

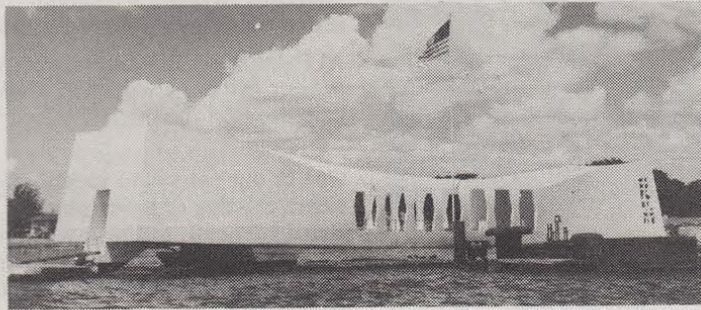


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their country on December 7, 1941.

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D.O.D. More (Or Less) Ready than Before P.H.

From the Reserve Officers Association The Officer by RAdm. George H. Miller, USN (Ret.)

Forty-one years have passed since the Japanese surprised America with their destruction of U.S. ships and bombers at Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. Stunned and shamed by having been caught by surprise, the American people rallied behind a defense effort that brought their enemies to their knees in less than four years. Following the end of World War II, Congress passed the National Security Act of 1947, whose primary purpose was to eliminate such lapses in military readiness as those that caught America napping at Pearl Harbor.

Yet, only three more years passed before the U.S. was again surprised by the June 1950 North Korean attack on South Korea. Then came the Chinese invasion of North Korea a few months later — another surprise, the North Korean capture of the *USS Pueblo*, the Vietnam Tet offensive, capture of the U.S. merchant ship *Mayaguez* by Cambodians — all surprises.

Is the Pentagon of today risking still another surprise attack incalculably more devastating than the Pearl Harbor disaster? At this very moment, the United States has within its own borders intercontinental missiles

and bombers targeted around-the-clock on the Soviet Union. We continue to tell ourselves, "It can't happen here because we have deterrence."

Eighteen months before the Pearl Harbor disaster, on 27 May, 1940, the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Harold R. Stark, USN, wrote to Adm. James O. Richardson, USN, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Fleet, "You are there (in Hawaii waters) because of the deterrent effect your presence may have on the (Japanese) . . ." Admiral Richardson rejected this reasoning and continued to urge that the fleet operate from the U.S. West Coast bases to increase its security and war readiness. Because he could not go along with the Washington view, he was relieved of command on 1 February, 1941 by Adm. H. E. Kimmel. The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor occurred 10 months later.

In his memoirs, Admiral Richardson wrote: "I believe the decision of the President to send the Hawaiian Detachment to base at Pearl Harbor was a faulty decision, but a natural preliminary to the same faulty reasoning that led to moving the whole fleet to Hawaii . . . It seemed to me that President Roosevelt and Secretary (of

state) Hull evaluated the Japanese leaders in terms of themselves. Military moves, which were valueless from the hard realities of war and just window dressing, were assigned great weight. The President and Mr. Hull never seemed to take it into consideration that Japan was being led by military men, who would evaluate moves largely on a military basis."

The U.S. Constitution designates the President — no one else — as the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. A primary responsibility of any Commander-in-Chief is combat

readiness. A fundamental purpose of combat readiness at any level of command is to deploy one's forces in such a way as to minimize the danger of surprise. The most shameful blunder any military commander, from the highest to the lowest, can make is to be taken by surprise, to be caught napping.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had the misfortune of being Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy at the time of Pearl Harbor. That he may have had bad advice from his top uniformed commanders

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December 7 ceremonies in St. Louis—From left to right: Major Jerry Humes, USMC, Guest Speaker; Jim Cregan, Past President of Chapter; Ray Blank; Fred Schmidet, Past President of Chapter; Edward Thome, Chapter President; Vincent Daus; and Jim Bergholtz, Past Chapter President.



New Iowa State Chairman Donald Jungk being sworn into office by Dave Briner, as his last act as 5th District Director. Observing ceremonies (from left to right): Jerry Schneberger; Jim Clark, Past Iowa State Chairman; Roy Yarrow (obscured); Herb Hansen; Arlin Wittenberg; Russ Loft (obscured); Don Jungk; Robert Ulrich; Russ Neal; Clarence Kopplin (obscured) and Dave Briner.

D.O.D. (More or Less)

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does not and cannot absolve the Commander-in-Chief from responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Prior to Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt met frequently with his top naval and military commanders. He had his own personal Chief of Staff in the White House. He had the authority to hire and fire. Today the American Commander-in-Chief is more isolated from his top military commanders than in the pre-Pearl Harbor days. He does not have a Chief of Staff in residence at the White House nor does he have a staff of professional advisers whose primary responsibility is to keep him informed on the state of combat readiness of the forces he commands.

Has any U.S. President in recent years reviewed the shock and paralysis that gripped the American high command in the wake of the Japanese surprise attacks on Oahu and the Philippines in 1941 and the other surprises that followed passage of the 1947 Unification Act?

Meanwhile, the Pentagon claims that the U.S. can deliberately deploy nuclear weapons in a way that exposes the United States itself to surprise attack and then say we have "deterrence" simply hands to the opponent the freedom of action we should above all retain for ourselves.

On the occasion of the 41st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, it

might be well for government leaders to reflect on whether the present multi-billion dollar defense establishment is more ready, or less ready, than before Pearl Harbor. Naval leaders then tended to equate combat readiness with how well their warships and weapons performed in their routine fleet exercises and target practices of the time. How long they could sustain combat was never realistically tested and seldom discussed.

Today we talk of repositioning forward deployment, rapid deployment and deterrence. Precision in planning seems to be limited to attaining budget goals and exercising combat forces actually under the jurisdiction of DoD. Preparation of the logistic forces and defense industrial base essential to sustain combat often dwindles into rationalization and vague generalities. Armies and navies are little more than window dressing without a sustaining logistic base as combat ready as the armed forces themselves.

The U.S. has stationed large numbers of troops in Europe and South Korea without providing the shipping and logistic base to sustain them in combat. As we learned in the wake of Pearl Harbor, this lapse in logistic readiness sets the stage for another Bataan Death March or cattle car ride to the salt mines.

To achieve a realistic, combat-ready balance between

Pathfinders Plan Viet Memorial

Date: February 7, 1983

Re.: Survey of Vietnam War Memorials

On July 4, 1983, the State of New York plans to dedicate a memorial to those who served, died, or are listed as missing in action after having served in Vietnam.

At Pathfinders Institute, as consultants to the State on this project, we are conducting a wide-ranging research project to help develop the themes which will be expressed by this memorial.

One of our aims is to identify all memorials and monuments, either existing or being planned, which relate to the Vietnam War in general, to those who were killed or identified as MIA/POWS after having served in Vietnam, and to Vietnam Veterans. We will make this list available to anyone who is interested.

Could you please help us by sending us a list identifying any such memorials or monuments you are aware of? And would you circulate this request and our address in any appropriate newsletters or publications?

We are also interested in identifying artists, poets, writers, musicians, and other creative individuals, especially those who are Vietnam Veterans, who have expressed their opinions and feelings about the Vietnam war and its effects and significance.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Thanking you in advance,
/s/Ed Murphy
Ed Murphy, Executive Director
Pathfinders Institute

armed forces and their logistic back-up, Congress should allocate about 25% of the current defense budget for mass production of modern technology, logistic-capable merchant ships on a scale at least comparable to that initiated by President Roosevelt in 1938. The initial goal would be to attain a merchant marine sufficient to sustain U.S. armies, rapid deployment forces, and other contingents now deployed overseas. Meanwhile, Congress should persuade the Administration to abide by the National Merchant Marine Policy in Section 101 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, and the "effective prosecution of war" and "protect shipping provisions of Section 5012 (a) of the National Security Act, as amended."

Bureaucratic separation of the U.S. Navy and Merchant Marine, exists in both the Legislative and Executive branches. It has perpetuated and exacerbated the national unreadiness that brought on Pearl Harbor.

If America is to survive, the government can no longer per-

mit the Navy and Merchant Marine to continue their separate ways until disaster again forces them to rediscover that neither can function without the other. Will government leaders act in time to close this gap in combat readiness?

The President of the United States is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. He is constitutionally responsible for the combat readiness of a military bureaucracy evidently too complacent about the likelihood of more surprises. What he needs now is a military chain of command more concerned with combat readiness than with the interservice budget game, a constitutional responsibility of the Congress. What he does not need is a continued ignoring of logistic readiness and an undue continued emphasis on unification which have put America in unprecedented peril.

Make no mistake, the next surprise could be our last.

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The Editors wish to thank California Chapter 9 for letting the GRAM borrow this story from their February newsletter.

Viet P.O.W. Lectures On Fear, Guilt, Dignity

Combined News Services
Long Beach, Press-Telegram

His students have no doubt of the authority of retired Navy Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale to teach a course in human dignity . . . that submission is the death rattle of the spirit — a lesson learned during eight tortured years as a prisoner of the North Vietnamese.

The least of his private holocaust, the Congressional Medal of Honor holder tells his students, was the physical abuse, such as beatings and having his arms trussed high and tightly behind his back for long periods. Far worse, he says, was the invasion of self-doubt and fear.

Stockdale, America's most decorated naval hero, recently delivered the first of his twice-weekly seminars at Stanford University's Hoover Memorial Building. The title: "Combating Coercion and Manipulation." He told his first seminar:

"This business of fear and guilt, if you are alone — I want to tell you — you have in your mind that you've betrayed your fellows; that's what really tears you up."

In September 1965, as a 41-year-old commander of a Navy air wing flying combat missions near Hanoi, Stockton was shot down and captured by the North Vietnamese. For the next eight years he learned to come to terms with himself in a POW camp named Hoa Lo — Fiery Furnace — not burdened by the rules of the Geneva Convention.

He wrote later in the *Atlantic*

Monthly: "I was to spend years searching through and refining my bag of memories, looking for useful tools, things of value. The values were there, but they were all mixed up with technology, bureaucracy and expediency, and had to be brought into the open."

Stockdale tells his students that it was the Fiery Furnace that brought those values to the surface along with the deprivation, beatings and attempts at spiritual extortion.

"In that brutally controlled environment," he wrote, "a perceptive enemy can get his hooks into the slightest chink in a man's ethical armor and accelerate his downfall."

He told his class that prisoners were isolated from one another in hope of nurturing their doubts and turning them against each other and their country.

He told of organizing his 10 compatriots against their captors, of how they subsisted on a wall-tapping code to support each other and remain loyal. These tough men, said Stockdale, tapped out to each other, "God bless you," and "I love you."

Stockdale said he never complied with the orders of the camp's officer in charge, whose primary purpose was to get the Americans to denounce publicly the American government.

The admiral said he once pounded his own face against his cell wall so it would not be fit to appear in the North Vietnamese propaganda films.

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National President's Message

Several months have passed since the National Convention in San Antonio, but all those who attended were treated to a very enjoyable time with plenty to do to keep busy. It was a well-planned event and all those who worked so diligently to make it the success that it was certainly deserve a lot of credit. Everything just seemed to fall into place.

My thanks to everyone who gave me their vote of confidence by electing me to represent the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association as your National President. Over the many years which I have served in various offices, I have received the support and encouragement of many individuals and I would like them all to know that I appreciate their efforts. I will do my best to serve you and always keep the welfare of the Association as my utmost priority.

There have been numerous changes on the Executive Board resulting from the elections held in various Districts and at the National Convention. All the individuals elected to these offices are very capable, dedicated and willing to do the work which is required of them. They have been placed in these positions by you and are serving as your representatives. We are not without problems, but by discussing and working together many of the difficulties will be resolved. All the final decisions will not satisfy everyone, but each issue will be carefully handled and given thorough consideration.

It is my hope and desire to visit each District sometime during my two years in office. Marilyn and I will also be attending some state conventions at which time we are looking forward to making new acquaintances and once again visiting with the many friends we have made in the past.

We are all proud of our Association and each of us realizes the importance of continuing in our efforts to keep the objectives we represent always present in the minds of others. Do your part.

Dale E. Speelman,
National President—PHSA

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Wedding Anniversaries Observed

60th Anniversaries

Burl S. (Radio Sta. Lualua Lei) and Martha M. Garrett, 200 S. E. Gilliland Rd., Pensacola, FL. 32507 — Feb. 21, 1983.

59th Anniversaries

Daniel F. (*USS St. Louis*) and Mary Blum, 4730 Baylor Dr., San Diego, CA 92115 — Sept. 20, 1983.

45th Anniversaries

Aubrey E. (Magnetic Ranges) and Lois A. Cox, 1512 Wynwood Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78415 — January 5, 1983.

Chester F. (*USS West Virginia*) and Leila Walczak, 11932 Wallingsford Rd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720 — May 5, 1983.

Charles W. (*USS Dobbin*) and Charlotte Graham, 4009 Dogwood St., Burton, SC 29902 — January 1, 1983.

40th Anniversaries

Harry R. (*USS Phoenix*) and Cecilia Brakensich, Box 612, Niland, CA 92257 — July 7, 1983.

Leonard A. (Ford Island) and Roberta Ward, 14219 S.E. 141st St., Renton, WA 98056 — May 1, 1983.

James (*USS Medusa*) and Edna Kemmis, 3169 N. Pinewood St., Orange, CA 92665 — March 10, 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank (*USS Pennsylvania*) Johnson, 1290 Oak Grove, Ave., #B, Burlingame, CA 93010 — December 11, 1984.

Richard H. (*CPWI Kaneohe*) and Bess Cmeyla, P.O. Box 12, Luxemburg, WI 54217 — June 12, 1983.

Martin (Tripler Hosp.) and Marguerite Sigmend, RR 1, Box 48, Hereford, AZ 85615 — 1983.

Les (*USS Detroit*) and Arlene Echelberger, 13 Arroyo Way, Chico, CA 95926 — 1983.

Allen (*USS Hulbert*) and Shirley Dardenelle, 14948 Martha St., Van Nuys, CA 91411 — Sept. 5, 1983.

Ray (*USS California*) and Helen Kuhlow, 6430 Hesperia Ave., Reseda, CA 91335 — Feb. 18, 1983

William O. (Schofield Bks.) and Margaret Good, Rt. 4, Box 326, Herber Springs, AR 72943 — March 14, 1983.

Victor W. (*USS Detroit*) and Mildred Weiher, 2510 32nd Ave., Sacramento, CA 95822 — September 25, 1983.

Herb (*USS Detroit*) and Martha Mumpower, 4646 Gillot Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33953 — December 7, 1982.

James T. (89th F/A Schofield Bks.) and Marjorie Carney, RFD #8, Box 207, Columbia, MO 65202 — December 22, 1983.

Joseph "Ski" (*NAS Kaneohe Bay*) and Rose Machczynski, 3139 Dallas, Dearborn, MI 48124 — March 7, 1983.

P. B. "Mac" (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Jane McLeary, 1732 Viola St., San Francisco, CA 94116 — January 31, 1983.

Donald C. (*USS California*) and Mary E. Kramer, 41 Homestead Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512 — March 8, 1983.

Orville W. (*USS Honolulu*) and Ann Evans, Rt. #71, Box 1026, Camdenton, MO 65020 — April 19, 1983.

James V. (*USS St. Louis*) and Edith M. Pickard, 659 Torreyva Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 — July 31, 1983.

Henry C. (*USCG Cutter Taney*) and Dona White, 4213 171st Ave., Snohomish, WA 98290 — July 17, 1983.

John S. (*USS Shaw*) and Gladys Platschorre, 860 Oakcrest, Wyoming, MI 49509 — April 6, 1983.

Charles C. (*USS Detroit*) and Adele Rice, 5 Beech St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839 — January 4, 1983.

Charles A. (*USS Raleigh*) and Faye V. Sanders, Rt. 2, Box 181A, Holly Springs, MS 38635 — April 2, 1983.

Earl (Hickam Field) and Helen Moudy, 132 Sitka Dr., Security, CO 80911 — July 31, 1983.

Howard (*USS Tern*) and Ruth Grindling, P.O. Box 721, Phelan, CA 97371 — February 16, 1983.

Charles (*USS Detroit*) and Marie Lawson, 35667 River View Lane, Hinkley, CA 92347 — December 1, 1983.

William G. (Fort Weaver) and Ruth M. Sonnenberg, 1404 Glendale Ave., Saginaw, MI 48603 — March 31, 1983.

35th Anniversaries

Herman (*USS Oklahoma*) and Lorraine Hinrichs, 696 Shryer, Roseville, NM 55113 — June 12, 1983

Ralph O. (*USS Medusa*) and Frances I. Lassman, 1425 Randolph, Topeka, KS 66604 — March 27, 1983.

James L. (Ford Island A & R) and Jean Cunningham, 420 3rd St., Belton, MO 64012 — December 27, 1982.

Lewis S. (No ship or station given) and Geraldine F. Gearhart, 6109 Nassau Rd., Tinglestown, PA 17112 — March 6, 1983.

Frank W. (*USS Curtis*) and Bonnie C. Smith, Parliament House #508, 405 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33062 — May 29, 1983.

25th Anniversaries

Walter T. (*USS Nevada*) and Jere Larson, 2839 Hayes St. N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55418 — June 6, 1983.

OFFSPRING DIRECTORY

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

Please submit your offspring's full name and military address with ZIP code, to Editor, Pearl Harbor GRAM P.O. Box 96, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

A copy of that issue of the GRAM will be mailed to each of the OFFSPRING listed.

SP5 Gloria Hawkins, NCE Fuson Headquarters 162nd Support Grp., Building #100, Fort Douglas, UT 84113.

Daughter of: Robert D. Fuson (SFC Ret.), USN Hosp. P.H. T.H.

Pvt. James Kubitz, 268-70-9825, BCO. 2nd PLT. ITS., MCB Camp Pendleton, CA 92005

Grandson of: James A. Penner (Fort Shafter)

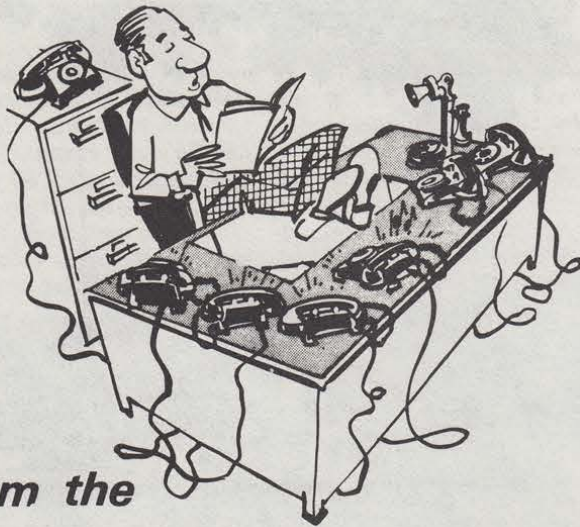
Lt. j.g. Joel C. Weinberger, Navy and Marine Corp. Center, 7838 McCloud Rd., Greensboro, NC 27409

Son of: John C. Weinberger (*USS Whitney*).

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Wally Kampney's first official business after being sworn in as PHSA National Treasurer, in San Antonio, TX. Carmine Pitaniello, of Pittsfield, MA, presenting Wally with his Life Membership Application.



From the Editor's Desk

It's great to be back from the Philippines and an honor to once again be Editor of the *GRAM*. We promise, within our power, to have the *GRAM* out to the membership on time.

After discussing the *GRAM* with many members of the PHSA, we have decided to return to my old format. We hope this meets with the approval of the majority of the membership. We know, here in the *GRAM* office, that it is the lifeline to the members. We will try to keep it that way.

For the April issue, we had very little Mini News due to the transition of the *GRAM* between Leon and myself. If you will start those newsletters flowing in, it will be greatly appreciated.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Just a reminder to all that the anniversaries published in the *GRAM* will be in five-year increments due to the limited space in the *GRAM*. 45-40-35 etc. Any anniversaries of 50 years and over will be published, but you will have to send in the information to the *GRAM*. We do not have this information at hand.

Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren In Military Service

Their names will be published once and be mailed in that issue of the *GRAM*. When sending in

their names, please enclose all pertinent information concerning them — branch of service, rank, where stationed, and mailing address. Also relationship to you.

Remember, this is your *GRAM*, so please keep those articles, pictures and newsletters coming in.

RETURN POSTAGE

When sending in articles and pictures for the *GRAM*, if you wish them to be returned, please enclose postage for their return. No articles will be returned unless requested.

HO RAILROAD

Mr. Jim Daw of California would like to hear from any members who are "HO" Model Railroaders.

Jim's address is: 2468 S. Primrose Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016. Please drop him a line.

SORRY FOR DELAY

Back in mid-December, Mr. Leon Forbes agreed to publish the January 1983 issue of the *GRAM*. On March 18, he informed us that it wasn't ready, and would we please take over and finish the job. So as there will be no further delays, we will combine the two issues.

Sorry for the delay. If we had known then what we know now, this would never have happened. Our apologies to all of PHSA.

'Remembrance Day' Correspondence

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SENATE

January 26, 1983

Mr. Jesse E. Pond, Jr.
P.O. Box 205
Sperryville, VA 22741

Dear Jesse:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 13 advising me of Delegate Forehand's resolution concerning Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

I will certainly plan to support this measure when it reaches the Senate floor.

Again, many thanks for writing me and I hope that you will keep in contact with me on matters of concern to you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,
Cordially,
/S/Nathan H. Miller

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES RICHMOND

January 18, 1983

Mr. Jesse E. Pond, Jr.
Post Office Box 205
Sperryville, VA 22740

Dear Jesse:

The resolution dealing with "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" certainly has my support. It is unfortunate that too many people have forgotten about this tragic event in our history, especially when they buy Japanese automobiles and other products.

I trust everything is going well for you and your family. McLean keeps growing and its complexion is constantly changing. We all miss you.

Sincerely
/S/Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.

Seventh District Convention Notice

Liberty Bell Chapter #1 of Philadelphia, PA, will be hosting a joint convention for the 7th District and Pennsylvania. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, in King of Prussia, PA. This will be from June 3 through 5, 1983. The Holiday Inn is located a half mile from the Valley Forge exit on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and U.S. Rt. 202.

Valley Forge National Park is a few miles from the Holiday Inn and would make a pleasant sightseeing excursion. We also have the largest shopping center in the world and it is a short walk from the Inn. For those who arrive early, there are tentative plans for a bus trip to one of the Atlantic City casinos. This would be on June 2 (Thursday), with the bus leaving at 2 p.m. There is also a trip to historic Philadelphia. All of the bus trips are pending, subject to the number of persons wishing to attend these functions.

Reservations and payment for the trips can be made at the inn. Remember that date: June 2 (Thursday).

For further information, please contact Richard Wallen, 235 Hummingbird Lane, Cornwells Heights, PA 19020.

Toledo Ohio Chapter Three Supports the *GRAM*

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association — YES
Another Pearl Harbor — NEVER!!!

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN**Survivors Want Vessel Named after P.H.**

To date, to my knowledge, no United States naval vessel bears the name of *USS Pearl Harbor*. Many other famous naval engagements have been recognized — *Coral Sea*, *Inchon*, *Guadalcanal*, *Midway*, etc.

Members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, of which I am an active member, are requesting our respective congressional representatives throughout the United States to

assist in this important project of having a United States Navy vessel christened *USS Pearl Harbor*.

It is true that Pearl Harbor was not classified as a victorious military achievement, but it is the desire, dream and theme of those who were there, that this historical event should never be forgotten, and never repeated. The survivors of Pearl Harbor each vow to maintain the famous mottoes "Remember Pearl Harbor" and "Keep America Alert," as long as we shall live.

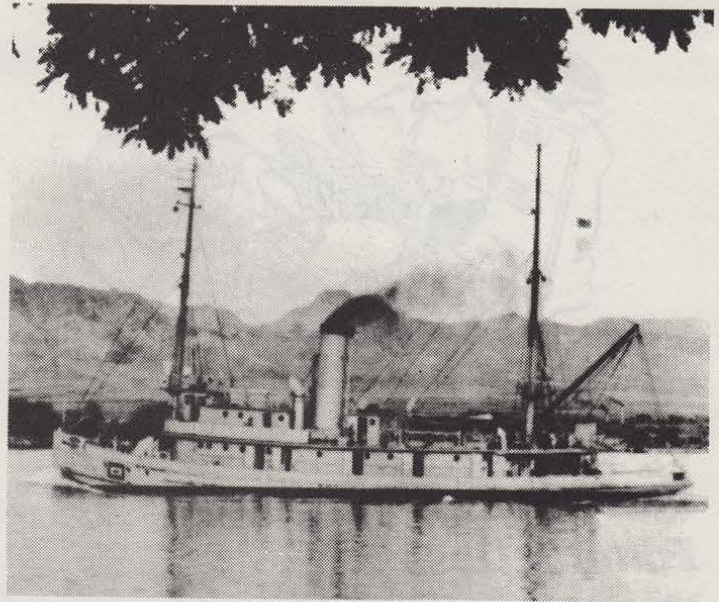
It is requested that your office forward subject request to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, for consideration and appropriate action.

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 and '76 to Bill Cleveland, 1106 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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

William O. "Bill" Good
President, Ark. #1
Schofield Barracks
98th AAA



The *USS Koesanqua*, (AT-38)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Pond:

The President and Mrs. Reagan have asked me to send you the enclosed copy of their special 1982 Christmas message for the Veterans of the Armed Forces which you may wish to share with members of your organization.

It comes with their deep appreciation for the contributions you and your colleagues have made, and continue to make, to the well-being of our fellow citizens, your communities, and our great nation.

With warmest good wishes for this holiday season and throughout the coming year,

Sincerely

DODIE LIVINGSTON
Special Assistant to the
President

Mr. Jesse Pond Jr.
National Treasurer
Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn., Inc.
Post Office Box 205
Sperryville, VA 22740
Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Christmas 1982

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN VETERANS
OF THE ARMED FORCES

Nancy and I take great pleasure in sending our warmest Christmas greetings to the men and women Veterans of our Armed Forces. In this special time of giving, it is important to remember the vital role of our veterans in insuring the gift of liberty for each new generation of Americans.

From Washington's crossing of the Delaware to the present, the heritage of sacrifice, valor, and service by our veterans has inspired in each of us a great appreciation for the rich bounty of this joyous season. Your countrymen salute your part in securing this land of freedom in which our traditions can be freely enjoyed by all.

In this yuletide season of sharing, great merriment feasting, and prayer, all Americans are especially thankful for the proven dedication and love of country of the nation's veterans in preserving our way of life.

You have our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful year of progress for you and your families in 1983.

PHSA Ham Net News

Members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Amateur Radio Net, in conjunction with the Amateur Radio Operators Club of San Antonio (W5SC), conducted a special on-the-air event, December 7, from their club facilities located in the Red Cross Building in San Antonio.

Radio contacts were made with more than 1000 ham radio operators during the daylong event. A certificate will be issued to each of the operators upon request.

The certificate contains a picture of the *Arizona* Memorial and the Alamo as well as information describing the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Through this action, widespread publicity was given to the PHSAs and, as of this date, applications have been forwarded to 12 prospective new members who learned of the organization either through radio contact or by reading the various items which were published in magazines read by people in the electronics world announcing the details of the special event.

Four of the 12 have already forwarded their applications for membership in PHSAs to the National Treasurer as of the date of this writing (Jan. 12). WA5UNZ Gilbert A. Meyer Jr.

(*USS Utah*) who resides in Lytle, Texas, did an outstanding job of coordinating the affair. Not only did he make the necessary arrangements with the club station and for the design and printing of the certificates, but he also spent long hours at his own station making on-the-air contacts with interested operators, forgoing attending the gala banquet on December 7.

The following members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Amateur Radio Net attended the National Convention and held a meeting at the Hyatt Regency during the evening of Sunday, December 5:

KE6GV John Thomas (*USS Oklahoma*); K5KNF Sam Puckette (Hickam); W7BS Richard Stopp (VP23); W9UGN Robert Glamm (VP22); W8JFK John Goff (*USS California*); WA5UNZ Gilbert Meyer (*USS Utah*); W8UMX Don Meyer (Patwing One); AE5I Gene Smith (*USS Shaw*) and his wife, Betty WD5IKV; K4DSB George Sallet (*USS Bagley*); W6YRK Bruce Baker (4th Def Bn USMC) W4SHJ Harry Hopkins (*USS St. Louis*); W2CJB Cy Hamilton (*USS Solace*); W6ZML Warren Leard (*USS Cassin*); W0WUR Harry Smith (*USS Ralph Talbot*); W8NXN

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Several net members who helped man the microphone at W5SC on December 7 are shown in the accompanying picture.

Although not in attendance at the convention, special recognition at this time must be given to W8JZH John O'Shea (*USS New Orleans*) of Toledo, Ohio. Since start-up of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Net in July of 1981, he has spent countless hours researching magazines and other sources of data in an effort to locate survivors who are "hams." The net membership currently stands at 138 due largely to his endeavors.

Thanks are also in order to

WB5MLC Bernard Tucker and Jim Wright of W5SC, who, although not survivors, were very helpful during the special event. And finally, a special thank you to Walt Dettinger W8NXN and the Toledo Chapter of PHSAs for the donation of \$158 to pay for the printing of the special certificate.

Earl H. Selover W4LPF
 Founder and Net Control
 Pearl Harbor Survivors
 Radio Net

LUKE "Lou" KORICH
USS Maryland
 Calif. Chapter One



Picture taken behind the Red Cross Building in San Antonio on December 7, 1982: (Front row, left to right) W8JFK Jack Goff, AE5I Gene Smith, W4LPF Earl Selover, W4SHJ Harry Hopkins. (Back row, left to right) W0WUR Harry Smith, W6ZML Warren Leard, W7BS Richard Stopp, WA5UNA Gil Meyer, W9UGN Robert Glamm.

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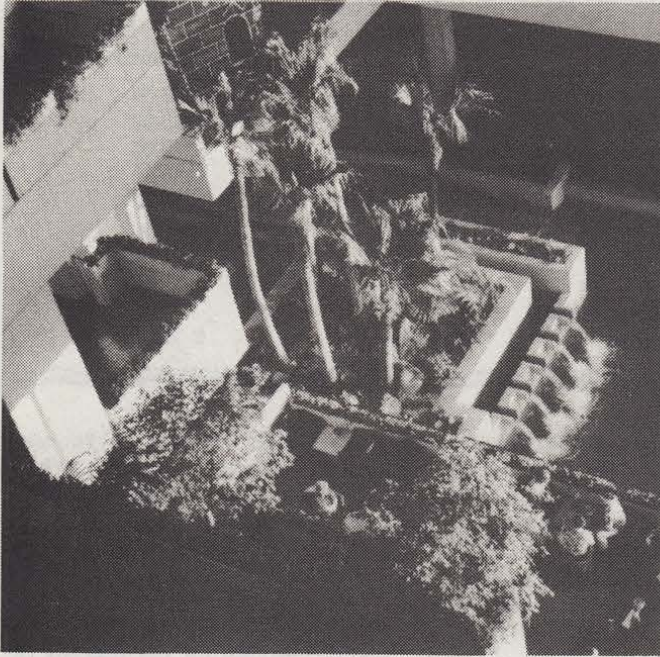
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Colorado Survivors who were in attendance at the VFW meeting in Colorado Springs: (From left to right) Quentin Roberts (Fort Ruger — 55th C/A); Leo Hahne (USS *New Orleans*); Don Inselman (USS *Arizona*); Dick Pfanenstiel (Schofield Barracks — 98th, Coast Art.); Irv Obermeyer (Sub Base — CINCUS); Frank Mack (Hickam Field — 19th Transport Sqd.) and Ed Dowd (USS *Hull*).

Vets Reflect . . .

By RON GASTON
GT Staff Writer

Dressed in Army green and Navy blue, members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars turned out at the VFW Post in Colorado Springs for a celebration of patriotism.

The occasion was a joint effort between the VFW and KRDO-TV to kick off the upcoming television miniseries "Winds of War," based on Herman Wouk's epic novel about the beginning of World War II.

Several hundred VFW members and area residents turned out for the 10-hour affair which featured live '40s music, displays of World War military gear and a great deal of reminiscing.

Proudly wearing the uniforms in which they served in a variety of American wars, VFW members exchanged recollections and observations about the best and worst warfare had to offer.

They also offered their own explanations for wars — explanations in which the word patriotism frequently surfaced.

Chuck Smink, a World War II veteran and chairman of the

affair, offered his reason for the VFW's participation in the television promotion.

"World War II was a period of great patriotism," Smink said. "It was patriotism, mom and apple pie all the way. Recently a lot of that stuff has gone away. Our effort here is to promote it. We want to bring back patriotism."

World War II and Korean veterans were in abundance at the affair and even a few who served in World War I attended the festivities.

Veterans who were not well represented were those who served in Vietnam and Smink believes they are sorely missed.

"We want the Vietnam veterans in here," he said. "This is their organization just as much as it is ours."

Smink said Vietnam veterans felt alienated when they returned to the United States, a feeling he believes they are only now beginning to overcome.

"We're attempting to help them overcome that alienation and I think they are beginning to," Smink said. "Let's face it, they are the ones who are going

to run this organization in coming years."

Among those attending the event were members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, composed of men who were stationed in Hawaii on that fateful day in 1941.

Black Forest resident Frank Mack recalls the "day that will live in infamy" from the vantage of Hickam Field.

"I was right in the middle of it," he said. "I saw the first Japanese plane when it dropped its bombs. At first I didn't know what was going on. Then I felt the concussion."

Admitting being "scared as hell," Mack said the realization of what was happening came as quite a shock.

"It was an unbelievable thing," he recalled. "That night I spent in a ditch with a .45 (automatic pistol) worried that the Japanese were going to come in with paratroopers."

"It was just the weirdest day of my life."

Mack has strong feelings about the Vietnam War and insists American soldiers who fought in it should be accorded the same honor given World War II vets.

"When we came back we were treated as heroes," Mack said. "Bands were playing, flags were waving, it was unbelievable. The war was over and we had won."

"Vietnam veterans came back like they had been beaten. There was no reason for that. They fought a great war with one arm tied behind their backs."

Mack insisted the Vietnam War was a "tragic mistake" that should not have been fought. He sees no reason why American soldiers should be made to pay for that mistake.

"Our troops should never have been committed," he said. "After they were committed, they were never allowed to win. I think it (the war) was a great disservice to the nation."

Korean War veteran Bill Laird expressed similar concern for the soldiers who fought in Southeast Asia and expressed no uncertain sentiments about

both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

"Vietnam was a useless cause and the Korean War was the same thing," the Army veteran said. "We fought for a cause and then the politicians blew it."

But on this occasion, politics played a distant second to enjoyment.

As the band played, the wives and mothers of slain servicemen watched from one side of the dance floor, quietly nursing memories of their own.

At one table, a group of 12 Pearl Harbor veterans laughed quietly as they recalled a mutual experience that helped shape the course of a nation.

For some, "Winds of War" will be little more than an entertaining look at an event which they relate only to history books or faded images on some old newsreel film.

For others, some of whom were in attendance at the VFW post, the television premier will bring back very real recollections of a world at war and their part in it.

Other Pearl Harbor Survivors in attendance, but not shown in the picture were: Leland and Corrine James (USS *Rail*); Wilmer and Rosemary Bailey (Wheeler Field — HQ 15th Pur. Sqd); Harold Fishencord (Hickam Field — 23rd Bomb Sqd); Earl Moudy (Hickam Field — 17th Air Base Sqd); Nick McGrath (Fort Shafter — 64th C/A AA.); Gladys Hahne; Jeanne Inselman; Audie Pfanstiel; Elsie Obermeyer; Louise Mack; and Jean Dowd.

TO A FRIEND

We of the PHSA wish to convey our many thanks to Jesse E. Pond Jr., Past National Treasurer. He held this position for eight years, while giving of his time and energy for the betterment of our association. During those eight years as our treasurer he did it with great adroitness and competency.

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'Bo Wilson' Chapter Dedicates Monument in Nebraska Capitol

On November 7, 1982, the Bo Wilson Nebraska Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association unveiled and dedicated a memorial bench to all shipmates who served at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. The memorial completes an arrangement of four benches and an American Legion "Flame of Freedom" surrounding a reflective fountain pool on the City of Lincoln Centennial Mall in front of the Nebraska State Capitol Building.

Accepting for the City of Lincoln, Honorable Mayor Helen Boosalis responded by stressing her appreciation to the PHSA for a lasting memorial to all who served that day at Pearl Harbor and that the excellent location of the bench will serve as a constant reminder to be viewed by the many travelers from all over the world and nation who come to visit one of the beautiful architectural structures of the world, the Nebraska State Capitol Building.

The bench was designed by one of the chapter members and was paid for with donations from the chapter membership and members of the Bo Wilson family. It is of solid Minnesota granite, weighing 1620 pounds. Inscribed on the face are the chapter name, PHSA name and logo. One end contains the PHSA motto, "Keep America Alert — Remember Pearl Harbor" and the other has the date "December 7, 1941."



BO WILSON NEBRASKA CHAPTER DEDICATE MEMORIAL BENCH
 Left, Mrs. H. A. (Catherine) Wilson, mother of Bo Wilson, Past National Vice President; Nebraska State Chairman Bob Osborn; Chapter Charter Members Bill Golden, Joe Baburek, Ed Chudly; and Mayor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, the Honorable Helen Boosalis.

The Bo Wilson Nebraska Chapter realizing that our days are passing far too fast and that our forces are dwindling, desired to leave a lasting memorial as a symbol to all who view it,

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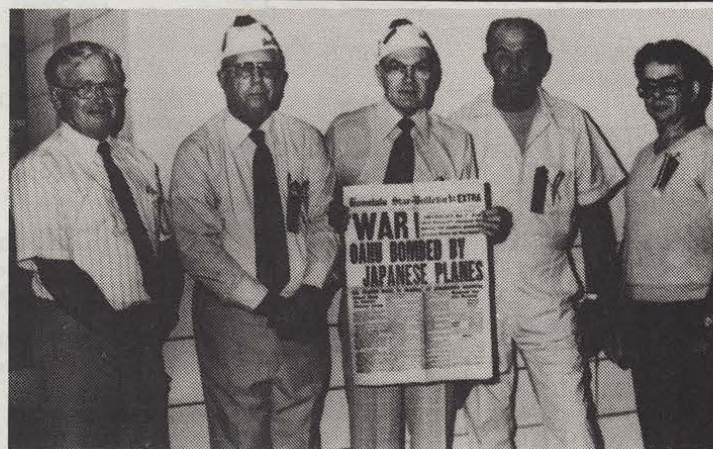
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That is a profound statement and all Survivors are enjoined to live up to this challenge and be truly worthy.



Pictured above are members of PHSA who were honored at the noon luncheon. They and their wives were guests of honor. From left to right: Charles Werntz (Hickam Field), James Carney (89th FA Schofield Bks.), C. O. Clements (HQ Btr. 25th Div. C/A Schofield Bks.), E. L. "Turk" Davis (USS Arizona) and the Rev. Lawrence Miller (USS Maryland). All of these members are from the Missouri Chapter.

Quay Honoring *USS Vestal* Dedicated in Pearl Harbor

At the *USS Vestal* (AR-4) Reunion held 1-4 July 1982, Grand Rapids, Michigan, survivors and members voted unanimously that the name of the *USS Vestal* should be placed on Quay F-7 (adjacent to the *USS Arizona* Memorial) to identify the *Vestal's* location in "battle-ship row" at the time of the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, Sunday, 7 December 1941.

After many months of correspondence with Congressmen, Department of the Interior, Naval Historical Center and Commander, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, the name of the

USS Vestal (AR-4) was painted on mooring Quay F-7 prior to memorial services held on 7 December 1982.

The Superintendent, *USS Arizona* Memorial suggested in his letter of 3 August 1982 that a plaque be designed and presented for inclusion in the *Arizona* Memorial, and is quoted in part:

"We also feel that it would be appropriate for the *Vestal* survivors to put a small plaque within the *USS Arizona* Memorial Structure. We have avoided this policy in the past, since there were over ninety ships in port

that morning, and we could not make space for all such survivors' groups.

"The *Vestal* was unique, however, in that she was next to the *Arizona*, and the Memorial spans her exact location. We

would allow a simple, commemorative plaque, made to our specifications, noting the presence and performance of the *Vestal*, preferably in the portion of the Memorial over her loca-

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August 3, 1982

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United States Department of the Interior

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The Honorable Paul Simon
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
212 West Main Street
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Dear Mr. Simon:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1982, regarding a commemorative monument for the *USS Vestal*. We have also been in contact with the *USS Vestal* survivors and are in agreement that some sort of memorial gesture would be appropriate. Currently, the names of the battleships that were moored on Battleship Row on December 7, 1941, are painted in large letters on the concrete mooring quays that still line Ford Island. The *Vestal* was not a battleship, so this may be the reason that its name was not originally displayed.

The National Park Service has no jurisdiction over the mooring quays in the harbor, but we are formally recommending to COMNAVBASE Pearl Harbor that the *Vestal's* name be painted on the quay numbered F-7. This is in keeping with the policy where two ships, if moored side-by-side on December 7, are listed on the two adjoining quays. This was done in the case of the *West Virginia* and the *Tennessee*.

We also feel that it would be appropriate for the *Vestal* survivors to put a small plaque within the *USS Arizona* Memorial structure. We have avoided this policy in the past, since there were over 90 ships in port that morning, and we could not make space for all such survivors' groups. The *Vestal* was unique, however, in that she was next to the *Arizona*, and the Memorial spans her exact location. We would allow a simple commemorative plaque, made to our specifications, noting the presence and performance of the *Vestal*, preferably in the portion of the Memorial over her location. We would not extend this courtesy to any other group.

Please extend our invitation to the *Vestal* survivors if they are not aware of our previous correspondence. We would work closely with them in approving a design and wording for a plaque on the Memorial. As I stated previously, although we have no jurisdiction over the mooring quays, we will recommend to the Navy that the *Vestal* be listed along with the battleships.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from the *Vestal's* former crew.

Sincerely,
/s/John A. Mote
for Gary T. Cummins,
Superintendent, *USS Arizona*
Memorial

ENCL.:

Location of mooring quay for *Vestal*



Quay F-7, where the *USS Vestal* was moored 7 December 1941.

Mr. A. F. Ferri
400 N. McAree Road
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Dear Mr. Ferri:

In response to your letter of 7 October 1982 to Rear Admiral Anderson, I am pleased to inform you that the name of the *USS Vestal* (AR-4) has been painted on mooring Quay F7 adjacent to the *USS Arizona* Memorial. As you can see in the enclosed picture, its bold black letters stand out proudly against the freshly-painted white background of the mooring quay as they did during commemorative ceremonies conducted on the *USS Arizona* Memorial the morning of 7 December 1982. During that ceremony, Mr. Joseph T. Taussig, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Civilian Personnel Policy and Equal Opportunity), a survivor of the *USS Nevada* (BB-36), was one of the distinguished speakers. During his presentation he included several statements about the *USS Vestal* (AR-4) and her role on that infamous day.

It has been a sincere privilege to act on behalf of all the survivors of *USS Vestal* (AR-4) by memorializing your gallant ship.

Sincerely,
/s/M. G. Clarity
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Vestal Memorial . . . (Continued from Page 13)

tion. We would not extend this courtesy to any other group."

The suggested plaque is to be made of either brass or bronze, no more than 12 inches square. The National Park Service, *USS Arizona Memorial* must

approve exact design and text before donation is made.

Suggestions and comments as to design and appropriate wording on the plaque is solicited from survivors and members of the *Vestal*. Letters received will be presented for consideration and review at the *USS Vestal* Reunion to be held 6-8 October 1983, Charleston, S.C. Send all letters to A. F. Ferri, 400 N. McAree Road, Waukegan, Illinois 60085.

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Wish to Locate Lost Member

Harold F. Abbott, who was the Marine Fire Chief at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941, and was living at 8620 Blackberry St. in Anchorage, Alaska, cannot be located. He is either seriously ill or lost.

If anyone in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association has any information on his whereabouts, please contact North Star Chapter of PHS A, 3605 Arctic Blvd., No. 369, Anchorage, AK 99503.

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Fellow Survivors:

Membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association is a privilege and honor that we must strive to bring to every surviving Service Man and Woman who lived through the Day of Infamy and is here to talk about it. In that spirit, I ask each survivor to recruit one non-member survivor to become one of us. I ask each District Director, State Chairman, and Chapter to make membership a top priority item in the performance of their duties as duly elected officers of the Association. I ask each Chapter President to appoint the Vice President of his Chapter as Membership Chairman.

In all cases I encourage the use of public service, radio and television information as a means of spreading the word on Chapter meetings and activities. May the membership years 1983-1984 be the best in the History of the Association.

Sincerely,

/s/Thomas J. Stockett
National Vice President
Membership Chairman

Dewey's Role in Conflict Reprised

George Dewey, born 26 December 1837 in Montpelier, Vt., graduated from the Naval Academy in 1858 and after varied important service, assumed command of the Asiatic Station 3 January 1898, with his flag in the protected cruiser *Olympia*. On the night of 30 April 1898, Admiral Dewey led his squadron into Manila Bay and the next morning, in 2 hours, he destroyed the Spanish fleet without a single American loss. Admiral Dewey was relieved of his command 4 October 1899 and ordered to Washington, D.C., where he was designated President of the General Board. On 24 March 1903, he was commissioned Admiral of the Navy, a rank created for him, which he held until his death 16 January 1917.

Dewey, first ship of this name, was launched 28 July 1934 by Bath Iron Works Corp., Bath, Maine; sponsored by Miss A. M. Dewey, great-grandniece of Admiral Dewey; and commissioned 4 October 1934, Commander of H. W. Hill in command.

After two training cruises to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, *Dewey* sailed from Norfolk 1 April 1935 for San Diego, Calif., arriving 14 April. Until 1938 she operated principally from this port on local operations as well as engaging in fleet tactics, battle practice, and scheduled exercises. She cruised along the west coast as far north as Alaska and south to Callao, Peru, and made three cruises to the Hawaiian area. From 4 January to 12 April 1939 she returned to the Atlantic for a fleet problem. *Dewey* arrived at Pearl Harbor 12 October 1939 and participated in tactical exercises, battle practice, fleet problems, and maneuvers until 1941.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941, *Dewey* was undergoing tender overhaul. She immediately took the enemy planes under attack and that afternoon got underway to patrol in the Hawaiian area. On 15 December she joined TF 11 sailing to relieve the beleaguered Marine garrison on Wake Island, but the island fell 23 December and *Dewey* re-

turned to her patrol assignment.

In February 1942, she rejoined TF 11 for a projected strike on Rabaul. The element of surprise was lost when the force was sighted by two enemy patrol planes and the strike was canceled after *Dewey* aided in splashing several of 18 bombers led to the force by radio reports from the patrol planes. She continued to screen *Lexington* (CV-2) in the strikes on Lae and Salamaua, New Guinea, on 10 March and returned to Pearl Harbor on the 26th.

TF 11 sortied from Pearl Harbor 15 April 1942 for operations in the Solomons. On May 5 word came that the Japanese were advancing on Fort Moresby, and *Dewey's* group raced to join *Yorktown* (CV-5) in the Battle of the Coral Sea. In this great strategic victory, the Japanese were at last turned back from the advance southward, Australia and New Zealand were spared from threatened invasion, and carrier warfare came of age as for the first time major fleets battled without surface contact. When *Lexington* came under intensive attack, *Dewey* joined in sending up anti-aircraft fire which splashed or drove off many of the attackers, suffering five men wounded from enemy strafing. *Lexington* was badly hit, and as fires raged out of control, she had to be abandoned, with *Dewey* rescuing 112 of the carrier's survivors. She screened *Yorktown* into Noumea on 12 May, and then returned to Pearl Harbor 25 May in the screen for *Enterprise* (CV-6).

With the Japanese out in force and known to be threatening Midway Island, *Dewey* sailed just three days later in the *Enterprise* task force. The Battle of Midway was joined 2 to 6 June, and throughout this historic action *Dewey* screened vulnerable oiler *Platte* (AO-24). Returning to Pearl Harbor 9 June, *Dewey* escorted *Saratoga* (CV-3) as the carrier brought an air squadron to Midway between 22 and 29 June. On 7 July she cleared for the initial landings on Guadalcanal, which she bombarded 7 August. On that day of the first assault, *Dewey* fired on attacking dive bombers, whose



USS Dewey (DD-340)

bombs wounded one of her men, and during the next day's air attack, joined in bringing down several of the enemy. She went to the rescue of two stricken ships, aiding *Jarvis* (DD-393) to regain power and towing *George F. Elliott* (AP-13) until the seriousness of her damage made it necessary to abandon her. *Dewey* rescued 40 of the transport's survivors.

Dewey remained in the Solomons to protect supply and communication lines and screened *Saratoga* during the Battle of the Eastern Solomons on 24 August 1942, in which American ships turned back a major effort of the Japanese to reinforce Guadalcanal and Tulagi. She escorted *Saratoga*, damaged by submarine torpedo 31 August, to Pearl Harbor, arriving 23 September, and 6 days later sailed for overhaul at San Francisco. On 27 December 1942 she got underway for duty in Alaskan waters. When *Worden* (DD-352) ran aground at Amchitka, *Dewey* attempted to tow her off the rocks, then aided in rescuing her survivors when stormy weather forced her abandonment. On 7 April 1943 *Dewey* sailed for San Pedro to escort an assault group to Attu for the invasion 11 May. She also took part in the landings at Kiska 15 August before escorting a group of LSTs to San Francisco, arriving 19 September.

Sailing from San Diego 13 January 1944, *Dewey* arrived off Kwajalein 31 January and served as escort during the carrier strike on Majuro of 11 February and the invasion landings on Eniwetok on 18 February. She escorted convoys between Eniwetok, Roi and Majuro, and bombarded Mille Atoll

on 17-18 March. From 22 March to 6 June she operated in the screen of TF 58, taking part in raids on Palau, Yap, Ulithi and Woleai; the invasion of Hollandia on 21 and 22 April; and the strike on Truk of 29 April to 1 May. On 6 June she sailed to screen carriers in fighter sweeps against Tinian and Saipan on 11 June, then bombarded off Saipan and Tinian on 13 and 14 June, when she fired on enemy barges attempting to escape along the shore line and started a fire in an oil dump. When the Japanese fleet challenged the Marianas landings, she screened the carriers and during the resulting Battle of the Philip-

(Continued on Page 16)

Have You Received Your Medals?

What medals are being distributed? A partial listing follows, with the qualifying periods of service:

- World War II Victory Medal: Dec. 7, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1946.
- American Defense Service Medal: Sept. 8, 1939, through Dec. 7, 1941.
- National Defense Medal: June 27, 1950, through July 27, 1954, and from Jan. 1, 1961, through Aug. 14, 1974.
- American Campaign Medal: Service in North and South American regions, Dec. 7, 1941, through March 2, 1946.

Send information of date enlisted, date of discharge, service number and branch of service you served in during these periods.

Send your request to: National Personnel Record Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.

USS Dewey . . . (Continued from Page 15)

pine Sea on 19 and 20 June and rescued several pilots and crew members who were forced to ditch after their air strikes at extreme range against the retreating Japanese fleet.

Dewey joined the transport screen 1 July 1944 for the invasion of Guam. She furnished close fire support for reconnaissance groups, covered the work of underwater demolition teams, conducted night harassing fire, and patrolled off the island until 28 July when she sailed for a brief overhaul at Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Dewey Put to sea 30 September 1944 to join the logistics group for the 3d Fleet on 10 October. She screened this group in its refueling operations for the Philippines invasion until the typhoon of 18 December which heavily damaged the units of the 3d Fleet. *Dewey* had lost all power by noon and was rolling more than 75°; her number one stack was torn and thrown against the boat deck. She rejoined her group 8 February 1945 after repairs had been completed at Ulithi, and arrived at Iwo Jima 17 February where she assisted in putting out fires on *Patuxent* (AO-44). Aiding the Marines who assaulted the island 19 February, she helped break up a Japanese counter-attack by firing star shell illumination on 23 February.

After escorting a convoy to Leyte from 4 to 6 March 1945 *Dewey* rejoined the logistics group for the Okinawa operation, screening the oilers as they refueled the carriers in preinvasion air strikes and the raids in the Far East which continued until the end of the war. On 21 August she got underway for San Diego, arriving 7 September. She continued to the east coast, arriving at Brooklyn Navy Yard 25 September. *Dewey* was decommissioned 19 October 1945 and sold 20 December 1946.

Dewey received 13 battle stars for World War II service.

Statistics: DD-340: dp. 1375; l. 341'3"; b. 34'2"; dr. 8'10"; s. 36.5 k; cpl. 162; a. 5-5", 8-21"TT; cl. *Farragut*.

U.S.S. Dewey (DD-349)
Sunday 7 December 1941

REMARKS

00-04

Moored in a nest to port side of U.S.S. *Phelps* in berth Xray 2 at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. Receiving all services from U.S.S. *Dobbin*. Order of ships in nest from port to starboard: U.S.S. *MacDonough*, U.S.S. *Phelps*, U.S.S. *Dewey*, U.S.S. *Hull*, U.S.S. *Worden* and U.S.S. *Dobbin*. Various units of U.S. Pacific Fleet present, SOPA (Combatfor) in *California*.

/s/ G. H. Rood
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04-08

Moored as before. 0640 Received following stores aboard for use in the general mess: From Oahu Ice and Cold Storage Co., 500 pounds of ice; from Provision Co. Ltd., 168 ice cream bars. Inspected as to quantity by G. H. Rood, Ensign, U.S.N.R. Inspected as to quality by Vaughn, C. H., CPhM, U.S.N. 0755 Aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor. Sounded general alarm. Ordered all guns manned and ammunition brought to the guns.

/s/G. H. Rood
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08-12

Moored as before. Pearl Harbor being attacked by dive bomber and torpedo planes. Shortly after 0800 U.S.S. *Dewey* and Desdiv. One plus *Phelps* and *Dobbin* commenced firing from local control. One bomb hit close astern of U.S.S. *Hull*. *Dewey* was being prepared to get underway. 1130 Air attack ceased. No personnel casualties reported aboard this ship. 70 rounds of 5" 38-caliber ammunition expended. 1200 rounds 50-caliber ammunition expended. Majority of capital ships moored in harbor received considerable damage. Casualties unknown. Minor casualties to material of this vessel: Pointers telescope gun #5 hit by bomb fragment. Main antenna shot down.

/s/G. H. Rood
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12-16

Moored as before. Crew at general quarters. 1225 *Phelps* and first division less *Dewey* underway. 1505 Underway at

various courses and speeds proceeding out of harbor. 1530 Passed sea buoy abeam to starboard. 1534 On course 153° (T&pgc) speed 15 knots. 1538 At various speeds and courses conducting sound search off Pearl Harbor. 1600 Investigated floating object. No results. Average steam 400, average R.P.M.

/s/G. H. Rood
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16-20

Steaming as before on course 270° (T) at full speed 20 knots. 1645 Changed course to 110° (T), changed speed to 15 knots. 1650 Commenced anti-submarine offshore patrol. 1708 Slowed to 10 knots. 1720 Darkened ship. 1815 Commenced patrolling assigned sector, on various courses at 8 knots. 1855 Cut in boiler #2 on main steam line. 1921 Lighted fires under boiler #1. Average steam 400, Average R.P.M. 98.5.

/s/Warfield C. Berrett, Jr.,
Lieutenant (jg), U.S.N.

20-04

Steaming as before patrolling and searching for submarines off Pearl Harbor. 2017 Cut #1 boiler in on main steam line. 2035 Secured #3 and #4 boilers. Steam pressure in #3 and #4 boilers boosted to keep above 100# sq. inch. 2105 Anti-aircraft fire over Pearl Harbor. General quarters. 2130 Secured from general quarters. Continued patrolling. Average steam 400, average R.P.M. 91.5

/s/Jas. T. Smith
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

U.S.S. Dewey (349)

At Sea
13 December 1941
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet

Subject: Report on Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941

1. During this raid on Pearl Harbor, the U.S.S. *Dewey* was moored in a nest with Destroyer Division One and the *Phelps* alongside the port side of the *Dobbin* at berth Xray-2, under tender overhaul.

2. The time of the following events are approximate:
0755—*Utah* observed torpe-

doed by -Osborn, G.E., GM2c, and to list rapidly.

0757—General quarters sounded.

0802—Four 50-caliber machine guns firing at planes attacking battleships and Ford Island. (Gunner's mates cocking and installing firing locks on 5"/38-caliber guns).

0810—Guns #1, #2, #3 and #5—5"/38-caliber guns firing local control; director manned and directing local control of guns. No power on ship.

0900—Second wave of attack started by light bombers which lasted 10 minutes. Under fire by *Dewey* throughout attack.

0945—Third wave of attack started by dive bombers. In this attack the *Dobbin* and Destroyer Division One became a target, three or four planes attacking the nest One bomb hit close aboard starboard quarter of the *Dobbin* and one hit water between the *Hull* and *Dewey* about 75 feet astern. No damage sustained by these close hits.

3. All of the action was astern. However, Guns #1 and #2 and forward machine guns fired when not blanked off by *Dobbin* or upper works in the nest. The bridge force fired automatic rifles and rifles.

Damage sustained — None.
Damage inflicted on enemy — It is believed that DesDiv One destroyed two planes. Since guns in local control, unable to determine which bursts actually hit these planes.

Ammunition expended — 75 rounds 5"/38-caliber; 1300 rounds .50-caliber.

4. Immediate steps were taken to prepare the ship for getting underway and this work continued throughout the attack. *Dewey* was underway, standing out at 1505.

5. There was no distinguished conduct on board. All hands were notably self-controlled and, as expected, performed their duties with credit.

/s/A. J. Detzer

Buckeye Survivors Gather in Kent, Ohio

By KATIE MOSHER

They came to reminisce, to socialize, to honor their fallen comrades.

Although graying heads may denote the passage of more than four decades, these veterans remember the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor as if it were yesterday.

Seventeen members of the Akron Chapter of the National Pearl Harbor Survivors Association gathered in Kent Tuesday, December 7, to mark the 41st anniversary of the attack which signaled U.S. entry into World War II.

According to John Gerevic, president of the local chapter, the group shares not only memories of the past, but also friendships of the present and hope for the future.

Gerevic, former Mantua postmaster, was sleeping aboard the *USS Okalahoma* when the early morning attack occurred.

Gerevic, who was recently honored as the Ohio PHSA Man of the Year for his work with the Akron Chapter, swam to safety following his escape through a porthole as his ship was sinking on Dec. 7, 1941.

The *USS Maryland* was stationed next to the *Oklahoma* along Battleship Row, but it did not receive a single torpedo, said Jim Shilling of Portage Lakes, who was aboard the *Maryland*.

Shilling said they were luckier than those aboard the nearby *USS Arizona*, which sank, taking with it nearly 1,200 men.

Although stories may become exaggerated over the years, George Fisher of Akron, who joined the Navy two years before the war broke out, said he attributes the accounts shared Tuesday as gospel.

"Everyone has to tell the truth here, everyone else knows better," Fisher said with a chuckle.

Fisher was on a light cruiser, the *USS Detroit*, which was one of the few ships able to get out of harbor that day.

Fisher said he enjoys sharing old war stories with fellow survivors of the Akron area group which gathers several times each year.

Among the local survivors



From left to right: Celeste Brauer (Pilveros). She was an Army Nurse at Tripler Hospital. Her husband, Albert, was at Schofield Barracks. Anthony Buonpane, from Schofield Barracks, John Gerevic was a quartermaster on the *USS Okalahoma* and is also President of the Akron, Ohio, Chapter.

sharing stories were Anthony Buonpane of Mantua, former director of the Crestwood High School Band, who was on his way to Sunday church services when the attack occurred.

Although then a member of the Army band, Buonpane was soon transferred to an infantry unit.

Also in attendance Tuesday was Robert Giles of Brimfield, who served with a naval fire department in Pearl Harbor from 1943 to 1946.

As the veterans swapped stories and pointed out their stations on a map, their wives listened patiently and shared their own stories of past reunions.

But, not all the women in attendance were simply military wives.

Celeste Brauer of Kent is her-

self a survivor of the attack.

Her husband, Albert, was stationed with the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks while she was working at Tripler General Hospital.

"She was on duty at the time of the attack and attended some of the first casualties," Brauer said with a note of pride.

Brauer retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1963, and taught government at Theodore Roosevelt High School for 15 years. Mrs. Brauer will retire later this month from Kent State University, where she has been a

nurse since 1958.

Brauer noted several changes in the nation since the attack 41 years ago, including what he called the "disturbing" fact that some youths would rather go to jail than be drafted.

"The younger generation does not have a sense of the history of the event," said Ga Rossi of Wadsworth, who has been a member of the organization since 1965.

"It's been put in the background, but we're here to perpetuate the memory of Pearl Harbor," Rossi said.

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DIRECTIVES

The following is a reprint from the National Secretary on Executive Directors vote.

EBD 3-82

President Aupperlee has been invited to attend the Veterans Day Observances at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, November 11, 1982. Shall his expenses be paid for by the Association? **Vote: Ayes 11**

EDB 4-82

North Carolina Chapter No. 1 requested permission to use PHS A LOGO on functional, yet decorative towels. **Vote: Ayes 11**

EBD 5-82

Will the Executive Board accept the Grossinger's contract for the 1984 National Convention with President Aupperlee's signature only?

The PHS A Standing Rules Book (known as Blue Book) requires a two-thirds vote by Executive Board for any change. Convention guidelines requires the signature of President and Treasurer. **The Vote on EBD 5-82: Ayes 6/Nays 5. Directive failed for lack of two-thirds vote.**

EBD 1-83

The present typewriter assigned to the Editor PHS GRAM is beyond repair. It is recommended that it be replaced. Shall the Editor be granted permission to do so? **Vote: Ayes 11**

EBD2-83

Pennsylvania Liberty Bell Chapter has requested permission to use PHS A LOGO on ascots. **Vote: Ayes 9/Nays 1/Abst. 1**

From Post Convention Executive Board meeting, San Antonio, TX, Dec. 8, 1982:

Motion made to change the address of National Administrative office from the National Secretary to the National President's.

Vote: Ayes — Unanimous

Motion made for new Treasurer to contact moving company for moving National Treasurer's office.

Vote: Ayes — Unanimous

Motion to make capital expenditure to purchase the items outgoing Treasurer had for sale (file cabinets, etc.) No dollar figure was established; just guideline of reasonable.

Vote: Ayes — Unanimous

Motion made that the Executive Board seek competitive bids from various hotels to house the 1986 National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Vote: Ayes — Unanimous

I want to thank all the chapters and state chairmen for keeping the required reports coming in. Still a few missing, but the percentage is increasing. Please use up-to-date forms from the 1981 Handbook.

G. Hall Pickard
USS Whitney
Nat'l Sec'y

Former Shipmates Visit Refitted 'Battlewagon'

By **BOB ANDREW**
Staff Writer

Long Beach Press Telegram

The giant *USS New Jersey* swallowed several hundred of its former crewmen easier than their families were able to swallow some of the sea stories the old salts exchanged.

There was the one about the two admirals discussing the weather just as the *New Jersey* was shelled by one of its escort destroyers.

And the one about the Admiral playing deck tennis during General Quarters . . .

It was reunion time at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard for some 300 one-time *New Jersey* sailors who had flooded Long Beach hotels for the occasion.

They had planned to be there for the ship's recommissioning ceremonies, originally set for January 15, 1983, but changed to December 28, 1982, to accommodate President Reagan's schedule. A few of the men like Pete Loughan of Weymouth, Mass., made a repeat transcontinental trip for the reunion; others, unable to alter original plans, missed the ceremonies but basked in the less crowded tour.

The men already knew the vast size of the 58,000-ton ship, but wives, sons and nephews repeatedly gasped at its mammoth proportions.

"It was right here that I ran into Herb Curry," Dwight Jacobs said as he stepped onto the afterdeck. "We had come from the same hometown and both of us were 'plankowners' (members of the original crew) but it was 18 months before either of us knew the other one was aboard."

Jacobs, one-time owner of the Golden Lantern restaurant in Long Beach and now an official of the Culinary Workers Union Local 681, made the rounds with other oldtimers from the World War II fire control team. Every few feet along the 887-foot-long teakwood decks they would stop for another war story.

"By the time we got out to the Pacific, we had gone over to the offensive. What I remember about it is that we were under way

about 95 percent of the time," recalled Loughan, a former chief fire controlman who now works for IBM.

That, he said, was part of the problem that led Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey into the grip of a deadly typhoon that capsized and sank three of his escorting destroyers.

"We were trying to get to a fueling rendezvous, but every which way we turned the storm turned with us," Loughan said.

"The carriers had an awful time bringing their final air strikes down. Even we were rolling pretty good, but we were 58,000 tons, and it was really rough on the destroyers. At one point we were taking green water over the bridge."

"Green water" is a wave that has not yet broken at its crest. The bridge is 40 feet above the waterline.) Jack McCormick of Coronado, CA. who was the *New Jersey's* chief engineer during that typhoon, was openly critical of Halsey's operations during the storm.

"I'm an old destroyer sailor, so I was always sympathetic to the smaller ships," McCormick said. "Halsey kept telling them to come alongside and refuel, so they didn't take on ballast to keep from fouling their (fuel) tanks with salt water. Then when the storm hit they were high and light and just rolled over."

Halsey's boss, Adm. Chester Nimitz, brought the *New Jersey* back to Ulithi Atoll a little early to investigate the circumstances of that storm and thereby created the situation that led to the only time the ship was hit by naval gunfire, Loughan said.

"Ulithi was a quiet backwater area by then," he said, "so some of the ships were getting in some anti-aircraft target practice, firing at a (pilotless) drone plane. I looked up and noticed that the plane was getting awful close to us just in time to see a 5-inch shell coming in from one of the destroyers. I cleared the deck real quick."

The shell hit the afterdeck, plunged through two berth decks and came to rest in a washbasin in the crew's head



with best wishes and great appreciation of your contribution to the war effort in the Pacific in World War II that made possible the above scene. *C. Nimitz* Fleet Admiral U.S.N.

Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz signs Japanese surrender instrument.

(lavatory) without exploding, according to Loughan. Unfortunately, on the way it nearly severed one sailor's leg.

"So the only time *New Jersey* was ever hit, it was by one of our escort ships. "We don't count that as battle damage, though," Loughan said.

Such "friendly fire" accidents cut both ways, however, Jacobs said.

"There was a Val (Japanese dive bomber) headed for the (aircraft carrier) *Randolph* and one of our 40-millimeter gunners shot it down," Jacobs said. "But in the excitement he failed to cut off the firing key quick enough and cut a string of holes in the side of the carrier.

"The old chief gunnerymate we had didn't say a word. He just picked up some chalk and came over to the side of the gun-tub and wrote 'damaged, 1 *Essex* class carrier,' like the pilots used to mark their 'kills' on the nose of their planes," Jacobs said.

Halsey wasn't the only admiral to fly his command flag from the *New Jersey's* mast. In fact, at least in the opinion of the plankowners consulted, he wasn't even the best one. Most of them preferred Adm. Raymond A. Spruance.

"As a tactician, Spruance was far ahead," said Loughan, Japanese Admiral "Ozawa" decoyed Halsey north out of the battle of Leyte Gulf. He never would have caught Spruance

like that."

Spruance was known for his cool calculation, while Halsey was more flamboyant.

"Halsey's staff loved him, but the men on the *New Jersey* preferred Spruance," said McCormick, who was a commander when he was on the ship. He retired as a captain with 35 years service in 1966.

One thing that turned the crew against Halsey, McCormick said, was that the admiral ignored the orders he had issued.

"To protect against flash burn, Halsey ordered the crew always to wear long-sleeved shirts and to keep their sleeves rolled down when they were at General Quarters (their battle stations)," he said.

"But then Halsey would be out there on deck by the 16-inch guns, wearing a tropical shirt and playing deck tennis with his doctor during GQ. You should never issue orders you aren't willing to keep yourself," McCormick said.

Not all of the former crewmen had an opinion in the Halsey vs. Spruance derby.

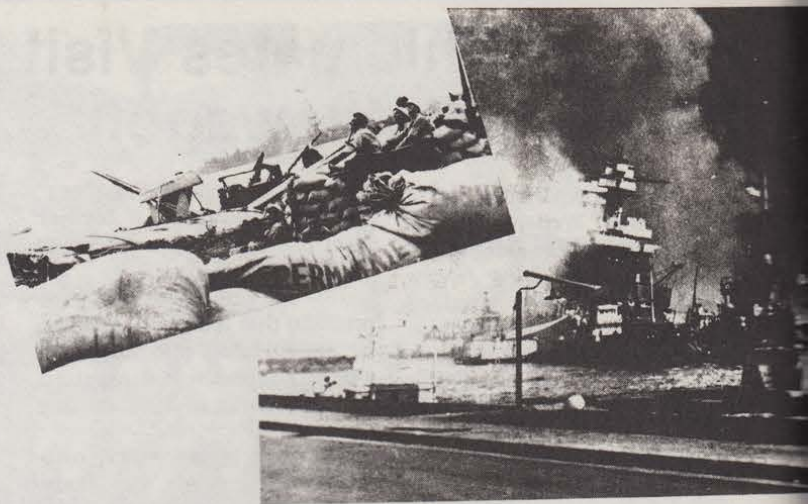
"I never talked to Halsey," said George Teller of Highlands, NJ. "But once or twice I talked to God.

"That was when we were ordered to go in and bombard some little island in the Marshall Islands. They started firing back and they must have had a cannon in every damn tree."

NOTE NEW DEADLINE!

JUNE 1, 1983

Due to overwhelming request, and because of late delivery of the GRAM, we are extending the deadline for Book Reservations through June 1, 1983. Stories may be received up to 30 days after that date.



DEAR PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR

Once in a great while an opportunity comes along, to do something truly lasting and significant for one's self and for one's organization.

This is about one of those opportunities.

It is a way, not only to commemorate one of modern history's most momentous occasions — December 7, 1941 — but to come closer together as an association.

Yes, we're talking about a book. *Not* just another book about Pearl Harbor, but a book *by those who were there*, told in your own words as we lived it. It's about *you*, your experiences, your life since the war, and about the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Consider for a moment: a big, handsome, hardbound volume chock full of our personal stories, illustrated with our photos, sketches, prose, poetry, and memorabilia. An opportunity like you've never had before to tell what it was like — the sights, sounds, smells — or a special occasion to honor the friend or loved one who didn't make it home (or has since passed on).

It's also the story of our great association: its history — founders — membership and phenomenal growth — governing structure — districts — state organizations — and local chapters.

Moreover, in honor of PHSA's upcoming twenty-fifth anniversary in 1983, we're naming it "The Special Silver Anniversary PHSA Commemorative Book." It will feature a beautiful silver lexotone cover material, set off by the PHSA emblem in bright metallic chrome with rich red and blue accents. This project has received the approval of an overwhelming majority of the members of the Executive Board and PHSA'er Leon Forbes has offered his considerable talents as Official Book Project Editor.

Along with Leon Forbes, Jeff Millet, representing our publisher, Taylor Publishing Company, is handling all the details of producing the books. Some of the many commemorative histories TPC has done for other groups like PHSA are: *The China Airlift-Hump Pilots Book*, *The Flying Tigers-14th Air Force Book*, *P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots*, *Confederate Air Force Book*, *American Fighter Aces Album* . . . and many others



In fact, the famed *Hump Pilots Book*, which sold several years ago for \$32 and now brings \$75 when rarely available, is currently going into a second printing.

Our Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Book can be just as important. Indeed, it will probably be the greatest reunion of Pearl Harbor Survivors, ever. And, because we plan to produce only enough books to fill orders received before June 1, 1983, it will be a true limited-edition collector's item. (Each book will be serially-numbered in the sequence orders are received.)

IT COSTS NOTHING to have your story published in the PHSA Commemorative Book. So jot down your biographical and service history (maximum 150 words) — where you were, your ship or station, date entered the service, your recollections of the attack, where shipped after Dec. 7, and your life since the war — family, career, involvement in PHSA, etc.

Get out the old picture of you and your buddies and uniform, dusty snapshots of far-away places, the girl you left behind (or went home to), your ship or base — whatever you think is worthwhile (quality copies of priceless original photos are best). Include a "Most Interesting" — or Dangerous — or Exciting — or Funny — episode. *We need* your stories and other items to make this truly *our book* — and representative of all who were on Oahu on the Infamous Sunday in 1941. (See Sample Story at right.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: You *do not* have to purchase a book for your story to be included, so share your treasures with your fellow Survivors!

But, if you *do want* a copy of this magnificent and history-making volume — the *first* and *only* one of its kind — we urge you to fill out the Book Reservation Form at right and send your order in today. Lowest numbers will be assigned to early orders.

Think, too, of your brother, friend's widow — children and grandchildren — and take a \$2.50 discount on additional copies, good only through June 1, 1983.

Use your MasterCard or VISA for ordering convenience — or our special budget 3-payment plan.

At any rate, get your stories, photos and other materials on their way to us. Do it today — Now — THIS MINUTE! We want to hear from you.

AND, REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

SAMPLE STORY



ROY ANDERSON

Aviation Cadet age 17, received first Cadet Wings issued by the government. At 18, enlisted '44. Received aerial gunner's wings at Tyndall Field, FL. Picked up our B-24 bomber at Mitchell Field, N.Y. Flew to Bermuda, Azores, Morocco, Tripoli, Cairo, Iran, India and Destination Chengtu, China, a secret air base surrounded by mountains, 425 Bomber Sqd. 308 Bomb-Group 14th Air Force. Targets, industrial cities of Sinsyeng, Tsandhsien, Uncheng, Loyang and Yellow-River Bridge. First three combat missions while 18 years old. Flight engineer and top turret gunner with T/Sgt. rank. Longest mission, 10½ hours to Tsanghsien. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal and China War Memorial Medal. Memorable experience: returning home from bombing mission, two engines out, losing altitude, clouds closed in at Hsian, circled for another attempt, clouds opened up, went in for landing, losing third engine. Second before we touched down the fourth went out on the runway. All gas tanks were empty. Married 30 yrs. to Vivien, 2 married children, Christine and Roy.

DON'T MISS OUT — SEND YOUR MATERIAL IN BEFORE THE DEADLINE

The PHSA Commemorative Book is now available on a pre-sale basis only. It will measure a large 9 by 12 inches, and have literally hundreds of pages chock full of interesting stories, pictures and other data. All materials will be returned to contributors, but professional-quality copies of irreplaceable items are preferred.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

- Type your biography in 150 words or less, double-spaced. If you can't have it typed, send it in anyway.
- If you know of any Survivor who has passed away, try to have a relative contribute his or her story. Or, you can. The same goes for anyone near or special to you who didn't survive the war. Please feel welcome to submit their story or other materials.
- Gather up your best photos (either vintage or modern).
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—NEW MEMBERS—

The fourth quarter of 1982 closed with a grand total of 1603 new members joining PHSA since the contest started on November 1, 1980. This is an increase of 60 members since the end of the third quarter of 1982.

The contest closed at the end of this quarter, with the winners to be announced in the July 1983 issue of the GRAM.

Congratulations to all who have helped achieve this excellent increase in membership during the past two years.

Thomas J. Stockett
National Vice President
and Membership Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

By States . . .	
California	445
Florida	154
Texas	82
Washington	60
Virginia	58
New York	56
Pennsylvania	49
Illinois	45
Georgia	41
Ohio	40
New Jersey	37
Oregon	35
Arizona	33
Wisconsin	29
Maryland	28
Missouri	27
Hawaii	23
Colorado	23
Connecticut	23
Kansas	22
Oklahoma	22
Michigan	21
North Carolina	19
Alaska	16
Minnesota	16
Massachusetts	16
Iowa	16
Tennessee	15
Louisiana	15
South Carolina	13
New Mexico	12
Idaho	11
Indiana	11
Utah	10
Nevada	9
Kentucky	9
Alabama	8
Arkansas	8
Mississippi	7
Montana	7
Nebraska	6
New Hampshire	5
Maine	4
Rhode Island	3
West Virginia	3
Delaware	2
North Dakota	2
South Dakota	2
Dist. of Columbia	1
Wyoming	1
Australia	1
New Zealand	1
Philippine Islands	1

By Districts . . .	
1st District	493
2nd District	114
3rd District	128
4th District	132
5th District	121
6th District	266
7th District	239
8th District	107
Foreign	3

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North Star Chapter Creates Film Epic

The North Star Chapter, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, was chartered December 7, 1974. At that time, under the leadership of State Chairman Ray Mapes of Yakutat, the membership in Anchorage met sporadically. These meetings were very informal, consisting of much reminiscing and camaraderie and no attempt was made to conduct any form of business nor were minutes kept.

The present State Chairman, Ted Divis, received word in April, 1981, from First District Director Henry (Hank) Freitas, that the North Star Chapter was in danger of losing its charter because of non-compliance with the National By-laws and regulations.

At first, members of the Chapter assumed that a simple, informal election would suffice. We were soon informed that, in order to satisfy National requirements, both election and installation of officers was mandatory. Mr. Freitas joined Mr. Divis in a salvage operation that culminated with a formal installation of officers, June 20, 1981. That year marked the 40th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and with all the TV and newspaper coverage, the Chapter soon found itself in demand by schools, civic and veterans organizations and armed forces units. The members participated in television and radio shows, appeared in the 4th of July parade and were active volunteers at the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Weekend Telethon.

"What's a Pearl Harbor Survivor, Daddy?"

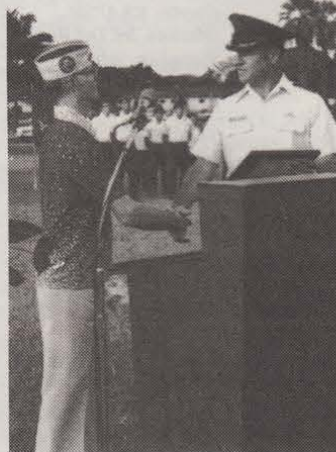
Labor Day 1981 saw Chapter Survivors Charles Forselles, Delbert Allen, Ted Divis, Lee Wilcox, Frank Kataiva, and Paul Faulkner assisting other volunteer organizations in the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

The Survivors, in charge of crowd control at a heliport, overheard a teenage girl ask her father, "What's a Pearl Harbor Survivor?" The father jerked her away saying, "You don't need to know about that!" In stunned disbelief, the survivors looked to each other for con-

firmation of what they had just heard.

Much later in the day as the Survivors and their wives gathered for a break, the story was re-affirmed. The general feeling was that the young girl was being denied access to living history and that the personal stories of the members should be shared *before* they were read in the obituary columns.

Yes, the stories must be shared! Not for the survivors who have heard them over countless cups of coffee, but for those who were not there, could never be there, and only through the eyes of a survivor's total recall, relieve the pain, the trauma of the day that mankind can never forget.



Alaska's North Star Chapter member Delbert Allen presenting the Alaska Plaque to Commanding Officer, Hickam Field, on December 7, 1981.



"To the Colors" — 0755, December 7, 1981 — Hickam Field.



State Chairman Ted Divis presenting the Arizona Museum Plaque to Supt. Gary Cummings on December 7, 1981.

"There Are Some Days You Can't Forget"

Faulkner, an Anchorage TV newscaster and producer, was approached by several members with the concept of producing a TV film based on the Survivors' stories. The theme: What was it like, what happened, and what were the effects? If it could be filmed, it would become the eventual property of the Anchorage School System — an audiovisual asset to history texts as *narrated by those who were there!*

With a budget of about \$40,000 and with less than \$500 in the Chapter's treasury, help was sought at State and local levels. The members drew upon all their resources, skills and connections made through years of Alaskan residency. Personal appearances were made,

contributions were pledged, support was garnered from the Municipal Assembly, the Mayor, private organizations and even the Japanese Embassy. Somehow, somehow, the pieces were falling into place and the project was off the drawing board. The final donation was received late in the afternoon of December 3, 1981. Faulkner called Treasurer Buster Allen, who promptly closed the books!

Early Friday morning, December 4, 21 survivors and wives plus two cameramen, departed for Hawaii. Once everyone got settled in the hotel, Faulkner, Divis and the camera crew departed to survey the many location sites that were to be used.

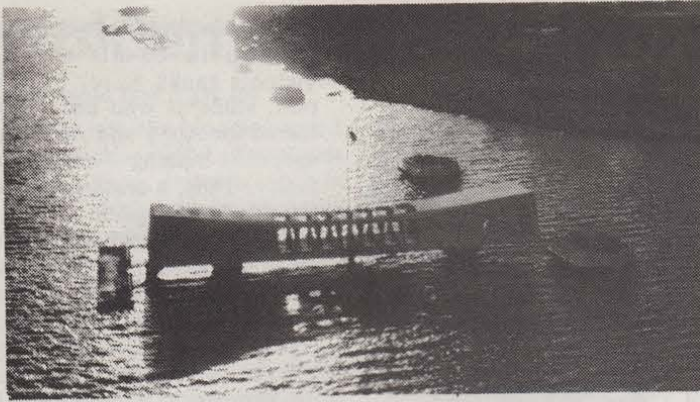
By December 8, the members and crew had: 1) covered Oahu; 2) filmed four ceremonies; 3) ridden in Magnum P.I.'s helicopter to retrace the Japanese route, and 4) spent hours at the Punchbowl, the *Arizona*, Hickam Field and Schofield Barracks. Over 13 hours of raw film was in the can.

The rest is — as the saying goes — history.

The premier viewing of the documentary was January 7, 1982. Comments heard from Assemblymen present: "... honest and touching"; "... received more than our money's worth."

The film has received critics'

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Filmed December 6, 1981: USS Arizona Memorial

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acclaim. It has been viewed by over 30,000 Alaskans through satellite, local and cable TV. Survivors have taken it to schools from Barrow, AK (at the top of the world) to Anchorage. It is endorsed by the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans, ROTC, Navy League and other organizations.

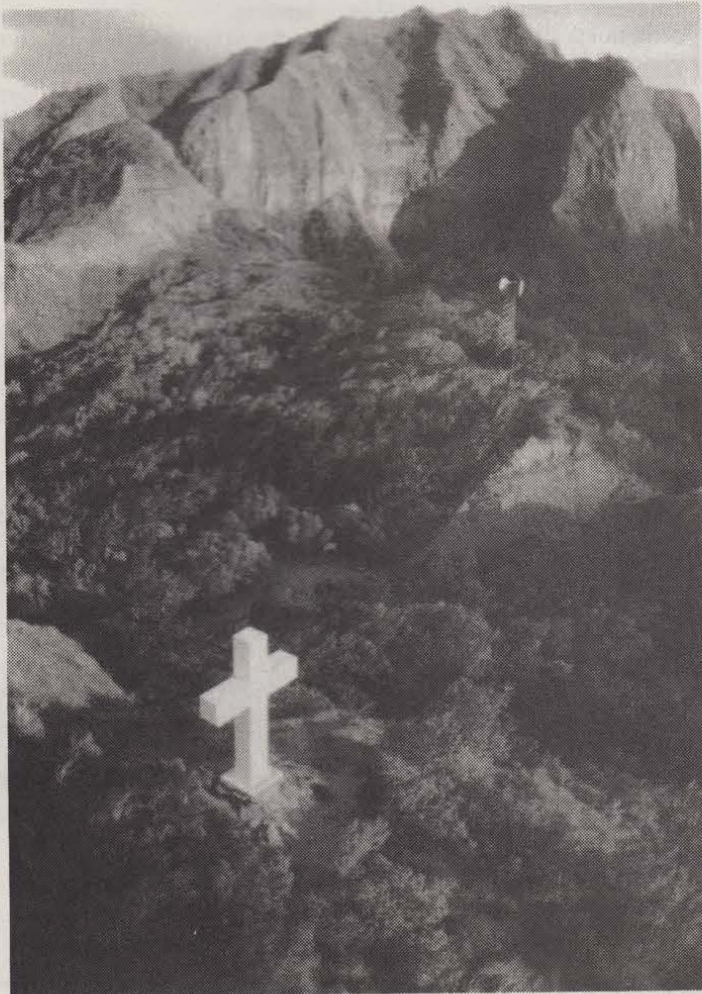
From a chapter in danger of losing its charter, to an active,

viable organization in just over a year! We think our motto, "Keep America Strong" has been received. Certainly those who have seen the film and heard the stories are in agreement:

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Submitted by: J. Paul Faulkner, Pres., North Star Chapter, PHSA.



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DEATH OF THE GOLDEN LION

Youthful and green, the 106th Infantry Division blunted Hitler's attack at the Bulge

By DON UNDERWOOD

- By dusk on Dec. 8, 1944, the green, youthful troops of the 106th Infantry Division were hunkered down in heavy snows and dense forests of Germany's Ardennes/Schnee Eifel waiting to move to the front lines.
- By dusk on Dec. 12, 1944, the "Golden Lion" Division was in its place in dugouts and bunkers along the Siegfried Line. It was the quietest sector of the 100-mile-long "ghost front."
- By dawn on Dec. 16, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge had begun with the German military arrow pointed straight at the heart of the 106th.
- By dusk on Dec. 22, 1944, the Golden Lion, as a combat division, was dead.

Twelve thousand of the division's nearly 16,000 were killed, wounded or captured. One decimated regiment and a handful of men from division units survived to fight on. In those seven freezing days of hell in the worst European winter of the century there were 16,000 individual stories of bravery, confusion, panic and paralyzing fear.

It is now 39 years after that terrible week, and 60 percent of today's population was not even born. Military historians have written the story of the 106th as either tragic or heroic. As one of Allied-High Command bumbling, or division-level-commander ineptness. As one of heroism or cowardice.

Some historical perspective is necessary.

History now sees those GIs of the 106th, who heard shots fired in anger for the first time that freezing morning of December

16, as a major influence in the blunting of Hitler's last major offensive. It sees those youths, who went into their front-line positions with neckties neatly knotted, as decisive in the fatal disruption of von Rundstedt's immaculate timetable for the recapture of Liège, Brussels and the Lowlands.

The German drive failed. The European war ended a little more than four months later.

In the immediate days after that German Christmas offensive was aborted, British Field Marshal Montgomery singled out the "United States infantrymen who stood in the full face of von Rundstedt's overwhelming armored power." He cited the 106th Infantry Division and the 7th Armored Division "for their magnificent battle at St. Vith in the first flash of the German drive.

"It was," he said, "the 106th and the 7th Armored who clung to those vital goals even though they were isolated and cut off in small units and pockets . . . they held grimly to those highways over which the Germans intended to pass in their drive to the west. Taking the shock and impact of German armor at the very peak of its strength they slowed down the drive . . . at one time they halted it . . . so that other American troops rushing into the lines in the rear could eventually master the German offensive.

"No greater service on the field of battle could have been rendered than that given by the 106th Infantry Division and the 7th Armored in this crucial struggle at St. Vith."



When the Golden Lion itself began its Janus-like existence in the parched pines, heat and dust surrounding Fort Jackson, S.C., in 1943, the division almost seemed marked by fate from the start. During that year, youths from farms, factories, slums; who were insurance salesmen, teachers, clerks — one had been a liquor buyer at Macy's — became infantrymen.

In fact the division achieved a remarkably high state of efficiency — under stateside conditions. Col. Dupuy, the division's official biographer, wrote, in a symbolic epitaph of many: "The only thing lacking in their training would be that first 30 minutes of combat, the vital kill-or-be-killed moment, which only comes with battle."

Although the war was beginning to turn to the Allies' favor, the cost in manpower was exorbitant. So, to replace those casualties on the battlefields, the 106th was stripped of nearly two-thirds of the men who had been part of that cohesive unit.

The replacements who were rushed in to fill the division's ranks were, in great part, students who had volunteered for Army and Air Corps specialist training — not the infantry. Thus, a crash course of training began again.

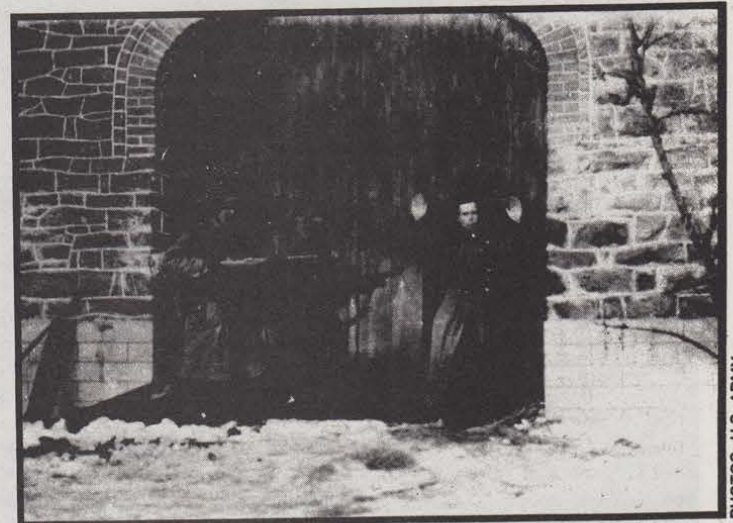
After two months of maneuvers in, on and around the snake-like Cumberland River in Tennessee, the division's staging for combat was at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Ind., just outside Indianapolis. The hospitable Hoosiers took the kids from the 106th to their hearts. To the 106th, Indiana became "home." It was the last home hundreds and hundreds in the division were to know.

The division's path to disaster took it to Adderbury, England, for the final combat organization. Crossing the English Channel to European soil, the division's flotilla was hit by storms and massive waves that stretched the 40-mile crossing into a five-day nightmare. It was the youngest, highest IP'd and most seasick division ever to make a landing.

An Army snafu left the troops without transportation at Le Havre, so they stood, slept, slumped or shuffled for a night and a day. One squad built a forbidden bonfire. The first casualties of the war for the 106th occurred when a buried shell, on which the fire had been built, exploded and the squad members were blown away.

Eventually, the truck columns wended their way through France, Luxembourg, Belgium and then just across the German

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Members of the 106th capture a German soldier.

Golden Lion Division...

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border into the brooding forest of the Schnee Eifel. The woods were dense, impenetrable in spots, with barely passable paths or trails. Here and there stood small picture-postcard villages blanketed in knee-deep snow. The weather was freezing.

As they moved into the front-line dugouts being vacated by the Second Division, they sheepishly took the taunting of those battle-worn veterans who were on their way back to a rest area. Those combat-wise GIs also took all the heating stoves.

The shivering, frostbitten troops of the 106th at that moment shared, in a sense, one secret with the Allied High Command. Neither had any realization that Hitler, losing on all fronts and desperate, had decided to launch a mammoth counteroffensive "to decide," in Hitler's words to his generals on December 12, "whether we shall live or die."

Hitler took the route the experts said was impossible — through the slops and forest of the Ardennes, in blizzards that negated Allied air power — to try to split the Allied armies and drive a wedge into his immediate goal, the rail center of Liège.

To succeed, he first had to break through to the two major road and rail centers in Belgium, west of the Ardennes: St. Vith and Bastogne. But between him and these objectives was the 106th, spread pitifully thin, with the men dug in so far apart they could only wave to each other in the short daylight hours . . . or "touch" by patrols, day and night.

Massed against them on the German side were the 6th Panzer SS Army in the north, the 7th Army to the south, and in the center — aimed squarely at the 106th — the 5th Panzer Army.

Standing before these armies, the 106th Infantry Division, in its combat nakedness, consisted of three infantry regiments, the 422nd, the 423rd and the 424th; four battalions of field artillery, the 589th through 592nd; the 81st Engineer Combat Battalion (of which more will be recounted later) and support troops: medics, the reconnaiss-

ance troop, signal, ordnance, quartermaster and military police battalions.

All of the became combat infantrymen in that one week. The War Department had devised a special recognition that only those who actually engaged the enemy were honored to wear: the Combat Infantry Badge. The 106th counted, perhaps, the highest percentage of those emblems awarded, as cooks, clerks, supply sergeants, vehicle drivers and orderlies took up weapons and joined the battle. And became casualties.

In various increments of time during that period, the division had the support of the 14th Cavalry Group, 275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 634th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, the 112th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Division, the 168th Combat Engineer Battalion — in addition to bits and pieces of a score more units of all types.

But none was to play a greater part in the Death of a Division, and it is coldly critical.

Whiting reconstructs an appalling drama in which he details ineptitude and confusion when the 422nd and 423rd Regiments were quickly surrounded by the German tanks and infantry, of lack of decision by division headquarters and a faulty telephone line from corps headquarters to the division, which might have averted it all.

Radio transmission was jammed and the efficient German radio teams were listening. Col. Peiper of the Nazi 1st SS Panzer Division later told Whiting that because of radio, he knew his opponents' moves throughout the battle. In St. Vith, the pro-German citizens were relaying every action of the 106th headquarters to the Germans.

With Jones fearing that at least two of his regiments were either surrounded — or disintegrating — and with the 14th Cavalry in a messy rout, the general desperately tried to talk with Lt. Gen. Troy Middleton, VIII Corps Commander, over the sketchy telephone line.

The question of whether to withdraw the two crumbling regiments was never intelligibly

answered. Jones ordered the regiments to hold. They held until December 19. On that day, some 9,000 American soldiers became prisoners. The moral decision by the two regimental commanders in surrendering is still debated.

The crippled and confused 424th Regiment, on the southern part of the line, was barely holding on. Col. Reid was wounded, and Lt. Col. Orville Hewitt was acting commanding officer. It was facing the same extinction as its sister regiments.

The arrival of Clarke in advance of his Combat Command B of the 7th Armored salvaged the disaster. Clarke made a swift decision. He perceived his superior in Rank, Maj. Gen. Jones to be dazed and befuddled. Clarke, on his own, assumed command, gathered the forces of the 424th together and merged into his "army" the 112 Regiment of the 28th Infantry Division, which had also been cut off from any strategic reality. The conglomerate Combat Command B began pulling back in a semblance of order, and the Americans regrouped at Sielsalm, just east of Bastogne.

In the mélange of events, Gen. Jones learned that his son, 1st Lt. Alan Jones, Jr., serving with the 423rd Regiment, had been killed. The general himself suffered a heart attack and was evacuated, his military career in a shambles.

St. Vith fell to the Germans on the night of December 21-22. It had taken Manteuffel not in 48 hours, but six days and the Americans were still harrasing him from front and rear. The enemy timetable crumpled. St. Vith was recaptured a few days later.

While it's true that cowards

were exposed in those crucial days — heroes were also born. Whiting cites 1st Lt. Eric Fisher Wood, who gathered stragglers from the 422nd and 423rd into a hit squad that tormented German convoys into the town of Meyerode, which was the headquarters of German Field Marshal Model and of Gen. Sepp Dietrich, commander of the 6th SS Panzer. Wood and his men later were found dead, surrounded by German bodies. The villagers erected a cross to mark Wood's grave.

The bravery of the 81st Engineer Combat Battalion is legend, too, and it was detailed by Capt. Loren E. Souers, now a Canton (Ohio) attorney, for that unit's military citation for valor. The 81st Engineers was under the command of Lt. Col. Thomas J. Riggs Jr. of Huntington, W. Va. In support originally of the 422nd Regiment, Riggs and his men, with the 168th Combat Engineers added, fought their way out of encirclement, harassed the Germans as they inched their way toward St. Vith, then sniped at the enemy from the rear as they were bypassed.

Col. Riggs, with remnants of his battalion, headquarters and service troops, fought on in patrol actions until they were captured on December 23. Col. Riggs escaped from the Germans in Poland in January and then fought with the Russians for two months longer.

The pressure grew on the Allied lines between St. Vith and Bastogne. By Christmas the remnants of the 106th were back in battle, and by this time the massive weight of Allied power began choking off the enemy drive. A German collapse began.

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December 9, 1941

VA Studies Hospital Costs for Vets Dilemma

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration is threatened by a crisis that could overwhelm its ability to provide medical care of the nation's 28.5 million former military personnel.

Within the next few years, most of the 11.5 million veterans of World War II will turn 65, and therein lies the problem. At that age they automatically become eligible for free medical care at VA hospitals — no questions asked.

For younger veterans, care is usually provided only if their ailments are service-connected or they declare they are in financial need. But in the case of veterans over 65, the millionaire former officer who never saw a day of combat and who now suffers from an infected hangnail is every bit as entitled to treatment as the former machine gunner who now makes a living as a truck driver and needs open heart surgery.

The VA will spend about \$8 billion this year to treat 1.3 million patients, a cost that will eat up about a third of the agency's total budget of \$25 billion. Some government officials, members of Congress and doctors in private practice consider that a vastly excessive cost, one that puts the VA in the "welfare

agency" category.

But \$8 billion may look like a medical bargain in 1990 after the number of veterans who are 65 or older has more than doubled to 7.7 million, from today's count of 3.3 million. By then, according to some estimates, the VA medical budget could be approaching \$50 billion annually.

Basically, there are only two approaches to solving the crisis. Either Congress must come up with the money to expand the VA medical system of more than 400 hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, some of them already overcrowded. Or, it must change eligibility standards for medical treatment.

In the meantime, the law requires that the VA help old soldiers fade away. "And we will obey the law of the land," says Harry N. Walters, head of the Veterans Administration.

The monetary, political and human implications of all this are causing a number of the Veterans Administration critics, as well as supporters, to take a hard, new look at its role as a social agency. "We can't let things get out of control," says Sen. Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming, chairman of the Senate Veterans Committee.

However, it is too early to say what changes these reassessments might lead to, if any. The VA has been scrutinized and criticized before, by both conservatives and liberals. But it has always emerged stronger than ever, a development attributable in the main to the veterans lobby, one of the most powerful in the country.

The medical system that the VA operates is now the largest in the United States, with not only 400 individual facilities but also 200,000 doctors, nurses, orderlies and clerks. Only the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services have larger overall budgets than the \$25 billion requested this year for the VA.

The demographics in the crisis the agency now faces are stark. Between now and 1990, the number of World War II veterans who are over 65 will more than double, from 3.3 million today to almost 7.7 million. By the end of the century, two of every three American men over the age of 65 will be veterans.

"The Veterans Administration is on the cutting edge of the problem of a greying America," Walters said the other day in urging the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to approve the new VA budget, up \$1.3 billion over last year's budget.

At a time when the budgets of almost all federal programs are being severely squeezed, the Veterans Administration is asking for a 50 percent increase in construction funds for 1983. If

Congress approves, which is likely, 1868 million will be spent this year to expand and renovate a health care system that already has 172 hospitals, 226 outpatient clinics and a staff of 200,000.

The agency has begun concentrating a considerable amount of its resources on geriatric and extended-care programs, a number of them experimental. "Nobody's doing more in this field than we are," boasts Dr. John H. Mather, who is directing the effort for their agency. "There's a feeling that we're breaking new ground on one of the most important problems facing the country. It's exciting stuff."

Although some VA facilities are already overcrowded, notably in retirement areas like Florida, VA officials report there is still a surplus of beds overall, which they say bodes well for the future. In fact, some officials concede privately that a number of hospitals have so much extra capacity that they routinely admit just about any veteran who shows up, regardless of age, ailment or financial

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As the Germans retreated farther and farther, the 106th was quickly being reconstituted. But it was a shell of its former being. It ended its own war as the guardian of thousands of Germans in prison camps up and down the Rhine.

Probably never in the history of the British Parliament, though, did a prime minister ever give greater praise to an ally of Britain. Facing the House of Commons in a vote of confidence on his conduct of the war, Churchill said that "care must be taken in telling our proud tale not to claim for the British armies an undue share of what is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war. The Americans have suffered losses almost equal to those on both sides in the Battle of Gettysburg. I have never hesitated to stand up for our own soldiers when their achievements have been cold-shouldered or overshadowed or neglected . . . as they sometimes are . . . but we

must not forget that it is to the American homes that the telegrams of personal loss and anxiety have been coming. We must never forget that there has been a hard and severe ordeal for our brave and cherished ally."

Today, the 106th lives in the hearts and minds of those who were there — and in the memory of the grateful Belgian government that awarded the division its *Fourragere* for gallantry in action . . .

And in the memorial to the dead of the division in St. Vith, placed by the 106th Infantry Division Association . . .

And in the handful of Distinguished Service Crosses, the dozens of Silver Stars, the hundreds of Bronze Stars, the thousands of Combat Infantry Badges awarded those infantrymen . . .

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status. Some of those facilities were situated more on the basis of political expediency than demographic need, the officials add.

In the average VA hospital today, only a third of the beds contain patients with ailments related to their military service, the original requirement for treatment. As for the other original eligibility requirement, the VA has no precise figures on how many of its patients can afford to pay for their medical care but nevertheless request the free care offered by the agency. However, veterans' organizations contend that most VA patients are "needy."

Besides VA medical care, other health programs are available to veterans who are over 65, of course, and some government officials hope those programs will lighten the Veterans Administration's future load. In fact, many veterans prefer to rely on Medicare and private insurance, in some cases because such programs permit them to use medical facilities closer to their homes than VA hospitals, in other cases because they lack confidence in government-operated medical facilities.

At present, only one in four veterans over 65 ever shows up at VA hospital. But no one really knows whether that ratio will hold up in the future.

If there is a cutback in other government medical programs, as now seems likely, and if medical care costs in the private sector continue to inflate sharply, as in the past, an increase in the percentage of veterans showing up is almost certain. In fact, even now most Medicare and private insurance programs do not offer as many free, long-

term benefits as the VA medical program, a particularly crucial factor at a point in life when medical problems and the time required to treat them tend to increase rapidly.

"When you're talking Medicare or private insurance, you're talking weeks of care at a maximum," says Mack G. Flemming, the chief counsel for the House Veterans Affairs Committee. "With the VA, you're talking months and months of care, and then some. The VA is by far the most generous."

Besides the expected growth in health care funding, considerable increases in other areas of the VA budget also are expected in coming years, given the wide array of pension, education, housing and hiring benefits that the agency also provides. But it is the anticipated escalation in health care costs that is feared most and is leading to the reassessment of the agency's social role.

Should the role be curtailed? Has the VA become just another bloated agency? Or should it be permitted to continue on its uninterrupted course of six decades of growth and expansion?

Walters argues that the agency is as efficient as any in government. He reports that currently it has major studies and experimental programs under way to determine how it can meet the needs of the rapidly shifting veteran population, particularly the needs of the aging.

"The VA will change to accommodate veterans," he said. "We just don't yet know precisely how."

Veteran organizations contend that VA benefits are the method by which a grateful nation repays the men and women who interrupted their lives to defend it. R. E. Lyngh, a benefits specialist for the American Legion, asserts that the VA role already has been modified considerably and that the days of "freebies" for veterans are long gone. "The VA," he said, "currently accounts for only 3 percent of the federal budget, and that figure is decreasing."

The Lyngh figures do not favorably impress Dr. James H. Sammons, the executive vice president of the American Medical Association. He said the AMA fully supported a strong VA medical system but worried that "blanket entitlements" would badly aggravate the federal deficit.

As for veterans in "genuine need" of medical help, Sammons argued that they should be given the option of seeking treatment at the nearest non-government medical facility, with the bill forwarded to the VA. Currently, most veterans are now required to show up at VA facilities for treatment.

Few politicians publicly question the role of the VA, although a number have private doubts. They are well aware that veterans and their dependents account for about 40 percent of the U.S. population. But Simpson is a bold exception.

"This is a rather extraordinary thing," he said the other day of the benefits veterans accrue when they turn 65. "We've got to help the veteran. But I think even some veterans are appalled."

The senator went on to predict that "reality" would shortly force Congress to face up to the eligibility issue. Then he asked: "Why should a person who

has served only four months in uniform, never seen one day of combat, qualify for every bit of VA care? When you ask that question, you really get it, I know."

He was referring in the latter case to the veterans' lobby. As much as anything, the future role of the Veterans Administration will depend on what course the lobby decides upon.

Thus far, President Reagan has hesitated to challenge the lobby, although one of his favored sources of advice, the Heritage Foundation, has labeled VA programs "redundant, anachronistic and perhaps wasteful" and called for a "sharply circumscribed" mission for the agency. One good reading on the Reagan approach to the VA came a few days ago when Donald H. Schwab, the legislative director for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, commented on the \$25 billion budget this year.

"This proposed budget," he told Simpson's committee, "re-confirms the president's commitment to our nation's veterans. All things considered, the proposed budget is an extremely good one in view of the deep cuts proposed in other budgets."

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Information on "SACO" Wanted

Fellow member, Robert Clark, P.O. Box 9, Hengchun, Ping Tung Hsien, Taiwan, ROC., would like information on the organization called "SACO." Robert, who served under Commodore M. E. Miles in China after Pearl Harbor, from the year 1943-1944 in the organization called Sino-American-Co-Operative (or "SACO"). He wants to join the VFW, Duane Hodges Post 89 in Tianan, Taiwan, and would greatly appreciate this information. We don't understand why his PHSA card will not let him become a member of the post, other than that he needs to show that he served in China during World War II. Please write Robert if you have any information on "SACO" and how he can get in touch with them.

—Editor

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To Survivors and members of PHSA: We will once again present the Mini News to you as newsletters from across the country come into the *GRAM*. We received very few letters for this issue, so please send them in before the July issue. Closing date will be June 1, 1983.

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We borrowed the front page news item from the newsletter of California Chapter 9, the *Gabriel's Horn*. So we decided to let them have the first article in this month's Mini News.

The Chapter held their 15th anniversary party on March 12, 1983, at the Fire House Inn, which is located in Pomona, CA.

It was a gala affair for all. From the reports, it was an evening to remember with much fun and frolic taking place. For dinner, they had roast sirloin of beef with all the trimmings.

In the very near future, they will be having Ladies' Appreciation Night. This special night will be held at the Red Lion in Ontario, CA.

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It has been a stormy month out in the blue Pacific Ocean, but let's take a hop over to the Hawaiian Islands and pay a visit to our many friends of Aloha Chapter 1. As usual, the members of this chapter have been very active during the months of February and March.

As published in their newsletter, *The Pupakahi*, this is the year of the boar. "Kung Hee Fat Choy!"

At their February meeting, the members traveled up to the Flamingo Chuckwagon on Kapiolani for a dinner get-together. Their March meeting was especially gratifying to one and all. Paying them a visit from the mainland were National President Dale Speelman and Ed Flaherty, First District Director. For this event, the chapter had one of its biggest turnouts to welcome these National Officers.

Another special guest of the chapter while visiting the islands was Virginia State Chairman Earl Slover and his lovely wife, Ella.

Before we say Aloha, we hope that you didn't get battered

around like we did here on the West Coast of the mainland. I think Ed was glad to get away from all these storms we have been having over here. So until next time, "Aloha."

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A new group we heard from this month, is the newsletter that was received from Patrol Sqd. Twenty-Two, Ford Island. It was sent into the *GRAM* by Bob Campbell of Ridgecrest, CA.

At their mini reunion in San Antonio, TX, they had 16 white hats and their wives present. The initial get-together was held at a Chinese Restaurant called Nu Nan River Garden. It was located on the river walk just below the Hyatt Regency Hotel. It was a very nice setting for their first meeting and much socializing in 41 years. Of course, there was much handshaking, hugging and even a few kisses thrown in here and there. Also in attendance were VPer from the 23rd and 24th Sqds. For all Patrol Sqd. 22 survivors, Bob Campbell would like for you to drop him a line. His address is as follows: 5225 Chaparral, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. He will then put your name on the roster and send you their newsletter.

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Heading up to the big northwest and to the "North Star Chapter" in Alaska, we see that it was "Fractured Flicks" month. During the month of February, they put together some film footage that wasn't used in their movie, "There Are Some Days You Can't Forget." They called it the evening flicks night. (Ref. story elsewhere in this issue of *Gram*.)

The members' activities include: revolving loans; homesteads and lands; education benefits; Disabled Vets; and Agent Orange and Radiologic. These issues were discussed on a statewide teleconference with State Senator Murkowski.

In March, the chapter presented the Anchorage School Board the master copy of the movie "There Are Some Days You Can't Forget," which is a history of the North Star Chapter. This film will be retained in the school district library for fu-

ture use by students and teachers.

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Getting back to a warmer section of the country, we drop in on Arizona's "Howard E. Brannon Chapter," of Phoenix. It was potluck time once again for members at the Coors hospital-ity room. Of course, the beer was furnished by the Coors Brewing Company.

During the month of March, there was a Sunday afternoon of "Remembrance" at the Sun Bowl in Sun City. According to Vice President Widmark, it was very beautiful and inspirational service.

If you snow bunnies from around the country happen to be in the Phoenix area, stop in and say hi to this very active group of survivors. Their new President Harold Monteith will receive you with open arms. As he says, "Welcome one and all to beautiful and sunny Arizona."

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Let's head out of the west for awhile and head up to the Fifth District Area of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Julius A. Finnern, Fifth District Director, sends us news that the district is very active and meetings well attended.

He informs us that Dave Briner will always be remembered for his willingness to assist, not only in the Fifth District, but in the PHSA Association as a whole. To Dave, they say thank you for a job well done.

They request that all members of PHSA get behind the project of naming a U.S. ship the *USS Pearl Harbor*. They urge you to please contact your congressman as soon as possible.

Stanley Gruber and Ray Krohelski have consented to be co-chairmen for the 1984 Fifth District Convention, which will be held in Milwaukee, WI.

Wisconsin State Officers for the coming year are as follows: President Ray Wosick, Vice President Willard Yaroch, Secretary Art Krier, Treasurer Ray Bruson, Trustees John Devine, Carl Meyer and Harry Youngbauer.

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Over in the state of Indiana, John Berlier informs the *GRAM* that Chapter 2 met at the U.S. Steel Supervisor Club in Hobart. Services were at the Highway of the Flags Memorial for their December 7 activities.

Chapter 1 of Indiana held a weiner roast at the Richard Brown country home. As usual, Harold and Helen were the perfect hosts, with a total of 16 members in attendance. It was a fun day for all.

Memorial Services were held on December 5 at the World War Memorial. There was a group breakfast following the services.

Congratulations go out to Ralph Moore of the *USS Sacramento* who was elected to the position of Indiana State Chairman at the Spring Mill State Meeting.

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We still have a lot of California news so let's get on with it: One of the big events took place this past February up in the southern mountains area in a place called Lake Isabella. This is an annual Joe Nemish bash along with the full support of Chapter 19 members. This is a weekend affair, during what they call "Whiskey Flats Days." In attendance were 172 survivors, their wives and friends to help Chapter 19 celebrate this event. At the Saturday morning parade, PHSA had a total of 82 survivors marching who came from all over the state.

Guests of honor were National President Dale Speelman and Hall Pickard, National Secretary, along with their lovely wives. Their special honored guest was Medal of Honor recipient Lee Rye of Victor Valley and Chapter 29. Of course, an event like this wouldn't be complete without Past National President Bill Aupperlee and his sidekick Jeanne.

The *GRAM* could be wrong, but it is our feeling that this was the largest group of PHSA members to march in a given parade. It not, please let us know. Chapter 19, congratulations. It was an event we shall never forget. In fact, National President Dale Speelman says they will be back next year.

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PHSA SURVIVORS' REUNION NOTICES . . .

The *USS Detroit* (CL-8) will be holding their seventh reunion in Philadelphia, PA, on the 16th through the 18th of September, 1983.

The Holiday Inn, which is located in the center of the city, will be headquarters for this get-together. The area is surrounded by many historical sites.

For information concerning the reunion, please contact Tom Sanford, 2116 Lardner St., Philadelphia, PA 19149.

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The *USS Henley* (DD-391) will be holding their reunion in San Francisco, CA on July 15 through 17, 1983.

Please contact Roy E. Anglen, SMC U.S.N. Ret. for details.

Roy's address is P.O. Box 3, Hume, IL 61932, or phone 217/887-2372.

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The *USS Grayson* (DD-435) reunion will be held during the October 21 through 23, 1983, in Kansas City, MO.

For further information, please write to: Don Rasmusen, 560 22nd St. N.E., Salem, OR 97301, or phone 503/362-5614.

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A reunion of former shipmates who served on the *USS Dobbin* (AD-3) and the des-

troysers alongside (*Dewey, McDonough, Phelps and Worden*) on December 9, 1941, will be held at the Admiral Benbow Inn, Tampa, FL, on September 8 through 11, 1983. Please contact George L. Gratton, Chairman, 702 E. Henry Ave., Tampa, FL 33604, for further information.

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During the month of September 25 through 29, 1983, the *USS Helm* (DD-388) will be holding their second reunion. This will be in Sparks, Nevada, at the Nugget. For further information, please contact, James "Blackie" Blackwell, at 261 Larkspur, Fairfield, CA 94233.

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For those survivors who missed the National Convention in San Antonio, TX, this past December and the CAF reenactment of the "Attack on Pearl Harbor," they will be putting on another showing and combat performance this summer at the Peterson AFB, Colorado Spring, CO. This will be on June 25 and 26.

Tickets will be available at veterans clubs. Contact the VFW and American Legion Posts, DAV, and many other places around town. Price for tickets is \$5.00.

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The *USS Pennsylvania* (BB-38) reunion will be held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA, on August 13 (Sat.), 1983. Mark this on your calendar and plan now to attend.

There will be free parking and each shipmate will receive a souvenir booklet on the history of the "Silver Service," pre-

sented to the ship by the State of Pennsylvania upon commissioning 6-12-16.

For further information, please contact the *USS Pennsylvania*, Reunion Committee, 2223 Miramar Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815.

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Information received from the *USS Shaw* (DD-373) is that this is '83 and reunion time once again.

Since you all received your last newsletter, they have added 21 old shipmates to the roster. With a total of 170 ex-shipmates now on board, they will probably have to break up the "Story Tellers" into squads at their next reunion.

This year's reunion will be held in Corpus Christi, TX, on the 20th through the 22nd of May, 1983. Headquarters will be in the Holiday Inn — Emerald Beach Hotel (1102 South Shoreline Blvd., Tele [512] 289-5100). As "Shawmen," let's make this the biggest and best reunion ever.

For further information, please contact *USS Shaw* (DD-373), C/O E.E. Ness, 1900 No. Serrano Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027. Make it soon — time is running out.

You may also contact Thornton Chambers, Reunion Chairman, P.O. Box 34, Junction, TX 76849, or phone 915/446-3697.



New Mexico State Chairman Robert W. Walker giving a helping hand to fellow survivor John P. Shonk of New Mexico Chapter #2. This was John's first reunion.

ACTION REPORT OF 7 DECEMBER 1941

With permission of the Commanding Officer of the *USS Sunnadin* (AT-28), the United States Navy, and in reference: (A) Article 712, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920; the following is read on behalf of all survivors living, those here at the "Punchbowl," the *USS Arizona*, the *USS Utah*, and those who have since joined them:

From: Commanding Officer, Lt. Cdr. Norman B. Hopkins, *USS Sunnadin* (AT-28)

Subject: Report of action at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Reference: (A) Article 712, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

Quote: "The eager, prompt and efficient execution of orders and duties was in accordance with armed forces traditions. Therefore, no criticism is submitted and duty well performed being required, there is no special commendation recommended." Unquote.

We, too, add our sincere: "Well Done!"

(The above is an excerpt from the report of the Commanding Officer of the *USS Sunnadin* [AT-28]. The words: "armed forces traditions" were substituted for the words: "Navy traditions," being that all who were at, and on the Island of Oahu deserve the high commendation of the Captain of the *USS Sunnadin* [AT-28].)

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Still in the state of California, we head up Fresno way to Chapter 8. President Ray Littrell and 22 of his members held their January meeting at the Gil Oliners. Where were you, Gil? You were missed at the Lake Isabella bash. This is another survivor who knows how to feed and please his fellow survivors. All 22 of these chapter members had a wonderful day and meeting.

Chapter 8 will be hosting the 1984 California State Convention in Fresno. This is one convention that PHSA members throughout the state will not want or shouldn't miss. For those who were in attendance at their last state convention, it brings up many a conversation when it is compared with other events around the state. Just take our word. You won't want to miss this one.

During the month of February, they held their birthday party at the NAS., Lemcore, CPO Club. There were 32 members, wives and guests present.

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This year, California State's Convention will be held in the best liberty town on the West Coast: San Diego. There are many places to visit and see in San Diego, so get down to the southern part of the state and enjoy yourselves.

The convention dates will be the 13th through the 16th of April. It will be sightseeing at the Naval Training Center, Old Town, Seaport Village. Also a big golf tournament on Thursday, bowling, a luau on Friday evening. All this will be topped off by the business meeting on Saturday and of course the banquet that evening. Although reservations closed this past March 15, we are quite sure that this group from Chapter 3 will find a spot for you. Just drop in and say, "Here we are." All these festivities will be held at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley. Reservations can be made at the hotel by calling 800/542-6082. It's never too late for this state convention. Just come and lay around the pools.

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Let's move back up the coast of California to Orange County and Chapter 14. This is where the ponies run and there are more golf courses than you can count. We find this chapter along with their new President Roy Johnson doing about everything that a PHS group should be doing. I guess the words are active, active, active.

Their meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month. Headquarters for the chapter is the American Legion Post in Los Alamitos. Between these two organizations, they put on many fine events for both of their memberships. It's one for all and all for one. The welcome mat is out all the time.

At their January meeting, they had some competition with the Super Bowl over in Pasadena, but they held their own.

During the month of March, many of the chapter members have been invited to the *USS Nevada* Reunion in Washington, D.C., with the guest speaker being the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

Their guest at the March meeting was Jeff Millet, editor and author of the PHSA Commemorative Book being advertised in the *GRAM*.

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Heading out of California once again and back to the Third District and Frank Mack, their District Director. Word comes our way that they had 57 voting PHSA members and their wives at the National Convention in San Antonio, TX. Frank says they all had one heck of a time and are ready to go back to the big state. They also wish to say thanks for this wonderful time, to Convention Chairman Gene Camp.

Frank would also like to thank all of those who voted for him at the convention and for his being your new District Director. He firmly believes in communications with all his fellow survivors and hopefully you will all share your thoughts and ideas with him for the good of the Third District and PHSA.

Colorado members of PHSA are now embarking on an effort to place a PHSA Memorial at the State Capitol in Denver.

Man of the year from Steel City Co., Chapter 2 is none other than Sec.-Treas. Ben Vecchio. Ben has been doing a super job, according to Frank. Our congratulations from the *Gram*, Bob.

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We can't seem to get away from the state of California. Maybe it's because they now have 30 chapters. Chapter 29 of Victor Valley in the high desert area is also the baby chapter in California. But not for long. In fact, this month they will be passing the baby pin to our new chapter which is located in Placerville. Many members from chapter 29 will be heading up to the northern part of the state to help "Hangtown 30" receive their charter and install their new officers.

Their new President Roy Clark sends word out to all the chapters in the state, especially San Fernando Chapter 12, that they plan to take over the title as the traveling chapter. They will call themselves the "Traveling Bunch from 29." It seems like there are always two of three of them visiting other groups to the north and south. They roam near and far.

Their next meeting will be this coming April at the George AFB O'Club. They will be celebrating their first birthday party. Everyone is invited. Just let President Roy Clark know that you plan to attend, so he can make reservations for the weekend.

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Speaking of the baby chapter, we received a late newsletter of their upcoming charter presentation and the swearing-in of the chapter officers.

The big event took place on March 26 in Placerville at the Old Hangtown Veterans Building. The attire for the evening was Hawaiian dress. They had the usual social hour, a dinner-dance which went into the late, late hours. The music was supplied by the "Bottom Dollar Band," a group of miners.

Ed Burelson of the Fleet Reserve was in charge of the buffet dinner. It was Baron of Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, ranch-style beans, tossed salad

with dressing, sourdough bread with a lot of black coffee. If you missed this bash, you will never see another one like it in the state of California.

On Friday night before the big shindig, they had a tailgate party which traveled up to the fairgrounds. For those visitors who didn't have RVs, it was bring yourself and we will take care of you.

It was a wonderful weekend. Welcome to PHSA, "Hangtown 30"!

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Here is a reminder from our new chapter that California Chapter 25 of Yuba City will be having their annual Clam and Steak Feed on April 29 through May 1. They will also have a tailgate party on Friday evening of the 29th. This is another event you shouldn't miss.

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Another newsletter we received just before we went to press was from Chapter 4, of Richmond, VA. Our thanks to Sec.-Treas. Clark Martin for all the information.

As he stated in his letter to the membership of his chapter, this is our second letter to keep you better informed — trying to let you know more than you may have learned from the *GRAM* at the national level and the Virginia Chairman's newsletter at the state level. Clark, we can't speak for the Virginia State Chairman, but from now on, the *GRAM* will take care of any and all news that your chapter sends into the *GRAM*.

Sorry that this hasn't been taken care of in the past, but it is a new dawning. Stick with us.

In the central Piedmont area of PHSA, they had their March 19 meeting at the Byrd Park Clubhouse in Richmond. It was a get re-acquainted party. It was one of those good old potluck feeds.

This coming April 16, it will be the Virginia State Convention at the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point Comfort. Mark that date down on your calendar.

Then, during the month of June from the 1st through the 4th, it will be the Seventh Dis-

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trict Convention at the Holiday Inn, located in King of Prussia, PA. Get those reservations in early.

Chapter 4's Executive Committee met in January and February to keep abreast of what is happening in the state of Virginia. Plans are being made for the chapter to host a state convention in the future. There was also an effort to organize and support the State Chairman's movement to have the Virginia General Assembly legislate a "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

Clark, keep those newsletters coming into the GRAM. One last word to the Virginia group: Clark felt it would be a nice gesture to write a note or letter to Jesse E. Pond, Jr., Past National Treasurer. He served the Association at the National Level for eight years plus many years in other duties of PHSA. Just drop him a line or two to show your appreciation. This might be something that all of PHSA could do.

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Getting back to California and the San Fernando Valley Chapter 12: All they have been doing since the National Convention is celebrate over one thing or

another. Mainly around their fellow survivor and friend, Past National President Bill Aupperlee. It doesn't take much to get this group in a partying mood.

This past February they had a "roast" for Bill. From all reports coming out of the mountain area of Lake Isabella, they really put him over the coals. Many old secrets and information leaked out on Bill's past that he has hidden from all of us for years. But they all came out to the membership during the "roast." Sorry, we can't print it in the GRAM. You will have to get all the facts when paying a visit to Chapter 12.

During the month of March, they held their annual St. Pat's Party at the chapter home in Sun Valley, the VFW Post 10040. There was more corned beef and cabbage than they could eat.

In April, it will be a Spaghetti Feed with a White Elephant Sale, taking place after the dinner. This will be directed by Harley Eppler of Chapter 14.

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We have left National Chapter 1 to bring up the tail-end of the Mini News. Since our return from the Far East and the Philippines, I have joined up with this wonderful group of survivors and their wives. This is where it all began for my tour of duty in PHSA, back in 1964. It's great

to be back and active once again in PHSA.

At Chapter One's last meeting in February, it was a great gourmet delight as they had their usual potluck dinner. The dinner was fit for a king. We members enjoyed it much more than a king. As President Fred Dietrich put it, "Only the gals of Chapter One could put out a spread like this." Our thanks to all of you wonderful gals. You outdo yourselves every month. It just gets bigger and better. We are also getting bigger and fatter.

In March, they held their joint St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance at the AMVETS Post #30 in Gardena. As always, on this day, there was more food than could be eaten, and those who did eat too much, couldn't make it to the dance floor. This is what you call being a "Lookie-Lou."

A reminder to all of PHSA that Chapter 1's birthday party will be held at the AMVETS Post on Sunday, April 14, 1983. Come one, come all!

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Please keep those newsletters coming in to the GRAM. We wish to give all of PHSA some coverage, but if we don't receive those newsletters, then we can't mention your chapter in the GRAM.



JOHN KROHTA

Carpenter's Mate, 2nd Class, age 21, stationed aboard *USS Medusa*, (AR-1). TAD from *Medusa* to Camp Andrews, recreation camp at Nanakuli. Carpenters' crews from various ships were building cabins to replace tents for recreation parties. December 7 weekend found over 200 crew members from battle fleet enjoying facilities after week's maneuvers at sea. Night of December 7, Camp Andrews became overflow station for survivors of attack. Expected Japanese landings at Nanakuli and were armed.

Returning to my ship a few weeks later, being a diving "striker," was sent to an 8-week crash course in diving aboard *USS Widgeon* at Submarine Base. Completing course, was assigned to diving crew to help raise the *USS Okalhoma, Arizona and Utah*.

Measuring torpedo holes in *USS Utah*, realized it could have been my ship, the *Medusa*, as she had had that berth all year. *Medusa* had gone to sea Friday, December 6 for gunnery practice and skipper of the *Utah* had taken her berth on Ford Island. *Medusa* had to anchor at Pearl City, saving herself and my shipmates.

Continued diving duties on various ships throughout the war and was involved in clearing Naka Harbor in Okinawa when the war ended.

Retired in July, 1964, after 26 years as Master Chief, Damage Control Man and Master Diver.

Am presently Supervisor of Hyperbaric Medicine Dept. at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Married 30 years to Pauline and am looking forward to retirement at age 65.

ON TO PEARL HARBOR AND BEYOND

—by Charles Jackson

This is the amazing, unvarnished, true story of the Japanese midget submarine attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. Here for the first time all of the details of just what the midgets did, or did not, do is told by the American sailor who as a member of a three-man team first went inside one that had been wrecked and abandoned on a reef near Bellows Field. This was the midget sub whose Captain, Kazue Sakamaki, survived, was captured and became "U.S. Prisoner of War #1" in World War Two. Jackson also tells Sakamaki's story.

And — did a second midget sub manage to gain entry to Pearl Harbor? Mr. Jackson presents strong evidence from witnesses that he did, and leaves the reader to judge for himself. And to this day there's no trace of the two Japanese crewmen who mysteriously disappeared from another of the midgets that was found years later on the bottom of an Oahu lagoon.



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VA/Retiree Benefit Briefs...

Federal/military retirees got a head start on biting the financial bullet. During the closing days of the 1982 session, Congress made changes to the federal/military retirement annuities that will have a severe impact on recipients.

Previously, these retirees were entitled to Cost-of-Living (COL) adjustments in their annuities twice a year. The raises, effective in March and September, arrived in April and October paychecks. The September increases were eliminated by Congress two years ago. Now they have bumped the COL raise a month a year through 1985.

The '83 COL raise will show up in the May 1983 checks, the '84 raise in June of that year and the '85 raise in July 1985. Second, they've limited COL increases for retirees under the age of 62. Under-62 retirees will get a 3.3 percent this May while those receiving survivors annuities, anyone over 62 and disability retirees will receive the full amount.

Finally, military retirees employed by the federal government will have their federal salary reduced a dollar for each dollar increase in retired military pay.

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VA seeks to broaden medical insurance collection efforts. Legion Service Officers have been advised the VA is intensifying efforts to collect medical insurance for treatment provided

nonservice-connected veterans, where the medical insurance policy does not have the standard exclusionary clause. (This clause says no benefits will be paid for care provided in a federal institution, and is to be found in the great majority of medical insurance policies.)

The Legion's concern is that a medical center could practice selective admission, and give preferential attention to the veteran who has insurance on which VA could collect. The national Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division has been involved in an exchange with VA on this matter for some time, and has involved the counsel of our legal consultant.

This VA effort does not relate directly to the Legion's long-standing mandate against third party reimbursement, wherein the federal government would invalidate the exclusionary clause in all medical insurance policies and force payments of benefits by insurers in all nonservice-connected cases. We maintain this would in effect make VA care a co-pay program, since the veteran would be paying for his care through his insurance premiums. Legion service officers have been alerted to closely monitor the situation at all VA Medical Centers.

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Some college students will get an education in citizenship. Last year at our national convention, the Legion passed a resolution

urging "the president and the congress to disallow any government supported educational or business loans, grants, scholarships or annuities to those who fail to register with the Selective Service when they reach age 18."

Secretary of Education T. H. Bell agrees. Bell has proposed regulations that would require a financial aid applicant to complete a statement certifying he has registered with the Selective Service or that he is not required to do so. He would then have to provide proof of that registration. At stake is some \$8.5 billion worth of federal education funds.

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"Remember the Bronx Hospital." As reported here last month, design and construction errors in the building of the Bronx VA Medical Center, as well as the failure of the VA to correct these problems, make the facility a model of how not to build and manage a hospital system.

A report prepared by the Legion's National Field Service has resulted in the House Veterans Affairs Committee dispatch of investigators to the facility for a thorough review. The investigation team was accompanied by a Legion Field Representative last January.

Results are pending. Noting that the American Legion works hard each year to assess adequate VA construction funds, mis-

use of those funds is viewed as a slap in the face to all veterans, Legion officials told the committee.

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Annual dividends being paid. The VA is in the process of paying dividends to some 3.7 million veterans who have retained their GI life insurance in force.

No application for the dividend is needed, as each policy holder will receive the dividend in the month of the anniversary date of the individual policy. Payments will be made in the manner selected previously by the policy holder. Choices range from cash to the purchase of paid up insurance.

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Look for an attack on beneficiary travel allowances. That's the money paid to veterans having to travel long distances for care at VA hospitals.

In a memorandum to the Office of Management and Budget, the Justice Department has issued the opinion that payment of these allowances is discretionary rather than obligatory. To OMB budget cutters, this may signal an official invitation to deny claims for beneficiary travel allowances — legitimate or otherwise — for budgetary reasons alone.

The Legion will be eyeing this matter closely to insure that legitimate claims are awarded. If not, legislative changes may be the only available remedy.

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