survivors feel the same way. I'm asking for punishment on this, but please send your comments to: Editor Pearl Harbor GRAM - P.O. Box 2093, Lancaster, CA 93534.

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## AVON

Morality through history has been the cohesive element of enduring social orders, and with the decline of morality these social orders have fallen.

Now the American social order is being threatened. Our Morality is suffering an intense onslaught by unrelenting demands

for absolute freedom obviously fired by self-avariciousness.

Undoubtedly, the situation initiated with confusion in the meaning of the word morality itself. The United States Supreme Court for four decades has been unable to define either morality or obscenity. Perhaps, the most notable case considered within that illustrious body was whether Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* was to be sold over the counter rather than under the counter to the American public. The former prevailed.

Subsequently, obscene written and spoken words are now judged no more than inoffensive expressions allowed within the realm of freedom of speech — this notwithstanding the fact that words breed thoughts and thoughts provoke actions.

But the demand for absolute freedom continues to flauntingly permeate modern society in manners far exceeding the corrosive affect of words.

In many cases absolute freedom is veiled behind such enticing words as "rights." Certainly, no one should ever deny that all humans are equal in the eyes of God, and should be accorded such in a democratic society. But it, assuredly, is neither Godly nor democratic to tolerate freedom that will endanger the lives or en-

croach upon the rights of others. To do so in an endorsement of immortality.

Our forefathers, in giving us a Bill of Rights to assure our continued freedom, were well aware of the immoral consequences of freedom without restraint. Readily available were means of punishment for those who flagrantly violated what was considered the levels of propriety.

But then, what is the level — the line — that separates God endowed freedom from immoral freedom? Perhaps the word should be consideration — consideration for one's fellow human beings.

If this is the proper word — consideration — then freedom will find a common berth with morality only when each individual within our social order accepts this term as a mandate for restraint in uttering any word or commission of any act that would offend or injure one's fellow beings, physically, mentally or materially — either in their presence or in their absence.

Admittedly, this is an idealistic approach to the elusive, legendary (?) so-

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cial order — but Utopia, surely, would constitute a most acceptable civilization.

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We write articles that sometimes bring a few comments. The article on SFC Ernest Gadbois being the last survivor still on active duty, was one of these articles.

We have heard from the following survivors who are still on active duty and our apology to them: 36 years of service and still active, John Davis, MMC USNRR and stationed on the YR-85, Unit 419 at the Long Beach Naval Station Pier 9, Long Beach, CA — George E. Williams who is still in the National Guard and is SFC in HIC National Guard also. — and SSG Leonard Olson, 165th Supply Co. (HV-MTL) (GS), Savannah, GA. 31406 (Duty Title — Automotive Equipment Insp.) who is serving in the Georgia National Guard.

We of the GRAM wish to express our gratitude to these men for serving our great country for so long and honorably.

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The October issue of the GRAM — 1980 closing date for articles and pictures, is September 10th, 1980. This will be the last issue before National Convention in Orlando, Florida, so get them in early.

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# Once Again I Turn to God

It was 7:55 a.m. December 7, 1971. In my full dress Navy Chief Petty Officer's uniform I stood on the gently rolling deck of a fifty foot motorboat, which was laying to, over the exact spot where my ship had been thirty years before. They say that you can never recapture the past; but, I wonder. As I stood there vivid memories began flashing through my mind, much like a kaleidoscope, gradually they began to come into focus.

Yes — It was 0750 hours. Reveille had been at 0650 hours, and as I lay, fully clothed, on my cot, which was spread in the machine shop of the USS Dobbin, a repair ship, anchored in Pearl Harbor, I half read the Sunday morning paper and half wondered why they wouldn't let us sleep in on a Sunday morning. Even though I

had the duty that week-end, there wasn't one earthly thing for me to do, except to be there in the event of an emergency, OH well!

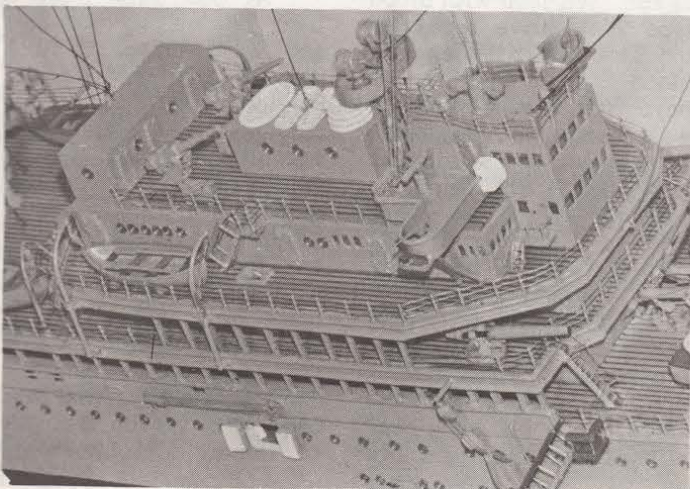
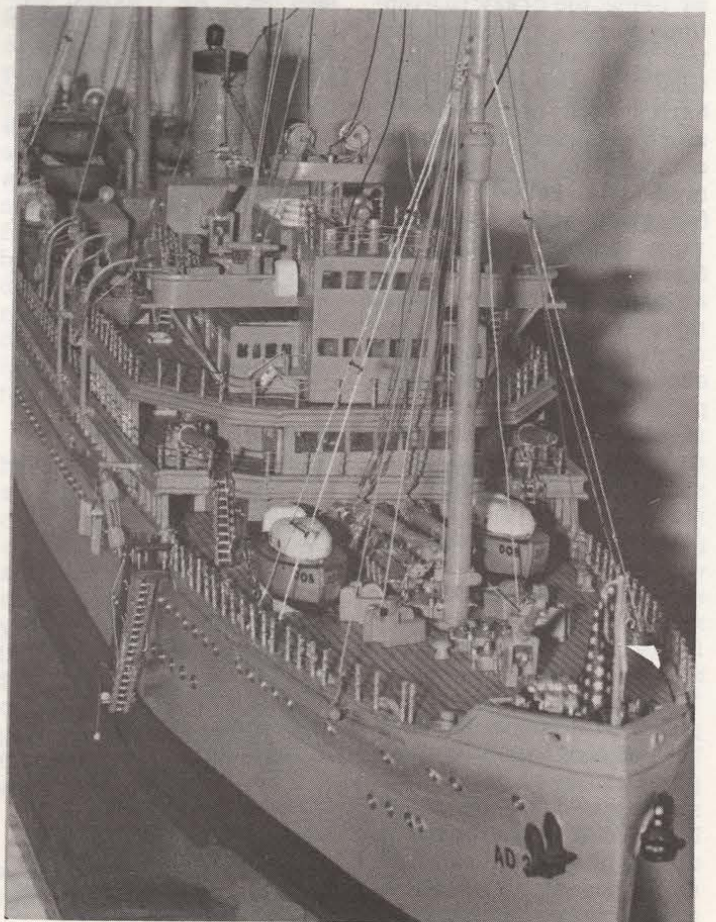
Five minutes later, 0755 hours, the General Alarm Bell began to sound, and a voice blared over the inter-com. "Away fire and rescue party, away fire and rescue party, on the double." Now it was my job to get the keys from the repair office to open the lock on the handy billy pump, which was in its place by the after gangway topside. I jumped from my cot, complaining bitterly about them holding a drill this early, and on a Sunday morning to boot, got the keys and took off for topside and the after gangway. When I arrived on topside, running aft, I looked out over the side and I could see a large building, on Ford Island,

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Model of the USS Dobbin which was built by "Abe Abrisch of Florida from plans obtained from the National Archives in Washington. The model is built to 1/8 inch scale, this is equal to 1 foot, which makes her four foot long and about 6 inches wide at the beam.

Some fittings were obtained from Model shops, but about 90 percent of the ship was made from any material that was available, mainly wood. Abe spent about 2,000 hours in building her.

He built her so that the main deck and superstructure can be removed, exposing the second deck which is completely furnished with all the equipment in each ship, to the 30 bunks in the chiefs quarters. He has dedicated the model to the entire crew and in memory of Tom Cochrane and Max Hobbs, two of his closest shipmates.



## Once Again I Turn to God...

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burning. My God, it's the real thing, not a drill after all. I quickened my pace and seconds later I was unlocking the lock on the handy-billy pump, when that voice on the intercom reached my ears again. "Belay fire and rescue party. All hands General Quarters, all hands General Quarters, on the double." Now I was confused, what in the devil was going on? Weren't they going to send us over to Ford Island to help fight that fire? Anyway, obeying orders, I took off for my General Quarters station which was repair party 1 at the forward gangway, topside.

As I ran forward, passing a shipmate running aft, he yelled, "The Japanese are bombing us!" I thought, "Man, are you joking?" But he was gone by then and so I dismissed it from my mind as being too crazy to even think about. A moment later I arrived at my station. I looked out over the harbor and became even more confused, not giving a thought to what my shipmate had yelled to me; for there before my eyes were planes coming in from the north at a low altitude, one right after the other, going right down over battleship row and each had a large red ball painted on its side, the significance of which didn't dawn on me. I could see spurts of water in the harbor shoot into the air like geysers and the sounds of explosions reached my ears. My God, this is one realistic drill. They're going to hurt somebody doing that, my thought continued. Then, suddenly, one of the planes disintegrated in a ball of fire with a loud explosion. The oldest destroyer in commission, the USS Allen, had scored a direct hit on its bombload as it passed. Flashes of gunfire appeared from the

ships in the harbor and the sounds of explosions were intermingled with the rat-tat-tat of machine gun fire. I was sick.

I looked over the north end of Ford Island and I could see the superstructure of all the battle wagons which were moored at their pylons. As I watched, the superstructure on the north end of battleship row began to move, the USS Nevada was getting underway.

Gunfire and explosions were increasing everywhere. It seemed like the planes coming in over battleship row would never stop. Then suddenly, as I looked back to the north end of Ford Island at the superstructure of the USS Arizona, a huge ball of fire appeared, enveloping the entire ship, and the sound of a deafening explosion reached my ears. The whole ship had blown up at once. She began to burn, emitting a huge column of black smoke straight up into the windless sky. As I looked up, I could see other planes diving down towards the battlewagons, releasing their bombloads and zooming up through the column of smoke as if to avoid detection.

At the top of the column of smoke I saw another plane emerge in a tight left turn and as it turned, it released three bombs, sort of throwing them towards us. I stood frozen on deck, watching those three bombs heading right towards us. All three hit the stern at once, or so it seemed, because the stern felt as if it had been lifted right out of the water, jarring the entire ship with a tremendous jolt. My thoughts were so mixed up that I just couldn't believe everything that was happening, nothing would fit together.

Soon we got the word from repair party four, which was below deck and aft in the area of the explosion, that no serious damage had been done to

the hull. Then damage control called us to send four men to mount machine guns on the bridge. Four of us grabbed our tools and rushed up to the bridge. Another shipmate and I took the port gun tub and the other two went to the starboard tub. As we were busily engaged in bolting the mounts to the deck, a flight of Japanese planes appeared at about three thousand feet and to the port. On our portside, we had five destroyers that had come alongside for routine overhaul a few days before. All of their five inch anti-aircraft guns pointed their muzzles skyward, and commenced firing on that flight of planes as they progressed toward the starboard. Finally the USS Phelps, which was immediately along our portside, was firing her guns, the muzzles not twenty feet away, right up over the guttub my shipmate and I were in, engulfing it in flames, heat, and smoke. A little more, and those shells would be hitting the wingtub. We scrambled out of there, but fast.

A few minutes later, when our hearts started beating again, we finished mounting the machine guns, gathered up our tools, and returned to our General Quarters station on the main deck. We hadn't been back five minutes when that voice on the intercom blarred forth again. "All men with blood type A negative report to the sick bay. All men with blood type A negative report to the sick bay." I was blood type A negative. I raced aft to the sickbay and when I arrived there with the others, we were told to stand by. It was then we learned that three men, Howard Carter - J. W. Baker and Roy Gross, had been hit by shrapnel from those three bombs that had straddled the stern. They had been near misses and not direct hits as I had previously

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thought. We also learned that Carter and Gross were dead, and that Baker was seriously injured and being prepared for a transfusion.

The doctor appeared in the hatch of the sickbay a few minutes later and dismissed us. Baker had died on the operating table. I walked back to my station in a fog, my mind racing with thoughts of my three shipmates, and somehow not being able to accept the fact that they were dead.

Sometimes later, after I arrived back on station, the voice on the intercom screamed, "Hit the deck, they're strafing us." I hit the deck right up against the bulkhead, and tried to curl up under a small kapok like jacket for protection. It was then that the full magnitude of the situation hit me like a ton of bricks. I was trembling, fear swept my entire body, giving me a feeling that I shall never be able to describe. As all men do at a time like that, I turned to God and said "Our Father, Who art in Heaven...etc."

At this point I felt a light tap on my shoulder and as I turned to look through the now blurred kaleidoscope of my thoughts, I could see vaguely a face and heard a voice say, would you like to return to the dock now, Chief? I remember answering, "No, not yet, just a minute." I turned the other way; there coming into clear focus I could see my two shipmates. Two shipmates, who had been with me on that day of infamy and who were

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# National Convention Hotline

**Correction:** The BBQ scheduled for Dec. 4th was quoted as being \$8.40. It should read \$8.50. This event is limited for a total of 150 persons per sitting. So many expressed interest that we have scheduled this event for both the evening of the 4th and 5th of December 1980. All will be on a first come first come basis. **DO NOT SEND CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHSA!** A desk will be set at the Convention Center Lobby to collect for this function as it is an optional function. Menu will be B-B-Q Chicken, corn on the cob, Baked Beans, two Salads, Rolls, Butter, Apple Pie, Coffee, Tea, Milk.

A raffle will be held to assist the Sons and Daughters, PHS. None of these were mailed but will be sold at the convention center. Anyone desiring some in advance notify the Convention Coordinator. Cost per ticket \$1.00.

**Jamacia Trip:** This special post convention trip has been set up for PHSA members and their guests to Negril Beach, Jamacia, and the Grand Cayman Islands. These are not run by PHSA and all will be on a discount basis as per information received on the PHSA Questionnaire. Fares include everything from air fare, rooms, tips, dinners, etc. You will be picked up in Orlando and then to Miami and Jamacia or Grand Cayman. Return to Miami for connections elsewhere and home. Those interested contact: Mr. George Garner Travel, 5100 Poplar Ave., Suite 1419, Memphis, TN 38137. Phone (901) 761-1708.

**Flying Delta?** Don't forget to check Delta's Dec. issue of the "SKY" magazine. It will carry at

least a half page article on PHSA, a brochure packet will be mailed to all Survivors on the rolls as of March 1980.

**Banquet Seating:** All tables are numbered for the banquet. Your table number will be on the Banquet Tickets. A large diagram of the banquet hall will be posted near the reception desk with the number and layout of all tables. Check your ticket against the layout to ensure that you know where to sit. There will be no changes in table assignment once made. Please do not try and change the numbers around as it only causes confusion. After the Banquet you may move to sit any place you desire.

**Additional tickets for Banquet or Breakfast, etc.** When requesting extra tickets please add name of the guest in guest spot, if not enough space, list on back. This way we can seat them at tables and have a record of tickets.

Don't forget those Survivor and Booster Ads. They are the life blood of the Convention Program Book. We have counted a great deal on these to off set items we cannot charge for. Show your **COLORS - BUY A \$3.00 SURVIVOR OR BOOSTER AD IN YOUR 1980 CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK.** You need not be at the convention to buy these. See your name in print!

**Polynesian Luau Revue:** South Seas Island celebrations complete with exotic dances and tropical atmosphere entertaining nightly in the Luau Cove of the Polynesian Village at Disney World.

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chette, Roasted Pork Loin, Chinese vegetables and fried rice, while enjoying the Polynesian Luau Revue. Dress is casual - with a reminder that Florida weather can be unpredictable. Prices: Adults: \$12.50 Junior: \$9.50 Child: \$6.00. You will need reservations, these may be obtained by calling 1-305-824-8000.

**Registration Forms:** There seems to be a question on what the full package for the convention includes. This \$35.00 fee includes the Memorial Banquet, Reception, Breakfast, Goodie Bags, Ribbons and other costs it takes to run a convention. Persons not taking the full package are actually not paying their way in supporting the convention. Additional tickets are for guests that you may have who are simply interested in the Banquet, Reception, etc. When applying for addition tickets please list guests so that banquet tickets etc. can be issued as they are assigned seating by name and number. Should there not be sufficient room on front of form write on back. Registration fees are determined by an estimated cost factor per individual. This determines how much the registration fee will be.

**Example:** Should you have you and your wife for a full package each the cost would be \$35 each for a total of \$70 (no additional tickets). If you were to add a guest for the banquet you would check additional tickets for the banquet at \$20 per guest for a total of \$90. Guest that do not pay the full fee do not get Ribbons, Program Books, etc.

**Requests for Reimbursements:** These will be sent to the Convention Co-

ordinator who will approve them and send to the National Treasurer for payment. No money will be reimbursed by the Coordinator. Tickets must accompany requests unless you had an over payment.

**Correction Page 12 April GRAM.** Column 2 under Camper and RV sites. Mr. Ken Behl is now in charge of this function. His Address: 1480 Morgan Dr., Merritt Island, Fl. 32952 or phone: 305-452-2522. A complete list of campgrounds and RV sites will be published in the October issue of the GRAM.

Having a medical problem? Be sure to let us know so that we can plan in advance for your needs.

**Extra Banquet Tickets:** If you plan on coming to the Banquet on December 7, 1980. Get your tickets in advance even if you plan on attending the banquet only. **NO WALK IN SALES WILL BE MADE AFTER 8:00 p.m., December 5th.** Convention workers like to enjoy that evening also, after many long hours of work.

**Hotel Cancellations:** Cancellation notices required 48 hours prior to arrival date for refund. Mail directly to hotel with the reservations.

Sarge Cook

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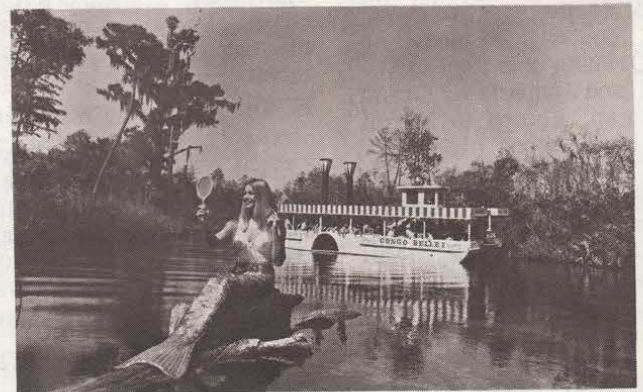
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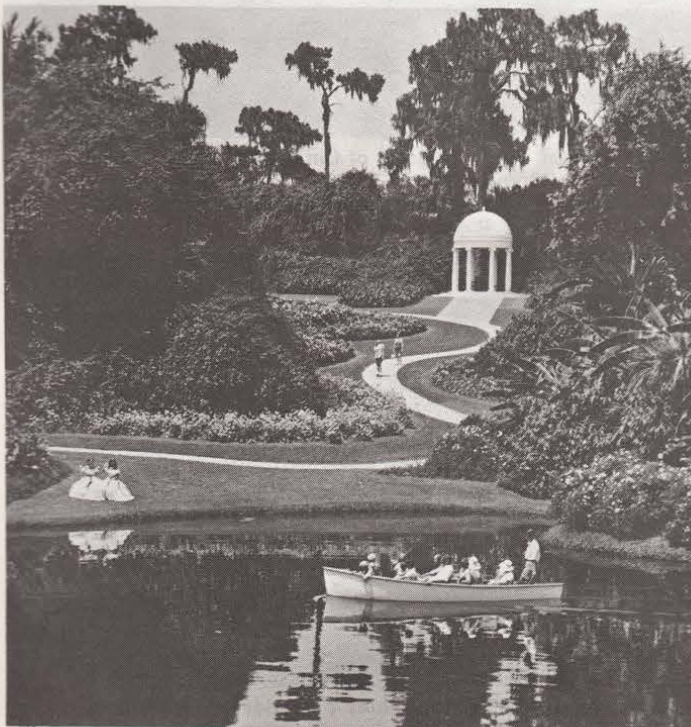
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Dec. 3rd	Wed	0800-1800	Registration	Convention Lobby
		0900-1800	Golf Tournament (Bus LVO830)	Cypress Creek C. C.
		0900-1800	Sales & Exhibits	Duval-St. John-Sarasota
		1300-1600	Natl. Exec. Board Meeting	Hillsborough
Dec. 4th	Thur	0800-1800	Registration	Convention Lobby
		0900-1800	Sales & Exhibits	Duval-St. John-Sarasota
		1030-1130	PHSA Movies (Public Invited)	Volusia
		1300-1600	District Business & Meet The Candidates Meetings. (District Rooms to be posted)	Palm Beach-Broward
			PHSA Movies (Public Invited)	Dade-Florida Keys
1430-1530	PHSA Movies (Public Invited)	Volusia		
Dec. 5th	Fri	0800-1800	Registration	Convention Lobby
		0900-1800	Sales & Exhibits	Duval-St. John-Sarasota
		0900-1200	NCT Graduation Exercises	NCT Drill Field
		1430-1700	Gen'l Business Meeting (Reports)	Seminole
		1430-1530	PHSA Movies (Public Invited)	Volusia
		2000-	Poolside B-B-Q Party	Hotel Poolside
Dec. 6th	Sat	0800-1800	Registration	Convention Lobby
		0800-1200	General Business Meeting	Seminole
		0900-1800	Sales & Exhibits	Duval-St. John-Sarasota
		1200-1300	Lunch (Optional)	(May be set up in Exhibit)
		1300-1700	General Business Meeting & Elections	Seminole
		2000-	Welcome Reception - Dancing	Exhibit Hall
Dec. 7th	Sun	0800-0915 & 1130	Colors...by...PHSA Church Services: Catholic	Flagpole Area
		1230-1330	Protestant	Osceola
			Memorial Services, USN Host Service (Public Invited)	Lake Exhibit Hall
		1800-1900	Entertainment	Citrus Crown or Exhibit Hall
		1930-	VIP's & PHSA Officers	Volusia
			Memorial Banquet (Installation) Roll Call (Dancing)	Citrus Crown Ballroom or Exhibit Hall
Dec. 8th	Mon	0800-1130	Brunch	Citrus Crown Ballroom
		0900-1200	Exec. Board & Conv. Comm. Meetings Free day for Tours-Attractions-Shopping & Early check out for cruise parties.	Hillsborough
Dec. 9th	Tue	NOON	Check Out Time	



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now again with me on that motorboat. All three of us stiffened to attention and looked up into the clear blue sky over Pearl Harbor.

Once again I turned to God. As I lowered my eyes, I found that I was looking right over the north end of Ford Island, at the exact spot where that ball of fire had been, just a few minutes before, it seemed. Only now, all I could see was the top of a flagpole with a proudly waving American flag. Without a word, the three of us saluted as one. I turned away and looked towards the coxswain and said, "You may return to the dock now, coxswain."

The three of us went back to our seats in the stern of the motorboat. Three twenty-year returned Chief Petty Officers broke out their handkerchiefs and wiped a tear or two from our eyes, as the engine in the motorboat roared to life; getting the boat underway, and carrying us back into the reality of December 7, 1971.

E. J. "Abe" Abrisch  
(M.R.C. USN Ret.)

**IF YOU FIND MISTAKES**  
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PLEASE CONSIDER  
THAT THEY ARE THERE  
FOR A PURPOSE. WE  
PUBLISH SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE AND  
SOME PEOPLE ARE  
ALWAYS LOOKING  
FOR MISTAKES !!!

# Not Permitted to Enter

The following is a true story that happened to one of our fellow survivors while on a visit to the islands.

James C. West Jr. and his family while on a vacation trip to the Hawaiian Islands, took them by the Pearl Harbor area to show them where he was stationed on December 7, 1941. To his surprise on showing civilian and old Military identification to the guards at the gate he was not permitted entrance. James had tried to enter the Navy Yard area to visit and show his wife and daughter namely the Fleet Marine Barracks. He argued and pleaded to no avail, they were not permitted to enter the area. This was one of the reasons James had returned to the islands, to see some of the areas that he had been a part of some 37 years earlier. He was especially put out when he saw a Japanese Destroyer moored in the Harbor.

On his return to Hendersonville, NC., he wrote the Secretary of the Navy and United States Senator, Jesse Helms from North Carolina, explaining his problem, and understanding that the Navy had a responsibility to protect the area and not just let anyone enter and leave without identifying themselves, but felt that some provision and exception could have been made for such a case as his.

This past October James received a reply to his letters from Senator Helms, through the Department of the Navy: It is sincerely regretted that Mr. West and his family were denied entry into the Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in August. The Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor has examined closely Mr. West's letter, but without additional de-

tails it is not possible to determine exactly the sequence of events.

It should be noted, however, that entry onto the Naval Base is restricted. In accordance with Navy security regulations, only individuals with current, valid identification or those sponsored by individuals or commands with same are permitted entry.

Civilian or "old" military identifications which Mr. West presented to the gate sentry would not have been sufficient for access consistent with these established security procedures.

The frustration of a veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor is understood. If Mr. West and his family are ever again in Hawaii they should call the office of the Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor which will be pleased to provide sponsorship and arrange a tour of the base and Mr. West's former barracks.

I hope the following responds adequately to your request. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. (J. T. Coughlin, Assistant Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Director of Naval Administration.)

James sent this into the GRAM so that other survivors that plan on visits to the islands and might want to visit the areas that they were stationed at during the attack on Pearl Harbor, might know what steps to take, so the same thing won't happen to them and prevent you from being denied memories of places you hold so dear.

The GRAM wishes to thank James C. West Jr. for the above information.

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These thirteen Survivors attended the Spring dinner-meeting of North Dakota Chapter 1, held over the weekend of April 19-20 at the Town House in Bismarck. From row, left to right: Lemuel Jones of Carson, North Dakota State Chairman; Gordon Nelson of Fargo; Irma Block, Army Nurse of Bismarck, Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Haurff of Elendale and Samuel Kostenko of Butte, Chapter President. Center row, left to right: Donald Marman of Beach; Milton Gittel of Bismarck; Ernest Young of Jamestown, Chapter Chaplain and Harold Bruschein of Wahpeton. Top row, left to right: 5th District Director David Briner of Waukegan, IL., Harold Rivinius of Bismarck, Alvin Schriber of Wahpeton, Chapter President and John Zeller of Bismarck.



Harold Greene (USS Raleigh) of Guttenberg, Iowa, chatting with 5th District Director David Briner, at the Iowa-Hawkeye combined Chapters dinner-meeting held on March 29th, 1980 at the Village Inn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Wilbert Norman (Hickam Field) President of Central Illinois Chapter 2, greeting Illinois State Chairman Joseph Szewerenko (USS Oklahoma) at Chapter 2 dinner-meeting, held on April 19th, 1980, at the AMVETS Hall in Pekin.

# USS Nimitz "Co-Stars" in 'The Final Countdown'

with Kirk Douglas, Martin Sheen, Katharine Ross and James Farentino

World famous nuclear aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Nimitz, will make its film debut in "The Final Countdown," starring Kirk Douglas, Martin Sheen, Katherine Ross, and James Farentino when United Artists releases the film on August 1, 1980 throughout the United States.

A Richard St. Johns presentation of a Bryna Company production, "The Final Countdown" was filmed almost entirely on board the Nimitz and involved the participation of many of the 5,000 plus member crew, under the command of Captain John R. Batzler.

Aerial flying sequences were performed by Fighter Squadron Eighty-Four under the leadership of Commander Emory W. Brown. VF-84 was the recent recipient of the Admiral Joe Clifton Award designating it as "the top fighter squadron in the Atlantic Fleet."

The official premiere of "The Final Countdown" will be held on Sunday, July 27, 1980 at the Uptown Theatre in Washington, D.C. for the benefit of the Navy Memorial Fund.

Prior to the premiere, on July 19th, the distributor of the film, United Artists, will host a special press junket in Norfolk, Virginia, where representatives of the nation's leading television stations and newspapers will tour the aircraft carrier Nimitz and interview some of the stars of the film.

"The Final Countdown" relates what happens when a modern-day aircraft carrier (the Nimitz) is mysteriously transported back through time to December 6, 1941 off the coast of Hawaii. The ship has the military capability of destroying

the invading Japanese forces about to attack Pearl Harbor. Will the commander of the Nimitz use this power and change the course of history? "The Final Countdown" raises and answers this question.

About three years ago, Kirk Douglas' son, Peter, brought the film project for "The Final Countdown" to Captain Bill Graves, Director Navy Office of Information in Los Angeles.

Over a period of several months, Peter Douglas met with Navy officials, including Vice Admiral George E. R. Kinneer, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet and Rear Admiral David Cooney, Navy Chief of Information. Script approval was given by the Navy and Department of Defense, and the project received the official cooperation of these agencies, including permission to film aboard the Nimitz when the ship's operating schedule would permit.

Filming for "The Final Countdown" began in May, 1979 in Norfolk, Virginia and moved to location in Key West, Florida in June where most of the air sequences involving F-14A Tomcat fighter planes were filmed. At the end of July, filming took place aboard the Nimitz while it was at sea. After about 18 days at sea, the filming phase of the production was completed.

At the end of May, 1980, Nimitz officers and crew members were given the opportunity to view the completed version of "The Final Countdown" aboard the Nimitz, itself, as the nuclear carrier returned to Norfolk from the Indian Ocean.

"The Final Countdown" was executive produced by Richard St.

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KIRK DOUGLAS (Left) stars in "The Final Countdown" as Capt. Matt Yelland, commander of the U.S.S. Nimitz, the world's largest nuclear aircraft carrier that is transported back in time to Dec. 6, 1941 off the coast of Hawaii. PETER DOUGLAS (Right), Kirk's son, produced the action/suspense thriller. United Artists will release the Film Finance Group presentation of the Bryna Company production on August 1, 1980 in the United States.



KIRK DOUGLAS (CENTER, wearing cap), star of "The Final Countdown," talks with Navy crewmen during the filming of the action/suspense thriller filmed almost entirely on board the U.S.S. Nimitz, the world's largest nuclear aircraft carrier.

The nuclear aircraft carrier U.S.S. Nimitz (CVN 68), which will make her film debut in the soon-to-be-released feature THE FINAL COUNTDOWN, at sea in the Mediterranean. The warship presently heads the 21-ship NIMITZ TASK FORCE ON STATION "somewhere in the Indian Ocean." THE FINAL COUNTDOWN marks the first time a nuclear carrier has ever been seen on film.



# Offspring Directory

## Wedding Anniversaries Observed

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

### 40th Anniversary

Joseph (Hickam Field) and Lois Staley, (Szalai), 5801 Bull Creek Rd., Austin, TX. 78756 — September 16th, 1980.

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Francis D. (Ford Island) and Evelyn Monahan, 1097 Forest Dr., Columbus, OH. 43223 — November 11th, 1980.

Elmer (USS Tangier) and Oneita Weygandt, Cherokee Landing, P. O. Box 455, Malakoff, TX. 75148 — January 22nd, 1980.

Andrew A. (USS Sacramento) and Lanora Janiga, 7726 Hohman Ave., Munster, Ind. 46321 — December 23, 1980.

Ray (Wheeler Field) and Caroline Gallagher, 115 Lynwood Dr., Battle Creek, MI. 49017 — June 29th, 1980.

William (USS Tennessee) and Ruth Tobler, 1028 Tindall Dr., Lapeer, MI. 48446 — May 7th, 1980.

George (USS St. Louis) and Anna Gilfillan, 502 Anita St. Sp. 1, Chula Vista, CA. 92011 — November 2nd, 1980.

### 35th Anniversary

Donald (USS West Virginia) and Leota Branson, 126 Eaton, Battle Creek, MI. 49019 — July 2nd, 1980.

Dale (Schofield Bks.) and Betty Plumlee, 4101 Dickenson Dr., Saginaw, MI. 48603 — May 26th, 1980.

Edward (USS Tangier) and Irene Kuras, 13550 Farley, Redford, MI. 48239 — November 11th, 1980.

John (Schofield Bks.) and Dorothy Demos, 1410 Barron Lake Rd., Niles, MI. 49102 — April 9th, 1980.

Robert (USS Nevada) and Betty Gursky, Rt. 6 8189 Nault Dr. N.E. No. Ft. Myers, FL. 33903 — April 20th, 1980.

Edward (USS Dobbin) and Faye Miller, Box 387, Woodville, TX. 75979 — July 17th, 1980.

Bob (USS Phoenix) and Rose Hicks, 3454 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa, CA. 95405 — October 6th, 1980.

Glennon J. (NAS Ford Island) and Pat Ryan, 7610 Augusta Ave., Normandy, MO 63121 — July 7th, 1980.

Leo (73rd Pur. Sq. Wheeler Field) and Sophia Sienkiewicz, 2216 Richland Ave., Lakewood, OH. 44107 — August 25th, 1980.

Joseph (USS Vestal) and Thelma George, Route 4 Box 400, Cabot, Ark. 72023 — November 20th, 1980.

Richard (Ford Island) and Jeanette Howe, 305 S. Cherry St., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641 — November 25th, 1980.

Don (USS Argonne) and Betty DuBrul, 11 Bobolink Lane, Levittown, NY. 11756 — August 4th, 1980.

Harold (USS Nevada) and Mary Glosson, Box 1598 RR 1, Brookville, Ind. 47012 — November 24th, 1980.

Mannie (Wheeler Field) and Marian Siegle, 34 Hurd Circle, Auburn, NY. 13021 — June 19th, 1980.

### 30th Anniversary

Martin (USS Dobbin) and Adeline Salata, 17245 Heyden, Detroit, MI. 48219 — May 13th, 1980.

Russell (Submarine Base) and Ann Grass, 12819 Elmfield Lane, Poway, CA. 92064 — May 20th, 1980.

Henry (USS Vestal) and Rosemary Eggeman, 18371 Jamestown Circle, Northville, MI. 48167 — June 8th, 1980.

Arthur (USS San Francisco) and Theresa Bieske, 9695 Wormer, Detroit, MI. 48239 — June 24th, 1980.

### 25th Anniversary

Paul (USS Tennessee) and Violet Cline, 509 South St. John, Lyons, Kansas 67554 — April 2nd, 1980.

Merril (USS Nevada) and Mae Duge, 14611 Shiprock Dr., Sun City, AZ. 85351 — June 18th, 1980.

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# C huckle a Little with C uzzin L eon



Flying to Los Angeles from San Francisco the other day, a passenger noticed that the "Fasten Seat Belts" sign was kept lit during the whole journey although the flight was a particularly smooth one.

Just before landing, he asked the stewardess about it. "Well," explained the girl, "up front there are 17 University of California girls going to Los Angeles for the weekend. In the back, there are 25 Coast Guard enlistees. What would you do?"

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All summer Paul watched Eddie give demonstrations on how to putt. Ed, who sometimes wears glasses, seldom missed a putt, even from the edge of the green. Finally, at the end of the summer, Paul asked how he holed out so accurately.

"Well," said Ed, "these glasses of mine are bifocals. When I line up a putt, I look through the edges of the two lenses to see two balls, one small and one big, and two holes, one small and one big. Then it's simple. I just knock the small ball in the big hole."

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A grandmother recently met her friend and started to ask, "Did I tell you about the cute thing my granddaughter said....."

But she was cut short with, "Before you start I warn you that I demand equal time - and I have sixteen grandchildren!"

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A Scotsman, dressed in his clan tartan, was standing on the platform of Kingsbridge railway station, Dublin, when another kilted Scot came along and inquired, "Where you bound for?"

"I am going to Killarney on my honeymoon," was the reply.

"Where is the wife?"

"Am no' taking her," said the bridegroom. "She has been there before, so I left her at home."

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A westerner entered an eight-year-old horse in a race at an eastern track. Since the horse had never raced before, he went off at odds of 80 to 1. But he galloped home first by several lengths.

The stewards naturally were suspicious and called in the owner. "How come you never raced this horse before?" they demanded. "After all, you've had him for eight years."

"Well, to tell you the truth," the westerner said sheepishly, "we couldn't catch him until he was seven."

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One blistering, hot day when they had guests for dinner, a mother asked her four-year-old son to say grace before the meal.

"But I don't know what to say," the boy exclaimed.

"Oh, just say what you hear me say," the mother replied.

Obediently, the boy bowed his head and murmured: "Oh, Lord, why did I invite those people here on a hot day like this?"

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"Few women have any knowledge of parliamentary law."

"You don't know my wife. She's been speaker of the house for twenty-five years."

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A man appeared in a newspaper office to place an ad offering \$100 for the return of his wife's cat.

"That's an awfully high price for a cat," the clerk suggested.

"Not for this one," said the man. "I drowned it."

## 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.

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## Memory Jogger

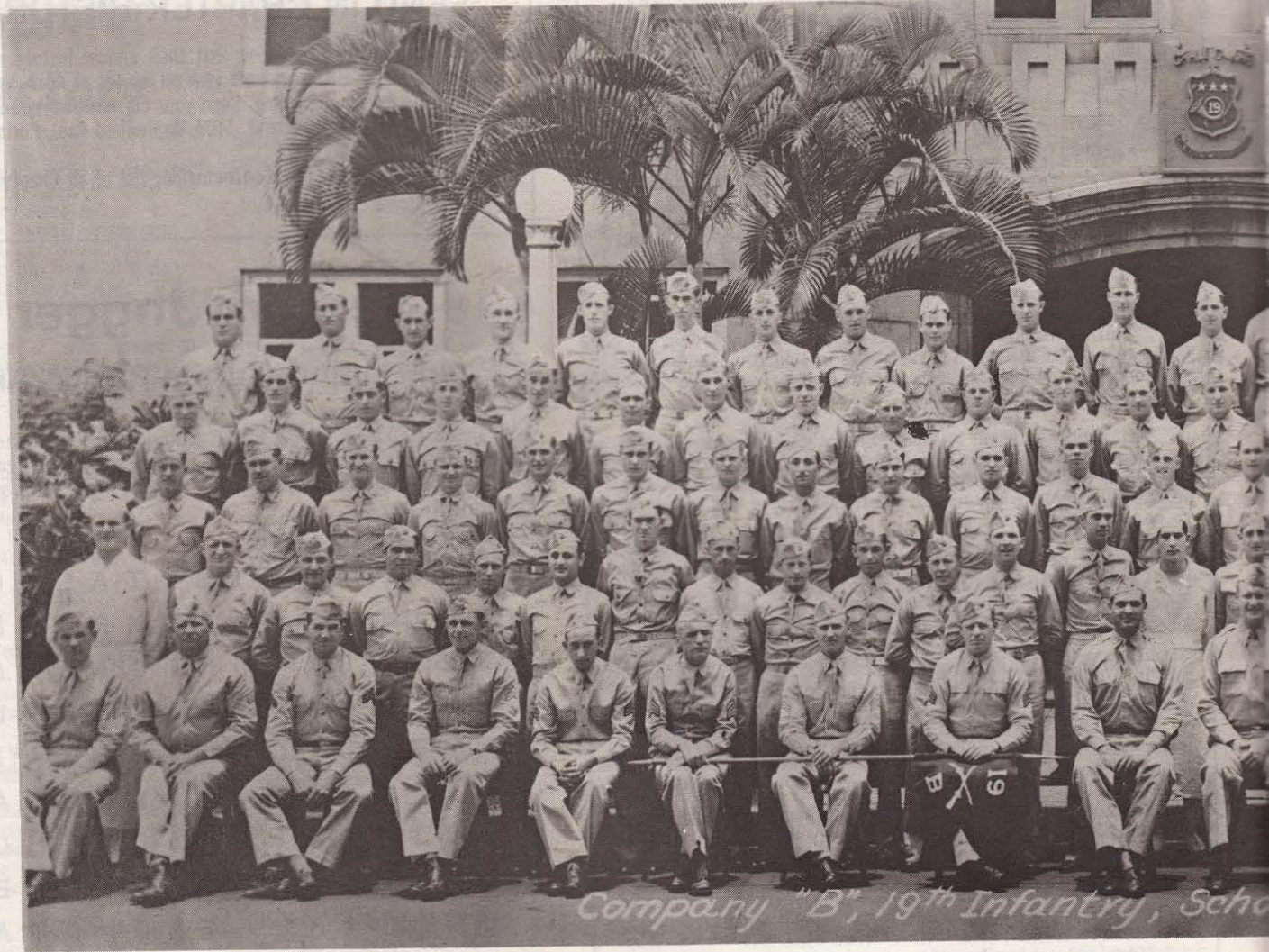
### Pearl Harbor and the Pacific Area

Cuzzin Leon sez, Find and circle all the words from the list. Words may be forwards, backward, up, down, or diagonally and are in straight lines, never skipping letters.

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NOTE: Readers are invited to submit lists of words for possible inclusion in "MEMORY JOGGER." The words should be associated in some way with the war in the Pacific, the islands or seas upon which it was fought, the personnel who did the fighting, or the equipment they used. Submit lists directly to 'Cuz Leon' Forbes, 2505 East T.O. Blvd., Suite 123, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.



Company "B", 19th Infantry, School

### NOTICE

I now have the following forms on hand and will mail same to any Chapter requesting same forms: No. 1 - 12 and No. 15. Request form No. 17 from National Treasurer, also if any one has not received their new inserts for the Hand Book, please let me know - still have some on hand.

Any one wanting to purchase a PHS A Hand Book they are just five (\$5.00) dollars. Make check payable to-PHSA Inc. and send to this office. I will mail your book and send check on to the National Treasurer.

National Secretary  
Hall Pickard

### HOW MUCH IS A BILLION?

A billion seconds ago was Pearl Harbor  
A billion minutes ago was the time of Christ  
A billion hours ago man was not on the earth

But a billion dollars ago was yesterday in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by Ken Mather  
from Reader's Digest

2nd time around — In the October 1978 issue of the GRAM the above picture was published, with I. R. Clark, 77 Marion St., Carteret, NJ. 07008 requesting that he would like to hear from any of his old buddies from the 61st Ord. Ammo. Co. Somewhere along the line we were informed that the picture was of the 13th FABN. To clear up the discrepancy we are

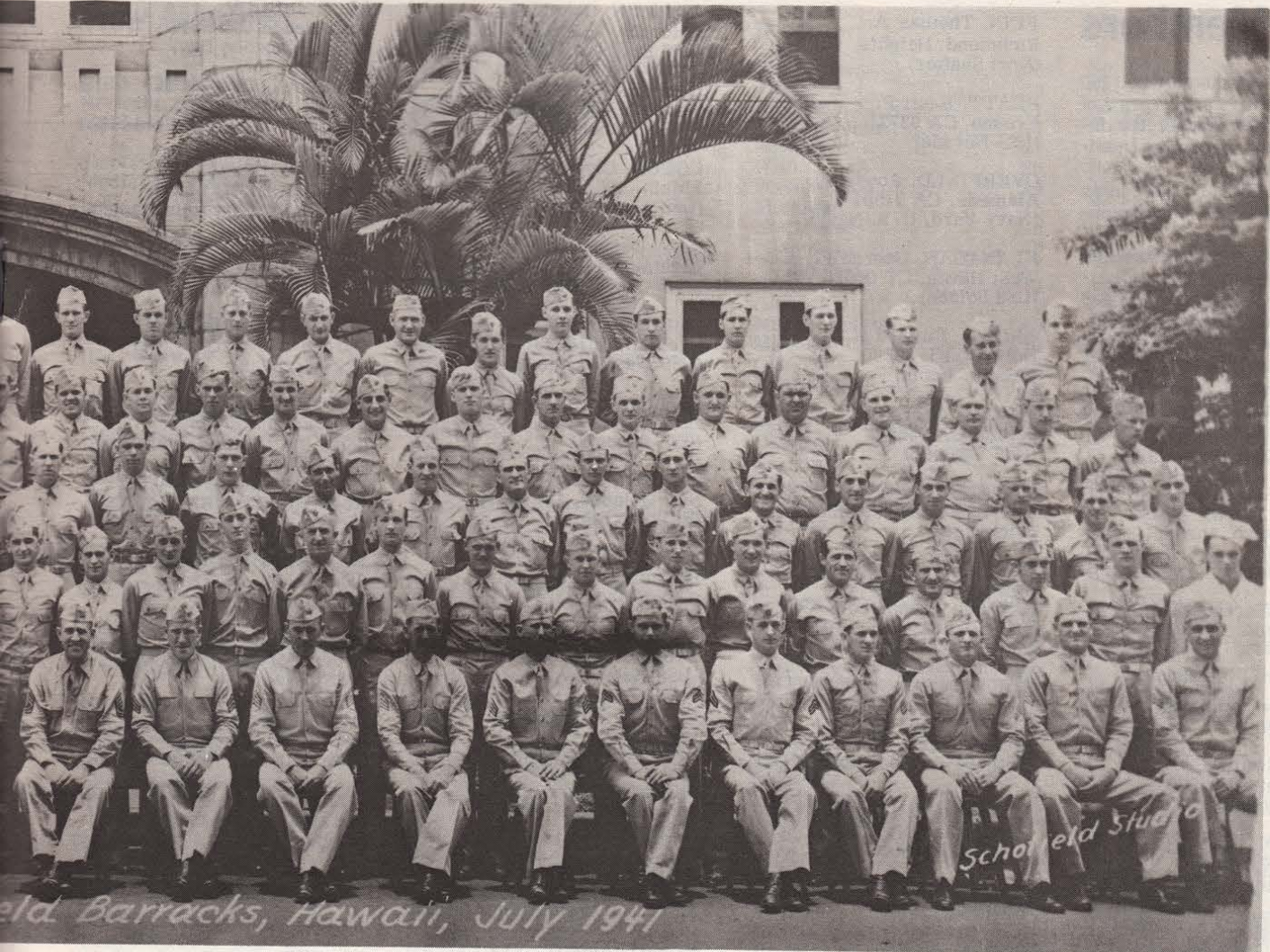
## Pond Attend M Eight Killed in Ira

On the morning of May 8, 1980, in the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, the government of the United States honored the eight men who gave their lives in the aborted attempt to rescue the fifty hostages being held in Tehran. National Treasurer Jesse

Pond attended as the invited representative of PHS A.

President Carter gave the eulogies to an audience including the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State, representatives of all major veterans groups as well as of almost all o





publishing the picture one more time and as can be plainly seen at the bottom of the picture it is: The 61st Ord. Co. Hawaiian Ord. Depot - Honolulu T. H. Nov. 1941. Our thanks to Charles E. Clark, 211 Luxury Lane. Reno, NV. 89502. Both Clarks are members of the Association.

## DIRECTIVES

EBD No. 2-80

Shall the following expenses be paid for by the Association, for President Thomas E. Deckers travel to San Antonio, Texas, to make Hotel arrangements for 1982 National Convention, Air Travel, Meals and Lodging?

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Jesse Pond  
National Treasurer

## Memorial Service for Rescue Attempt

the military missions to the United States, each in the dress uniform of his own country, and members of the general public.

It was an impressive ceremony, including addresses from four military chaplains, music by the U.S. Marine Band and

the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants, and posting of the Colors by the Armed Forces Color Guard. One of the most affecting moments was the flyover of Air Force planes in the echoes of "Taps" as played by a trumpeter of the U.S. Army Band.

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## New Members

The first quarter of 1980 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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San Anselmo, CA 94960  
(USS Curtiss)
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Vincentown, NJ 08088  
(USS Phoenix)
- SOCHA, Edward J.  
Morriston, NJ 07960  
(USS Maryland)
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Bon Air, VA 23235  
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Sterling Heights, MI 48077  
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(Naval Hospital, U. S. Navy)
- FERRARA, Antonio  
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(USS Helena)
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Field)
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Albuquerque, NM 87110  
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Groton, NY 13073  
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Rowlett, TX 75088  
(HQ 11th Bomb GP Hickam  
Field)
- PEASE, Robert E.  
Columbia, IL 62236  
(Bishop's Pt. U.S. Navy)
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Boylston, MA 01505  
(USS Mugford)
- MURRY, Otto Jr.  
Hays, KS 67601  
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Gage, OK 73843  
(25th Sig Co. Schofield Bks.)

COHOON, Jess C.  
Oakland, CA 94619  
(USS Wasmuth)

HEDGE, Orrin B.  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
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Oceanside, CA 92054  
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EGGLESTON, Gerald L.  
Hemet, CA 92343  
(USS Chew)

HOOKER, Arthur  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
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DUNCAN, William E.  
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COOPER, Francis S.  
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HARRINGTON, Earl R.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78415  
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Napa, CA 94558  
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Redwood City, CA 94061  
(USS New Orleans)

COLEMAN, Norman E.  
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(USS Dobbin)

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Kettering, OH 45440  
(USS Medusa)

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Red Bluff, CA 96080  
(USS Tracy)

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(USS MacDonough)

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(USS Honolulu)

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(USS Case)

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Lacey, WA 98503  
(USS Argonne)

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Lansing, MI 48906  
(USS Curtiss)

MASON, Harry F.  
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(USS Zane)

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(USS Whitney)

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(USS Tennessee)

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(Pat Wing 1 Kaneohe Bay)

MYERS, Lawrence  
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Santa Ana, CA 92706  
(USS California)

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Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
(USS Curtiss)

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(USS Medusa)

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El Paso, TX 79925  
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Susanville, CA 96130  
(USS Rigel)

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NELSON, Morris K.  
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El Paso, TX 79924  
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San Diego, CA 92124  
(USS New Orleans)

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Since Nov. 1, 1978 527 survivors have become members of the Association. This does not include those in this issue of the Gram. The membership drive ends October 31, 1980. Keep up the good work.

## A letter from Hawaii Governor

Mr. Gene Byers  
Avenue of Flags Committee  
1652 Wellesley Avenue  
San Mateo, California 94403

Dear Mr. Byers:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of the work of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and other organizations in establishing the Avenue of Flags at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, and requesting a free Hawaii State flag for your project.

Ordinarily, we follow a strict rule of not giving State flags free because of their cost and the great number of requests we receive from worthy organizations all over the globe. However, in your case, I am making a rare exception and have enclosed the flag you requested. We can never forget the heroism of those at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, nor forget those who gave their lives for our country.

We commend you and those associated with you for your admirable work.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
George R. Ariyoshi  
Governor, Hawaii

## MINI NEWS    MINI NEWS    MINI NEWS    MINI NEWS    MINI NEWS

Statue of Liberty Chapter 4 in New York held their installation of new chapter officers at the Consolidated Open Mess, Brooklyn Navy Yard this past March. Elected to office for the next two years were: Clark J. Simmons - President, Leo Klein - Vice President, Joseph Medure - Secretary, Pat Librie - Treasurer, appointed as advisors were: Past President, Dan Fruchter - Al Seton - Bill Stanton - Past Treasurer, Louis Zwillich and Trustee, Walter Weber.

At their March meeting many of the members were making plans to attend the 8th District Spring Conference, in Hyannisport during the month of April.

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During the month of April the Lake Erie Chapter 6 of greater Cleveland, Ohio installed their officers for the coming year - 1980 - 1981. The ceremony was held at the VFW Post 2926 in Cleveland.

Those elected to office were: President, Leo Sienkiewicz - Vice President, Frank Kluska - Secretary, Robert Patek - Treasurer, Adam Skalski - 3 year Trustee, William McQuaid - 2 year Trustee, Vincent Vok and 1 year Trustee, Donald McCarthy. Installing officer was, Ohio State Chairman, James W. Dittoe.

Sixty five people were in attendance for the installation ceremonies with all enjoying a delicious dinner and an evening of dancing.

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Still heading out west and up in the northern section of the country, we hear that North Dakota Chapter held its annual meeting in April at the Town House Motor Inn, in Bismarck.

New officers were elected and are as follows: President, Sam Kostenko - Vice President, Milton Gittel - Sec./Trea., Harold Ravinius and to the office of State Chairman, Lemuel Jones. Appointed to the position of Chaplain, was Ernest Young.

Visiting the chapter was 5th District Director Dave Briner from Illinois.

During the meeting the 5th District meeting in Iowa was discussed, also plans are being made by members to attend the National Convention in Orlando, Florida and Hawaii in 81.

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Southwest of the Dakota's and down in sunny Arizona

we hear that the Howard E. Brannon Chapter of Phoenix are making plans to attend the 3rd District annual Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico this coming July. Anyone within the chapter who wishes more information on this trip may contact, Steve Pechac or Harry Musgrove.

The chapter held their May meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Tempe. With elections coming up for new officers in the near future, the old hands would like to see some of the newer members step forward to offer their services as officials for the coming year. The rewards are the satisfaction of serving your fellow survivors and that you have tried your best.

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We have a new chapter in the State of Georgia with 19 members forming the Augusta Chapter 2. The newly elected officers are: President, Jim Watson - Vice President, Lawrance Rader Jr. - Sec./Trea., Robert Monk - Trustee's, George Flynt - Herman Wheless and J. Paul Strickland Jr. Appointed to the positions of Sgt. at Arms and Program Chairman were Earl Moss and Aaron Rhodes.

The Augusta Chapter was formed this past April. This is all the information we have at the present time, if John Martin or Jim Watson would be so kind as to send the GRAM more information about the chapter we will gladly print same.

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Up in the State of Pennsylvania and with the Central Penn-Letter Kenny Chapter 3 we receive word that they are at full speed ahead with plans for the 3rd annual State Convention which will be this coming September from the 12th through the 14th, at the Apple Valley Lodge in Mechanicsburg, PA.

The convention package includes registration, luau banquet, hospitality room, entertainment, dancing and Sunday breakfast, plus many prizes.

For further information please contact Convention Chairman, Paul F. Bemis, 345 Oak Dr., New Cumberland, PA. 17070. Don't miss this one because you didn't get those reservations in on time.

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As we go to print with this issue of the GRAM the Georgia Chapters will be hosting the Sixth District Convention during the month of June, in Atlanta.

Headquarters for the con-

vention will be at the Dunfey Hotel one of Atlanta's finest. Plans have been made for visiting survivors to attend such places as "Six Flags Over Georgia" - "Stone Mountain" - "History of Civil War" - "A tour of Homes" and the Museum of Arts.

We hope everyone leaves Atlanta with a full stomach, on Sunday morning which was get away day they served a breakfast of: Ham, Sausage and Eggs, with juice, biscuits, coffee and of course GRITS.

We will give a full report on this event in the next issue of the GRAM.

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The Bay Patriots Chapter of Massachusetts hosted the 8th District Conference this past April in Hyannis, Mass.

National President, Thomas E. Decker was present for the convention and at the business meeting he was invited to address the conference. Tom discussed the PHSA Federal Charter Bill and went over the coming Convention in Orlando, FL, and also spoke of the Convention in San Antonio, Texas in 1982.

Walter Maciejowski - Secretary of Bay Patriots Chapter would like to thank Tom for travelling all the way from Illinois to be with them during the conference and giving the 8th District his council. This thank you Tom is in behalf of all District 8 Chapters.

The chapter April dinner and meeting was cancelled due to the District 8 Conference. Their May meeting was held at the VFW Post 1274 in Natick, Mass.

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Down New York way with Long Island Chapter 135 we find this active chapter still going strong with their March meeting and attending Memorial Services in May at the Eisenhower Park along with other Veteran Groups. The May meeting was held at the Massapequa American Legion Post. The Chapter Veterans Fund is moving right along with \$100 to date. This money was put to good use by a donation to the Northport Veterans Hospital and purchasing canteen books which will be distributed at the hospital on future visits.

Also during the month of April Chapter members attended the First Annual Veterans' Military Ball at the Massapequa American Legion Post. Their color guard with six other local veterans' organizations participated in

the massin of colors ceremony, which was followed by a dinner-dance.

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Way out in the blue Pacific under balmy skies we hear from the Editor of the "Pupukahi" - Margarite Murray and the Aloha Chapter 1.

Back in March members of chapter 1 participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade, in Waikiki. Their April meeting was held at the Haiku Gardens with food fit for a king. It was a buffet dinner with Sirloin Roast - Fried Chicken - Ribs - Mahimahi and a salad bar. It was dine out time again for their May meeting this time at the Hon Kung Restaurant with more delicious food consumed by the members.

President Lynn Robinson gives fair warning to all PHSA members that the Aloha Chapter will have a large contingent going to the National Convention in Orlando, FL. this coming December.

Memorial Day services were held at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punch-bowl) with chapter members participating in the ceremonies.

Mr. Ernest C. Schanze, Superintendent, National Cemetery of the Pacific advises the Aloha Chapter that in May during the Memorial Services the dedication of the Viet Nam Courts-of-the-Missing and they also had the first presentation of the Avenue of Flags. Mr. Max Cleland, VA Administrator was the guest speaker.

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Back to the mainland and up in the Pacific Northwest with Seattle Chapter. They announce that this years Chapter "Scuttlebutt Salute of the Year" goes to George and Elizabeth Smith for their dedication and determination to the betterment of the chapter by organizing and heading up their bowling nights. It has been an important part of the chapter activities. The chapter members wish to give a big "Thank you George and Elizabeth" we couldn't get along without you.

This years chapter picnic and campout will be held at Thunderbird Park in Monroe, WA. during the month of July. It is planned to have a family potluck dinner. The Ocean Fishing Campout will be at the Kila-Hana Campgrounds during the month of August. This is always a fun weekend so plan now and don't miss it.

The Seattle Chapter is now setting up a "Education

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Assistance Fund" which will be for members, wives, children or direct descendants of PHS descendants of those who gave their lives on December 7, 1941 and descendants of deceased survivors.

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Over in Utah we find the Knowley's hosting chapter members at their monthly meeting in March. It was a potluck dinner, which was enjoyed by all. Members brought pictures of themselves which were taken in the 40's. These brought back some wonderful memories and quite a few laughs.

Their April meeting was held at the home of Lawrence and Norma Smetherst with another potluck dinner and plenty of food for these hungry survivors and their friends.

During the month of May they hit the road once again with the monthly meeting being held at the Chuck-a-Rama in Salt Lake City.

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The Texas State Convention was held during the month of June in Arlington Texas. Convention headquarters was the Ramada Inn. We will have more on the Texas convention in the next issue of the GRAM as we go to print with the present issue.

Hats off to Hubert Kotrla of Austin Chapter 6 for donating 15 gallons of blood. He is one of three people who have had a plaque issued and erected for such donations. Hubert served aboard the USS Bagley.

The San Jacinto Chapter 3 of Texas met at the League City Elks Lodge for their meeting with 21 members present. They discussed having a chapter dance and it was agreed they would use records and tapes, rather than having a live band. Also on the agenda were plans of checking with chapter survivors to see if their off-spring would be interested in forming a Pearl Harbor Survivors Sons and Daughter Chapter. Mike Hurley, son of the late Miles Hurley is heading up this group. If survivors and their children are interested please contact Mike at: 3718 Townes Forest, Friendswood, Texas 77646.

From Austin Chapter 6 comes word that members along with their wives and friends met for an excellent ham lunch at the L & M cafe in Georgetown, Texas. The main program during the meeting was presented by three members of the Central

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Texas Wing of the Confederate Air Force. Program narrator was Nat Henderson, former Wing Leader. The CAF whose headquarter is at Rebel Field in Harlington, has over 5,000 dedicated Colonels who are members of this worldwide patriotic all American organization.

Toledo Chapter 8 of Texas has gone to semi-annual or two (2) meeting a year due the distances traveled and the gas expense. Their last meeting was held during the month of June at the VFW Hall in Lukfin. Meeting was a luncheon type affair.

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Back up north again for some news from Hoesier Indiana Chapter 1. Their June meeting was held at the Holyhock Mill, in Indianapolis. It was dining out time with everyone ordering from the menu. Such food as Steaks - Country Fried Chicken - French Fried Shrimp or Combo Chicken and Shrimp with all the trimmings.

Members of Chapter 1 are planning to attend the 5th District Convention in Council Bluffs, Iowa in June - The Ohio State Convention this coming August in Reynoldsburg, OH. - then in September the Illinois State Convention in Edelstein, IL.

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Illinois Chapter's two and three held a combined dinner-meeting at the AM-VETS Hall just north of Pekin during the month of April with Joe Szewerenco announcing that they would participate in the Bradley, IL parade in May.

Also during April Chapter 1 met at Ninos Restaurant for their monthly meeting. Highlights of this meeting were a PHS Memorial Medallion being presented to John Brown, son of deceased member Thomas A. Brown (USS St. Louis). Members were advised to keep August 3rd open, this is the month the Chapter will hold its annual picnic, in Kane County at LeRoy Oakes Site.

Chapter 1 with their float won a first place trophy at the Loyalty Day Parade in Bradley. Pella Szewerenco with the support and help of her neighbor put many hours of work into the float, but with the winning of the trophy their efforts were rewarded. Let us not forget those survivors who marched along with the float, there were 10 of them. State Chairman Joe Szewerenco wishes to give his many thanks to all those

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that participated. The Loyalty Day Parade in Bradley is held to counteract the May Day observances of the Communist nations. We almost forgot the wives of the survivors who also were in the parade, riding in cars in support of their men.

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George W. Campbell (USS Medusa) has been elected to the office of Michigan State Chairman at the Michigan Convention in Cadillac. He replaces Charles A. Hosch Jr. who served for three years. George has been appointed by Jack Aupperlee as state vice chairman. Both survivors will take office prior to July 1st - 1980.

After one of the most successful Michigan Reunion Conventions we trust all and a safe trip home. The people of "Wolverine", can be very proud for a job well done!

Co-Chairman William Wenger, George Campbell and their chapter members did a great job. Our "Congratulations" from the Michigan Office.

National Officers in attendance at the convention were National President Tom Decker and Vice President, Bill Aupperlee.

New Michigan State Chairman is George Campbell needs your support and we wish him good luck during his term in office. Agnes and I want to thank all Michigan survivors, and their spouses for the support they have given us over the years while we published the Michigan Newsletter and all of our other endeavors while in the State Chairmans office. We will miss it but time marches on with others stepping in and Agnes and I will still be at your beckon call. So say's Charlie McClelland.

During the month of May, Motor City Chapter held a dinner/dance at the Enlisted Men's Club "The Mole Hole" Selfridge Air Force Base, Mt. Clemens, MI. It was a fun time for all with dancing into the wee - hours.

It will be a combined 4th of July picnic for the Michigan and Toledo chapters. It was held at Camp Dearborn with lots of hamburgers, hot dogs and steaks. Refreshments?? Yes there was plenty of that to.

In August it is campout time at Sandy Beach County Park, Hardy Dam, Newaygo County.

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A reminder to all of the USS Phelps sailors from the

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ships Publication "The Bull Horn" that time is running short for those reservations to their annual reunion, which will be held this year in San Diego, CA., at the Town & Country Hotel. We are informed by the "Bull Horn" that the deadline is August 14th, 1980. That is for pre-reunion reservations.

Those interested in the Harbor Cruise and officer's club dinner please contact Mona Tracey not later than September 11th. If you are planning to attend, please do not forget to bring along with you, your personal "PHELPS" mementoes, diaries, pictures, and love letters, just anything that will remind your shipmates of times gone by.

Remember that reunion date, September 11th through the 14th, 1980, in San Diego, CA.

Stan says there will be no September issue of the Bull Horn.

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The 11th Bombardment Group (H) announces the appointment of Robert E. May to the position of Acting Executive Director, effective immediately. This announcement comes from the office of the President - H. F. Kollmeyer Jr of the 11th Bombardment Group (H).

Roberts appointment will be made official at their annual reunion, which will be held this year in Honolulu, Hawaii this coming December 5th.

The group is still looking for bids on the 1982 reunion site. They have one bid to date, from Tom Harris for the Orlando, Florida area.

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Texas Chapter 7, held their regular meeting at the Ser Lain Stockade in El Paso, TX. this past May, with everyone enjoying a great meal.

Due some virus floating around in the air quite a few of the members missed the meeting but we hope they have a speedy recovery and are back with the group once again.

Several items were discussed during the meeting - whether the United American Veterans organization would sponsor the Veterans Parade this coming November, and the Orlando, FL National Convention.

Their next meeting will be held in August at the American Legion Hall, El Paso, TX.

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California Mini-News, as reported by Leon Forbes, Editor of the California Survivor:

About the time this GRAM hits your mail boxes, the combined California State and First District Convention will be convening in Sacramento (July 23-27, Woodlake Inn). With the characteristic vim, vigor, & vitality of California Host Chapters, Sacramento Chapter Six has gone all-out to make this a joyous and memorable occasion.

For the first time, as decided at the 1978 National Convention in Las Vegas, the First District Director will be elected at the District Convention instead of at the National Convention. There is a full slate of candidates running for the various offices, but at press time, the only contested office was that of First District Director, with incumbent, Wally France, and challenger, Hank Freitas, vying for the office.

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Joe Nemish, President of Chapter Nineteen, is looking forward to a 40 percent increase in membership within the next month! Can any other chapter out there match that "percentage" gain in one month? How many, you say? Two new members will bring his total up to Seven (7)...

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Now from high atop the mountains where we interviewed Joe Nemish, lets focus our telescopic zoom vision (courtesy of Buck Rogers) on the rest of California and see what has been happening that the world outside of California might be interested in. At this time of the year especially, the picturesque "Avenue-of-Flags" at San Bruno catches our eye. All Bay Area chapters assist in the task of unfurling and stowing of the flags on Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Fourth of July.

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Also in the north end of the state, Chapter 25 reports that their 3rd annual CLAM BAKE on 12-13 April was the "fun time" of the woods country as expected. Over 148 members and guests put away clams and steak like you can't believe.

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A quick scan around the horizon shows that, as predicted, nearly all of the Twenty Five state chapters were involved in Memorial Day Ceremonies, Parades, and

## Arizona Memorial Donations

**As of June 30th, 1980, the National Treasurer is no longer accepting donations and will close out the fund and turn the money over to the Arizona Museum Foundation.**

Special Services which are too numerous to be described individually. Suffice to say — Our Pearl Harbor Survivors were "conspicuous by their presence."

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Bringing the focus in as short as possible and looking down at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains we see... Well, Well, it isn't every PHSA chapter who can celebrate their birthday by having the "NAVY BLUE ANGELS" put on a show for them! But that's just what Sierra Chapter Seventeen, out on the high desert, did by holding their chapter birthday party in conjunction with the Naval Weapon Center's "Armed Forces Day" celebration and open house. There was plenty of entertainment that day in Ridgecrest and a good time was had by all.

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Lets zoom down into the south central end of the state and see what might be of interest - uh oh, here's one. Our Numero Uno chapter, National No. 1, had a "Uniform" meeting which resulted in one of the most "side-splitting" evenings you can imagine. Everyone tried to get into as much of their old uniform as they could and wear it to the meeting. Needless to say, not everyone had retained their youthful physique!!! Maybe they still had it - but in some cases it had shifted a little.

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California is nearing the end of its first year of having liability insurance coverage against incidents arising from PHSA sponsored or organized events. The consensus of opinion is that its here to stay.

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This concludes the news from the California Chapters that might be of interest to the rest of PHSA. ALOHA

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**On to Orlando in '80**  
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Sun, and the Grand Canyon.

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Chapter #23

## Arizona Desecration...

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the water. There statements were: We were desecrating the men who died December 7, 1941 by flying that red, white, and blue 'rag'. — Their term for our GRAND and Glorious American Flag.

This is not to say that I side with them, or forgive their malice. It is merely meant to imply that they are ones who should be laughed at — laughed at not for their futile efforts in soliciting a cause, but for the manner in which they do this, a manner which is so self-defeating.

Michele-Lynn E. Luke  
Kamehameha High senior.

These are but two of many articles written on the desecration of the USS Arizona Memorial. Our thanks to Margarite Murray of Mililani Town, HI. for both.

As we go to print with this edition of the GRAM the three identified as: Rae S. Seitz, 26, said to be a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party, Joanne K. Kishii, 27, and Masaski Hirota, 29, all of Honolulu, will be brought to trial, some time during the month of June, and will be charged with trespassing.

From the letters we have received and your comments, we know this is not just punishment for the crime that was committed. Let us hope that in the future the Navy will prevent such deplorable conduct on a National Shrine, and our dead shipmates who are still aboard the USS Arizona. We owe this to those who died for their country that when they look up, our flag will always be flying.

The Editor.

## Greatly Offended

The incident at the Arizona Memorial, is one which greatly offended me. I share the same morals and beliefs that are representative in a democratic society. By choice, I prefer to be governed by freedom, and nothing conceivable would ever make me condescend lower.

Rid of the hate I first felt toward them, I am now left with pity; pity because they are so blind, and crippled by their intense beliefs.

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# Requests Your Help

The burial services for the USS NEVADA took place 75 miles southwest of Hawaii in 1948. NEVADA never died. Her spirit still lives in the lives of the more than 15,000 men who served in BB-36 during her lifetime of 36 years.

To being back all those bitter - sweet memories, her story will finally appear in book form within the next two or three years. If you want to be part of the action, now is your chance. No strings attached.

Helen and Don Ross have transferred 160,000 words out of his old gray head onto paper within the last three months. They have talked about his six years in NEVADA from the time he reported 17 November 1940 until her decommissioning at Kwajalein 30 September 1946. The book will deal primarily with his experiences and the life of the ship during that span, but will also flashback to cover the entire history of NEVADA.

They plan as addendum which will allow other NEVADA survivors to relate their experiences. And that's where YOU come in.

Sometime within the next three months, will you sit down and tell Don in your own words about your most exciting or most humorous experience

or anything about your NEVADA life that you would like to share? They need personal stories, anecdotes, statistical information - anything from the time of the ship's commissioning to the burial ceremony.

How long a piece are they looking for? If you're an experienced writer who wants to hone your manuscript yourself, shoot for 500 to 1,000 words, say two to four pages of doublespacing. If you say, "I do have a tale to tell but I can't write," just write a chatty letter to Don, long-hand, pencil, whatever. Don't spare anything; let it all hang out. Tell them how you felt about it, then or/ and now. They are seeking as much emotion as they can get.

If you prefer to talk instead of write, phone them any evening or weekend at their home phone: 1-206-876-8234. They can tape the conversation right off the phone-with your permission. Also, they are prepared to transcribe from a cassette tape that you might send.

Don and Helen are counting on you to help make this book the volume that all will be proud of and you Cheer-Up sailors have been hoping for, for a long time. Why not give it a go?

Don and Helen's address is: 15871 Glenwood Rd. S.W., Port Orchard, WA. 98366.



Liberty Bell Chapter 1 of Pennsylvania at Memorial Services aboard the USS Olympia moored in Philadelphia.



Officers of Liberty Bell Chapter 1, Philadelphia, PA. From left to right: Joseph Woytunick, Robert Retterer, Rowland Hoefle, Richard Wallen - President, and Thomas Sanford - Pennsylvania Deputy Chairman.



Philadelphia, PA. Liberty Bell Chapter 1 members at memorial services. From left to right, bottom row: Bob Retterer, Felix Borawski, Irv Gerben, Joe Hudrick, G. Blanchard, Paul Reissig and Ralph Carter. Top row from left to right: Joe Woytunick, Paul Moyer, R. Hoefle, H. Gregory, Tony Manco, Rich Wallen, Tom Sanford, Jess Forbes, R. Fredericks, Jim Sweeney, Bud Rauner and Ted Fallon.

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**"There are some days you don't forget"**

**December 7th, 1941**

# "No Change, Clover — No Change!"

by Stan Parker

S1/C (RDM), USNR, 1944-45

"CLOVER" was the code name for the destroyer U.S.S. PHELPS, DD 360 during the WW II Aleutian campaign off Dutch Harbor, Massacre Bay, Cold Harbor, Kiska, Attu, etc. After fighting her way out of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, PHELPS was one of two ships (the other was the cruiser MINNEAPOLIS) to take part in every major action in the first 9 months of WW II. At Coral Sea, May 7-8, 1942, it was PHELPS' sad duty, as ordered, to use 5 torpedoes to sink the abandoned LEXINGTON, the first U.S. carrier lost in WW II.

After intensive training off San Pedro/San Diego in early 1943, PHELPS became, in May, a part of Task Force 51, with supporting bombardment at Cold Bay, Attu, and Kiska, as well as 'rapid fire', so that Gil Allan, Yeoman, wrote in his diary, "...we were putting up a solid sheet of flame with all guns that was just shaking the ship apart." The precision firing was called 'Excellent!' by Major Hartel of the Army landing party, and flashed the word, - "NO CHANGE, CLOVER, - NO CHANGE!" and later send a commendatory dispatch stating, - "CLOVER AND HER CREW IS BETTER THAN THREE BATTLESHIPS..."

Today, - "CLOVER" (USS PHELPS Shipmates) is one of the largest and best organized veteran's organizations of any single ship that served in World War II. Meeting for their Sixth ((11th Anniversary) Shipmate Reunion in San Diego, September 12-13-14th, their most eminent shipmate (1942-43), form-

er Chief-of-Naval-Operations (1970-74), Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., USN, Ret., will be the 'key-note' speaker, and it is anticipated that his forth-

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## 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.

**MELVIN B. GREEN**  
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## Launching of the Phoenix (SSN-702)

The launching of the attack nuclear submarine Phoenix (SSN-702) at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, Groton, CT. on the 8th of Dec. 1979 provided the occasion for 120 members present.

The reunion came about primarily through the efforts of Chester Millman of Maryland and Chapter PHSA. Chet, learning that the new PHOENIX was under construction, wrote to the President of the Electric Boat Division and told him how appropriate it would be to have the USS Phoenix crew present for the launching. Mr. Veliotir, the president, agreed enthusiastically. He requested that all names and addresses of ex-crew members be forwarded to him, so that they could get in touch, and send them personal invitations. Through the association and assistance from others, over 425 names and addresses were sent to Mr. Veliotir. From this list, 130 requested invitations.

The launching was originally scheduled for early November but was postponed until late December. The weather cooperated nicely and was warm and sunny. The launching ceremony was impressive. Mr. Veliotir paid tribute to the USS Phoenix war record and had all members stand. There were over 7500 people in attendance, which gave us a rousing ovation. The principal speaker was Minority Leader, the Honorable John J. Rhodes of Arizona, who also recognized the presence of the Phoenix contingent and called the Pearl Harbor attack, "A monument to unpreparedness — A reminder that diverting defense dollars to other programs can be a terrible costly venture — As long as there are warlike nations in the world."

The launching ceremony was followed by a reception for the USS Phoenix members at the Norwich Sheraton Motel. At the reception and along with two evenings of entertainment at the CPO Club, New London, CT., the crew members were able to swap old sea stories and get reacquainted. We were also able to meet and converse with several of the crew-members assigned to the precommissioning of the SSN-702.

Since the launching, Chet has been receiving donations and pledges from ex-crew members that attended the ceremonies, for a gift which will be presented to the new Phoenix (SSN-702) on the day of the commissioning. Plans are now being made to seek pledges and donations from the crew members that did not have the opportunity to attend.

It was heartily agreed that it had been too long since these old shipmates had been together for a reunion and have decided that it will happen again. Their plans are to have another reunion this coming Dec. 1st through the 3rd, 1980 at the National Convention PHSA, in Orlando, FL. Future plans are to hold these reunions at the place the Pearl Harbor Assoc. Inc., holds their conventions on the mainland.

For further information on these reunions, please contact: Chester Millman, 7514 Cherry Tree Dr., Fulton, MD 20759.

It was indeed a great day and memorable event and weekend. For many of these shipmates had misty eyes and lumps in their throats as the new Phoenix (SSN-702) slid down the ways with horns blowing throughout the yard, bands playing and people cheering. One PHSA member was told by his wife that he

## EIGHTH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mannie Siegle announces that the Eighth District Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Auburn, New York on September 26, 27, and 28. Registration will be Friday night from 6 to 10 and Saturday morning from 9 to 12 noon. The meeting will be held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. with Wallace Kampney, New York State President, and

Tom Stockett, Eighth District Chairman presiding.

There will be a Banquet Saturday night and a Buffet breakfast on Sunday morning. A Hospitality Bar will be held Friday night sponsored by the Central New York Chapter No. 7.

New York State will meet to elect a State Chairman, time to be announced by Wallace Kampney, State President.

had tears in his eyes, and should wipe them. He replied, "I am proud of these tears" — He was not alone.

The GRAM wishes to thank Chet Millman for the above story.

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Yucca Valley, CA 92284  
USS Maryland



Officers of Chapter 5 in upstate New York at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Falardeau where the October dinner-meeting was held; Left to right: Steve Seeley (USS Solace), Joe Englert (Hickam Field), Regis Oberrecht (USS Sicard), Preston Kindred (USS Oglala), John Noble (USS Medusa), Stan Kamieniski (USS Solace), and Bert Falardeau (USS Castor).



Austin PHSA Chapter No. 6 met on Dec. 9 for their special memorial program and chapter meeting. In addition to the members shown in the photo many wives and special guests were present for the program, including TV representatives from stations KVUE (Ch. 24) and KTVV (Ch. 36) who interviewed many of the PHSA members present.

## Texas Pearl Harbor Survivor to Serve Again!

James A. McClelland (USS Helena CL-50) who was wounded at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, is serving his country again. This time in the US Peace Corps.

Jim joined the US Navy two years prior to Dec. 7th and was burned from the explosion of a torpedo that struck the Helena. After spending seven long months in hospitals in Pearl Harbor and Mare Island, he was stationed in San Diego for the duration of WW II.

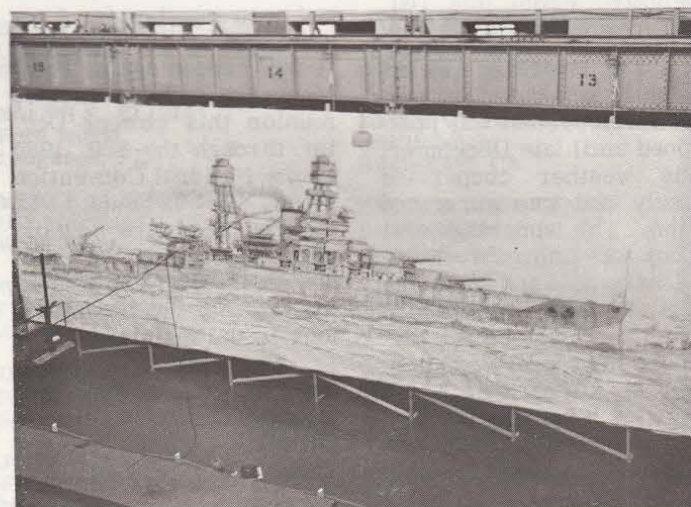
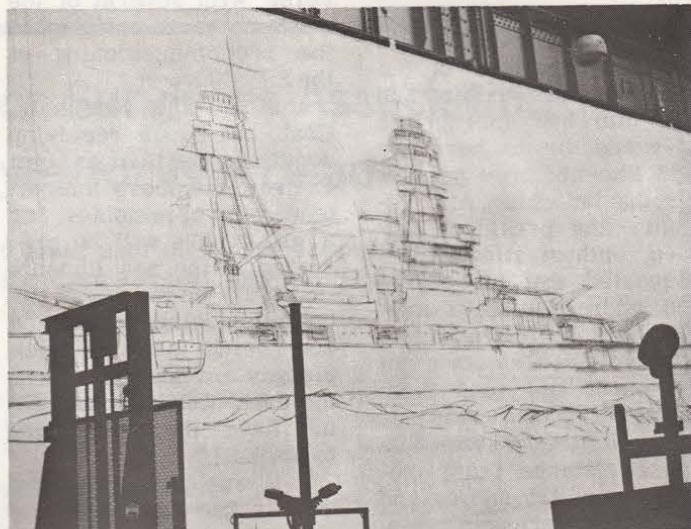
After his discharge

Jim and his family lived in Ohio where they were active in Four "H" work.

Now a widower and his children grown he has made Corpus Christi, Texas his home.

He joined the Peace Corps this year and will be serving two years, in the Central American country of Velize, (formerly British Honduras).

Old shipmates and fellow survivors can write Jim in: c/o Peace Corps., P. O. Box 487, Velize City, Velize, Central America.



(PEARL HARBOR, HI, March 10, 1980) — A15x50 foot blank canvas (top photo) was the challenge presented nationally-known Navy combat artist John Charles Roach when he began painting a mural of the battleship USS Arizona last December. Working at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D.C., Roach had the detailed, painted sketch (middle photo) of the historic warship ready in January. Roach spent weeks researching the exact shade of "battleship grey" used aboard the Arizona, and last month, his mural (bottom photo) reflected the authentic colors seen at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. When completed, the mural will be mounted on the wall at the entrance to Pearl Harbor's Arizona Memorial Shoreside Facility, a \$4.2 million project.

## Pearl Harbor Vets Recall Day of Attack

by David Colton

SUNDAY JOURNAL NEWS  
- Rockland County, NY.

The frustration felt by Pearl Harbor veterans who watched powerless as waves of Japanese bombers flew overhead has emerged again 38 years later.

A group of Rockland veterans who survived the Japanese sneak attack on Dec. 7, 1941 says the Iranian hostage situation has again left this country without the ability to fight back — at least for the moment.

The comments came as about 15 Pearl Harbor survivors, most from Rockland, dined in Mt. Ivy Saturday night to renew acquaintances and relive the morning hours of Dec. 7th.

The group, "Pearl Harbor Survivors of the 98th Coast Artillery," represented Battery A, which was stationed in the north of Hawaii. They've met every year since 1951.

Laughing and exchanging good-natured barbs at

Manuli's Restaurant in Mt. Ivy, the U.S. Army veterans can still relive the several hours of the Japanese attack that cost the unit one casualty.

"I was coming out of church and we heard the bombs," said John McGuinness, an electrician from Nanuet. "We knew of the Rising Sun, but it was unexpected."

"We had equipment, but it was never set up," remembered Joseph Frisco of Sparkill, now supervisor of grounds of Rockland State Hospital. "What firing was done was with rifles. They were so close you could almost hit them with a baseball."

Many say the planes were ignored after they were spotted at about 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Most thought at first they represented morning maneuvers.

"I was in the mess hall having breakfast," said Gene Gallo of Monsey.

"We went back to our eggs

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# Fort Riley Nurse Recalls Pearl Harbor Attack

by Jana Easterly

"A bomb exploded. We felt and heard it and it was terrible. The corpsmen started running and yelling, telling us to stay away from the windows, that the Japanese were attacking."

Thirty eight years ago today, regular Army Nurse and Junction City native 2nd Lt. Ada Margaret Olsson was busy bathing a baby in the nursery of a station hospital at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Without warning, planes bearing the emblem of the "Rising Sun" flew through Kole Kole Pass, strafing the post and adjacent Wheeler Army Airfield on their way to a bigger target, Pearl Harbor.

Olsson, 22 years of age at the time, was then one of about a hundred Army and Navy nurses in Hawaii. She is still serving today as a nurse at Irwin Army Hospital. Olsson recalls the attack, the bad times but mostly the good times of "the old Army."

"It was all so terrible to me at first. I knew nothing about war. We had many many casualties from Wheeler, we worked long, hard hours in surgery to care for the wounded. I was scared," she said.

Throughout the country people were shocked at the news. Preparations for war quickly began, in Hawaii and elsewhere. But, for Olsson and other nurses at Schofield Barracks, life again settled into the routine.

"Though the entire island was placed under Marshal Law, the morale of everyone I knew was very high. The war itself was still terrible, but it made no real difference to my lifestyle," she said.

A "blackout" was imposed on the population of Oahu. Curfew for everyone was set at 9 p.m. Lights

for cars, houses and business were tuned off and the windows were blacked out to keep the enemy from pinpointing targets, she said.

"We worked hard during the duty day, but afterwards we had fun. We were in Hawaii and you just started the parties a little earlier," she said. The only hardships she claims to have encountered were the rationing of gas and whiskey.

"We (regular Army nurses) were treated wonderfully, better than they are treated today. We had to carry gas masks and helmets, but I was never in the field, never carried a rifle. They wouldn't let us," she said.

The "Old Army" was very different when compared to the Army of today, as described by Olsson. There were no such thing as the Women's Army Corps. Women in the regular Army were scarce and were treated with a "respectful professionalism." Olsson, and the other Army nurses in Hawaii received the finest of accommodations.

"We had very nice quarters and strikers, house boys, that kept our rooms clean. We had a Japanese maid who served us our food, and a Japanese cook, until they fired him," she said. It was reported that his son was a Japanese Navy Officer and he was given the new job as the governor's cook, Olsson said. "The Army must have paid for everything, because I never paid a penny," she added.

For the next two years Olsson remained in Hawaii. Then, in 1944, she returned to Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, in Denver, Colorado.

From Fitzsimons, Olsson went to the Temple Texas Amputation Center then to the Army-Navy Hos-

pital in Hot Springs, Ark. until it closed. In 1946, Olsson left the Army and returned to Junction City as a private nurse.

"I don't think my parents liked the idea of my joining the Army, but they never tried to stop me. Those were the depression years and, though I could work at Fort Riley for \$60 per month as a civilian the Army promised me \$70 per month plus board and laundry. Seventy dollars per month, and they expected you to dress formally every night," Olsson smiled. "You could do it in those days, too."

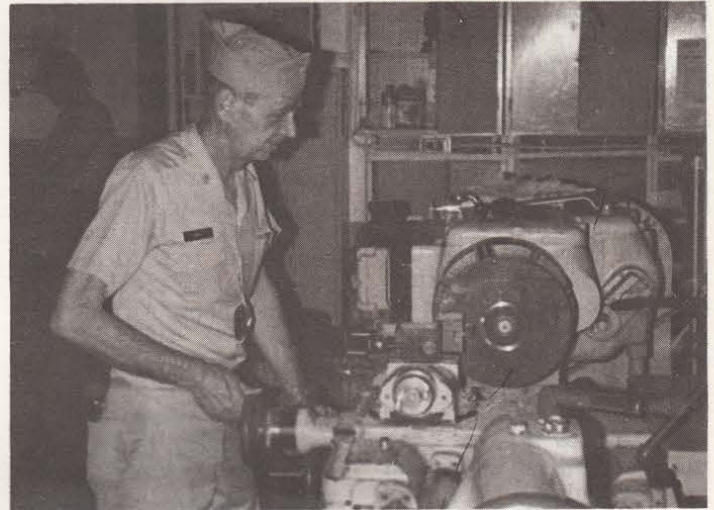
Olsson remained in Junction City until 1968. Then she came back to Fort Riley, because, the

Army needed nurses.

Currently working in Ward 4B of IAH, Olsson plans to "hang up her shingle" in June 1982. When she retires, after 20 years of government service, Olsson wants to do nothing more than travel and pursue her hobbies — antique doll collecting, cooking, and genealogy — tracing her family roots.

Would she make any changes in her life if she had the chance to do it over again? Ada Margaret Olsson, after 40 years of nursing said "yes, definitely — I'd want to be a French interpreter."

(From the Ft. Riley Post, Friday, Dec. 7, 1979)



John Davis, MMC USNRR, who has served 36 years in the Armed Services of the United States and is still on active duty aboard the YR-85, Unit 419. It is a floating machine ship and repair barge stationed at Pier 9 in Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

## 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.

# Memorial Services, Fraha, Texas

At 11:05 a.m. the bugler sounded General Quarters as the Japanese planes of the Confederate Air Force staged a mock reenactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 38 years ago on December 7, 1941. The planes participating in the attack are Nakajima Kate, Aishi Val and Mitsubishi Zeroes from the Central Texas Wing and the Gulf Coast Wing of the CAF. Nat Henderson, Colonel in the CAF was the narrator for the simulated attack. The missing man formation which was presented by five (5) CAF aircraft flew over after the keynote address.

Keynote speaker for the ceremonies was Air Force Colonel, Stuart A. Rossa, of the Command Module for Apollo 14, Moon Flight. Colonel Rossa is now a retired Astronaut living in Austin, Texas. His address is as follows:

"Honored Guests, Veterans, Friends: I am very pleased and honored to be participating in this Memorial Service in Praha this morning. I am sure all of us feel a debt of gratitude and consider it a privilege to gather together in honoring all the individuals who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy and in particular, here this morning honoring the nine men from Praha who gave their all for this fine country.

I am an unabashed, flag waving patriot. I never cease to be emotionally moved by the view of our waving flag, the pledge of allegiance, and our national anthem. The night before I launched on my Apollo 12 mission, I stood at the base of my Saturn 5 Rocket. It was 36 stories tall, and was bathed in brilliant arch lights. It was a gleaming white express train on which I would

ride, the next day, literally out of this world. As I pondered my trip off the planet Earth, I experienced a feeling of genuine pride as I looked at the large United States flag painted on each stage of the rocket and the large letters - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The Apollo Program was a tremendous accomplishment for The United States, and was a direct result of every citizen's spirit that enabled them to move westward from the thirteen colonies and carve the greatest nation in the world out of a wilderness, to establish universities, an industrial gaint unparalleled in the history of the world, a farm heartland that feeds not only this nation but millions of people outside the United States, and a place where the common man can live in Freedom.

Our forefathers moved our flag westward to the Pacific on to Alaska and Hawaii. I was privileged to participate in carrying our flags to the moon. If you would look to my left over the oak tree you can see the moon. At this very moment, 6 flags of The United States of America are on that moon, placed there by Americans. No other country in the world can make a similar statement. We live in a tremendous, marvelous country. It is certainly worth working for, sacrificing for, living for, and if called upon dying for, to preserve our freedom and our way of life.

When I looked upon the planet Earth from the lunar distance of a quarter of a million miles, I experienced the strongest emotion of my flight. The earth is a fantastically beautiful blue and white ball hung in an absolutely black sky. Eighty miles above the earth the sky or space is no longer blue,

but totally black.

The moon is light grey or light tan, much like our deserts, and the only color you see is the earth. The blue of the water and the clouds. At the lunar distance you do not see cities, countries, or even continents. The earth appears as a fragile jewel, suspended in a black void, and it gives you a sense of loneliness when you look back at this small planet and say to yourself, there is home and family, people, green trees and fresh water. The earth is small, I could easily hide the United States, in fact the entire world, behind my closed fist. This experience gave me a feeling of humility and also renewed my appreciation for how truly blessed we are in this country.

The nine brave men who we honor this morning, have soared to even more lofty heights. Let us go forward from this beautiful ceremony, walking on a higher plateau with determination to maintain the United States as a country and as a government that these men would be proud of.

May the legacy of these brave men from Praha re-

main a shining example to all of us. Let us take to our hearts their example of courageously maintaining their beliefs and traditions. Let us insure that we pass this legacy to the generations that follow by ceremonies such as this, and most importantly by our words and our actions in everyday living.

In these days of what appear to me to be a policy of appeasement and a lack of courage on the part of some of our country's leaders, let us examine our conscience and renew our commitments. 'The peace at any price' syndrome is as dangerous to the future well being of the United States as the attack on Pearl Harbor and unfortunately is much more insidious. America's freedom is a right given by God, but defended by man. It is our overwhelming responsibility to preserve our heritage of freedom for all Americans. We must work ever harder to maintain the United States as a country for which we can truthfully say the sacrifice paid by these men from Praha and of all the men and women we honor of this Memorial Day is not in vain."



From left to right: Henry W. Rapalus, his son Robert J. Rapalus and National President, Tom Decker. Photo was taken after graduation ceremonies at the USNTS, Great Lakes, IL., where he was a member of RTC Co. 009 - 17th Div. The Division graduated with distinction. Young Rapalus entered the Navy 39 years to the day after Rapalus Sr. did.

**ROGER L. HEYMANN AND ASSOCIATES**  
 Certified Public Accountant  
**PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1979**

ASSETS	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Petty Cash Funds	\$ 600.00
Cash in Bank - United Va. Bank/ National	4,745.78
Cash in Savings - No. Va. S & L Assn.	23,900.60
Cash - Arizona Memorial Fund	3,170.48
Cash - Certificate of Deposits	116,873.81
Prepaid Supplies - Memorials	1,549.38
Prepaid Insurance	798.04
Prepaid Postage	400.00
Prepaid Convention Expense	514.68
Inventory - Trade	4,541.48
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$157,094.25</b>
Office Furniture and Equipment	3,305.83
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Flags, Pictures, etc.	1,866.86
Corporate Seal and Trademark	33.00
Dies and Patterns	290.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>2,189.86</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$162,589.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable - State, Local and District Dues	\$ 5,555.26
Overpayments	349.90
Current Deferred Life Membership Dues	27,671.89
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 33,577.05</b>
Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues	55,682.31
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Fund Balance - January 1, 1979	100,330.99
Add: Prior Period Adjustment - Arizona Memorial Trust Fund	2,455.24
Less: Prior Period Adjustment - 1978 Las Vegas Convention	2,609.16
1979 Interest Income in 1978	800.74
Negative Net - 1979	26,045.75
<b>Fund Balance - December 31, 1979</b>	<b>73,330.58</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$162,589.94</b>

INCOME STATEMENT			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Initiation Fees		\$ 2,175.00	
Donation Arizona Memorial		4,600.00	
Dues - National Share		23,564.39	
Boosters - Pearl Harbor Gram		536.00	
Advertising - Pearl Harbor Gram		1,141.00	
Interest Income		10,758.96	
Handbooks, Memorials, and Other Income		107.34	
Reinstatement Fees		324.00	
Merchandise Sales		\$3,160.75	
Beginning Inventory	\$4,473.25		
Purchases	3,181.88		
Subtotal	7,655.13		
Less: Ending Inventory	4,541.48	(3,113.65)	47.10
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 43,253.79</b>

<b>Expenses</b>			
Pearl Harbor Gram - Printing and Mailing		\$ 8,815.49	
Executive Board Meeting and Directive Expenses		2,558.80	
Waukegan Board Meeting		3,554.18	
Insurance and Bonding		1,129.67	
Memorials		661.32	
Unit List Expense		8.87	
Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation		29,000.00	
Handbooks		1,150.00	
Service Charges		16.08	
Fee and Tax		11.00	
Honor Guard Uniforms		772.00	
Dues - Veterans Day National Committee		50.00	
<b>Office Expenses:</b>			
Postage		\$ 3,913.00	
Printing and Stationery		1,515.32	
Telephone		2,078.12	
Travel		380.77	
Rent		3,300.00	
Data Processing		1,781.50	
Certified Public Accountants		2,779.90	
Office Services		4,800.00	
Xerox		599.93	
Repair and Maintenance		426.09	
Clerical		37.50	
			21,572.13
			69,299.54
<b>Net Loss for 1979</b>			<b>(26,045.75)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### FOOTNOTES

##### Note A - Significant Accounting Policies

The Association is a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity as defined under Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association is operated exclusively for purposes beneficial to the interests of the nation and its uniformed services personnel, their dependents and survivors.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared principally on the cash basis, with the following exceptions: (a) Prepaid Membership and Deferred Life Membership Dues are recorded as they accrue; (b) Prepaid Expense - 78-80 Convention Scheduling and Prior Period Adjustment.

##### Note B

Physical inventory priced at lower of cost or market value, First-In-First Out.

##### Note C

The Certificate of Deposits are valued at face value plus accrued interest.

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FOOTNOTES....continued

Note D

The National Office is maintained in the Treasurer's Office in Washington, D.C.

Note E

Current Deferred and Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues are carried as liabilities. Life Membership Dues are amortized over 20 and 15 years respectively where as Current Dues are received at the end of the current year and recognized for the year paid.

Note F

Negative Net due to contributions of \$29,000.00 to Arizona Museum Foundation Fund.

Note G

Supplementary Schedule, A-H.

SCHEDULE OF PETTY FUNDS

Location	Gross Amount
Petty Cash Fund - Decker	\$100.00
Petty Cash Fund - Pond	100.00
Petty Cash Fund - Aupperlee	100.00
Petty Cash Fund - Slavens	100.00
Petty Cash Fund - Chappell	100.00
Petty Cash Fund - Pickard	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

SCHEDULE OF PREPAID SUPPLIES — MEMORIALS

Location	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Treasurer	6 Mem. Plaques	10.98	\$ 65.88
	1 Mem. Plaque	3.50	3.50
	370 Mem. Plaques	4.00	1,480.00
			<b>\$1,549.38</b>

SCHEDULE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Location	Quantity	Amount
New Pres.	PHSA Handbook	1 \$ 5.00
	IBM Electric Typewriter	1 389.00
	Adler 0-5 Elite Cubic No. 15334583	1 165.08
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 559.08</b>
Past Pres.	Administrative Manual	1 \$ 5.50
	Tape Recorder No.505A	1 79.95
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 85.45</b>
Vice Pres.	—	—
Secretary	Postal Scale	1 \$ 5.50
	4 Drawer File Cabinets	2 109.62
	SMC Typewriter No. 7ELB2004147	1 275.00
	Typewriter Carrying Case	1 32.25
	4 Drawer Metal Cabinets	4 92.00
	4 Drawer Metal File Cabinets	3 290.81
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 805.18</b>
Editor	IBM Typewriter	1 \$ 365.70
	4 Drawer File Cabinet	1 187.23
	Triner Postal Scale	1 26.00

SCHEDULE OF PREPAID INSURANCE

Professional Liability Insurance Plan	Prepaid \$444.19
Liability, Office Contents	275.39
Bond	78.46
	<b>\$798.04</b>

SCHEDULE OF INVENTORY - TRADE

Location	Description	Qty.	Unit \$	Amount
Storekeeper	PHSA Hats	74	\$ 8.50	\$ 629.00
	Decals-Windshield	2,166	.096	207.94
	Lapel Pins	90	5.45	490.50
	Emblems-Blue&White	1,186	.635	753.11
	Bumper Stickers	478	.147	70.27
	Rubber Stamps			
	PHSA Seal	188	2.24	421.12
	PHSA Flags - Blue&White 3'x5'	5	40.00	200.00
	Decals-Gold	315	.201	63.32
	Emblems - Gold Embroidered	1,420	.53	752.60
	Chains	215	1.00	215.00
	Pendants	215	2.50	537.50
	<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$4,340.36</b>
	Treasurer	Decals - Gold	320	.201
Decals - Windshield		1,425	.096	136.80
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,541.48</b>	

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

Institution	Liquid. Date	Control Number	Rate	Face Amount	Present Value
No. VA S&L	4/ 9/ 80	M 40800	7 1/ 2	\$10,000	\$ 13,252.92
No. VA S&L	2/20/ 81	M 78042	7 3/ 4	20,000	29,218.32
Providence S&L	2/ 8/ 83	822596-6	7 3/ 4	25,000	31,387.18
Arl-FFx S&L	8/18/ 83	107-930303-8	7 3/ 4	27,400	33,015.39
1st Fed'l of Arl.	7/23/ 80	001-500411-2	11.783	10,000	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$92,400</b>	<b>\$116,873.81</b>

35mm Praktica Super TL Camera-79		1	100.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 678.93</b>
	Treasurer	4 Drawer Plunger Lock Metal File Cabinet	1
4 Drawer Metal Cabinet		1	106.97
Paymaster Checkmaster-used No. 4059863		1	29.64
IBM Electric Typewriter No. 1158614		1	365.98
2 Drawer Metal Card Files Microfilm-		2	19.00
Membership	Records	1	398.10
	<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 999.69</b>
Historian	Speed-O-Print Mimeograph No. 600	1	\$ 150.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 150.00</b>
5th District Director	2 Drawer File Cabinet	1	\$ 27.50
	<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 27.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,305.83</b>

Schedule Of Deferred Life Membership Dues

Year	Base	Annual Amortization	Unamortized
1964	\$ 6,143.50	\$ 307.18	\$ 1,228.68
1965	2,260.50	113.03	565.10
1966	2,706.00	135.30	811.80
1967	4,436.40	221.82	1,522.74
1968	2,181.00	109.05	872.40
1969	4,668.75	233.44	2,100.91
1970	6,093.00	304.00	3,046.50
1971	8,655.75	577.05	4,616.38
1972	9,555.00	637.00	5,573.75
1973	26,399.25	1,759.95	16,719.54
1974	5,844.75	389.65	3,993.90
1975	7,410.00	494.00	5,434.00
1976	5,599.00	373.27	4,385.88
1977	4,200.00	280.00	3,500.00
1978	5,827.50	388.50	5,147.62
1979	2,835.00	189.00	2,646.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,815.40</b>		<b>\$62,195.20</b>

1. Analysis of Current Deferred Life Membership Dues	
Prepaid Dues 1979 for 1980.....	\$21,159.00
Deferred Life Membership Dues 1979 .....	6,512.89
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$27,671.89</b>
2. Analysis of Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues	
Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues.....	55,682.31
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$55,682.31</b>
3. Analysis of Deferred Life Membership Dues	
Deferree Life Membership Dues 1979 .....	6,512.89
Long-Term Deferred Life Membership Dues.....	55,682.31
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$62,195.20</b>

Schedule Of Officers' Expenses

Classification	Total	President	Vice Pres.	Secretary	Treasurer	Storekeeper	Editor
Postage	\$ 3,913.00	\$ 30.35	\$ -0-	\$ 380.68	\$ 2,040.52	\$216.16	\$1,245.29
Printing & Stationery	1,515.32	67.75	-0-	279.26	1,083.94	16.62	67.75
Xerox	559.93	-0-	-0-	118.83	441.10	-0-	-0-
Telephone	2,078.12	-0-	-0-	362.27	1,438.35	-0-	277.50
Travel	380.77	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	380.77
Rent	3,300.00	-0-	-0-	600.00	2,400.00	300.00	-0-
Data Processing - Membership	1,781.50	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,781.50	-0-	-0-
Consulting, Accounting, Bookkeeping and Audit	2,779.90	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,779.90	-0-	-0-
Repairs, Maintenance and Equipment							
Obsolescence	426.09	72.80	-0-	353.29	-0-	-0-	-0-
Office Services	4,800.00	-0-	-0-	2,400.00	2,400.00	-0-	-0-
Clerical	37.50	-0-	-0-	37.50	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,572.13</b>	<b>\$170.90</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$4,531.83</b>	<b>\$14,365.31</b>	<b>\$532.78</b>	<b>\$1,971.31</b>

No Change, Clover...

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 rightness will describe the ability of the UNITED STATES NAVY to come from behind to win World War II and the tragic lack of a similar capability today. As a vehement exponent of defense preparedness, the Admiral is still making his presence felt in political and military circles.

Starting in 1968, through the personal efforts of two former Radarmen on PHELPS, - Harold Placette of Port Arthur, Texas, and Stan Parker of St. Paul, Min-

nesota, - PHELPS Shipmates has grown from an original list of 7 names to an overall roster of 1054 former crewman. The San Diego Reunion will be dedicated to the "plank-owners" (men who were aboard at commissioning), with about 20 of these old-timers taking part in the opening flag ceremony, and one of their number, "Bud" Warlick of San Diego, serving as Master-of-Ceremonies.

In bombardment and landing support at Saipan, June 1944, PHELPS took two direct hits from shore batteries, with casualties and fires aboard. While alongside the repair ship

PHAON she continued firing at her targets, using 958 rounds of 5-inch ammunition. After Saipan, she was ordered home for repairs, followed by continued duty in the Atlantic Fleet as "Flag" with anti-submarine patrol for convoys to Africa. She was decommissioned in November 1945 and ultimately sold for scrap to the Gillette Razor Blade Company. PHELPS Shipmates is making every effort to have another U.S. Navy fighting ship named "PHELPS".

At the 1972 reunion in Denver, the decorations were large green clovers, and a big banner sign that

said:  
 "NO CHANGE, CLOVER, - NO CHANGE!"

USS Nimitz....

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Johns. Peter Douglas was producer and Don Taylor directed. The screenplay was written by David Ambrose and Gerry Davis and Thomas Hunter & Peter Powell from a story by Thomas Hunter & Peter Powell and David Ambrose. John Hyde was executive in charge of production.

### Seek Information

#### ...on Grandfather

Nova F. Hatch, 4990 Bradford Dr., Sacramento, CA 95820 would like to received any information about his grandfather, Gordon Clويد Perry who entered the Army in 1940. When last heard from he was stationed in Washington, the year of 1953. His rank at that time was Sergeant.

If you have any information or know where Gordon Perry can be located, please write to Nova Hatch as above address or call him at 916-381-5366.

#### ...on Buddies

Richard Roy of 21 Worshester Ave., Fort Kam, Hawaii 96818 would like to hear from some of his buddies who were attached to the Coast Artillery at Fort Kamehameha, during the years 1909 through 1947.

He is doing research on Fort Kamehameha and is seeking information from anyone who might have been stationed there during those years.



Pearl Harbor veterans who gathered for reunion Saturday night are from left: Ed Kant of Pomona, John McGuinness of Nanuet, Joe Dorman of Mahwah, Frank Ruskin of Suffern, Tim Greco of Suffern, Joe Frisco of Sparkill, and Gene Gallo of Monsey.

### PH Vets Recall Day of Attack

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until the bombardment got worse. When I saw the ground open like a rose, I knew it was for real."

"They blew the bugle call to arms, but the supply officer wouldn't give us ammunition because he didn't have orders," said Dorman. "In those days, everything was by the book."

The veterans remain convinced of two things, that Pres. Roosevelt left them ill-prepared to fight back, and that the U.S. is again at the mercy of a foreign power.

"I can't help but feel there's a similarity, as if it's the same thing all over again," Gallo said. "We have a good reason to be up in the air and go at the Iranians, but I would not do a thing to jeopardize lives. We have to swallow our pride right now."

"Frustrating is the word," Raymond Borges of Brooklyn said of the attack. "It was a matter of wanting to do something and not being able to. In a way, it's the same thing now."

Though the intervening years have scattered the group far and wide — one man flew in from California — the old Army orders still bring a response. Coccia took charge when it

came time for a photo. "Let's go fellas, fall in. You know what to do, short guys up front," he said to laughter."

But the years have not erased the memories. "After the attack it was nothing but a big junkyard," Frisco said, "I cried when I saw what was once our Navy was nothing but a big scrap heap."

"We were fortunate our unit only lost one man that day," Coccia said of one group that will never forget where it was the day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.



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