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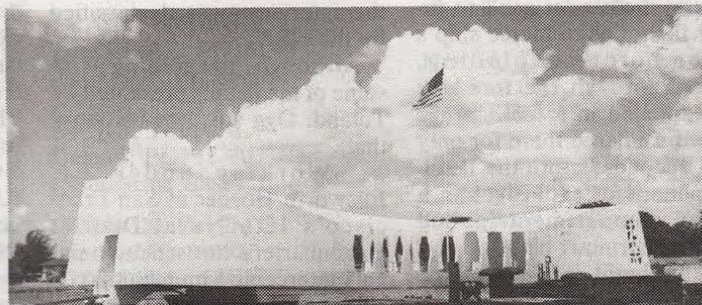


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ITS ARMOR PLATING 'CURLED LIKE LETTUCE LEAVES'

Big Bomb Sank the *Arizona* at Pearl Harbor, Divers Find

Divers examining the sunken battleship *Arizona* in the murky waters of Pearl Harbor have found that it was virtually blown in two and that its 14-inch armor plating is "curled like lettuce leaves," according to reports from the first close survey of the scene since World War II.

A 100-foot gap in the heavily armored ship was made by the single most destructive shot fired during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. That was an 1,800-pound bomb that penetrated the *Arizona's* deck and

struck fuel and ammunition caches, creating an explosion heard across the island of Oahu in the early morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

According to the Navy, more than 1,000 sailors and Marines remain entombed in the ship, and about 170 bodies and other remains have been recovered.

Half of all the deaths in the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred on the *Arizona*, according to Donald Goldstein, co-author of *At Dawn We Slept*, an account of the attack.

The current diving expedition has begun to draw a detailed, three-dimensional picture of the great warship as it lies in 20 feet of silt at the harbor bottom and also to answer questions about the sinking of the 608-foot ship.

National Park Service and Navy divers have described the scene in the shallow, 30- to 40-foot waters as "eerie."

The *Arizona's* forward guns

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SEAMAN Z RETIRED

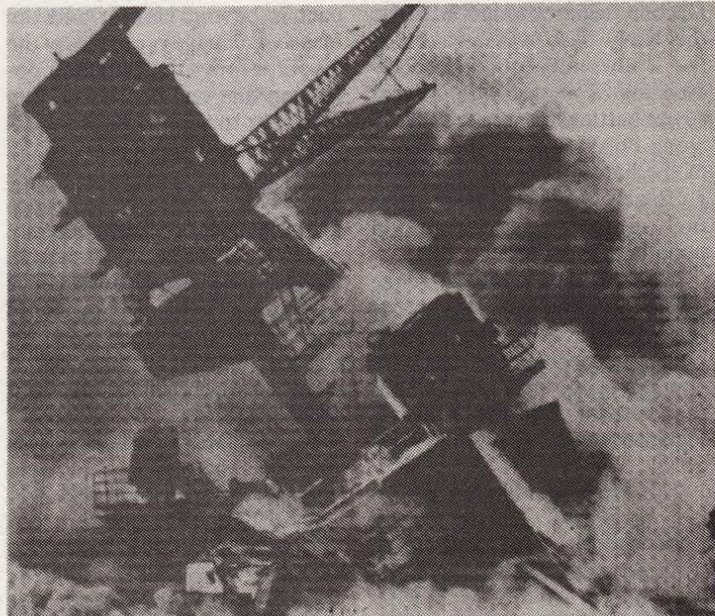
This story was released by Washington (UPI) and taken from the Valley Press in the Antelope Valley, CA.

"Seaman Z," the anonymous sailor whose recollections of tracking the Japanese ships that attacked Pearl Harbor set off a furor among historians, is Robert D. Ogg, a retired businessman from Kentfield, CA.

His identity was disclosed after the National Security Agency released to the naval historian's office the text of an interview with Ogg last May.

Ogg's story was included in a Doubleday book by historian John Toland, "Infamy: Pearl Harbor and its Aftermath." He asked Toland for anonymity but

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In dying moments, the *Arizona* burns and sinks at Pearl Harbor after being hit by Japanese bomb during Dec. 7, 1941 attack. —Associated Press

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are separated from the bow by a 100-foot mass of debris and twisted armor that once was the forward deck.

'Inspiring and Scary'

"To see the destruction to the forward part of the ship is inspiring and scary," said John Martini, chief ranger at the *USS Arizona* Memorial in the harbor above the ship. "The forces that tore it apart were truly massive."

Divers report that beyond its midsection the ship remains much as it was when it went down. Hatches supposed to be closed during battle are open, and a fire hose being uncoiled lies where it was dropped on deck. Poles that held sun awnings remain standing, and silverware and china from the crew's mess are scattered on deck amidships.

Between glass portholes and their covers, shut during the attack, is air trapped on that December morning, divers said.

The divers are probing the wreck daily, videotaping what can be seen in the 10-foot visibility and laying a grid of white nylon lines to facilitate accurate mapping of the ship.

The chief purpose of the expedition is to determine the ship's exact condition to aid future preservation work and to resolve questions about the sinking of the only major warship lost in the attack and never returned to battle.

The two-hour attack on Pearl Harbor began about 8 a.m. as the Navy base was awakening for a normally quiet Sunday morning. The *Arizona*, one of seven battleships aligned neatly along Ford Island in the middle of the harbor, was preparing to go to sea, and was loaded with fuel and more than 1 million pounds of explosives.

Sailors and Marines were aboard, some preparing for shore leave, some for church. One man was being held on charges made on a nearby ship that had no brig. He was still locked up when the ship went down.

The *Arizona's* band had won second place in a contest the night before, and its members were allowed to sleep late. All of them died.

On a nearby ship, the customary raising of the colors was

under way, and its band played the "Star Spangled Banner," continuing through the bombing and red glare as waves of Japanese planes pounded the area and the *Arizona* began sinking, according to a Park Service spokesman.

According to the Navy, a Japanese bomber of the Kate type, somewhat larger than the famous Zero fighter plane and equipped with a single 1,800-pound bomb, scored a direct hit on the *Arizona's* deck.

The bomb, a Japanese Navy artillery shell redesigned to include flight fins to pierce ship's armor before exploding, plunged through the foredeck and exploded in a fuel storage room. Fire flared there for only a few seconds before the 1 million pounds of explosives in a nearby compartment ignited with an enormous blast.

Within eight minutes of the hit, the *Arizona* sank.

Some reports at the time said that the bomb had gone directly down the ship's funnel.

Survivors Adamant

"All these years, survivors from the battleship and a repair ship tied up alongside her at the time have been adamant in insisting that the *Arizona* was also hit by a torpedo, although the official report doesn't mention a torpedo," said Gary Cummins, a superintendent of the *Arizona* Memorial and a diver on the inspection project.

Now the bomb's point of impact is beyond doubt, and the massive damage reported by the divers affirms the Navy's conclusion that one bomb sank the ship. No torpedo hole or damage was found on the side of the ship that some have thought was hit.

Martini said a torpedo may have struck on the port side in an area now obliterated by the bomb hit, but probably would have done little damage. Other ships at Pearl Harbor took as many as seven torpedo hits but were repaired.

One lingering question deals with the ship's oil, which began leaking on impact and has leaked slowly ever since.

According to the Park Service, one drop of oil, about the size of a jellybean, surfaces about every 20 seconds, creating a constant oil slick in the harbor.

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his name was made public when the interview was declassified by the NSA.

Although disagreeing with some of the details presented by Toland, Ogg stuck to his story that:

—Working under Lt. Ellsworth Hosner at San Francisco's 12th Naval District Headquarters, he used radio signals intercepted by commercial cable companies to plot the eastward course of ships in the North Pacific that turned out to be the Japanese fleet that attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, plunging the United States into World War II.

He was told by Capt. Richard McCullough, the 12th District chief of intelligence, that he had relayed the information to the White House; that McCullough was a friend of President Franklin Roosevelt and when he could not communicate with the president personally, he spoke to presidential aide Harry Hopkins.

—His method of plotting the course of the ships was sound and the information provided by the commercial cable companies was judged to be reliable.

—Despite Japanese claims to the contrary, the Japanese ships broke radio silence as they steamed through the stormy north Pacific.

The divers have found that the oil is gurgling through the deck between the stern and midsection.

Park Service divers said they think that oil trapped in the storage compartments between the ship's double hulls is making its way along passages, up ladders and through a small crack in the deck.

Ogg's story largely contributed to Toland's theme that Roosevelt knew of the impending attack but believed the Hawaiian bastion to be so strong that it could defend itself without prior warning; and that a surprise attack would overcome U.S. pacifism and justify American entry into the war against Nazi Germany, Japan and Italy.

The book fired up controversy among historians, many of whom disputed Toland's conclusions and questioned the authenticity of his evidence, including Seaman Z's story.

Ogg told his interviewer, retired Cmdr. I. G. Newman, a consultant to the Naval Security Group in Washington, that he and Hosner tracked the Japanese fleet from December 2nd to December 6th. But it was not until the latter part of that period that they came to believe that Pearl Harbor was the target.

"Did your anticipation include the possibility of attack on Pearl Harbor, an attack on the West Coast of the United States, Alaska?" Newman added.

"No. I don't think we ever considered anything but Pearl Harbor," Ogg replied.

But he added, "I don't think we had any anticipation that any real damage could occur from it."

When news of the attack reached him at 12th District Headquarters Sunday morning, Ogg said he telephoned Hosner at home and told him: "Al, it's happened."

The three-day interview was conducted in cross-examination style at Ogg's home this last May. The transcript, approved by Ogg in August, runs about 16,000 words.

NEW MEMBERS

Fellow Survivors:

Good work continues in recruiting eligible survivors to join our Association. Emphasis must be continued and accelerated wherein local meeting notices and other PHSA activities are published in local newspaper, radio, and television public affairs programming.

There are 62 new members in this reporting period ending September 30, 1983.

Those recruiting five or more new members to date are:

- Chet Millman 18
- Earl Selover 8
- George Slavens 8
- Jack Gamble 8
- Jim Tracy 5
- Wayne Griffin 5
- Leo Sienkiewicz 7
- Nat. Pres. Office 5
- Nat. Sec. Office 5
- Nat. Trea. Office 17

It is pleasing to note that forty-three survivors have joined the recruiter ranks with one or more new members this quarter. In total, one hundred and ninety-six survivors have recruited one or more new members.

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- California 18
- Colorado 2
- Florida 3
- Georgia 1
- Idaho 1
- Illinois 2
- Indiana 1
- Kansas 1
- Kentucky 1
- Maryland 7
- Missouri 3
- Montana 1
- Nebraska 1
- New Hampshire 1
- New Jersey 1
- New York 1
- Oregon 1
- Pennsylvania 1
- Texas 4
- Utah 1
- Virginia 4
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- Wisconsin 2
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(98th C/A Schofield Bks.)
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(Dispensary, Navy Misc.)
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(3rd Engr. Bat. Schofield Bks.)
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PRESIDIO PLANS ARMY MUSEUM

On July 4, 1984, the Presidio Army Museum will open a new exhibit, named for the motto of the First Reconnaissance Battalion (Special). "BAHALANA" means "Come What May." This symbolizes the faith and courage of Filipinos who served and fought with the United States Army from 1899 to 1949.

"This is the largest exhibit we have undertaken," says Eric Saul, Director of the museum. "The average age of these Filipino veterans is well past 75 and we want to honor these brave men while they are still living." Saul adds "This history is so fragile that we must preserve their artifacts, memorabilia and history so that future generations of Americans can see and learn from them. Filipino have a lot of which to be proud."

The major topic of this exhibit

will be the highly decorated Philippine Scouts and the history of its active status from 1899 to 1949. The two Filipino Infantry Regiments organized in California, the Military Intelligence Battalion and Signal Intelligence Company in Australia and the Counter Intelligence Corps Battalion and Philippine Civil Affairs Units in Oro Bay, New Guinea. This exhibit will also include the Philippine Army of the United States Armed Forces during the Philippine Defense and the United States Guerrilla Forces during the Japanese Occupation.

For information or to donate materials for the exhibit, please contact Eric Saul or Sandra Larson at the Presidio Army Museum, Bldg. 2, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129, 415/561-3319.

PHSA VOLUNTEERS

With my recent appointment as National PHSA VAVS Representative we the PHSA have ventured into the big time. We can't possibly compete with the VFW, DAV, Masons or other large organizations, however, we'll be in there fighting. We will have no paid officials, no travel monies, and no hassles, only harmony and the desire to assist others, the feeling of goodness that comes with doing for those who are less fortunate. All Survivors and their families are invited to join and be a part of this great venture.

Our goals are, but not limited to the following:

1. To make the VAVS program workable within PHSA.

2. Have representatives and deputies in at least 45 VA Medical facilities entitling us to place a survivor on the National VAVS Committee in Washington, D.C.

3. A long range goal of having representation in every VA facility in the U.S.

4. Have a special section in the "GRAM" where those participating in the program can have their articles and pictures printed pertaining to VAVS and the deeds of our workers.

5. Prove to all veterans that we too care.

6. Spread the word of PHSA and what we stand for.

7. Help care for those sick and disabled veterans that need assistance.

All VAVS representatives and their deputies will be certified and recertified by the undersigned. Reports that had once been sent to the National President will be sent to the National VAVS Representative. Reports will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Annual Joint Reviews.

2. Accumulated hours of all volunteers at least annually.

3. Names, addresses, phone numbers, and current date of certification as they occur. Initial report to be sent immediately.

4. Name and address of facility where work is performed.

This is a new program and it will only be as good as we make it. We are open for suggestions and recommendations that will assist in the implementation of this program. Hopefully, all PHSA Chapters close to a VA facility will participate in this worthwhile program and give it the widest publicity possible in their chapter news.

For information write to:

Harold F. (SARG) Cook
PHSA National VAVS Representative

10926-87th Avenue North
Seminole, Florida 33542
Phone 813/391-0053



Robert Hudson, on right, aboard the *Calypso*, with one of the crew members.

Notice White Caps

This concerns the Round Robin Letter that Anna Urda Busby mailed out to the White Caps around the first of 1983. Who has the letter now? Please mail it to Anna at the following address as soon as possible — 3443 Cloverdale Rd., Montgomery, AL 36111.

Twenty nurses have been reached. There are twelve more to be contacted. The last person that she mailed the Round Robin Letter to, was Edna Linn, of Jonesboro, Ark. Thank you.

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The *Calypso* at mooring in St. Paul, MN.

"EAST WIND RAIN" IS PRESENTED TO CALYPSO

Robert S. Hudson last September boarded the famed ship *Calypso* in St. Paul, Minnesota and presented the ships crew a copy of the book, "East Wind Rain" for the ships library. The *Calypso* is of "Jacques Cousteau," fame.

Robert said, "Isn't it marvelous to know that now this world famous ship continues to travel all over the world with a book on board, telling the story of PHSA and the attack on Pearl Harbor, and presented to them by a member of PHSA!"

According to Bob, they were very pleased to have the book, and we in the association, every time we watch the marvelous episodes of the *Calypso*, will know that the PHSA is on board and that we and our story are represented.

Robert says it was literally impossible to get aboard the

Calypso, as one of the local Naval Reserve Admirals found out! But he got on board to present the book and also was allowed to take a couple of photos. He had good reason to board the ship. She was built in the United States for the English Navy to serve as a minesweeper! Robert attended and gave a speech to the newly formed group of "Mine warfare," in Colorado Springs in October of 1983. He was pleased to have had the opportunity to tell the members about this little achievement.

The *Calypso* was in the St. Paul area to complete a study of the great river, the Mississippi, with the ships trip starting in New Orleans. As Bob says, "Old minesweepers" never die! Robert served aboard the *USS Oglala* during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

PHSA Members Mark Anniversaries

50th Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace (*USS Sicard*) Rich, 3236 East Holland Ave., Fresno, CA 93726 — December 29th, 1983.

Bill (*USS California*) and Marge Oliver, 876 Carolina St., Imperial Beach, CA 92032 — March 9th, 1984.

45th Anniversaries

Oliver E. (*USS Oglala*) and Eloise Herrington, 128 Fox Fire Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31093 — November 19th, 1983.

Ernest W. (*USS Monaghan*) and Clara Stahlberg, P.O. Box 2966, Yountville, CA 94599 — December 18th, 1983.

40th Anniversaries

Leonard E. Jr. (*USS Tangier*) and Eleanor Barnes, 154 Montanya Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596 — January 9th, 1984.

David H. (*35th Inf. Schofield Bks.*) and Pauline Jerome, 458 Escondido Ct., Camarillo, CA 93010 — January 21st, 1984.

Edward L. (*USS Antares*) and Lois Kaczor, 45 Lockwood Rd., Mioan, OH 44846 — January 6th, 1984.

Woodrow (*2MC Det, Schofield Bks.*) and Florence Kincaon, 2125 Pine, Freemont, NE 68025 — March 3rd, 1984.

Donald W. (*251st C/A, Camp Malakole*) and Elizabeth Roberts, Box 1004, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 — January 9th, 1984.

Victor (*USS Detroit*) and Mildred Weiher, 2510 32nd Ave., Sacramento, CA 95822 — September 30th, 1983.

Lloyd J. (*USS Dewey*) and Doris Gwinner, 4368 Ch44, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 — December 19th, 1983.

Ben (*West Lock, NAD USMC.*) and Claire Cummings, P.O. Box 428, Royce City, TX 75089 — February 14th, 1984.

Arthur "Steve" (*UDD Dobbin*) and Catherine Stephenson, 1192 Ridgely Dr., Campbell, CA 95008 — February 9th, 1984.

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Kenneth G. (*VP-22 Ford Island*) and Jo L. Irwin, 1313 S.W. Cambridge St., Seattle, WA 98106 — April 27th, 1984.

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William C. (*USS Honolulu*) and Thelma M. Phillips, Bashfords Hot Mineral Spa, Niland, CA 92257 — November 3rd, 1984.

Ervin O. (*USS California*) and June Schmidt, 22609 56th Ave. W., Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043 — April 21st, 1984.

George C. (*USS St. Louis*) and Babe Strain, 822 5th St., Kirkland, WA 98033 — August 21st, 1984.

Tom E. Decker (*USS Phelps*) and Eleanore Decker, 1023 Glenwood, Waukegan, IL 60085 — January 8th, 1984.

Wesley (*Kaneohe NAS*) and Dorothy Bott, 25180 W. North Ave., Antioch, IL 60002 — December 28th, 1983.

Alfred R. (*Schofield Bks.*) and Virginia H. Crow, P.O. Box 64, Harrison, SD 57344 — March 6th, 1984.

Joel E. (*USS California*) and Muriel Bachner, 6570 Royal Palm Blvd., #302, Margate, FL 33063 — February 12th, 1984.

Robert J. (*Hickam Field*) and Marcella Dunn, 401 W. 27th St., Kearney, NE 68847 — April 15th, 1984.

35th Anniversaries

Raymond (*Fort Shafter*) and Mary Mazza, P.O. Box 1589, Jacksonville, NC 28541 — November 6th, 1983.

Donovan P. (*USS Detroit*) and Fern A. Robison, 2504 N.E. 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98664 — September 24th, 1984.

Andrew J. (*21st Inf., Schofield Bks.*) and Leona Schurley, 58 Sidney Ave., Spatswood, NJ 08884 — November 21st, 1983.

Lester J. (*Schofield Bks.*) and Elsie Brown, 6911 California Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98136 — March 8th, 1984.

Frank E. (*Hickman Field*) and Joan Kessel, 2916 S. 200th, #35, Seattle, WA 98188 — June 16th, 1984.

George J. (*USS Oglala*) and Bea Mackey, 1825 Camas Ave. N.E., Renton, WA 98055 — September 17th, 1984.

Russell E. (*USS Phoenix*) and Elaine R. Marlow, P.O. Box 390, Marysville, WA 98270 — April 18th, 1984.

30th Anniversary

Ryan (*Ft. Weaver*) and Grace Sitton, 11804 110th Ave. W., Puyallup, WA 98371 — November 6th, 1984.

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 4665, Lancaster, CA 93539.

A copy of that issue of the *Gram* will be mailed to each of the offspring listed.

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CENTERFOLD 76th ISSUE

Several PHSA members have written into the GRAM requesting information on how they might obtain a picture that was published in our last issue.

A full color picture of the USS Nevada underway during the December 7, 1941 attack can be obtained as follows: U.S. Naval Inst., Distribution Center, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061. Ask for "Air Raid Pearl Harbor U.S.S. Nevada Underway" by R. G. Smith."

This is a 18" x 24" color photo, suitable for framing.

Please send \$9.25 to the above address. This price also includes postage.

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THE LAST OF THE WHITE-CLAD SAILORS

By OSCAR ROLOFF

It is believed that Basil Bond, 92, of Juanita, Washington is the last of the white-clad sailors who sailed around the world in 1907-09 embarked on a ship attached to the Great White Fleet.

A slender farm lad, at the age of 16 Bond thought it was time to

home to his mother.

Teddy Roosevelt was president at that time. He encouraged a national policy that America "may speak softly but carries a big stick." Several nations had been flexing their muscles and Roosevelt decided he'd give them the word. He came up with a real humdinger of an idea

with them on the battlewagon USS Connecticut.

"It was truly a memorable experience," Bond told me. "At every stop we were wine and dined something fierce. They would give us the key to each city. It was 1909 before we returned to the U.S."

Billed as Uncle Sam's "Greatest Show on Earth," there were a total of 14,000 sailors dressed in peace time white, tons of coal, and laboring warships on a 14-month, six continent, 45,000 mile journey that would show American might. Japan, then looking for expansion, was especially targeted for the demonstration.

Leaving Virginia, the fleet stopped at numerous ports and headed for the Caribbean, then down the east coast of South America. Rounding the cape, it went up the west coast to Tacoma and Seattle, then headed for the South Pacific.

"Everywhere we had wild, frenzied receptions with free rides. Booze flowed like water," Bond laughed.

The receptions at Australia and New Zealand were out of this world. Impressed with the spontaneous warmth of scads of girls, many tars jumped the ship. The heck with going back home to the farm.

Prior to arrival in Japan, sailors got into fights at every port and were often gouged by merchants. Of course, some wily sailors had passed off huge bundles of Confederate money as the real thing. That didn't help matters any.

In Japan, authorities thought they'd let the U.S. sailors carouse around a bit, drink as usual and have fun. No soap, Bond said. American missionaries in Japan decided they'd feed them coffee and doughnuts, keep them sober and out of bars. Their parents back home would appreciate that. The tars were grief stricken over the catastrophic news.

The fleet returned home via Africa and the Mediterranean areas, arriving in Hampton Roads, Virginia, on Feb. 22, 1909. It was heralded as the first battle fleet to ever circumnavigate the globe.

The sailors had acquired a menagerie of pets, including

dogs, deer, monkeys, pandas, kangaroos, bears, goats, cats and parrots, Bond said. The sailors taught the parrots words that would redder the face of a minister.

Bond commented that not only did the trip curb Japan's growling, but it served tremendously to stimulate Navy enlistments. Immediately new posters came out, exhorting, "Join the Navy and see the world." Thousands did that. They'd heard tales about girls in every port.

Additionally, the trip made millions of world-wide friends for America as it intended. Now, of course, a show of strength by the Navy may be suggested to uplift flagging relations around the world, Bond said.

"Thus, one ponders this thought," Bond concluded. "Wouldn't it be nice to just have one final 'hurrah' and do it anyway. The heck with the cost."

It just might work, and it would restore some of the great prestige our country used to have throughout the world. (Bond is a retired naval officer.)

PACIFIC PUNCHBOWL

A misty rain was falling over the National Cemetery.

It was 7.55 a.m. December seventh of 1971 and again 1976

Minutes earlier, a rainbow was arched over the cemetery.

Over two thousand Pearl Harbor Survivors were present.

Three thousand tourists came to observe

The hour-long memorial services

These were my thoughts during the hour:

Today, as in 1941, there was a similarity

To the events preceding World War Two.

There is one potential aggressor,

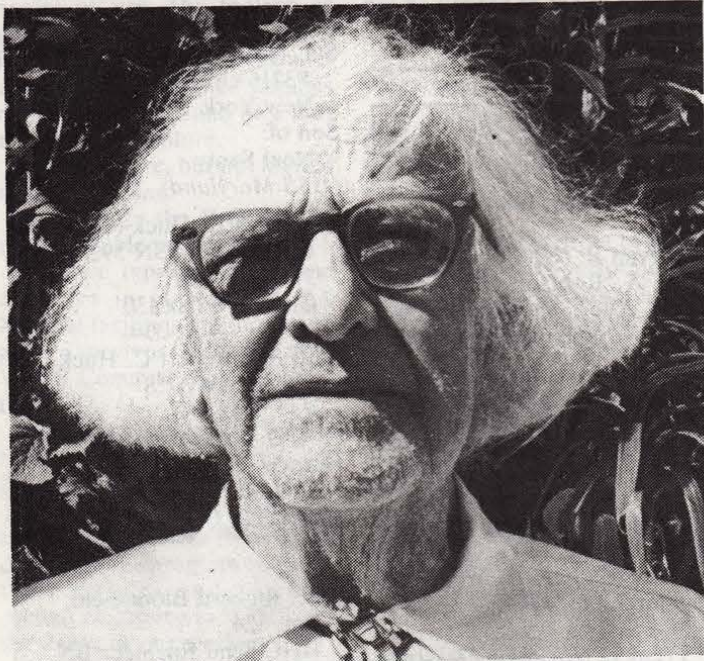
The Soviet Union, Armed to the teeth, who has talked detente.

Then, as now, the United States was operating 'rock bottom!

Everywhere one heard that day:

We must remain strong. Remember Pearl Harbor Keep America Alert.

—By Anna Urda Busby
White Cap



BASIL BOND, 92, OF JUANITA

leave the family hearth. He'd been noticing Navy recruiting posters reading, "Young men wanted for our Navy." New enlistment rules had upped the minimum age from 14 to 17.

"I'm 17," Bond told recruiters, "and I want to enlist." Without asking for a birth certificate, they said, "OK."

Bond's beginning salary was \$17.20 a month. He sent \$10 of it

to build goodwill for the United States, and Bond was to be a part of it.

"Paint 16 of our battleships white," Roosevelt commanded Naval officials, "and send them on a goodwill tour of the world."

The huge fleet steamed out of an eastern port in December, 1907, under the orders of Rear Admiral R. D. Evans. Bond was

SOME CHANGES OF ADDRESSES IMPOSSIBLE

A number of members, who write us about a change of address do not always give us the address from which they are moving making it difficult to know just who they are.

Each member has a membership number, which is printed on his membership card. By using the membership number and the name of the member when reporting the change of address, this office will be more readily able to accommodate the member, since there may be several members with the same name on file at National.

Changes should be forwarded so as to reach National Treasurers office not later than Sept. 15, December 15, March 15 and June 15 of each year. That is the cutoff date for mailing labels for the *Pearl Harbor Gram*.

Your assistance in this matter will help to insure that you get your GRAM and other communications.

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THE SWIM AWAYS—FROM THE WASP

On a late summer's day in 1942 over 2000 sailors, airmen and marines, after valiantly battling an inferno to save the USS Wasp, were forced to leave her burning decks and swim for safety in the perilous Coral Sea.

By WARREN MAUS

When surviving shipmates from the USS Wasp (CV-7) gathered in Denver this past Sept. for their annual reunion, they're sure to retell tales about the carrier's first captain, J. W. (Black Jack) Reeves.

They'll reminisce about the two missions in April and May of 1942 when the Wasp transported Spitfires to the belea-

4, the Japanese had invaded Guadalcanal with the intention of setting up an airfield. The Allied counteroffensive was set for early August. On July 18, the Wasp docked at Tongatabu and waited while all elements of the 1st Marines Division arrived prior to D-Day scheduled for Aug. 7.

The Wasp and sister carriers Saratoga and Enterprise provided air support for the Marine raiders during the landing. On Aug. 8, air support was withdrawn, and the Wasp was ordered south to engage in patrol and convey covering operations for the next month.



The Wasp (CV-7) steams westerly on Sept. 15, 1942, to provide cover for transports loaded with Marine reinforcements bound for Guadalcanal. In the background, the destroyer Lansdowne provides perimeter protection for the Wasp. Later the same day, the Lansdowne witnessed a torpedo intended for the Wasp pass directly between her devil and the deep blue sea.

gured British on Malta, earning the ship its first of three battle stars and the praise of none other than England's Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

No doubt the airmen will recount stories of aerial derring-do in two oceans. They'll remember launching planes and providing support for the landings at Guadalcanal and Tulagi on Aug. 7th, 1942, and the support role they played in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal. For her crew's efforts during these two episodes, the Wasp received two more battle stars.

But most vividly, the group will recall the events of Sept. 15th, 1942 the day Wasp was lost along with almost 10% of her gallant crew. The survivors call themselves "swam aways."

The Wasp, after performing with distinction in the Atlantic, was ordered to the Pacific Theater in June 1942, where things were starting to heat up. On July

On Sept. 15, the carriers Wasp and Hornet, the two remaining carriers in the Southwest Pacific, had drawn the duty of escorting transports carrying the 7th Marine Regiment to Guadalcanal as reinforcements. Steaming westerly, about 150 miles southeast of San Cristobal, Capt. Forrest Sherman ordered the ship to come about to launch eight fighters and 18 scouts and to recover eight fighters and three scouts that had been on routine flying missions.

As the Wasp was coming about to continue her standard course, a Japanese submarine I-19, fired a spread of six torpedoes, three hitting the Wasp on the starboard beam, two more passing across the bow, the third missing astern.

Two of three torpedoes missing the Wasp found other targets. One of those passing the

bow ran almost 10,000 yards further before crashing into the port bow of the destroyer O'Brien, causing severe damage. (The O'Brien made it back to Noumea, New Caledonia, under her own power.) The "miss" astern of the Wasp sped 4,000 yards to the destroyer Lansdowne, passed directly under her, continued another 4,000 yards, narrowly missing the destroyer Mustin's port quarter and hitting the battleship North Carolina, another 2,000 yards beyond the Mustin. The damage incurred by the North Carolina was extensive enough to force her retirement from action to undergo repairs at Pearl Harbor. In all, the "miss" damaging the North Carolina traveled over 12,000 yards from where it was fired, just 1,000 yards short of its maximum range.

Aboard the Wasp, a conflagration rose from the ship's bowels. Most of the ship's communications were knocked out. Ready ammunition was exploding. Planes on the hangar and flight decks were tossed about like children's toys. Damage control and fire mains were ruptured by the blasts. The Wasp was burning out of control.

Capt. Sherman took quick action to keep the wind from spreading the fire to other parts of the ship, bringing her hard left with full rudder and slowing to 10 knots, then backing astern with right rudder. But the fire continued to rage.

After 40 minutes of battling the inferno, Capt. Sherman, consulting with the task force commander, Rear Adm. Leigh Noyes, realized the ship was

beyond saving. At 1520 he passed the word to abandon ship.

From later accounts of the day, there was no scarcity of heroes aboard the Wasp. While some ministered to the wounded, others battled the raging flames. The engineers worked feverishly below decks to repair the damage from the torpedoes. When word was passed to abandon ship, they were surprised. They had not realized the gravity of the situation.

The seamen, airmen and marines were directed to the fantail to disembark into the Coral Sea. Many witnessed the resourcefulness of Carpenter Joseph Machinsky. Realizing that many of the life rafts were no longer serviceable, he broke out lumber and stages from the elevator pits and jettisoned it over the side.

As the crew of the Wasp gathered aft, man-ropes were dropped into the shark-infested waters of the Coral Sea, and life rafts filled with wounded were lowered into the sea.

Other dangers awaited the men besides sharks, though. The torpedoes had torn open the fuel tanks. Burning gas and fuel oil surrounded them. And somewhere out there in the undulating sea hid at least one enemy sub.

While many shinnied down the lines, others opted for a more direct approach into the water. Lt. David McCampbell, who later became the Navy's ace of aces, was serving on the Wasp as the Landing Signal Officer. Years later he recalled his departure. "Instead of doing a lay-out 'one and a half,' I held

(Continued on Page 10)

VISITING LAS VEGAS IN 84?

The Landmark Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV extends the following rates to all PHSA members during 1984. This is on a space availability basis. The following rates will run from January 1st to December 25th, 1984.

\$25 Net Single occupancy, per room, per night plus 7% room tax.
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The above rates are quoted for the Garden rooms. Reservations may be called into Room Reservations Office at 1-800-634-6777 — on a space available basis. The caller or writer must identify themselves as a Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, member.

The Landmark Hotel address is: P.O. Box 27205, Las Vegas, NV 89126. (Remember to state that you are a Pearl Harbor Survivor). Payment for room, tax and incidentals can be made on departure.

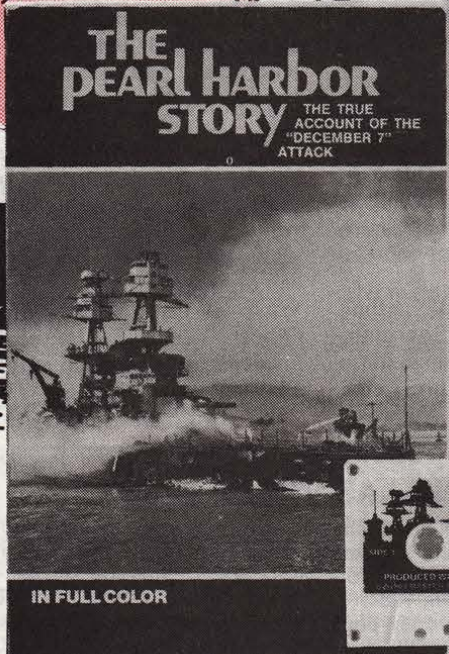
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From the Editor's Desk

We received a letter from Bob Hudson, Minnesota State Historian of PHSA asking if we would kindly consider making these two announcements: Stan Cohen who produced the book "East Wind Rain," would appreciate any information, photos or recollections of Salvage Operations which took place after the December 7, 1941 attack, to contact him at the following address. 713 South 3rd West, Missoula, Mont. 59801. He is planning on publishing a book on these events.

Bob sent in the information concerning Captain Yoshio Nakamoto of the Tug Boat "Balboa" (Ref. Oct. 1983 issue of the GRAM) and his Naval Citation for bravery. Yoshio

helped clear the Oglala from her berth, next to the Helena, during the December 7th, 1941 attack. The USS Arizona Memorial Historian, Mike Slackman would like information of that towing experience. Please write Robert S. Hudson, 1810 Hayes N.E., MPLS, MN. 55418. Bob will forward this information to Mr. Slackman, and he also wishes to thank you members for all the help you can give on the above events.

Notice

To those of PHSA who are interested, and also to the members who still address GRAM mail to Mr. Leon Forbes, of Thousand Oaks, CA. Mr. Forbes has not been the GRAM Editor since January 1983. Please address all GRAM mail to: P.O. Box 4665, Lancaster, CA. 93539. Thank you.

Corrections

In the October 1983 issue of the GRAM, under New Members, we had two misspelled names, Huges J. should have been Hughes J. Wesley and Parking, Glenn H. should have been Parkin, Glenn H. Sorry fellows.

Under Wedding Anniversaries, we had Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Page listed as having their 63rd anniversary, which should have been listed as their 50th.

Members for Reparations to Japanese-Americans

I was quite surprised to read your note preceding the published letter to Senator Thurmond, that you had not received any correspondence in favor of reparation.

I am in favor of reparations. There is no way that we can reimburse those Americans for the humiliation, or reimburse them for the financial losses they suffered.

Their only crime was that they were identifiable by their appearance as being of Japanese ancestry. If it was so logical to lock them up, why not the Germans and Italians?

If the Japanese ancestry on the mainland were of such a threat to our security, why were those that lived in the Hawaiian Islands not interned? There were many more of them and they were a lot closer to the "action".

The real criminals of December 7th, 1941 were the politicians that let this happen. Read and study the history of that era. The headlines in the November 30, 1941 edition of the *Honolulu Advertiser* read "Japanese May Strike over Weekend" and "Kiruru Bluntly Warned Nation Ready for Battle". These were the headlines of the final edition of the Sunday morning paper, one week prior to the attack. I personally feel that our political leaders keep a hate and distrust of the Japanese of that period to cover their own inadequacy of handling a political situation.

Are we so small a nation that we cannot admit that we made a mistake?

Sincerely,
J.D. Stewart, MMC USN Ret.

Editors Note. In all fairness to both sides of this issue, we ran this rebuttle to Mr. Ferguson's article which was published on page 14 in the October issue of the *Gram*. There will not be anymore articles published in the *Gram* on this subject.

Back under the new members list, Edward Robinson's address was listed as Hyde Park, NY. It should have read Hyde Park, MA 02136. Mr. Fred H. Leighton, should be listed on the *USS Ramsay*, not the *USS Shaw*.

Nurses Names Mis-spelled

Bill McAnany who was on the *USS Solace* at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, wrote into the *Gram* about the front page article in October 1983 issue. Bill was the photographer that took the original picture of the nurses in the article on Grace Lally. He informs us that the names of the nurses were spelled wrong in the newspaper article that was received for printing in the *GRAM*. They

should be as follows, from left to right: A. Danyo, I. Galilie, M. Von Stein, T. Duggan, R. Cohen, D. Bogdon, H. Combes, M. Haley, I. Thompson, A. Shurr, G. Hickey, L. Geaglske. Thanks Bill for the correction.

The Fort Kam picture which was published in the last issue of the *GRAM* was sent in by Lewis R. Hudson, of 51711 S. Ponderosa, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Written in bold letters at bottom of pic, are the words Fort Kamehameha Motor School, 1941. Lewis now states this is incorrect and a picture of the Ft. Armstrong Motor School. Which ever motor school it is, please write to Lewis and not the *GRAM*.

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Dear Senators Chiles and Hawkins and Congressman Bennett:

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association has, once again, embarked on an effort to obtain a National Charter from the Congress. Previous attempts were troubled by a few disgruntled Survivors who dissuaded the sponsors of the bills, S131 and H2202, to drop the ball.

The PHSA is without fault as regards the accusations and insinuations which stalled and then finally stopped Congressional action. I now ask you to support a new bill which, hopefully, will be presented in December 1983.

I hope you feel that a Charter is deserved and will help us realize a dream of some 25 years. We were founded in 1958 and have been called a National Treasure.

Your help will be appreciated and earn the lasting gratitude of the entire membership of the PHSA.

Sincerely,

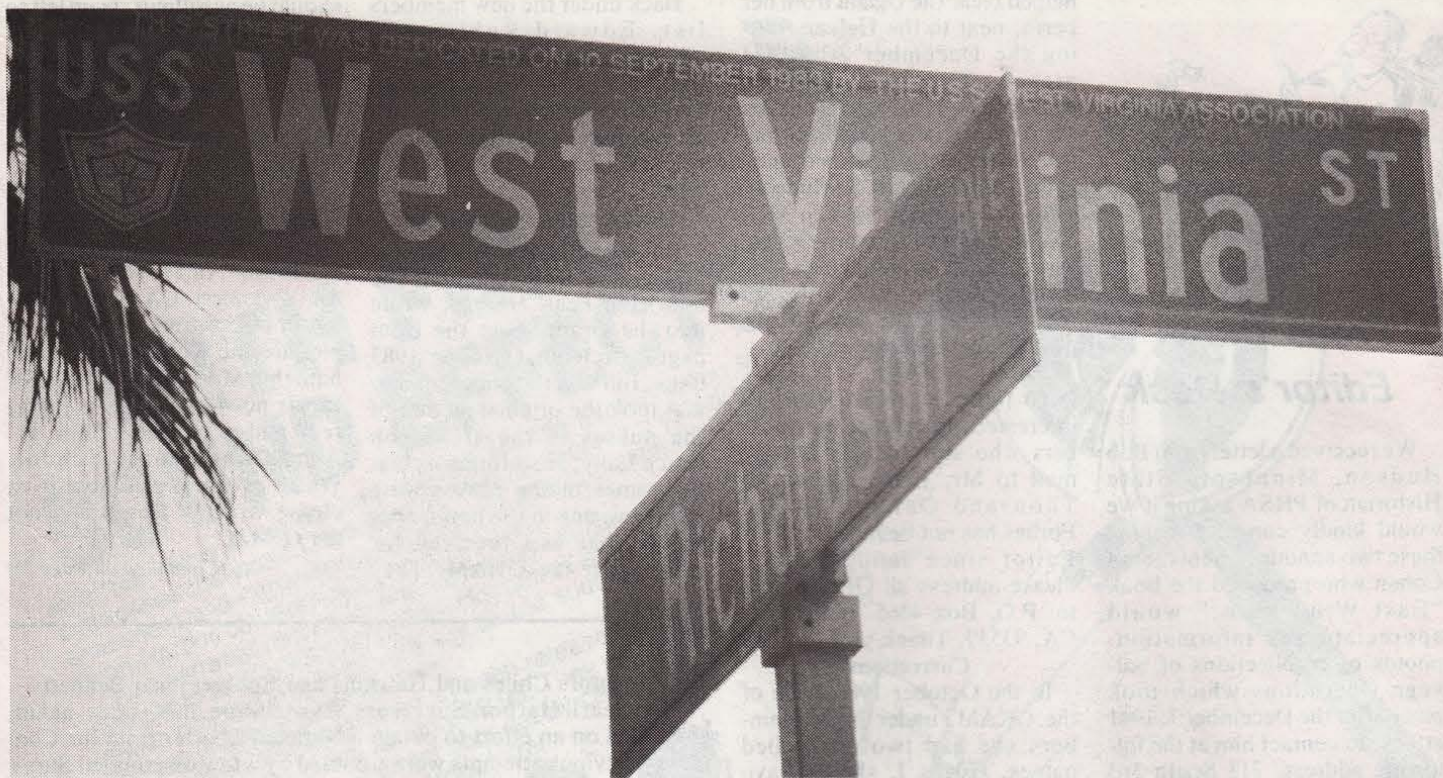
Alex D. Cobb, Jr., PHSA Life Member

ATTN: SURVIVORS

Dear Fellow Survivors:

A minute of your time could be beneficial to all survivors. OK? Read on. New members: Now that most of us are retired, or close to it, why not take a minute or two, sit back, relax and reminisce "I wonder what ever happened to the old buddies and pals, Tom, Joe, Shorty, Pete, etc., Where are they today, what are they doing, where are they living?" You might start by looking at old photos, letters, post cards, scrap books. Look them over. Maybe you'll find an address. Good, now how about dropping him (or her) a line. Hey, he could be a member already but if not he could find all about the P.H.S.A. from you. If you're not the writing kind give the name and address to the Vice President of your chapter. He will follow it up. Maybe your buddy or friend is a neighbor. Talk him into coming to a meeting. If he lives out of state he can join another chapter but — get him to join. If and when you meet at a convention you can't imagine the feeling you get when you meet someone you haven't seen for forty-odd years. Its happened to many members, let's make it happen again with you. Don't forget that this is the most elite group of veterans in the country, when the last survivor is gone there are no more so — while we are still able, let's keep the P.H.S.A. going and get that member. If each member could get only one new member to join we could really top our present 9000 membership. How about it survivors? Let's remember Pearl Harbor and get that one new member. There is no tomorrow — let's do it today.

Charles A. Toohey, Vice Pres., Bay Patriots Chapter



Long Beach Street Dedicated to Former Battleship

By JOCS RON BREWINGTON

"We are here to remember the *USS West Virginia*," said Captain Don H. Barnhart to a crowd of over 300 persons. The Naval Station Commanding Officer made the remarks at a street dedication ceremony for the former battleship, which was held in September 1983. Captain Barnhart praised the heroic efforts of the battleship that was sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. "She was a gallant ship, that took punishment and raised to fight again," he said.

The brief ceremony was highlighted by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by George Currier, a Pearl Harbor survivor and former crewmember of the *USS St. Louis*. As his voice rose above the ceremony site, at the intersection of Richardson Avenue and West Virginia Street, there were some wet eyes seen in remembrance of the "day of infamy."

Naval Station Chaplain, Commander Antoine Boerger delivered the invocation and benediction. The street dedication ceremony was a part of a three-day reunion of the former crewmembers of the ship. Members of the Long Beach Sea Cadets paraded various state

flags of the Navy Recruiting district, Los Angeles provided a large model of the *USS Nevada*, which served as a backdrop for the event.

At the dedication ceremony, Captain Barnhart was given a West Virginia ball cap and made an honorary "shipmate," by the veterans Co-Chairmen Chet Walczak and Lou Grabinski. The Captain, along with two original plankowners, 83 year old former Boiler Technician First Class Juniper Griffis and 81 year old former Chief Shipfitter Oscar Martin, all cut a ribbon stretched lengthwise across the street, to the delight of the crowd, officially dedicating the roadway.

Following refreshments at the Chief Petty Officer's Club, the visiting guests were treated to a memorable tour of the *USS Mobile* (LKA-115). For some, this was the first time in a long time, that they had set foot on an American naval vessel.

As Captain Barnhart said during the dedication, "I know that after today's ceremony, you, the members of the *USS West Virginia*, will remember this place, this date and this moment. I'm both happy and proud



to share that moment with you."

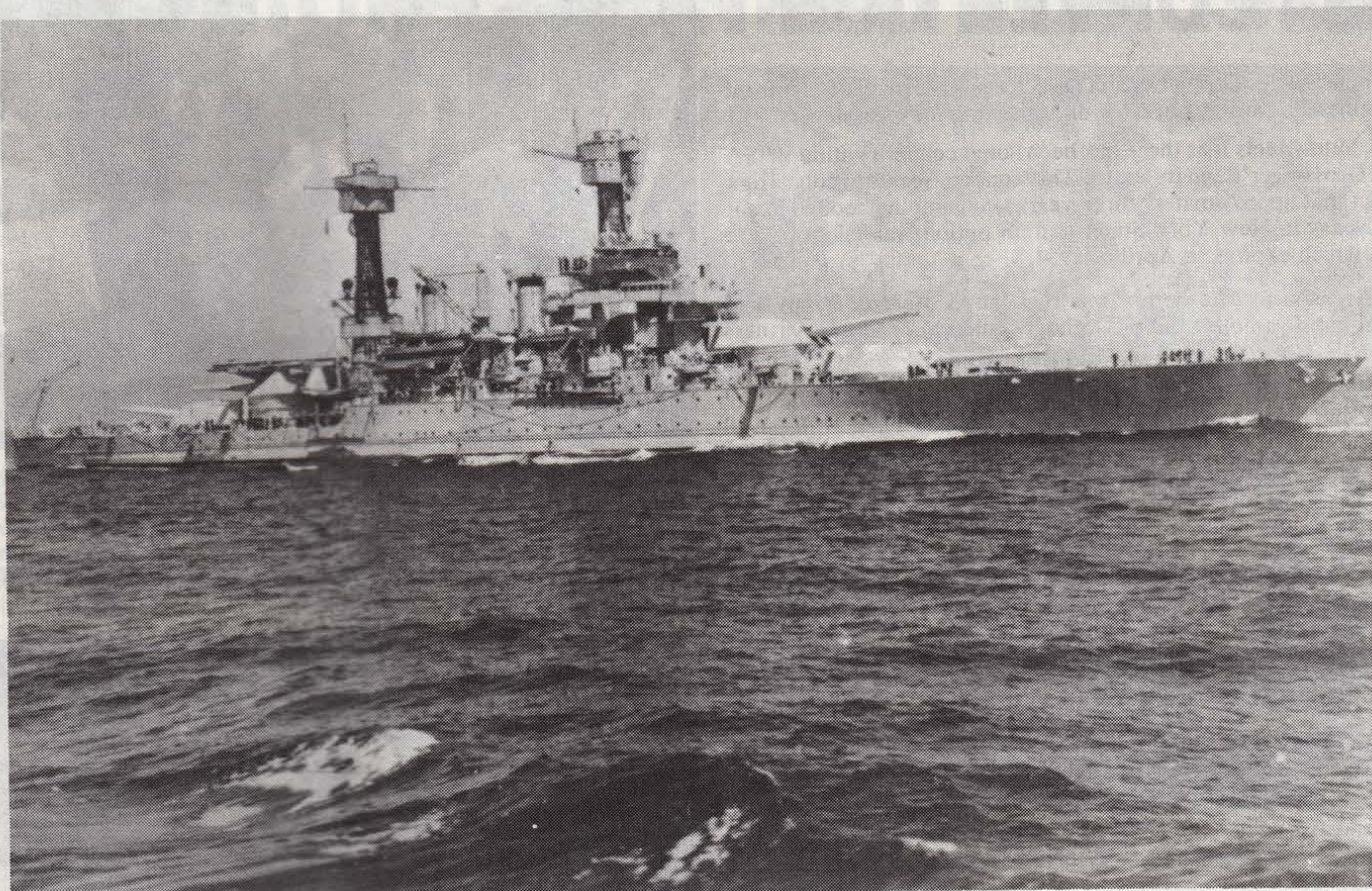
"Summary and High-lights on the 16th Reunion"

All former shipmates of the *USS West Virginia* (BB-48) held a reunion on board the *RMS Queen Mary*, Port of Long Beach, California, on September 8 through the 11th of 1983. The reunion was a big success and well attended — welcome reception — 186 were present, banquet dinner — 266 present. Shipmates not in attendance were sorely missed, but we hope you will be at the next reunion in Charleston, West Virginia, October 1985.

We received three (3) proclamations; one from the city of

Long Beach, California; one from the Los Angeles County Supervisors and, one from Governor Rockfeller IV, state of West Virginia; which stated that the dates of 8-10 September 1983, are *USS West Virginia's* week in the above mentioned areas. The proclamations were read at the Saturday Nite banquet dinner. The reports that we have received thus far are, that the shipmates and their guests enjoyed the many activities we had planned, and a great seventy-two (72) hour liberty was enjoyed by all in the Port of Long Beach, on Board the *RMS Queen Mary* and the surrounding communities.

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U.S.S. WEST VIRGINIA (BB-48)
REUNION ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE GRAM

IN MEMORIAM

REVEREND RAYMOND HOHENSTEIN
 Bethesda, MD
 (USS California)

He was our official Protestant Chaplain of PHSA

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

OFFICIAL PHSA RINGS FOR SALE

Ring is 10K Gold with blue zircon setting in a fireburst pattern. (Blue stone is the December birthstone and commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor and the founding of PHSA. Fireburst pattern represents bomb bursts.) Surrounding the stone are the words "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association." On one shank is the PHSA seal and founding date "1958." On the other shank is a map of Oahu with "December 7, 1941" and "Remember Pearl Harbor." All raised surfaces are bright gold with background surfaces antique gold.

Price is subject to change: Gold \$195.50, Siladium \$95.00
 Payment must accompany your order.

ORDER BLANK

Enclosed Check Amount _____
 Ring: Gold _____ Siladium _____ Size _____ Initials _____
 Name _____ Telephone _____
 Address: City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Mail to PHSA Ring, 823 East Shady Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84106 •
 Phone 801/484-9291 (Allow minimum of 60 days for delivery)

DEDICATION ■ ■ ■ (Continued from Page 12)

Small Stores — Orders for caps (baseball type), Navy blue (solid color), all cloth summer weight, with the *USS Virginia's* Logo; adjustable, one (1) size fits all, price — \$6.00 plus \$1.50 for mailing. **Cloth Emblem** "Wee Vee" Logo, price \$2.00 each, plus \$0.50 for mailing. **Lapel**

Pins — "Wee Vee" Logo, price \$2.00 each, plus \$0.50 for mailing. For information and orders contact Chet Walczak 11932 Wallingsford Rd. Los Alamitos, CA. 90720 213/430-2322 or Lou Grabinski 1023 Appleton St. #2 Long Beach, CA. 90802 213/436-5059

1984 CONVENTION

Mannie Siegle, Eighth District Director has received a letter from Mr. James H. Murry, Director of Marketing for Grossingers.

Mr. Murry feels that there has been some concern within PHSA about Grossinger's and its status. This concern seems to come from the fact that approximately three years ago gambling looked like it would pass in New York State, and an option was taken on the hotel, which expires in April of 1984.

The reason for the option was that the Grossinger family was aware that if gambling did pass, they would have to have partners who understood the gambling business.

The long and short of the above is that gambling did not become a reality and did not pass in the State of New York. The people with the option have not picked it up and do not intend to pick up the hotel, although they let it be known that should someone else be interested in the property, for a purpose which they would find acceptable, they still have the option on Grossingers.

Mr. Murry states that he has been at Grossinger's for 21 years and he has no reason at this time to feel he will be retiring from there before he reaches old age.

He is looking forward to December of '84 and welcomes the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for our National Convention.

Editors Note: Mannie has sent out a copy of Mr. Murry's letter to all officers of the association and all District Directors of the above concern. He will keep us posted as more information comes in on the 1984 National Convention at Grossinger's, New York.

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, Inc. 1984 National Convention

WHO: Pearl Harbor Survivors, their families and friends.

WHAT: Fun Galore at Grossinger's in '84.

WHERE: Grossinger Conference Center and Resort, Grossinger, NY., located off Super Highway #17, at Liberty, N.Y., only eighty (80) miles from New York City.

WHEN: December 5, thru December 9, 1984.

WHY: To renew old friendships and make new ones. To elect a slate of National Officers and District Directors, conduct a business meeting and hold the 43rd Anniversary ceremony.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Will be handled by "Classic Tours" of Massachusetts. They are currently obtaining rates from not only United Airlines but all others and should have all the rates available by the next issue of the *Gram*. Out of state calls to "Classic Tours" should be made on their toll free number 1-800/225-5432.

Further information will be presented on a mailing to the membership, together with complete coverage in the next issue of the *Gram*.

—John J. Kuzma, National Convention Chairman



Chapter members of Illinois Chapter 1 were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the chapter's 20th Anniversary Dinner/Dance this past October at the CMO Club, NTC, Great Lakes. From left to right: David Briner, Past 5th District Director — Charles Carroll — Mario Jobbe, who accepted the certificate — Mitchell Skryzpek and Pat Szewerlenko, who received the certificate for her husband, Joe.



Pearl Harbor Survivors who were in attendance at the USS Indiana Reunion in July of 1983. From left to right seated: Lee Evans — 1st Marines, EWA Air Base — Sarge Cook — 27th Inf. Schofield Bks. — Ralph Outten — USS Detroit — Earl Selover — Flag, USS Maryland — and Jack Hodskin. From left to right standing: C. J. Pitsner — Warren Leard — USS Cassin — R. Short — USS Whitney — and R. C. Robinson — USS San Francisco.

Notice to Chapter Officers and Others

When sending in Death Reports and request for National Executive Board Approval for By-Laws, please send originals and not copies.

Notice to All State Chairmen

Please send in your written notification of the results of the State elections to the National Administration Office, also those who may have been appointed to fill out a term. These reports shall be made as soon as possible after the election or appointment. This is required by Chapter 19 of the Hand Book.

A lot of chapters have not sent in any MINUTES of their Business Meetings as required. Please bring your reports up to date.

I want to thank all of you for helping to keep the record up to date in the National Administration Office. Without your help, this office could never accomplish this.

G. Hall Pickard
National Secretary, PHSA

E.B. Directive — #8—83

Minnesota Chapter 3, requests permission to use PHSA LOGO on 9" Crystal. Directive passed. Aye's 10. Nay's 0. Abstain 1 — 8th Dist.

REUNIONS PLANNED FOR 1984

The *USS Tangier* (AV-8) will be holding their 5th reunion from June 14th through the 16th, 1984 in Concord, CA. Please contact Leonard E. Barnes Jr., 154 Montanya Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Phone - (415) 935-0226.

"Wanted Shipmate's" Marines and Air Crew members who may have served, or attached (TDY) to the *USS Cabot* (CVL-28) and Air Groups VF and VT's 29, 31, 32, and 44, to attend a ship's reunion.

Please write USS Cabot Assoc., 5023 Royal Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89103, for additional information.

The *USS Pennsylvania* (BB-38) will be holding their reunion from July 20th through the 22nd, 1984. This will be held in Memphis, TN. For further information please contact: Mr. Leon Cooper, 10905 Old Harbor Rd., Fort Smith, AK 72903 or phone (501) 452-6958.

All ex-*USS Raleigh* sailors please contact J.V. "Vic" Lewis, 9100 Hemlock St., Cucamonga, CA 91730, concerning a future reunion. Or phone the Cabin Boy at: (714) 987-5648.

According to Vic, when the Flag left the *Raleigh* prior to December 7th, 1941 many were transferred to the *USS Dobbin* and the band members went to various units in the fleet. He would like to get in touch with you.

The *USS Chicago's* (CA-29, CA-136 and CG-11) will have their fifth reunion during the month of June, 1984 from the 7th through the 10th. The reunion will be held in Nashville, TN.

Chapter 6 Sacto River
City — 3rd Sunday

Victor Weiher, President
(*USS Detroit*),

Virgil Frame, Vice President
(*USS St. Louis*), Robert
Sargent, Secretary (*USS
Tucker*), James Cone,

Treasurer (*NAS Kaneohe*).
2510 32nd, Ave., Sacramento,
CA 95822

Please contact Roger F. Shurtz, Route 4, Clarksville, TN 37040.

The *USS Belle Grove* LSD-2) from July 20th through the 21st, 1984, will be holding their reunion in St. Louis, MO.

Anyone not on the present mailing list, please contact Robert E. Pease, 301 Riebeling St., Columbia, IL 62236.

The USCG cutter *R.B. Taney* will be holding their reunion from August 24th through the 26th, 1984. This will be for all crew members and officers who served aboard the *Taney*.

Please contact Henry C. White, 4213 171st Ave., Snohomish, WA 98290 or phone (206) 568-6319 for further information.

The *USS Chew* reunion will be held from the 12th through the 14th of October, 1984. Headquarters will be held at the Sheraton-National Hotel in Washington, DC.

For further details please contact: Jesse E. Pond Jr., P.O. Box 205, Sperryville, VA 22740 or phone (703) 987-8515.

Ed Whittler of 2949 Flannery Rd., San Pablo, CA 94806 is seeking anyone who might have been in Co. 19 at the Great Lakes N.T.S. in January of 1941.

You would have served under Chief Quarter Master Bailey. Please contact Ed, or phone him at (415) 222-2187.

The *USS Nevada* Association will be holding their 31st Annual Reunion from August 9th through the 12th, 1984. This will be at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, OR.

For further information please contact: Roland W. Eberhardt, 949 Crest Dr., Eugene, OR 97405, or phone (503) 343-2016.

The *USS San Francisco* will be holding their 10th reunion in Romulus, MI, from August 29th through September 2nd, 1984.

The reunion will be held at the Hilton Airport Inn.

For more information, please contact Ed Whittler, 2949 Flannery Rd., San Pablo, CA 94806



Maryland Chapter 1 annual picnic at Burka Lake, Fort Meade. There were more than 65 survivors, wives and guests in attendance.



Dave Bedell, 7th District Director and Dale Speelman, National President of PHSA. Picture taken by Ed Kirk at the Maryland Chapter 1 reception.

or phone (415) 222-2187.

The 24th Infantry Division Association (24th Inf. Div.) - (5th RTC) - (6th Tank BN.) - (26th AAA BN.) and (24th AVN BN.) will hold its 37th annual reunion in Cincinnati, OH on

August 16th through the 18th, 1984, at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

Please contact Lee B. List, 115 Ronald Rd., East Peoria, IL 61611 or phone (309) 694-1681 for further information.

Back issues of GRAM are now available:

Xerox issues 1 through 49, \$2.00 each. Original issues 50 to the present, \$1.50 each. Postage paid. Send check made payable to (PHSA Inc.) Editor, Pearl Harbor GRAM, P.O. Box 4665, Lancaster, CA 93539

In Memoriam

Paul Neff
of Texas

His Friend
Jesse Pond

UNIT LISTINGS

Requests for Unit Listings, which contain the names of the current PHSA members from your ship or station are to be mailed to Mr. Thomas J. Stockett, 38 Brentwood Road, Woburn, MA 01801. Your request should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Extra postage should be included for larger units — Hickam Field, Schofield Barracks, etc.

With your request, please give your PHSA identification number found on your membership card.

CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, DECEMBER 7, 1983, WILL MARK THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, TERRITORY OF HAWAII; AND

WHEREAS, THIS ANNIVERSARY IS A REMINDER OF THE VIGILANCE AND PREPAREDNESS WHICH OUR NATION MUST MAINTAIN; AND

WHEREAS, WE OWE A GREAT DEBT TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THAT ATTACK, AND ALSO TO THOSE WHO SURVIVED AND AIDED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES TO THE ULTIMATE VICTORY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLES S. ROBB, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE DECEMBER 7, 1983, AS PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY, AND I CALL ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL OUR CITIZENS.

Charles S. Robb
Governor

RECOGNITION PROCLAIMED

We thank Governor Lamm for proclaiming October 22, 1983 Pearl Harbor Survivors Day in Colorado.

We recognize the special effort of State Representative Phil Pankey and State Senator Alvin Meiklejohn in carrying our resolution through the legislature. Thank you honorable sirs!

We appreciate the expeditious passing of our resolution by the Colorado Legislature.

Our thanks to the Honorable Natalie Meyer for being with us. Our thanks to Chaplain (Col-

onel) Sylwester for participating in this ceremony.

We thank Sgt. McMahon and the 4th Infantry Division (mechanized) band from Fort Carson, for their truly fine contribution to our ceremony.

We thank Mr. Gregg Thompson representing Senator Armstrong. Mr. Bill Holden for representing Senator Gary Hart. Ms. Cherry Jones representing Tim Wirth.

And finally the Pearl Harbor Survivors thank all of you who share this moment with us this memorable day.

ARMY DAY By SERGEANT JACK J. FINAN

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS
December the 7th came bright and clear,
And the boys on Oahu had no fear,
A day of rest and on pass we will go,
But on their way was a treacherous foe.

Over the mountains they came with a roar
To drop their bombs and start a war,
They hit Pearl Harbor with flaming guns,
Like a coward who strikes, then quickly runs.
Many an American died that day,

So listen to what I have to say,
In days to come let's do our best,
To avenge our boys who are now at rest.
Here in my outfit we're rough and tough

And we'll never say we've had enough,
We mount our trucks with plenty of speed,
Like we track a target with a zero lead.

We work on jobs of every kind,
From a sandy beach to a timber-line,
We eat good chow and use good tools,
And believe it or not we're nobody's fools.
We can blaze a trail or dig a trench,

And change a tire with only a wrench,
We do our guard and we're on the alert,
To prove to the enemy they're going to get hurt.
Our long-barreled guns to shoot straight and true,
And we quickly reload like a good gun-crew.
We throw hot steel through this tropical air,
And the slant-eyed Japs had better beware.
We can fight in the rain, we can fight in the sun,
As we know that our job has got to be done,
Freedom for all and Peace on this earth,
And Americans again will prove their worth.
We'll fight to the end like the boys in Bataan,
And Remember Pearl Harbor will be our song,
The soldiers in khaki, the sailors in white,
Will show the Japs our sting and our bite.
In days to come Japan will remember
The price she paid for that attack in December,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave
Forever and ever Old Glory will wave.
The fighting marines on Wake and Guam
Fought long and fierce through fire and bomb,
Remember our dead to you I say,
As we offer our prayers on Army Day.

SOCIAL SECURITY CORRECTION

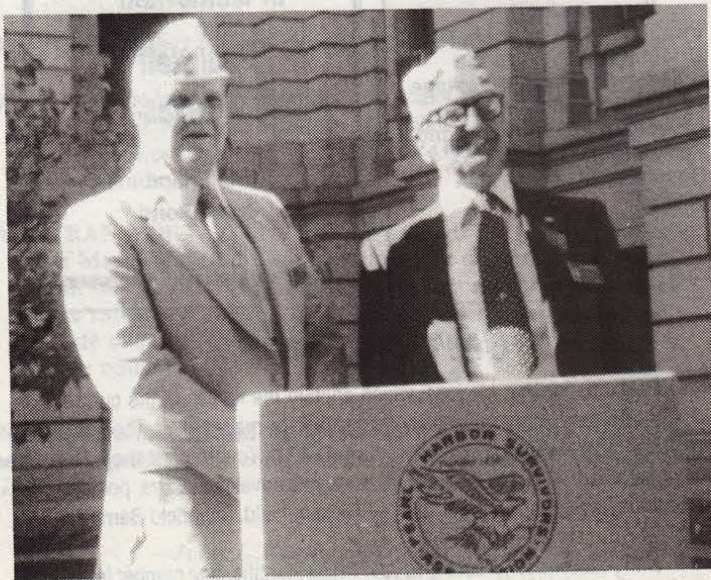
"This is to correct the information given you in the letter signed 'Notch-Year Baby', which complained that those born from 1917 through 1921 receive lower Social Security retirement benefits than those born prior to and after those years.

"In 1977, Congress established a new formula which affects all those born after 1916. The old formula was flawed because it overcompensated for inflation and eventually would have produced benefits that substantially exceeded a worker's preretirement earnings. Congress rightly concluded that unless this problem was solved, the Social Security system would be bankrupted. To correct this situation, Congress

adopted a new formula that results in benefits that are somewhat lower than those that would have been paid under the old formula.

"To ease the transition from the old to the new formula, the 1977 Congress included special provisions for people then about to retire — those born in 1917-1921. Benefits for these people are somewhat greater than they would have been under the new formula without these special rules. Benefits for people born after 1921 are computed just under the new formula.

"We appreciate the opportunity to correct the facts. We suggest that any of your readers who need further details contact their local Social Security office."



Pearl Harbor Memorial Bench, Denver, CO. National President, Dale Spielman and 3rd District Director Frank Mack.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ STATE PARK DEDICATED

from the

Fredericksburg Standard

Fredericksburg has had many high points in its history. Surely another one of these took place this past November 11th, (Veterans Day), when Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park was dedicated.

It was the culmination of a dream envisioned by a small group of citizens 20 years ago who, despite stumbling and falling several times in the early stages of the project, nevertheless accomplished their purpose in saving the old building from being converted to other uses or possibly even being removed.

A major portion of the credit for the restoration of the old steamboat hotel with its Museum of the Pacific War, the Garden of Peace and the History Walk of the Pacific War, goes to the members who served on the Fleet of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Naval Museum State Commission, as members of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, and as trustees of the foundation.

The latter are the ones, many from other places in the state, who recognized the significance of the project and who gave freely of their time and money to make the success of the project a reality.

Finally, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission deserves a major share of the credit for accepting the project and applying its know-how and techniques in making the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park one of the most significant historical showcases in the State of Texas and possibly the greatest naval museum in the nation.

Also playing a role in the museum's development was a ladies' auxiliary that held numerous fund-raising projects and for a number of years kept the museum open by serving as volunteer docents.

It is somewhat of an anomaly that, here in the land locked hills of Central Texas, they should have a naval museum of this magnitude.

And yet, considering Admiral Nimitz, the man in whose honor it was established and to whom it was dedicated (along with all who served with him), it is not

so great a surprise for after all he received his inspiration here also.

President Lyndon Johnson once said in an address, that the city of "Fredericksburg and Gillespie County is populated by 'can-do' people." Certainly this was illustrated in the successful development of the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park.

Of added significance is that it

was dedicated on Armistice or Veterans Day, November 11th, 1983, a day on which we pay tribute to all of the men and women who have fought this nation's wars.

November 11th in Frederickburg, TX will be a day to be remembered, and it will, with the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park, which will call constant attention to the role our

people have and will continue to play in shaping our nation's history.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Bob Varrill for the above article. He informs the *GRAM* that the Pearl Harbor section of the museum is still open for artifacts and special items. If you have such items, please contact the director of the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park, Fredericksburg, Texas.



AN INSET PHOTO of the late Admiral Chester W. Nimitz overlooks the refurbished Old Nimitz Hotel which was dedicated Nov. 11, as part of the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park. Housing the museum of the Pacific War, the three-story structure was the focal point of ceremonies on Veterans Day that included a parade and dedication rites. — Standard Photo

N.Y. CITY COMMEMORATION PLANS

As Dec. 7 approached, the New York Statue of Liberty Chapter plans for Pearl Harbor Day created unusual press interest and promised record attendances for a week day event.

The editor of U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT described the commemoration plans as "impressive".

Because of the arrival on Dec. 7 in the White House of the head of the government of Nepal and a state dinner, Nancy Reagan, who had been invited to take part in the New York Pearl Harbor Day event had to decline. She sent instead a message to be read at the commemoration:

She said:

"Dear Friends: Although I cannot be with you today, I

want to extend my warm greetings to everyone attending the Pearl Harbor Day salute to the women who were in the attack on December 7, 1941. This is a very thoughtful time for Americans everywhere. I know your hearts are filled with a prayer for peace just as mine is, for peace on our planet surely represents the most meaningful memorial we could ever erect to those who died in the service of our country. I am sure your memories are painful ones and please know you are in my thoughts and prayers."

The Statue of Liberty Chapter is honoring the women — wives and children of U.S. servicemen — who were in the Pearl Harbor attack area Dec. 7, 1941. Eleven had been located by Nov. 23 and

at least four will be the guest speakers at the New York event.

As reported in an earlier *GRAM*, the New York City commemoration will be a combined, coordinated ceremony on "The Narrows" at Forts Hamilton in Brooklyn and Wadsworth on Staten Island which will be linked by radio manned by active duty U.S. Marines.

All military, veteran and patriotic organizations are being invited to attend and send color guards where available. Plans are being made to have a wreath from Hawaii flown to New York for the ceremony. The wreath will be dropped into the waters

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The Day That Shall Live in Infamy . . .

BY TED SHANE

The Day That Shall Live in Infamy ...

It was a jeweled Sunday morning in Hawaii. Tropic peace lay on Honolulu. An occasional auto ran listlessly nowhere through the empty downtown streets. A white-clad policeman gazed idly into a dim restaurant, through windows open for an early-morning airing. He turned and waved across the street to a paperboy.

Sunday stirred lazily over the awakening populace, still drowsing sleepily in cool pajamas. In the poorer districts life moved bright-eyed but slowly. In the beach shacks on Waikiki the native boys made coffee. The melting pot — Chinese, Portuguese, Japanese, Filipinos, Hawaiians, Kamaainas, and their assorted mixtures — made ready for another Sunday in island tradition, for another happy heedless tropic day. Ray Buduick, civilian pilot, cranked up his sports plane, and took off for his Sunday morning constitutional over sparkling Oahu.

Sentries walked a low retaining wall before Fort de Russy, which flanked the shining pearl city of Honolulu on the southwest. Idly they eyed a few bare-foot early-morning fishermen, wading up to their knees and spearing fish in the shallow waters that lapped against the wall. Among the fishermen were some Japanese; but if one cocked an anticipatory eye to the west, it is not on record any sentry took note of it.

Already the Army was awake, chow over, relaxing

with radios, letter-writing, uniform-cleaning, preparation for church parade. At a couple of minutes after seven, Private Joseph L. Lockard, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, working overtime at the aircraft-warning detectors teaching a fellow-soldier how to use them, picked up a large flight of planes heading in from the sea. He reported excitedly to his Lieutenant at Headquarters. The Lieutenant, somewhat inexperienced and with reason to believe our own planes were on patrol in the neighborhood, chose to disregard Lockard's information.

Sturdy, gray-haired, Irish-eyed Captain William A. Maguire, Pacific Fleet Chaplain, strode along a dock on the way to conduct early Sunday services aboard his ship. In the land-locked channels of Pearl Harbor, two powerful United States task forces lay at anchor: eight battleships and seventy-eight auxiliary vessels in all. Except for orderlies going ashore to fetch the Sunday papers for their senior officers, the clean-decked ships gleamed lazily, emptily. Sunday aboard ship meant visitors, or shore leave and the simple pleasures of an island paradise. All the white-bastioned, gun-bristling kidney of land and water of Pearl Harbor moved sluggishly, like molasses beginning to warm in the sun.

Aboard his destroyer out in the Harbor, a Seaman, First Class, lolled on the back deck, writing home. Here and there an officer's radio went on. Some of them got up early to tune in the

ration of news and programs from the mainland — still as sleepy in its way as the Pearl Harbor outpost.

The clock on the Aloha Tower read 7:55 when they came — glittering, small, firm, in rigid formation — flying in over Diamond Head and the wading fishermen before Fort de Russy. The soldier on the wall looked up then looked back at the sea. He had seen lots of planes coming in from San Diego of late. It was a common sight, to be noted idly and forgotten. His job was to watch ships.

So the first wave of Japanese high-level bombers, torpedo planes, and dive bombers — with orders to blast the Naval Air Station at Kaneohe Bay a few miles northeast across Oahu Island from Pearl Harbor — roared on over Waikiki, heedless of beach-comber huts and the swank Royal Hawaiian Hotel, where Jap gardeners in high puttees and thick-soled boots were watering the flower beds.

They ran into one lone amateur "patrol." Ray Buduick heard the sound of canvas ripping on his little sports plane and guessed he was being fired on. Then he saw the Rising Sun insignia on the wing tips of the mechanized horde, which had sent their calling cards into his plane and them passed on without breaking formation. He came down fast and reported his news, but already the sound of crashing bombs came from Honolulu and Pearl Harbor.

Aboard his destroyer riding at

anchor in the Harbor, the unnamed Seaman, First Class, looked up in the middle of a sentence in his Sunday letter to home folks, and saw death on the wing headed straight for him and his ship. He dropped his tablet and pencil, ripped off the cover from a machine gun, pointed it back into the stream of fire and lead coming at him, and began firing. That chatter was the first blow struck by our country.

A liner coming into Honolulu from the Orient moved unscathed through the first fall of bombs and the opening ack-ack of our ships and shore-placed batteries. The passengers crowded to the rails to watch what they took for a harmless war game. A bomb smacked down in the Harbor not far astern, and an auto salesman from Tientsin exclaimed, "Boy! If that had been a real one!"

But no mighty fleet moved out to engage the enemy's carriers. Our great sea warriors, the *Arizona*, the *West Virginia*, the *Maryland*, *Oklahoma*, lay in flames, emitting explosions and darkening the sky with black soot. No cover of our planes rose to fight the enemy squadrons and tail them to their floating lair. Before Honolulu had breakfast, eighty Navy and ninety-seven Army planes, all neat and ready in rows on Hickam and Wheeler Air Fields, had been put out of the fighting. A bad dream had come true. The Japs had caught us asleep on the ground with our guns stacked. American boys fought back that

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day with any weapon they could unscramble from the mess.

Unknown Soldier, 1941 ...

He was near one of the hangars when the dive bombers broke formation and peeled off through the glistening morning of God's day toward the buildings and hangars of Hickam Field, eye and arm and seven-league boots of the Fleet that lay so snug in Pearl Harbor. No one knows what duty this unidentified soldier was carrying out just before he saw our rows of planes take fire from Jap incendiary bombs and explode their gasloads.

He grabbed up a machine gun that stood idle. On the apron stood a B-18 bomber, empty, useless, and unmanned. The Unknown Soldier set up his .30-caliber machine gun in its nose. His gun didn't fit the bomber's mount, so he braced it against his shoulder and let go at the diving and strafing Japs, his body shuddering with the terrific recoil.

At last a Jap pilot spotted him and, swooping low, set the B-18 afire with incendiary bullets. In an instant the flames closed in on the soldier from behind. Someone shouted at him to climb out on the nose and jump. But he kept on aiming and firing without pause. Then the flames licked up around the nose of the bomber and the face inside was seen no more. But for a long time afterwards the men outside watched in awe and horror as tracer bullets streaked into the sky from that burning caldron.

Chaplain ...

Over on the dock at Pearl Harbor, Fleet Chaplain Maguire broke into a run. Bombs were falling near, and he was scarcely aboard his ship before he saw a man fall at a gunsight. He would hold no colorful religious service that day, but there were other things to do. Stripping to the waist, the "sky-pilot" took his place as an ammunition-passer with the newly forming gun-crew.

"Praise the Lord," he cried, "and pass the ammunition." Or so they tell of him, for he doesn't remember having uttered the classic words. But he felt the sentiment, and he was the protagonist of our first great war-

song. He fired no guns, of course; and between his ammunition-passing he had last-rites and other duties to perform which the song-writers didn't mention. Americans, however, will never believe it; to them Maguire "a son of a gun of a gunner was he"

The Oklahoma's chaplain ...

Another chaplain, athletic, thirty-two-year-old, Roman Catholic Lieutenant (j.g.) Aloysius Herman Schmitt from St. Lucas, Fayette County, Iowa, took up his station by an open porthole when the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* began to turn over on her side. Men were abandoning ship by the porthole, and the Chaplain blessed each in turn as he helped push them through. He insisted on being the last away, but when his turn came his shoulders wedged in the opening. Behind him a fresh group rushed into the tiny compartment, and the Chaplain made them pull him back in so as not to hold them up. One by one they too were saved.

"Hurry up now, Padre," called the last man through. But the ship was tilting fast. "Go ahead, boys," they heard him call from inside. "I'm all right."

Captain ...

Mervyn Sharp Bennion, Captain of the bombed battleship *West Virginia*, raced from the conning tower toward the bridge to direct fire. He felt a great blow in the stomach, but kept on running. Reaching the bridge, he crashed to the deck. His belly had been laid open by a shrapnel burst. His men rushed up and started to carry him to safety. "Back to your guns, men," cried the Captain, who hailed from Vernon, Utah. And he gave orders until another direct hit set fire to the bridge itself.

When he rang to abandon ship, two of his officers rushed up to the bridge deck to get him, but were trapped by the flames themselves. A third officer threw a line to another battleship that lay tied up to the dock alongside the *West Virginia*, and they were all taken off. The Captain died. For his gallantry our highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, was bestowed on his name.

From the bars, from sick-bay, from the clink ...

In Hickam relaxation quarters a new beer parlor called Snake Hall had just been opened. A bomb hit in the quarters, and a sergeant rushed out of the parlor cursing the Japs for bombing "the best place in Hawaii."

An officer on sick leave wrested free from the restraining grasp of his nurse and raced across Pearl Harbor Navy Yard to his ship. He fought like two well men and wound up the day cured and promoted.

A chief gunner in sick-bay was blown to the ceiling by the concussion of a bursting bomb, wrenching his back coming down. But he rushed out to his anti-aircraft gun and got it going. His men began dropping from the fumes and gas stench, and he put a message through for help. Before it came his ammunition ran out, and he went down to the ammunition bunks. Men lay about everywhere, overcome by the fumes. He fell into a faint himself. When he came to, he was lying naked on a mess-table in the Marine Camp. He jumped up, gathering shirt, trousers, and shoes on the way, and ran back to his ship.

An explosion burst open the door of a ship's brig, and a seaman spending another Sunday in the clink, raced to his post at a pom-pom gun.

Corporal Willard D. Darling, U.S.M.C. . . .

The dusty plains of Oklahoma don't as a rule produce first-rate swimmers, but Corporal Willard D. Darling from the hamlet of Wilson, Oklahoma, down near the Texas border, managed to dive into the flaming waters around the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* and save the same man two times within the same half-hour.

Darling had crowded into a

motor launch with other Marines and sailors from the blazing, capsizing battleship. As the tiny boat snaked through the burning oil and debris of Pearl Harbor, Corporal Darling, peering through the smoke, spotted an officer gasping in the water. He dived out over the stern, swam to the exhausted man, and held him up while he cast about for help. His launch had chugged on without him. Darling had moved so swiftly no one had realized a man was overboard. Another launch nosed out of the smoke blanket. They heard Darling's yell and picked the two men up.

And now the Japs came down out of the smoke and began strafing the entire area. The boat made too good a target, and the crew abandoned her. With a "Follow me, sir," Darling jumped with the rest.

But his charge was far too exhausted to swim, The Corporal again went to the officer's aid, got him turned over on his back, and towed him ashore in approved life-saver style — bullets and bombs be damned!

Darling, who was going on thirty-three, used to be a tailor in civilian life. After a hitch with the Army, he had joined up with the Marines in May, 1940. He has one wound — a bullet he still carries beneath his fifth rib. Out hunting one day someone mistook him for a deer. He says it was tougher than what he went through at Pearl Harbor. Nevertheless they gave him the Navy cross for his "absolute fearlessness and disregard for his own personal safety."

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WALLY KAMPNEY
National Treasurer



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1984 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The fifth quarter results for the 1983-1984 membership recruiting contest has listed forty-eight new members.

Survivor Paul I. Jean leads the recruiting team with twenty-eight new members. Paul has signed up twelve new members this reporting period from seven different states.

Well done Paul. Welcome all new members.

Those recruiting five or more new members are as follows:

Paul I. Jean	28	Earl Selover	9	Wayne Griffen	5
Chet Millman	19	Leo Sienkiewicz	8	Brandon Perkins	5
George Slavens	13	Richard Wallen	7	Jim Tracy	5
Jack Gamble	12	Harold Cook	5		

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them, and let perpetual light shine upon them
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EVERY TEAR A VICTORY

Fort Santiago had been the Spanish prison in colonial times. Its guns trained across Manila Bay from the mouth of the Pasig River; its ramparts had originally enclosed the entire community, which was called Intramuros, between the walls. As a prison it was medieval and gothic, with spacious halls above ground and dank torture chambers below. Since the foundations abutted the river, seepage was continuous into the windowless, airless cells, and the life expectancy of a prisoner confined there was six months, the cause of death tuberculosis or madness and rat-bite.

To these dungeons Ferdinand Marcos was conducted late in the evening of August 4, 1942. The Japanese consolidation of the Philippines now was as complete as it would ever be. The invaders controlled the cities and most of the coastline of the principal islands, and on Luzon they were in possession of the mountain roads. But guerrillas who now swarmed in countless bands, several numbering as many as ten thousand persons, harassed the conquerors everywhere, even in Manila, and ambushed Japanese troops at will in every province. One of the chief duties of the secret police was to eradicate the guerrilla bands.

Ferdinand lay without food or water on a cold stone floor for two days. The only notion he had of the passage of time was the change from night to murky gray in a tiny ventilator at the junction of the cell wall and ceiling. Then he was taken into the old torture room of the prison, a large, stone-walled underground chamber illuminated by one hanging electric bulb. Under this were two straw pallets, one directly on the floor, the other raised a dozen inches by a wooden frame.

His first interrogator was an army sergeant, who tried to force him to an admission that at Bataan he had penetrated the Japanese lines in civilian clothes, an action for which, of course, he might even now be shot. But Ferdinand knew this was a ruse to get him under the threat of death for some purpose more dire. When he refused to concede his spy activities, he

was hung by his thumbs until only his big toes touched the floor, and flogged across chest and face with a leather thong. When he lost consciousness, he was drenched with water from a bucket. After many hours he was cut down and left on the floor.

Soon his civilian nemesis, who had arranged his release from Camp O'Donnell and had arrested him in his mother's house, strolled jauntily into the room. He did not want a young and patriotic man to suffer, he said. So far as the Filipinos were concerned, the war was ended. Why should Captain Marcos prolong the struggle? He should be realistic, as were most of the people, and cooperate. If he did so, he would be given high station in the constabulary, and generous food allowances for himself and his family.

Now: From documents captured at Bataan, he knew that certain American and Filipino Scout officers had been ordered to the interior to become spies. Captain Marcos had cleverly conducted some of them through the Japanese lines. Who were these men and where were they hiding? Ferdinand, of course, did not know. Where were Colonel Moses, Colonels Noble, Thorp, Horan? Where were Majors Praeger and Naker? Where were Lieutenant Lapham, Lieutenant Ramsey, Colonel Fertig, Major Volckmann? Ferdinand, delighted that the Japanese had found none of them, stolidly made identical replies to all the inquiries. He had no idea where any of them had gone; his job had been to see some of them safely through the enemy lines, but their orders were kept secret from him.

His interrogator, who was revealed as a secret-police colonel, lost his affability finally. The three soldiers who attended him, at a signal, threw Ferdinand to the pallet that was raised off the floor, and jammed a rubber tube into his mouth. Water was pumped slowly into his body until he thought he must surely burst. Now the colonel jumped on him with both knees. Water, bile, blood, excreta from stomach, kidneys, and bowels spurting from every orifice of his

body. He knew that he was about to die. Who could survive such torture? Stubbornly he decided to go bravely. He refused to speak.

This exasperated the Kempei Tai colonel, who gave him another round of the water cure. Then another. During the pumping, Ferdinand's bulging eyes saw the electric light bulb over his head grow larger and hotter, and seemingly come closer until it was in his face. Then the colonel would jump on his stomach, and the light would recede. The pain of the water pressure was too fierce to be borne. After a while Marcos became numb to it, and no longer felt the variations of its intensity. Covered by the filth from his body and the emissions of the torture, he lay in a pool of vile-ness. He had no idea how many times the ordeal was repeated—over and over, until he lost consciousness at last.

When he awoke, he was no longer in his body, but outside it somehow, looking down upon his own suffering, not feeling it, a spectator at his own misery. Often in the yoga exercises of his youth he had attempted to establish such detachment. Now he had achieved it. He knew that he was breathing, because he saw the rise and fall of his breast. His mind was clear, his spirit utterly detached. There were two of him, the one that suffered and the one that did not. The separation was delicious, narcotic, and ecstasy.

He saw the Japanese soldiers beating his body with bamboo sticks. He felt the impact of the blows, the jarring skin-crush of them, but he had no pain. There was no shock; none at all. The agony was visual, not sensual. Dawn grayed the slotted window at the ceiling. The torture stopped. A document was waved in front of him, bearing his own signature. He remembered it as one of his own intelli-

gence reports from the last days of Bataan. Where was Thorp? Hoara? Praeger? Naker? Ramsey? Lapham? The bamboo again. But Ferdinand did not feel it. The wonderful detachment made him impervious to it.

How long this went on became immaterial after a while. The window light changed several times from night to day. Ferdinand was a sodden, sogged mass of stench, nauseating even to his own nostrils, a slimy, wilted rag. There was no strength in him. He could not lift his head. Now they bore down upon his face with a rifle butt. His nose broke. Molars and blood filled his mouth. His head seemed to crack. But he did not lose consciousness again. His mind hovered over the scene, a spectator. He saw himself writhe under the gunstock blows that crashed down upon him like sledges, and he heard himself scream. He saw that he denied their questions. He was quite aloof.

They were convinced at last that he knew nothing. In a stupor he lay on the floor for a long time, may even have slept. The colonel returned.

"There was a truck driver on Bataan, Vicente Umali. Did you know him?"

"You have confused him with someone else," Marcos answered. "He was a year ahead of me in law school. He is the mayor of Sariaya in Tayabas."

"Lead us to him and we will let you go."

Ferdinand nodded assent. He had no precise idea where Umali was, only that his guerrilla organization made forays in southern Luzon. But anything was preferable to this living death. Perhaps if Ferdinand were taken from here, the convoy would be ambushed. In that case he might escape, or die quickly, cleanly.

The beating stopped. An enlisted man brought water and food, but the victim could not swallow, or lift the cup to his lips.

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To All District Directors

Please send the name, current address, and phone number of your District Chairman for the Surviving Spouses Committee, to Barbara Harris, 5710 Coventry Lane, Austin, TX 78723.

If we of PHSA wish this program to go on with our widows, it's a must that you contact Barbara.

EVERY TEAR . . . (Continued from Page 23)

A bucket of vile river water was thrown over him. The shock of it was the first physical sensation of which he had been conscious for a long time. His mind and spirit rushed back into his being, ending his duality. Crying out from the shock, and agony of bruises, he was dragged to his cell. Night had fallen again.

When he awoke, he was able to sip water from a cup. Dawn had arrived again. The colonel appeared with rice wine and Ferdinand, though a teetotaler,

drank it and blessed the scorch of it as it cleaned the rank vomit from his mouth. His bones warmed, and he was able to stand. But he could not eat. The water torture had left his throat a boiling irritation, so swollen that he rasped when he breathed. His head rang. His ears were muffled, all sounds being muted and far away. There was no sensation in his fingertips, and his knees seemed unjointed. Weak, giddy, he was led from his cell, dressed in clean clothes and shoved into an

open truck. When the sunlight struck his eyes, his vision was murky and he thought that he had gone blind. A throbbing agony cursed his body. But he was able to drink a cup of coffee with sugar. In a few minutes his vision cleared.

"Where to?" the colonel asked.

Ferdinand realized that he was the guide. He must not pause.

"To Tayabas Province," he said. This was southeast of Manila, where he had promised to meet his friend San Agustin, "To Candelaria. The foot of Mount Banahaw." There, if anywhere, his friend might be. If so, the chance was good that the caravan might be ambushed. His escort consisted of three trucks, with twenty heavily

armed soldiers in each. To Ferdinand's disappointment, the colonel did not accompany the group. He gave orders in Japanese to a captain in command, the gist of which seemed to be that if Ferdinand's directions were false, the prisoner was to be returned to Fort Santiago.

The sun stood straight up, noon.

"What day is it?" Ferdinand asked the captain.

"Friday."

He had been under torture, then for eight days.

The preceding story is true. From *Men and Memories in Confinement*. . . A prison diary during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines—by Conrado Gar. Agustin.



Past President, Walt Schiller of Hemet Valley Chapter 27 of California, presenting a wreath at the Mack Tomb, of the Unknown Soldier. Walt presented the wreath, during ceremonies at the Riverside National Cemetery on Veterans Day, November 11th, 1983. He makes this presentation twice a year and takes an active part in the Cemetery Support Committee Meetings.

REMINDER

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SAN FRANCISCO — The Veterans Administration reminds former servicemen and women that awareness of VA burial benefits can often spare the family of a deceased veteran anxiety and financial hardship after the veteran's death.

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charged under conditions other than dishonorable. Under certain guidelines a veteran's spouse and minor children are also eligible.

The VA will furnish a headstone or marker to memorialize a veteran or mark a veteran's grave in a national, state or private cemetery. The VA will also provide markers to eligible dependents interred in a national or state veterans' cemetery.

The VA also provides a memorial marker or headstone for veterans whose remains have not been recovered or identified. This includes veterans buried at sea, those who donated their bodies to science and veterans who were cremated and their ashes scattered. A memorial section in national cemeteries honors these veterans.

The VA will also provide:

—an American flag to cover the casket;

—imbursement for part of the cost of a headstone or marker bought and placed on a veteran's grave. The amount for government headstones purchased by the VA is \$67;

—a memorial certificate which bears the president's signature and expresses the nation's recognition of the deceased veteran's service.



Admiral and Mrs. Homer N. Wallin

90 YEARS CELEBRATED

By Ken Irwin

The lifetime of achievement by this great man, Admiral Homer N. Wallin, USN (RET) would take a book to recount, and is probably seldom equaled in any military life, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on Dec. 6, 1983 at his home in the Horizon House, a retirement home in downtown Seattle.

He began life in Washburn, North Dakota on Dec. 6, 1893, grew up there and attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, graduating in 1917, and then serving aboard the USS New Jersey. In 1919 and 1920 he received his Master Of Science Degree at M.I.T., while stationed at New York Navy Yard. His degree was based on studies of naval architecture. His promotions came on schedule, as he reached the rate of Lt. Comdr. in 1926. A four year tour of duty at Mare Island Navy Yard where he supervised construction of many ships, including the USS Chicago, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Wichita, Aylwin, Cassin, Shaw and many others. Next he was assigned to the Bureau of Construction in Washington, D.C. in 1937. In 1941 he was assigned to the staff of Commander Battle Force, as material officer at Pearl Harbor, and his duty station was aboard the USS California. He was promoted to captain in 1942. However, after surviving the attack on Dec. 7, 1941 aboard that battleship, he was ordered to duty as salvage officer to salvage the sunken ships. His job

was completed when he and his men salvaged 16 of the 19 sunken ships, and put them in action against the enemy.

Admiral Nimitz presented him with the Distinguished Service Medal in Oct. 1942 for this accomplishment. He had fulfilled the prophecy of Admiral Yamamoto who had said, "I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a great resolve."

Adm. Wallin served with Admiral Halsey in the South Pacific, supervising salvage and repair in that area. This earned him the "Legion Of Merit" Award presented by Adm. Halsey.

In 1943 he was assigned as supervisor of shipbuilding in the Seattle area. In 1946 he was commander of the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and in 1947 was promoted to Rear-Admiral. In 1949 he was commander of Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and served as technical assistant to the refloating of the USS Missouri that had run aground in Chesapeake Bay. In 1951 he was promoted to Chief of the Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C. In 1953 he returned to the northwest as Commander of Puget Sound Navy Shipyard, and then retired from the navy on May 1, 1955 as Vice-Admiral.

In 1960 the U.S. Government requested Adm. Wallin to write a book on the salvage operations at Pearl Harbor. The book, "Pearl Harbor-Why-How," was completed and published 2 years later.

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In the last two issues of the *GRAM* we have mentioned a cruise to the Islands in 1986 for our 45th reunion. To date we have very little information concerning this cruise, but we have the Christopher Travel Service of Los Angeles working on this and trying to make arrangements for such a cruise.

The information that we have now is that there are two ships now making trips to the Islands. These are the *S.S. Independence* and the *S.S. Constitution*. The only problem with these two ships are, they do not cruise to Hawaii at the time of our National Reunion in December. As of now they depart San Francisco in late August and then late December to get their passengers there in time for Christmas. Another problem is the expense. These liners have accommodations all the way from A-deck to L-deck. These prices range from (A-deck \$2695 to

\$3490) depending on whether we take a 5 or 7 day cruise. (L-deck \$795 to \$995) for the same amount of days. This is per-person one way.

At the lower prices they are right, but the only problem here is that we cannot get a block of accommodations because of their cruise dates. The only way at present we might get this cruise is to charter the whole ship, which would take better than 1000 members. You can see the many problems we would have with this arrangement. Your thoughts and ideas would be greatly appreciated on this subject.

1986 is still three years away, and we are still working on this cruise until we see that it is out of our reach. Let's hear from you members concerning this cruise. We are open minded.

Remember the closing date for the April 1984 issue of the *GRAM* is March 1st, 1984.

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of New York harbor by Coast Guard helicopter in a ceremony that will involve a New York city fireboat, two Coast Guard harbor craft, two firing squads, at least six buglers, color guards from all the armed forces, a Clifton, N.J. Sea Cadets unit and the Msgr. Farrel High School band which is in final competition as the nation's top marching high school band.

As the Pearl Harbor Day commemoration, all indications were that the event would achieve all its objectives to "Remember Pearl Harbor" with a

program to evoke emotion, excite audiences present physically and through the media to induce widest possible involvement before Dec. 7 and attract crowds for the program, fulfill expectations, unify several separate elements of the program, suggest action and add drama to the remembrances.

Prepaid reservations for the buffet luncheon to follow in the Fort Hamilton Officers Club indicate that this will be the largest gathering of Statue of Liberty survivors to date.

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.

He and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 25, 1982. They have two children — a son, Homer N. Wallin, Jr., who graduated from Annapolis, and daughter Mrs. Frances L. Savage. The Admiral's grandson is now attending Annapolis.

Admiral Wallin has accomplished many more feats than can be described in this short version of his life, but perhaps his greatest was that he was—
"THE MAN WHO HEALED THE WOUNDS OF THE INJURED GIANT."

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Let's start the Mini News for 1984 where it all started for us 42 years ago. Out over the stormy and blue Pacific this time of the year, we find our many survivor friends in the Hawaiian Islands still very active during the months of October and November, 1983.

Their monthly meeting was held at the Flamingo Chuckwagon, on Kapiolani Blvd. Their big discussion during the meeting was the injustice to those on fixed incomes who were born between 1917 and 1921. (Notice of this elsewhere in this issue of the GRAM). But as they stated in their newsletter, "The Pukupahi", everyone write to your Congressmen and Senators concerning this matter. Also during the month of October it was Discover's Day and big parties on Hallowe'en.

November was another busy month, with events taking place at the Flamingo Chuckwagon, then the big parade on Veterans Day. Following the parade they had a tailgate party from the Hale Koa to the American Legion sponsored Veterans Day Luau at the DAV Memorial Hall on Keehi Lagoon.

As of this date we have heard no word as to whom their new officers will be for the coming two years. But this slate of officers was presented to the membership by the nominating committee.

State Chairman - Joe Niemitz, President - Jack McDonald, Vice President - Joe Ritson, Secretary - Dick Fiske, Treasurer - Hillory Jones, Trustees - Keith Hill, Don Howell and George Williams.

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Back over the Pacific and to the state of California. We have received news from District One Director, Ed Flaherty. He suggests that we are coming of the age when the association should start thinking about some form of absentee voting for the members. As he states, "No member or survivor in good standing should be deprived of his right to vote for the candidate of his choice due to financial or physical reasons. It is time to consider a new system of elections to insure that this does not happen." He suggest that each

chapter within the 1st District discuss this subject at least to the point of forming a committee at the upcoming District Convention in Fresno, CA. This committee to investigate this matter further.

He would also like to commend those chapters who contributed to the restoration fund for the refurbishment of the Statue of Liberty. He would also like Chapter Two of California to pursue their idea of a competition between the northern section of the state and the southern section, on the above.

Ed also reports that California Chapter 27, Hemet, has been instrumental in renewing the Pull Tab Program for two children in their area. Let's all get behind this group and give them our support.

Heading up to the northern part of the state, we find Mount Diablo Chapter 13 active in their program in assistance to veterans. The chapter has a "Ditty Bag" program which is designed to assist veterans that arrive at the Veterans Hospital for treatment without any essential toilet articles, i.e., toothbrush, paste, comb, socks, Kleenex, etc.

The bags are made by volunteers and stenciled by Walter and Jean Ringbom, a friend of PHSA. The material is gathered by various survivors and all the material is assembled by George Saunders wife, Elizabeth. George then delivers twenty of these bags to the hospital each month. This program has been in effect for over six years with over 1400 "Ditty Bags" delivered to date. In addition each year the chapter contributes funds to the hospital Christmas Fund, for needy Veterans and to the child care center.

George Saunders is the representative for the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Ass'n. on the VAVS advisory committee, receiving a certificate this past year for perfect attendance at their meetings. Vern Gackowski is the deputy representative who is assigned to this committee.

There are many other members of chapter 13, who work as volunteer workers and contribute their time and effort when called upon by the needs of the

Veterans Hospital. We of the GRAM would say that chapter 13 is following the true spirit of PHSA. Keep up the good work, George, and tell your gang, thanks, from all of PHSA.

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Down in the central part of the state the members from Fresno chapter 8 are very active in their preparations for the District one and State Convention coming up during the month of May, '84. They are still adding members to the Convention Committees, the latest being John Peterson to the Bowling and Games committee. The registration committee has added Pansy Mertz and Lillian Olinger, while Jennie Rich has volunteered for the Decorations Committee. President Ray Littrell informs the GRAM that they are still looking for a Guest Speaker. If any members have suggestions on this, please contact Ray.

Convention Chairman, Doug Crane and Bruce Klein are very pleased with the chapter involvement to date, but can always use more help.

Newly elected officers for the coming year are: Ray Littrell,

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President - Steve Maddux, Vice President - Ray Reiff, Treasurer - John Peterson, Secretary - Charles McBeth, Douglas Crane and Lawrence McNabb as Trustees.

Steve Maddux and Verna attended the Birthday Party at Pine Acres hosted by Chapter 26 and won the Frog Jumping Contest with his frog taking a total of 3 jumps for a total of 180 total inches.

Ray and Dorothy Littrell were the guests of honor at the 1621st Recruit Division Review on the 60th anniversary of the Naval Training Center in San Diego, CA. Ray was graduated from NTS in 1923, Company A-5 during its first year of operation. His days activities were, being picked up at his motor home, coffee with the C.O., a visit with a recruit company in the barracks, lunch, Drill Team show, cutting the 60th anniversary cake, observing the recruit graduation ceremonies as Guest of Honor and attending the reception at the Captain's Cabin. As Ray stated, they kept him and Dorothy hopping.

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Downstate to Orange County and Chapter 14, it was "Howdy Partner" time with 91 survivors, wives and guests scoffing up Bar-B-Qued "Hamburgers Deluxe." A surprise visit by state secretary, James Moe and his lovely wife, along with their huge RV'er. It was a great feed



Members of South Minnesota Chapter 2 at one of their semi-annual meetings during the month of Oct. Officers for the coming year were elected. From left to right front row: Bill Bjerke, Walt Anderson and Ted Weeks. Second row: Frank Phelps, Jack Cartwright, Marty Kroeger and Burnell Reed. Back row: Vic Parodis, Ken Bolland, Chuck Sehe and Gene Erlandson.

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from all reports.

Roy Johnson also informs us that they now have 37 chapter jackets on order, with the colors being gold and navy blue contrast.

The chapters October meeting was held at the Long Beach Elks, with a sit down lunch, plus entertainment. This event was a "Swinger". During this meeting they raffled off as 1st prize — Rogers, 23 carat gold plated 40 piece set - Service for 8 and as 2nd prize — a hand-painted picture, by Eva Caley. The chapter was trying to make \$300 on this raffle which was donated to the "Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee".

In the month of November they held their annual Christmas Party at the Los Alamitos American Legion Hall. The chapter furnished the turkey and ham for the dinner. Admission and cost for the dinner to members was for them to bring some type of canned good, which was given to the needy.

Officers elected and installed for '84 were: President, Jack Gamble - Vice President, Bill Stutts - Secretary, Leonard Feldman - Treasurer, Fred Betts - Trustees, Pete Janovich, Jim Facer and Dick Crawford. These officers were elected and installed during their October birthday anniversary at the Elks Lodge in October.

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Up in the state of Oregon, Willamette Valley Chapter held their October meeting at the Moose Lodge, with the host and hostess, being Roland and Lorain Eberhardt. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

Vice President, Roy Nelson called the meeting to order with the opening prayer being given by Chaplain Tom Taylor. Roy led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Dahl reminded the membership present that they were in need of a vehicle to pull the float in the Scio Veterans Day Parade. Correspondence was read from the 2nd District Director, Fred McEnany, pertaining to the procedures dealing with Convention estimates and invoices.

During the month of November the chapter was honored by

Albany Elks Lodge and many members attended the Marine Corps Birthday party at the Red Lion Inn. The chapter meeting was held at the "Lee's Far East Restaurant and hosted by Dick and Mary Ames.

A reminder to all that the 2nd District Convention will be held during the month of August, from the 16th through the 18th, 1984. More information on this at a later date, from Loraine Eberhardt. She will be writing the GRAM after the first of the year. Info. will be in the April issue of the GRAM. The plans at this time are to have as guest speaker for the convention, our National President, Dale Speelman, if he is available?

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On up to the northwestern section of the country. We will stop in and pay a visit with chapter 2 of Washington State. The Seattle Chapter has had a busy year, which consisted of 5 meetings and 4 socials in addition to their annual picnic held at the Nile Country Club grounds, which was held during the month of August. Of course we can't forget the ocean camping and fishing trip at Kila-Hana campgrounds at Westport, WA.

Many chapters participated in the golf outings which were held throughout the year, also in parades which included Memorial Day, Peace Arch, the Issaquah, Washington State Veterans Day parades. Their annual reunion banquet was held this past December at the Burien Elks Lodge and on December 7th, 1983 the Memorial Services were held at the Washelli Cemetery in Seattle. Also during the month of December chapter members of the Port Susan Camping Club hosted a special Pearl Harbor Survivors night at the Green Flag Inn. It was a no host bar with live music.

Their new officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Lyle Jackson — Vice President, Pros Lamont — Secretary, Joe Voellmeck — Treasurer, Ken Irwin — Chairman of the board of Trustees, Past President, Joe Pike — 3 year trustee, Jesse Betts — 2 year trustee, Gerry Wiggins and one year trustees, Bill Norton

and Bill Fitzgerald who is also keeping busy with his duties as Washington's State Chairman.

Congratulations also go out to chapter member Roy Sherman who has volunteered 6500 hours over a span of 10 years of his time and efforts at the VA Hospital in Seattle.

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Heading over to the 7th District and a report from District Director, David Bedell that the District has once again proved its mettle. Their successes have outdistanced any minor setbacks which may have occurred during the year. Everywhere the signs point to much encouragement. Nowhere did he see, hear or witness anything even resembling a hint of anything but encouragement.

In the Wolverine State, Michigan, even a mild blizzard could not take a bit of shine from the Michigan State Convention. Nick Bauer and the Motor City Chapter #2, once again outdid themselves as hosts for this event. Held at the Holiday Inn in Saginaw this past April, they all shared a big slice of PHS life for the umpteenth time. They even have a bridge that goes nowhere and the chicken dinner at Frankenmuth was one not easily forgotten.

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Next stop is Valley Forge, PA. The Pennsylvania State and 7th District Conventions were combined. This was held at the

Holiday Inn, King of Prussia and hosted by the Liberty Bell Chapter #1, of Philadelphia. The high point of that weekend was the election of a new State Chairman. Congratulations and best wishes to Rich Wallen.

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Down in West Virginia the words are "Wild and Wonderful". This is the motto for West Virginia. Herb Elswick, the Mountaineer State Chairman, put on a two day show that was first rate. The dinner meeting took place on a Saturday, which was followed by a Sunday outing. Frank and Florence Zukowsky opened their hearts and their home to all. Even the rain held off until the festivities were over. Congratulations to West Virginia, you also have one heck of a "Football" team.

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Heading back through wonderful and beautiful country we find ourselves in the Buckeye state of Ohio. At the Ramada Inn at Reynoldsburg this past August they held the Ohio State Convention. This was hosted by Central Ohio Chapter #4. Many survivors and their wives were in attendance representing all of the 7th District.

They were honored in having our National President, Dale Speelman, Ohio State Chairman, Donald McCarthy and 7th District Director, David Bedell in attendance for this class one



Illinois, Chapter Two Officers who were present at the Illinois State Convention, which was held at the Parkview Cafe, in Petersburg, IL. From left to right, front row: Vernon Rubenking — Forest McClammer, President — Julius Finnern, 5th District Director — Web Norman, Treasurer — Back row left to right: Baxter Roberts — Al Fornoff — Dave Montgomery, Vice-President — and Charles Clague, Secretary, not present.

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convention. Also in attendance for the banquet were 181 survivors and their wives.

The "Man-of-the Year" award was presented to Charles Lingafelter, President of Central Ohio Chapter #4, for his untiring efforts and devotion to PHSA.

The highlight of the convention was the address given at the banquet by their guest speaker, Woody Hayes of Ohio State University. Mr. Hayes told about some very interesting incidents which happened before, during and after Pearl Harbor.

The chapters wreath-laying ceremonies for Dec. 7 were at the gravesite of a former member, Howard B. Crom at the Valley View Memorial Park. Featured speakers during the ceremony were Frank Meyers, George Wahlen and Don McDonald.

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Over on the East Coast and in the State of New Jersey, which is the Garden State, Chapter #1 held their annual summer outing at the Colts Neck Naval Weapons Depot on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Ralph Jeffers, New Jersey State Chairman, the committees, the survivors and their guests all jelled together to make for a wonderful treat. George Molnar was the front runner for the title of Chief Cook and Bottle Washer.

Heading back west to the state of Maryland we hear that there ain't no more "Boom Town" at Fort Meade. However, there is a beautiful lake which made for a perfect setting for the Maryland Summer Picnic. Many thanks should go to the State Chairman, Chester

Millman and all of the Maryland troops for a wonderful and fun filled day.

A reminder to all that the next 7th District Convention will be held during the month of May in Norfolk, VA. Headquarters will be at the Quality Inn.

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National Chapter 133 of Erie, PA, meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Their last meeting was held at the home of Chief and Mrs. Eller.

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While back in this section of the country lets hop over to the State of Wisconsin and see what this group of survivors have been up to.

During the month of October they held a dinner/dance to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Charles Blazek Chapter #1, at the Guard House, which is the service club of the Air National Guard. The survivors and their wives thoroughly enjoyed the good food, music and entertainment. As the group from Wisconsin reminds all of us, the average age of survivors is 64, so why not join in on all these fun filled affairs.

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Back out west once again lets hit the high-desert road and stop in to pay a visit to the Roadrunners of Victor Valley Chapter #29 of California. The September meeting of the Roadrunners turned into one of the best fun nights ever. Their ladies put on a "White Elephant" sale that was both interesting and original. Just about all of the 53 gifts arrived in a secured grocery brown bag. Mille Tuck, the auctioneer, was in rare form. Her

helpers performed miracles in disposing of the "Pig in the Poke" bags. The bidding was rapid and the results outstanding. The girls extracted over \$200 from the 52 survivors and wives in attendance. Also Bernice Kemp and Jane White donated to this fund. The girls turned over all the proceeds to the George Air Force Base, Officers Wives Welfare Fund. President, Roy Clark, wishes to thank one and all for making this a successful evening.

During the month of November they held a joint installation of new officers with chapters 9 and 27. Past National President, Bill Aupperlee was the Master of Ceremonies. Vice State Chairman, Jim Wilson was the installing officer for the installation.

Their new officers for the coming year, will be: Bert Tuck, President — George Kerduis, Vice President — C.R. Wright, Secretary — Fred Ross, Treasurer — John Risting, Tony Angelo, Ron Miller and Roy Clark, Trustees.

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Heading out of the high-desert area and to the San Gabriel Valley area with Chapter 9. We hear through the Gabriel's Horn, their newsletter, they joined in with survivors from chapters 27 and 29 for the joint installation of their officers for the coming year.

During the month of October the chapter members met twice in one day attending the joint area meeting of chapters in the southern section of the state, then their own meeting that evening at the VFW Post 2018, in Pomona, CA. As A.J. Renner their President stated, this was just too much for one day.

On December 7th, Chapter 9 hosted Memorial Services at the Coast Guard Station in San Pedro, CA. They were assisted in this Memorial Service, by chapters 1 - 12 and 14. Following the service they had a wonderful buffet brunch in the CPO Club, at the Coast Guard Base.

Also during the month of December they held their annual Christmas Party at the Mural House, in Ontario, CA.

Their new officers for the coming year, are: J.R. Renner,

President — Howell "Red" Gerhard, Vice President — Charles Bohnstadt, Secretary — Morris Van Korlaar, Treasurer — Adam Kosut, Roland Stabler John Van Valkenburgh, Trustees.

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Heading over to the coast of California and with National Chapter #1 and California Chapter #1, President Fred Dietrich informs us that their plans for the December Christmas party did not go astray. It was a gala affair with the survivors and their wives and guests, exchanging gifts and all enjoyed a wonderful meal with all the trimmings.

Their Bingo meetings are doing just great and filling their coffers. Actually it was two Christmas Parties for many of the members. They helped support the AMVETS Post #30 and their Auxiliary during their Christmas event. As Frank Schilling said; 'tis the season to be merry, so why not join the crowd and enjoy yourself. From all reports, both parties were a great success and a merry time was had by all. These survivors are getting ready for a great year in '84.

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On down the coast to San Diego Chapter 3, Joe Trasher, chapter treasurer gives us a tip, when he says it pays to advertise. Seems as if Joe had a typewriter that didn't work and which he uses for chapter business. So he stated in their July newsletter that his typewriter needed fixing. Fellow member Brad Bradford called him and told him to bring the typewriter over and he would have a look see and try to fix it. No dice, Brad could do nothing to fix the problems. Brad said he knew a reasonable shop, that might be able to help. Brad talked to the service manager, and told him of the problem, who they were and what the typewriter was used for. Several days later they received it back at the right price—No Charge. The typewriter is back in service doing PHSA work, and the General Manager of the shop was so impressed with our association, that now all the members of



OFFICERS OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER ONE — Front row (left to right): James P. McGloin, trustee; and O.W. Foster, secretary. Back row: William H. Beckmann, trustee; Alex M. Mihalka, vice president; William E. Keith, president; James T. Simpson, treasurer.

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PHSA can get a discount on any work they take to the shop. As Joe says, its people like this that certainly deserve our consideration.

Member Cecil Spencer bought a copy of "At Dawn We Slept" which is very good reading for every survivor, and they are now passing the book around to all the members so that they can all enjoy this delightful reading of Pearl Harbor and its events. At this printing we have not yet received word as to who their new officers might be for the coming year.

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From one coast to the other, let's head down to the south eastern section of the country and the State of Florida. Sun-coast chapter 1 reports that they had a social dinner affair during the month of November. This was held at Chief Charley's in Seminole, FL. The food was great with over 45 survivors and wives present.

On December 7th, they held memorial services at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in St. Petersburg. Following these services they had a dinner/installation. New officers were installed for the coming year.

The chapter wishes to thank all of those who donated towards the purchase of a new 90-cup coffee pot. It was really needed. The chapter added the extra needed funds to purchase the pot and has been used for the last two Coffee Hours at the Bay Pines, VA Hospital. They still need volunteers for these Coffee Hours, so step forward and give a helping hand. Contact Sarg Cook concerning this subject.

Sarg has also been appointed VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Service) representative for the PHSA. His goal is to have a PHSA volunteer in every VA Hospital in the country. Those interested please contact Sarg.

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Over at the Florida Gold Coast Chapter #4, we have received word from Joel Bachner, that their November meeting was held at their favorite gathering place. It was lunch in pleasant surroundings of the

Boc Del Mar Country Club. During the meeting Charlie Stephan gave some excellent information on the reactivation of the *USS Iowa*. Also at this meeting they had discussions on the December 7th Memorial Services and the chapters participation in services at Fort Lauderdale. During these services PHSA received a special proclamation from Broward County.

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Heading up north once again and to the Virginia/District of Columbia area we received this notice from Earl Selover, VA/DC State Chairman.

The 1983 Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Services were held at the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, VA. Muster-Roll Call took place at 1200 hours on the Parade Field. It was a very impressive Memorial Service with the Station Saluting Battery playing a large part during the ceremonies. The station commander, Captain John N. Faigle, USCG and his special services officer, LCDR Gene Webb, were hosts for the service. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Tany was moored at the station during these ceremonies. The Tany is the only active ship that was on duty during the December 7th, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Chapter 3 of Virginia was the host chapter for the Memorial Services. From the Safe Harbor newsletter, details are firming up on the Pearl Harbor Survivors Oral History Program. This was authorized during the 1982 National Convention. Dr. Marcello expects that the opportunity for many valuable interviews will probably mean that there will be no cost to any chapter member. This will all take place during the District Convention in May, at Norfolk, VA.

New officers elected for the coming year in National Capital chapter 1 and headquartered in northern Virginia. President, Frank Costagliola — Vice President, Ted Sawick — Treasurer, Henry Dettmar — Secretary, A. Czerwenka — Trustees, Jesse Pond, Robert Reagle and A. T. Moore.

Chapter Two, Tidewater,

headquartered in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area. President John Korba reports that their annual picnic at the Isaac Walton area on the Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk was a fun day for everyone. They had cool weather, but the food and drinks were great, also the usual comradeship made this a highly successful event. Thanks to all the gals for their support and hard work to make this day all that it was.

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Chapter Three, Newport News-Hampton. President John Lynch, reports that the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center at Yorktown was the center of their activities this past December. Members James C. Martin, Hez Hudgins, in conjunction with the state chairman coordinated this Memorial Service on behalf of the State of Virginia and District of Columbia survivors.

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Chapter 4, Central Piedmont, headquartered in Richmond, with their President, William A. Rolfe and his officers continue efforts to generate interest in a meeting with potential members in the western part of the state. They invited members from the Roanoke area to join with them in Richmond for their annual October picnic. Also this past December they traveled to Yorktown to join in with other members of PHSA in Memorial Services on the 7th.

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Way out in the wide open spaces of Wyoming and Chapter #1, Chairman Marion T. Shepard reports that the chapter held its 12th anniversary, which took place on the weekend of December 7th, 1983. All the members met at Marion's place in Riverton and held their chapter meeting. They elected and installed their new officers and considered some changes in their constitution and places to meet for the coming year. After the meeting they all kicked off their shoes, sat back and relaxed, so that they might enjoy Shep's famous Mai Tai's. If the Mai Tai wasn't a members cup of tea they had other concoctions available. Later that evening they all traveled over to the Valley View Supper Club, to a no host off the menu, dinner. There was live music, so most of the members made a full night of it, staying up into the wee hours of the morning.

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Heading southeast to the State of Arkansas. Hank Retzloff, Arkansas State Chairman informs the *GRAM* that their fall picnic was a pot luck affair and held at the Arklia Gas Clubhouse during the month of October. It was get re-acquainted time and then all one could eat. The chapter furnished the meats, with members bringing a Goodie or two for others to share. At this event they elected new officers for 1984. At this printing we have not heard from Hank as to who the new officers might be.



This flag was presented to Chapter 2 President, Gene Smith of Colorado. Flag was flown at one time on USS Arizona. From left to right: Honorary member Don Monroe — Gene Smith — Earl Moudy and Ross Werrick.

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Back out on the west coast once again and up in the San Joaquin Valley with Chapter 10. In the month of October the chapter participated in the Stockton Armed Forces Day Parade. Then in December they had a joint installation of Officers along with the Sacramento Chapter 6 survivors. It was brought up to the membership of chapter 10, that the Statue of Liberty was in dire need of refurbishment and donations should be sent to the Federal Dept. of Parks and Recreational Facilities to help in this project.

Member, Jim Bryson reported to chapter members that the Governor of California had something planned for December 7th, so we should all have a big day during Memorial Services. Added note, that joint installation of chapters included 6, 10, 25, 26, and 30.

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Leaving the coast and heading up the Sacramento river to the Capitol of California we find members of Sacramento chapter six, hosting the joint installation of officers from the hill and the valleys. These were chapters, 6, 10, 25, 26 and 30. The installation was held at the Shepherder's Inn, Rancho Cordova. It was a gala affair with over 150 survivors, wives and guests in attendance.

The dinner was fit for a king, with a choice of Prime Rib, Choice Cut — Chicken Teriyaki or Golden Prawns. We hear through the grapevine that no one left hungry.

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Down south once again and with our friends in the San Fer-

nando Valley and Chapter 12, we find their gals are at it once again with one of those famous dinners that they are noted for. During the month of November it was Thanksgiving Turkey with all the trimmings, installation of officers, with the theme for the evening being Christmas Boutique. This featured hand-crafted Christmas items by the ladies which were put up for sale after the installation and meeting. Also in November it was Veterans Night program at the Burbank Elks Lodge 1497 with many PHSA members enjoying a free Spaghetti Dinner and enjoying an evening on the Elks.

Last but not least, was their Sacred Torch Ceremonies at the Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills Cemetery.

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Let's start jumping around again and stop this time with North Carolina Chapter, in Hendersonville, NC. Jack Kiker informs us that the members of the Chapter met in Hendersonville during the month of September and was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. James "Pappy" West. Clyde Hudson, 6th District Director was an honored guest at this meeting and stated that this visit completed his visits to every state in his district. Also in attendance were Mayor Michalove and his lovely wife who welcomed one and all to Hendersonville. City Attorney, Frank Cainer was the guest speaker, his topic being "Freedom, Liberty and Patriotism". The morning after, Pappy and Ginny prepared one of the finest country breakfasts that a man could eat. All the members of the North Carolina Chapter, say

thanks to the Wests.

New Officers for 1984 are: Ralph Singletary, President — Holland Chaffin, Vice President — Leo Sienkiewicz, Sec./Trea. — John Allen, Richard Ford and Leo Hester, Trustees.

Their December meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Monroe, NC., with Jack Kiker being the host. The new officers were installed at this time.

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Back out west and to the 3rd District, with their big event being the convention in Tucson, AZ. Past National President Bill Aupperlee along with our present National President Dale Speelman, National Secretary, Hall Pickard were present for the Memorial Services and Convention on December 7th, 1983. They had a tremendous turn out of survivors, wives, girl friends and guests present for the five day event. We will be going to press before the final results are in on the convention, but we are quite sure there will be a big spread in the April issue of the GRAM.

Frank Mack, 3rd District Director, has been traveling around the country visiting one chapter and area after another. In July, he stopped to visit with the members of the Bo Wilson, Nebraska Chapter. Rueben Kemper was a gracious host and Gar Eckerson made up a big batch of Barbecued Spare Ribs that Frank is still talking about. He had a very enjoyable time with this group from Nebraska. Then in September he enjoyed the hospitality of the Kansas group at their State Meeting and social hours in Emporia. After the meeting, Dr. and Winifred Killough entertained the group with a super Magic Show.

Congratulations go out to John Shonk for being elected and installed as the new President of the Roadrunners of New Mexico Chapter #2, also to all the other officers of this chapter who were installed at the same time.

During the month of October at the Colorado State meeting in Colorado Springs, Ben Vecchio of Colorado Chapter #2 was elected Colorado State Chairman. Congratulations to Ben

and the very best for the coming year.

Frank Mack wishes to inform all survivors of PHSA that the Committee Statement and Sample Letter to Congressmen and Senators which was published in the October 1983 GRAM must have a positive response or this Charter action will fall by the wayside. It will take a MAXIMUM effort from all of PHSA. Don't delay, write now.

Woodie Rainbolt of Las Vegas, NV., advises the GRAM that the 40th anniversary of World War II ending will be celebrated in September 1985 throughout the Las Vegas area. The Hotels are sending out invitations to all Ships/Stations to have their reunions and conventions in Las Vegas at this time. They are gearing up for a big Bash.

Newly elected and installed Officers of Colorado Chapter #2 are as follows: President, William H. Smith — Vice President, Walter Bialek — Sect./Trea., Roy Newens — Trustees, Ross Weirick — Harold Fishencord — and Adm. D. Kinnan Jr. All officers of this chapter were installed in Tucson, AZ. during the 3rd District Convention.

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Up in the state of Utah, these survivors participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Salt Lake City, UT on November 11th, 1983.

Also during the month of November they held their monthly meeting at the Chuck-a-Rama in Salt Lake City. It was a Smorgasbord affair with the meeting following the dinner hour.

Their plans for a weekend in Wendover fell through, due to the lack of interest.

Officers of the Utah Chapter for this year will be: President Jay Mackenzie, Vice President Ralph Schweppe, Secretary, Don Larson, Treasurer Walter Staff, Trustees Glenn Parkin, Harold Boyer and Earl Allen.

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Back on the East coast once again and in the state of New York, we have received information from Al Seton that they invited Mrs. Nancy Reagan to be their guest of honor at what



Members of Colorado Chapters 1 and 2, who participated in the State Fair parade this past September. USS Arizona Memorial Float belongs to Adm. D. Kinman.

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they believe to be the first public recognition of the women who were servicemen's wives or daughters during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941. A late note from Al, that Mrs. Reagan due to other commitments would not be able to attend these ceremonies, but wishes them all the success and continued success with this venture in the future.

The Statue of Liberty Chapter #4 put on one of the greatest undertakings of December 7 ceremonies and commemoration that any PHSA group has done to date. The event was on "The Narrows" at Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth, NY. It was a day commemorating all the ladies of PHSA along with Memorial Services of Pearl Harbor Day.

The shores of the Narrows in the vicinity of the Verazzano Bridge at the Forts, were lined with color guards in a coordinated ceremony linked by radio and manned by an active duty communications team from the United States Marine Corps. This was followed by the dropping of the wreath into the New York Harbor midway between the two Forts. The wreath was dropped at local time to coincide with the attack in 1941. A job well done Chapter 4.

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From Long Island Chapter #135 and after a long summer layoff these survivors started off their new year by meeting at the Massapequa American Legion Post during the month of September. Letters of correspondence were received from New York Chapter 4 which invited the members of #135 to attend their services on December 7th and another from the National Guard Veterans of New York to attend their Annual Ball in October.

The District 8 Fall Conference was held during the month of September at the Winding Brook Lodge in Keene, New Hampshire. There were 56 PHSA members present for the business meeting and 116 members, wives and guests present for the banquet on Saturday evening.

In the month of October their

meeting was held again at the Massapequa American Legion Post. During this meeting the members decided that in the future the brass PHSA Logo would be mounted on a plaque, which then would be presented to the widow of a deceased PHSA member.

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Still many newsletters from California to record in this issue of the GRAM, so back out to California we go. Up in the high-desert area we find Sierra Chapter 17 of Ridgecrest celebrating their birthday with the annual party being held at the CPO Club at China Lake, CA. This year they coincided their party with the Open House Air Show at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake. This was the 40th anniversary of that facility.

The Elks Lodge of Ridgecrest opened their doors to RV'ers of PHSA to make them feel at home during this fun filled weekend. For those that missed this show and party, you missed out on one heck of a good time.

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Staying up in the high-desert area, but about 70 miles to the south, let's drop in on Chapter 18 of the Antelope Valley area.

This group of survivors has been really active during the past few months.

During the month of September they held their meeting at the Mojave Elks Lodge with a total of 25 members in attendance. Early in the day they had marched in the Mojave Gold Rush Days Parade along with Chapters 5, 9, 17 and 19.

Their new officers which were elected at the Mojave meeting are as follows: President, Bob Little — Vice President, Orville Willman — Sect/Trea., James Wilson — Charlie Fisk, James Murphy and Bill Brady, Trustees.

Their biggie was in the month of October, when they hosted the joint installation of officers of chapters 5, 8, 17, 18 and 19. Other chapters present for this shindig were 1, 2, 3, 9, 12, 14 and 29. It was a great turnout of survivors, wives and guests for this special evening. Attendance was over 100. These events took

place at the Palmdale Elks Lodge. President Bob Little gives his many thanks to all who attended and especially to the Elks Lodge for putting up with all the RV'ers and members for the three day weekend, also to John Fox for the wonderful food and to Priscella for those beautiful gals and their Polynesian dances.

On get-away day Sunday, John again showed up at the Lodge to feed breakfast to 46 survivors and their wives.

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It seems like one big event after another during the winter months out here in California and not to be outdone by other local chapters and setting up in the mountain area above the high desert is Chapter 19 of Lake Isabella. This coming February it will be Whiskey Flats Day and Parade in Kernville. Last year they had 82 marching survivors in this parade, one of the biggest turnouts ever. So don't forget to bring your marching shoes again this year, along with Aloha shirts and white pants, of course white shoes.

President Joe Nemish has made big and great plans for this year's event, which will once again be hosted by the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge 2358. This affair will also celebrate the chapter's birthday. On Saturday after the parade and in the evening hours it will be another get together for a bunch of wonderful guys and dolls. Remember it's fun time in the mountains of California. On get-away day the

Elks Lodge will have a breakfast for those that are hungry and a few Bloody-Marys for those that need them.

Newly elected and installed officers for 1984 are: President, Joe Nemish — Vice President, Walter Kwiecien — Sect/Trea., Richard Hackett — Trustees, Clair Swift, Richard Flatt and Robert Lane.

One more note on the big bash. RV'ers are welcome at Tillie Creek Campgrounds.

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Heading way up to the northern part of the state, we hear from Herb Stettler, Editor of the *Salvo* newsletter and Chapter 23, Luther Burbank, of Lake Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, which just happens to be the land of wine, roses and lakes. Herb kind of lays it on once in awhile, but states, "I firmly believe from what I have seen, that this 'The Redwood Empire' is the chosen spot of all the earth as far as nature is concerned." You said it Herb, not me or the GRAM.

This past October the chapter met at the Veteran Building in Santa Rosa. This was a Pot Luck affair and also their election day for new officers during 1984. Their new Officers for the coming year are: President, Lloyd Biggerstaff — Vice President, Bill Johnson — Treasurer, Dick Steel — Secretary, Frank Sennello — Members of the Board, Dwight Kenady, Past President — Clair Cate, Past Chairman and Trustees, Don Hoffman, George Johnston and C. Dale North. All were instal-



Speakers table at the Illinois State Convention in Petersburg, IL. From left to right: Curtis Schulze, Missouri State Chairman — Julius and Inge Finner, Julius is 5th District Director — Joe and Pella Szwereenko, Joe is Illinois State Chairman — Dave and Mary Jane Montgomery, Dave is Chapter Two President.

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led and took office during their November Meeting at the Veterans Building in Santa Rosa. This was a dinner/dance affair.

On the morning of December 7th at the Oakmont Inn, Santa Rosa they held a special Memorial Breakfast.

To those that have served so well over the past year Past President Dwight Kenady offers the following toast. To all we say "Aloha Kakou" (Congratulations), we lift our glasses high and say, "Okole Maluna" (Bottoms up), and a special Kamau, (to your good health and much success, also Aloha Kakou, (Congratulations for a job well done), and Mahalo Nui Loa, (thank you very much.)

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From one end of the state to the other and down Escondido way with Palomar Mountain Chapter 24. In October the chapter picked a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the coming year. The membership elected their officers during the November meeting in the Veterans Memorial Building, Escondido.

On December 7th this group of survivors held their Memorial Services at the Grape Day Park. This was followed by a luncheon buffet at the Brews Bros. Cafe.

Then their last event for the year 1983 was the installation of their new officers at the Szechwan Garden Chinese Restaurant in Escondido. This was a meeting/dinner affair which was well attended by their chapter members and also members from San Diego chapter 3.

President Don McDonald extended Wedding Congratulations to Jack and Clara Barger of chapter 24. Also a collection of silver medallions of all ships at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 were shown. Its value \$700. Discussion followed as to the chapter buying a set and then having a raffle at the State Convention next May so as to gain revenue for the Chapter.

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Let's pay a visit to two more chapters in California before we head back to the mid-west and wrap up the Mini News for this issue.

Up north once again we see that Chapter 25, "Feather River", Chico, CA., held their October meeting at the home of Joe and Alice Adams. Arrangements were made to have their Pearl Harbor Breakfast at the Lyons Restaurant in Chico.

President Loyd Scot attended the Northern Joint Area meeting in Berkeley during the month of November.

Here is another chapter that has one heck of a following especially in the month of April, 1984. If you have not attended this shindig, believe us, its a must. This is the chapter's annual Feather River Clam and Steak feed, which will be held at the Fair Grounds in Gridley. They say there is plenty of space for RV'ers and which is close to food and etc. Also the hotels are only blocks away and within easy walking distance.

Fred and Kate Davis hosted the chapter Christmas party at their home. It was a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings. The Davises live in the town of Magalia.

See ya all at the Clam bake in April. . . .

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Last but not least in California is our baby chapter, Hangtown 30 in Pollock Pines. The members of this chapter have been on the road visiting with the Clear Lake Safari of chapter 23 and the birthday party of chapter 26 at Pine Acres. They all had a wonderful time and it feels good to be back home with their own group for the holidays.

At their October meeting they held a Pot Luck dinner which was followed by their meeting and the election of new officers for the coming year. This was held at the Vets Bldg. in Placerville. These elected officers were installed in a joint installation on December 4th, 1983 at the Shepherder's Inn, Rancho Cordova along with chapter officers from chapters 6 host — 10 and 26.

Their meeting dates for the coming year will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting at 2:00 p.m.

The chapter's big event for 1984 is being planned right now for the month of October, with an Oktoberfest. The RV'ers will once again form a circle at the fairgrounds with a tailgate party on Friday night; Wagonmaster will be none other than Ray Brittain off the USS Tennessee.

On December 7th, 1983 all chapter members met for a Memorial Breakfast at the Sports-Hall in Pollock Pines, the time 0955 to coincide with 0755 Pearl Harbor time.

Bob, we received your November newsletter, but you didn't tell us who your new slate of officers were for 1984?

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Let's wind up the Mini News in the mid-west with news from Illinois and the Indiana chapters. First from Illinois.

Chapter #1 held their 20th Anniversary Birthday Party which was a dinner/dance affair at the CMO Club, Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Guest speaker was Mr. Donald McGee, Director of the North Chicago VA Hospital. Eighty survivors, their wives and guests were in attendance. All enjoyed a wonderful evening with their type of music and lots of comradeship. At their State

meeting in Petersburg, IL. this past September, it was called to order by State Chairman Joe Szewecenko.

During the business meeting it was explained to the membership present why the PHSA License Plates bill was defeated in the House. Also it was decided that there be only 4 newsletters published each year, this being February, May, August and November. All items, articles and etc., should be received by the 1st of those respective months.

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The new Presidents of Chapters 1, 2, and 3 were sworn in by the District Director, Julius Finneran. During the evening hours they held their dinner meeting, which was called to order by President David Montgomery. During the meeting, Julius Finneran, 5th District Director, spoke of the upcoming Convention which will be held in Milwaukee, WI the month of June 29, 30 and July 1, 1984. After dinner they danced to the music of Bob Sassenberger's Orchestra from Jacksonville. Chapter 2 was the host for the convention and also celebrated their 20th year as members of PHSA.

During the month of August, chapter one held its annual picnic at the LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. A good time was had by all and decided that their 1984 picnic will be held in the same place.

Also in August, chapters 2 and 3 held a joint meeting in Charleston, IL., at the Elks Lodge.

They were treated to a wonderful steak and shrimp dinner by the Elks. After dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of the "Voyagers".

On December 4th, 1983 members were invited to participate in the Peru 4th Annual Day Parade. They met at the American Legion Hall in Ladd, then after free coffee and donuts they proceeded to Peru, as a caravan. Morning Memorial Services were held at the South Shore Boat Club, with survivors, wives and guests enjoying dinner in the evening at the Maples Supper Club. Joining them in the Memorial Services were other Veteran Groups of the area.



Chapter 29, "Roadrunners" of California, at their White Elephant sale meeting, during the month of September, 1983. Meeting was held at George AFB officers club, Victorville, CA.

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Over in the State of Indiana, Central Indiana Chapter 1 held a business and dinner meeting during the month of August, at the Cambridge Inn, Indianapolis. They are now making plans for the Indiana State Convention in '84 at Spring Mill State Park. More on this at a later date.

President John Berlier and his troops also had a wonderful time at their annual picnic. This year it was held at Ernie and Doris Bough's in Terre Haute. They all enjoyed plenty of goooooood food, which meant lots of Hot Dogs and Hamburgers.

Then once again in October it was big Weiner Roast time at Helen and Harold Richards place in Brown County. Yes of course, there was also plenty of mustard, catsup, relish, sauce and onions, plus plenty to drink. Another fun time was had by this wonderful group of survivors.

The GRAMS congratulations to John Berlier who twenty years ago was appointed Chairman for the State of Indiana and has been going strong ever since.

Memorial Services were held on December 4th at the Patton Hall, World War Memorial in Indianapolis. Fred Heckman, WIBC News Director was their guest speaker. After the services they had breakfast at the Hyatt Regency.

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The Kaneohe Klippers all enjoyed their 1983 reunion which was held in Milwaukee, WI. at the Holiday Inn South for 4 days. 100 Klipper members including our National President, Dale Speelman and his wife Marilyn, all had a fun time with good food, tours, socializing and a general meeting. The 1984 reunion will be held in Pensacola, FL. For more information on the Kaneohe Klippers please contact: Wallace Hanna, 1038 Brewley Lane, Vista, CA. 92083 or Wesley Bott, 25180 W. North Ave., Antioch, IL. 60002.

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Taking a short hop-skip and a jump up to Michigan with Wolverine Chapter #1 and Motor City Chapter #2, they both celebrated Thanksgiving by eating

plenty of turkey and ham with very few left overs for the next day.

During the month of September Motor City Chapter #2 held their meeting at American Legion Post 217 in Wyandotte. President Gerald Lipscomb opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the opening prayer.

They made assignments for their December 7th Memorial Service, which was held at the Veterans Memorial Building, in Detroit. TV stations from channel 2, 4, and 7 were asked to cover these ceremonies, also the news media. Following the services they all gathered for a dinner get-together.

This coming March the chapter is making plans for a dinner/dance affair. Also they want to have a meeting with the Toledo chapter somewhere between Detroit and Toledo sometime during 1984.

In October these survivors met at the VFW Post 4642 in Linden. During this meeting the members voted to give sizeable donations to the Emphysema Foundation in memory of Dean Stout and also to the Childrens' Hospital in memory of Al Pottkotter and Howard Teague. Then one more donation to the Capuchin Monastery in memory of Henry Eggeman.

State Chairman Nick Bauer had a EB meeting during the month of November. This was held at the Harley Motel, somewhere around I-96 and getting off at 40A. Sorry they didn't inform us at to what city it was in. (Editor)

Wolverine Chapter #1 had their September meeting at the Nashville VFW Post with the meeting called to order by President Jim Porter. During the meeting the members voted to have their 1984 Michigan State Convention at Harley's Hotel, just east of Grand Rapids. This will be next April, from the 26th through the 29th. They also request that their ladies bring door prizes for the April Convention so Sue Aupperlee and her Elfs can get them ready and counted for the big shindig.

Their November meeting was held at the Niles Township Hall, in Niles, MI. Bill Wenger of

Niles and the Dirty Seven once again held the Memorial Services on December 7th, along with other veteran groups.

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News from the State of Texas. Al you just did beat the deadline.

State Chairman, Albert Fickel informs the GRAM that Father Valenta is in failing health, and is in a veterans home in San Antonio, TX. He missed his first service at the Memorial which is held every year at Praha. As usual they had the mock attack of Pearl Harbor. Just shortly before these services this past November, Father Valenta was transferred to the Houston Hospital, due to ear trouble. I'm quite sure that the Father would like to hear from all of PHSA, so why not drop him a line or two and let him know that we are with him all the way. His address is: Rev. Marcus A. Valenta, Saint Marys Church, Flatonia, TX. 78941. The staff will forward his mail.

4th District Director Bill Eckel, and Texas State Chairman Albert Fickel along with twenty members of PHSA, attended Memorial Services at Praha. The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by State Chairman Al Fickel.

A number of Austin Chapter 6 members living in Waco, took part in the Veterans Day Parade. They had two cars participating with local members. This was a first for PHSA in this area, and the crowd along the parade route just loved it. They are

making plans to do this again next year.

They located a long lost Life Member in Waco due to this event and he is back in the fold and now a member of Chapter 6.

District Director, Bill Eckel is planning to hold a District Convention in Shreveport, LA., in October of 1984. Out of all those polled in this district, 98% favored this location. More news and directives on this convention at a later date.

Editor: Thanks Al, Texas is now back in the fold.

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Late Florida News: Northeast Florida Chapter 9 of Pensacola hosted a special luncheon this past November for State Chairman, Mac McClintock and his wife Margie. Mac was the guest speaker. A warm, friendly and enthusiastic chapter responded with an excellent turnout. After the luncheon, Vice President Bob Moore and his wife Kay made the visit even more enjoyable with a tour of the city.

In December, Florida State Chairman, Mac McClintock, was invited to be the installation officer and principal speaker of Southwest Florida Chapter 5, in Port Charlotte for their December 7th ceremonies. The services were held at Charlotte Elks Lodge at the special invitation of the Elks. Following the services PHSA members, their wives and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner.

In the past the VFW has rendered valuable assistance to some of the Florida Chapters in



Central Ohio Chapter 4 President, Charles Lingafelter, presenting a plaque of appreciation to Woody Hayes of Ohio State University. Mr. Hayes was the speaker at the Ohio State Convention Banquet.

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their initiation, a place to meet and with friendly, unselfish assistance in other matters as well as without payment. These Posts deserve recognition: VFW Post 5690 in Port Charlotte and the home of Chapter 5. Lake Wales VFW Post home of Chapter 12. Cape Canaveral VFW Post 10131 home of Chapter 14.

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From the Granite State and Bill Cleveland. Way up in Portsmouth, NH., these members attended the 8th district directors meeting at Keene. These members were kept busy during

the whole meeting acting as hosts for this affair.

Last month in December, they held their meeting at the Chinese Restaurant in Hooksett. They held a gift exchange between the members, but no Santa Claus this year. Bill reports, though, the spirit was there.

Their up coming May meeting at the Cathedral of Pines has attracted much interest. They are making plans to invite National President, Dale Speelman for the services and presentations. At this service there will be a special observance

honoring all of our American War Dead. Following services they will have their annual picnic.

A special thanks goes out to Dick Lewis for his historic presentation and description of the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor. He has made this presentation many times and especially enjoys giving it to High Schools around the state.

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Well gang, we carried this Mini News on longer than I thought we would, but that was because of some late newsletters. If we could ask a favor of

the membership, we would like for you to get those newsletters in as soon as possible to beat the deadline. Our closing date for the April 1984 issue is March 1.

The Mini News is time consuming so when we get these late letters it throws our schedule off to the printers. Thanks for all the letters that have been sent in and keep them coming.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT FOR OGLALA ODYSSEY

1. I would like to get in touch with anyone who served on Oglala after 1944, especially when she was at Mile Bay, New Guinea or at Leyte.
 2. Can anyone tell me about Oglala laying a Torpedo Net in Frisco Bay?
 3. Anyone know the whereabouts of a Ships Cook named "Polard" from Washington?
 4. Anyone know where I can find Mickey O'Brien, a snipe — lived in Alabama.
 5. Anyone have any photos or story about an "Over the Line Initiation" for the Oglala?
 6. Did we have a "Brig" on board? Where was it?
 7. Any photos of people on board Oglala?
 8. Any one have pictures of Oglala or crew at Palmyra, Johnston or Midway?
 9. Did anyone take a photo of "Woo Fats" "Honolulu Rooms" or "Lousy Chows"?
 10. Can anyone send me a copy of a "Liberty Card" from Oglala — 1940-41?
 11. Who can tell me anything at all about the Oglala's "Survey Trip to the Aleutians in Alaska"?
 12. Did anyone ever get back anything from their locker after the Oglala was sunk?
 13. Who can tell me about the Oglala in the "Mothball Fleet"?
 14. I would love to hear "favorite memories of Oglala" from anyone!
 15. Anyone from Oglala visit the leper colony on Molokai? "Any Photos?"
 16. Who recalls how often the Movie Screen was rigged — what movies shown?
 17. What ships did Oglala crew members wind up on after the attack?
 18. Who remembers the tug that came along side to pull the Oglala clear of the Helena?
 19. Anyone remember Oglala operating in the vicinity of the "French Frigate Shoal"?
 20. Who remembers if the Oglala ever had an Island Luau? Where — any photos?
 21. Any accounts or photos of the Ship's Navigator "KANAKA-NUI" or, Abbeys Supply Officer?
 22. How about the parade at Kaunakakai on Molokai and dance?
- Please write to: Mr. Robert Hudson, 1810 Hayesne, Minneapolis, MN 55418

DEDICATION

The Town of Oyster Bay plans an early October dedication ceremony for a rose garden at Majorie R. Post Park in memory of the late Joseph Hydrusko, a Pearl Harbor hero and popular Mas-sapequa restaurateur. Hydrusko died at the age of 63 on July 13 from burns sustained in a freak accident when his plane caught fire on the ground at Republic Airport.

A spokesman for TOB Supervisor Joseph Colby said recently that a bronze plaque mounted on a concrete pedestal would be unveiled at the ceremony and would read: "This rose garden is planted in memory of Joseph Hydrusko whose dedicated service to country and community exemplifies the principle of good citizenship."

Seeks information on Brother

Mrs. Ollie Mayo, of 2736 Pleasant Ave., Eureka, CA 95501, is seeking information on his brother, Earl Maurice Ellis. Earl was a radioman 3rd class who was on duty during the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and assigned to the USS Oklahoma.

His body was never found, so he must have gone down with the ship.

If anyone knew Earl, and can give Mrs. Mayo any added information on her brother, please contact her at the above address. It would be a comfort to her just to hear from someone who knew him . . .

INFORMATION REQUESTED

In the search to locate, dead or alive, former members of the 122nd Signal Radio Intelligence Company that served in North Africa and Italy during World War II, we have reason to believe that one of the members that we have been unable to locate was serving in the regular army stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

This is to request any assistance you can provide in helping us to locate: Pvt. Wilfred H. Rhodes — (last known address) — 1414 Myrtle Ave., New Brighton, PA.

Any information that your association might provide, will be most appreciated. If anyone has any information concerning Mr. Rhodes, please contact Edward J. Murphy, 42 W. 5th St., New Castle, Delaware 19720.

OGLALA MARU

Robert Stephen Hudson

Her voice in "Dits and Dahs"—N.E.P.J. and F8Q, Affectionately remembered as "Oglala Maru."

Oglala rested where she was Moored,
A proud Flagship with Admiral aboard.
A Ship with Crew constituting a Clique,
A Ship with unceasing Mystique.

She was old, but not tired,
With Craftsmanship—designed and sired.

Her Radio called out "N.E.P.J. and F8Q,"
Destined to become—"Oglala Maru."

As Massachusetts she set records unequalled by any,
Her grand Lifestyle—the envy of many.

Her Voyages were from Chesapeake Bay
To North Atlantic and Inverness Bay.

Passengers of Distinction from the USA,
New York to Boston most every Day.

Her call letters—"N.E.P.J. and F8Q,"
This famed vessel—"Oglala Maru."

As Shawmut she laid mines in the North Atlantic,
In spite of foul weather and conditions, frantic.

Oglala performed duty in the Hawaiian Isles,
Palmyra, Johnston, Midway — "Thousands of Miles."

She became known far and wide,

Recognized always with friendship and pride.

Identified and saluted as "N.E.P.J. and F8Q,"

This marvelous old — Oglala Maru.

Known also as "Ogelfish" and "Lollie,"

Spoken like lyrics or a melody.

She wandered from French Frigate Shoal,
To San Francisco, "Supplies her Goal."

Her voice in "Dits" and in "Dahs" — NEPJ and F8Q,
Affectionately remembered as "Oglala Maru."

Her stack displayed a large letter "E,"

Meaning — very special you see.

Characters aboard — "Right out of Fiction!"

And they emerged from every Division;

Ding Dong Bell — Gunnersmate.

Nigger Bloom — Bos'n's Mate.

Ah too, Recollections of Polynesian Dames,
Recollections of Radio Shack names;

Lombard, Loeb, Merilat, Taylor, and Hudson,
Wagner, Crozier, Prentice, Price and Simpson.

All tapped out — NEPJ and F8Q,
While proudly serving "Oglala Maru."

Other names — whispered with respect —

Admiral Marquart, Furlong, Atkins and Krause,
Honor and Dignity the tone and effect.

Oglala's birth was often 1010 Pier,

A departure point for gals and Beer!

Now, I am compelled to say
In an endearing yet humorous way —

That Oglala died from sheer fright!

As she sank in that infamous fight!

A near miss by Torpedo and Bomb,

Did her in near early Dawn.
Her old plates could not withstand,

So fierce an onslaught so deviously planned.

Salvaged, she served the Navy again,

Tender, Repair Ship — "No more Paravane."

Oh, How proud I am to have been part of her Crew,

The Mighty — the Marvelous — old "Oglala Maru."

—Robert Stephen Hudson
October 1983.

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By ALVIN M. KRANK
Department Service Officer

G.I. Life Insurance — let's discuss it. Many of you dropped it — myself included, but to those of you who still have it read on. There are about 10 varieties, but basically the same. If you have "Term" insurance the premiums go up every 5 years. In time you have to drop it or convert it. This type has no cash loan value. It pays on death only. All other contracts have cash and loan value.

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how upset your present wife would be??? WOW!!!

2. Waiver of premium payments if you are less than 65 years of age, unemployed and disabled to some degree.

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—The California Legionnaire

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HISTORY OF CONDOR (AMc-14)

The condor is a large vulture found in the South America Andes and in California.

Condor (AMc-14) was built at Tacoma, Washington, in 1937 as the 98-ton, 200-horsepower diesel-powered tuna clipper *New Example*.

She was acquired by the Navy 28 October 1940; placed in service at San Diego 18 April 1941. Ensign M. H. Hubbell, USNR in command.

Condor was assigned to the 14th Naval District and on 7 December 1941 she was sweeping close in to the channel entrance. At 0350 she sighted an unidentified submarine at periscope depth, and so informed *USS Ward* (DD-139) which was close by on inshore patrol.*

Condor operated in the Hawaiian area throughout World War II.

Placed out of service 17 Janu-

ary 1946, she was transferred to the Maritime Commission for disposal 24 July 1946.

Condor was awarded one battle star for WWII service.

**Condor* (AMc-14) message to *USS Ward* (DD-139):

"Have sighted submerged submarine on westerly course at a speed of 9 knots."

At 0640 *Ward* was signaled by *USS Antares* (AG-11) that a small submarine had been sighted apparently attempting to follow *Antares* into Pearl Harbor.

At 0640 *Ward* sighted the conning tower of the unidentified submarine, opened fire with #1 and #3 guns and began dropping depth charges. The second shot fired by *Ward* (from #3 gun) struck the submarine at the junction of hull and conning tower, sinking the submarine at 0645 in 1200 feet of water.

Voice message sent at 0645 by *USS Ward* to Commandant, 14th Naval District: "We have attacked, fired upon, and dropped depth charges on submarine operating in defensive sea areas."

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**Log of the *Condor* (AMc-14)
Attached to the
11th Naval District
7 December 1941
REMARKS**

Moored starboard side to *USS Crossbill* at Section Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

0132 — Underway for sweeping assignment on various courses and speed. Executive Officer at the conn.

0140 — Started to stream "M" type sweep.

0210 — Started to sweep.

0342 — Sighted submerged submarine on westerly course at about 9 knots speed.

0445 — Completed sweeping assigned area. Started to haul in sweep.

0540 — Completed hauling in sweep.

0548 — Moored starboard side to *gcrossbill* at Section Base.

0758 g8 Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field were attacked by Japanese dive bombers. Sounded general quarters. Under intermittent attack by enemy planes.

0910 — Underway for sweeping assignment. On various courses and speeds. Executive Officer at the conn.

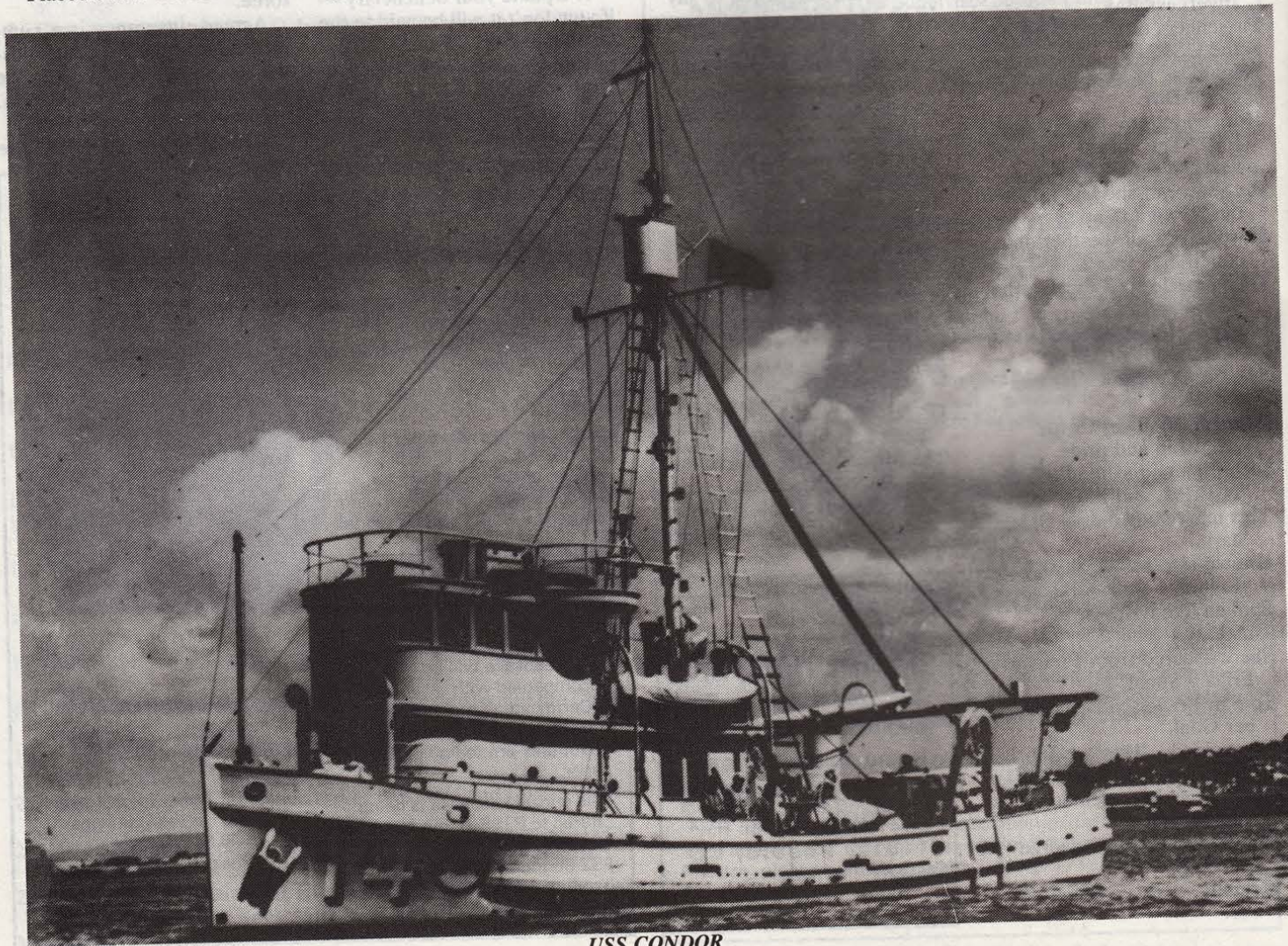
0920 — Started to stream "M" type sweep.

0943 — Started to sweep.

1015 — Unknown U.S. light cruiser cut magnetic cable.

1205 — Streamed "O" type gear to starboard.

1230 — Hauled in sweep.



USS CONDOR

CONDOR . . . (Continued from Page 36)

1240 — Sighted cut piece of "M" cable.

1352 — Moored portside to pier at Section Base.

1446 — Underway for Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. On various courses and speeds. Captain at the conn.

1510 — Moored portside to pier, berth #12A Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor.

1830 — Shifted ship forward.

1930 — Yard workmen started removing damaged "M" cable.

2110 — Air raid alarms. Sounded general quarters.

2140 — Secured from general quarters.

Examined and found to be correct:

/s/M. H. Hubbell
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Commanding

USS Condor (AMc-14)
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
December 19, 1941

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander Inshore Patrol
Fourteenth Naval District
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Subject: Japanese attack, Report on.

Reference: (a) District Memo dated 10 December 1941.

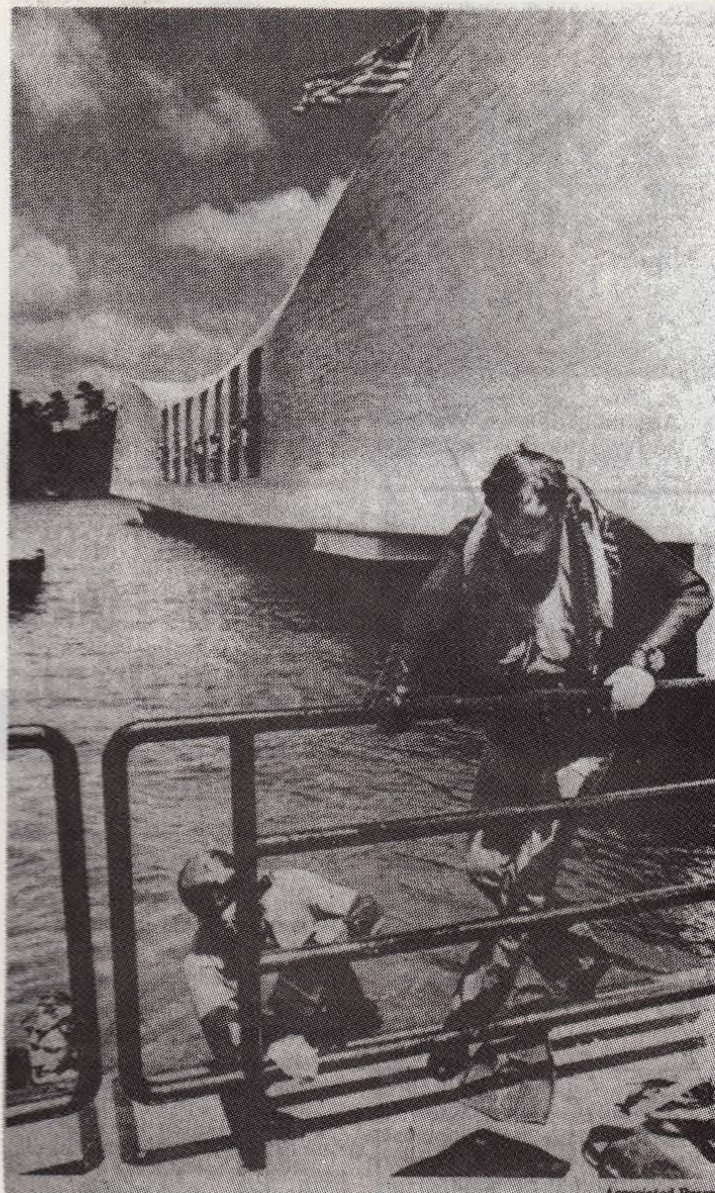
1. During regular operations on the morning of 7 December 1941 at 0350 the periscope of a submerged submarine was reported off the port bow while the ship was headed on course 020 close in to the entrance buoys of the Pearl Harbor channel. Verification was followed by a blinker report of the situation to the guard ship, *USS Ward*. As a new course heading 140° was taken, the submarine was seen to turn inshore and head in a westerly direction toward Barbers Point. For radio conversation between DN3L and DWV1/4X, see report from section base.

2. At 0758, same date, Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field were attacked by Japanese dive bombers. Held general quarters, rigged and manned machine gun stations, prepared to get underway to carry out any task assignment.

3. At 0910, got underway for sweeping assignment. At 1015, a light cruiser cut across our stern disabling the magnetic cable. Shifted immediately to "O" type sweep and continued operations.

4. All hands carried on duties in usual manner with cool concern for the threat from the air.

/s/Monroe H. Hubbell



Peering into the past — Diver Dan Lenihan of the National Park Service emerges after surveying the sunken battleship Arizona in Pearl Harbor. In the background is the memorial to the ship and the 1,102 men entombed in it. Divers are appraising the vessel's state of preservation and trying to determine if it was hit by a torpedo as well as bomb that is believed to have struck a powder magazine.



Battleship Row just after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

PHSA DISTRICT II

Pearl Harbor Survivors in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming will meet August 16-19, 1984 at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon for their 2nd District Convention.

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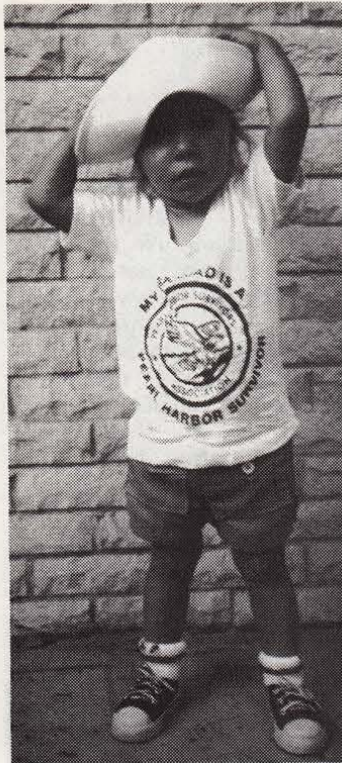
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Miss Courtney Cuyon, who is the granddaughter of Charles Witt, (USS Maryland) is shown commemorating her Grandpa's 42nd anniversary as a Survivor of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Miss Guyon, from Duncanville, TX., displays her tribute to all of PHSA. The GRAMS thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Guyon for the above picture.

SWIM AWAYS . . . (Continued from Page 9)

my nose with one hand and my family jewels with the other and jumped from the LSO's platform — a distinct insult to my former expertise as a fancy diver."

Once in the water, they swam. Lifeboats were few, and those were filled to capacity. Many men clung to the sides of the rafts. Others fashioned makeshift rafts from lumber. Several drifted on five-gallon cans. Kapok life jackets and marine mattresses provided flotation for more.

As best they could, they made their way toward the destroyers circling the derelict Wasp. Duncan, Farenholt, Lansdowne, Lardner and Laffey were prohibited from immediate rescue efforts by the presence of the enemy sub. (Within two months two of the destroyers, the Duncan and Laffey, would also be lost.) By dusk, 2054 of the "swam aways" had been picked up. Another 193 were later declared dead or missing.

On orders from command, the Lansdowne sent three torpedoes into the hull of the Wasp to scuttle her. At 2100, she went down by the bow.

A String of Stingers

A name "wasp" has a special distinction in the annals of American naval history. In all, nine ships in the U.S. Navy named Wasp have sailed under an American Ensign in the past 208 years.

In 1775, the schooner Wasp set sail in the first American squadron to put to sea. The

second Wasp, a sloop of war, saw action against the British in the War of 1812.

The third Wasp, a schooner, was granted a privateer's warrant and also saw action in the War of 1812. The fourth Wasp, a sloop, served as a tender for Commodore Thomas Macdonough's fleet during the later part of 1813 and into 1814. Yet another Wasp, number five, took a more direct role in the war, embarking in 1814 for a war cruise to the western approaches of the English Channel where she captured or sank 12 enemy ships before sinking in a storm.

In 1864, an iron-hulled side-wheel steamer attempted to run the Union blockade of the Confederacy. In 1865, the Emma Henry became the sixth Wasp and was designated to the Brazil Squadron to look out for American interests in the southern hemisphere. The seventh Wasp, a steam yacht, sailed principally in the Caribbean and along the Atlantic seaboard from 1898 to 1919.

The eighth and ninth Wasps were aircraft carriers, the CV-7 and the CV-18. CV-7 was commissioned in 1940 and served with distinction until Sept. 15, 1942. CV-18 was laid down as

the Oriskany but renamed the Wasp in 1943. Earning eight battle stars for her World II service, CV-18 was decommissioned in July 1972.

This past September, 1983, many of the "swam aways" were special guests at a mini-reunion held annually by comrades at Stanley J. Jadwisiak Post 7572 VFW, in Marblehead, OH. The Post is named after one of the Wasp crew who was not a survivor. Yeoman Jadwisiak was the first serviceman from the Danbury Township to be killed in action in World War II.

Hanging prominently on the wall at the Post home is a Flag which once flew from a halyard of the proud carrier Wasp.

—VFW magazine

William O. "Bill" Good
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REMINISCING — Francis A. Gingras (left) of Waukegan and Hal J. Wall (right) of North Chicago, survivors of the USS Helena (CL-50) reminisce at Illinois Chapter One 20th Anniversary dinner-dance.

AN ABSORBING TALE

"Hour of Dreadnoughts" — What a title! It demands one's immediate attention, especially those who were in the Pacific War, from Pearl Harbor to Okinawa.

We have found this book to be one of the most thrilling, memorable and impressive stories to ever come out of this Pacific Theater. The story's elaboration on the tragedies, disasters, frights of battle and the political subterfuge in Washington, D.C. will stick in your mind for years to come.

Too, there are the antics of various servicemen; the hilarity of the humorous sayings and

doings; love stories; but, not the least of these, patriotism. And back then, patriotism was not a shameful feeling. Oh, what this country wouldn't give for more present-day citizens like those of you who offered your lives for peace and freedom. Russia would not have been able to be the threat that it is were it left up to government officials who could be like you.

The story involves not only naval personnel, but the marine corps, army and navy air forces and our grand army. Every sea, air and land battle is dramatized to describe the long bloody struggle to set that Rising Sun

once and for all.

The Pearl Harbor tragedy is treated with as much historical accuracy as we have ever seen previously. And, equally as well, we find verifiable the sea battles of Celebes, Borneo, Sumatra, Savo, Cape Esperance, Tassafaronga, Truk, and Leyte Gulf. Too, we find factual accounts of the landings at the Solomons, New Guinea, Makin, Tarawa, Engebe, Parry, Eniwetok, Admiralty Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Anguar, Leyte, Cebu, Mindoro, Iwo Jima, Burma and Okinawa.

There were so many references to aerial battles, land

bombings and shellings that since we are limited to space they could not be listed here. This is such a near complete account of the Pacific War that we were amazed it was fitted into one volume of 536 pages and photos.

Edward J. Colina, author, served aboard the battleship USS Maryland and is a member of PHSA. During most of the war years he also served aboard a submarine tender, two submarines and a radar ship. Since he was "regular" navy, he also was present at Bikini for both atomic tests.

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This book, authored by Survivor **Edward J. Colina**, is like no other book to ever come out of the Pacific War. The story covers the period from April 1941, through the entire war to the Whimpering End and includes over 400 names of ships and submarines participating in various battles. Also, the political intrigue in Washington, D.C., played an important part prior to the disastrous **Attack at Pearl Harbor** and the recriminations that followed.

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