

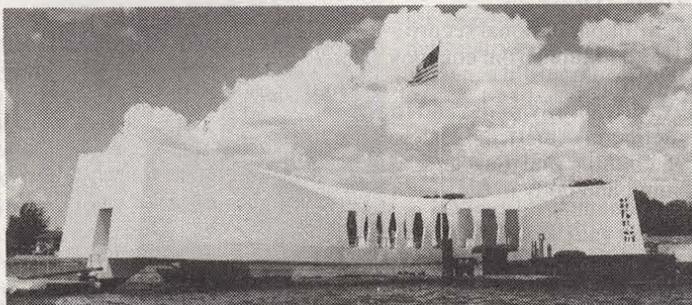


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We are dedicated to the memory of
Pearl Harbor and to those gallant
Americans who gave their lives for
their country on December 7, 1941.

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FEDERAL CHARTER GRANT TO THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

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PEACE



A prayer for continuing
Peace in the New Year
for everyone.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Oct. 7, 1985
[H.R. 1042]

36 USC 3601.
Corporation.
Missouri.
36 USC 3601.
36 USC 3602.

36 USC 3603.

An Act

To grant a Federal charter to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CHARTER.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, is recognized as such and is granted a Federal charter.

SEC. 2. POWERS.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "corporation") shall have those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated and subject to the laws of such State, and such powers shall include the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (2) To adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal.
- (3) To take gifts, legacies, and devises which will further the corporate purposes.
- (4) To adopt, alter, and amend a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs.
- (5) To charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees and to receive contributions or grants of money or property to be used to carry out its purposes.
- (6) To establish, regulate, and maintain offices for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation.
- (7) To promote the formation of auxiliaries, the membership requirements of which shall be determined according to the constitution and the bylaws of the corporation.
- (8) To publish a magazine or other publications.
- (9) To adopt emblems and badges.
- (10) To do any and all lawful acts and things necessary or desirable to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation.

SEC. 3. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION.

The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall include the following:

- (1) To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.
- (2) To collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to "The Day of Infamy, 7 December 1941," and in particular, those memories and records of patriotic service performed by the heroic Pearl Harbor survivors and nonsurvivors.
- (3) To shield from neglect the graves, past and future, of those who served at Pearl Harbor on such day.

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(4) To stimulate communities and political subdivisions into taking more interest in the affairs and future of the United States in order to keep our Nation alert.

(5) To fight unceasingly for our national security in order to protect the United States from enemies within and without our borders.

(6) To preserve the American way of life and to foster the spirit and practice of Americanism.

(7) To instill love of country and flag and to promote soundness of mind and body in the youth of our Nation.

36 USC 3604.

SEC. 4. SERVICE OF PROCESS.

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

Discrimination, prohibition.
36 USC 3605.

SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members of the corporation shall be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation, except that terms of membership and requirements for holding office within the corporation shall not be discriminatory on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

36 USC 3606.

SEC. 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The composition of the board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities of such board shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated.

36 USC 3607.

SEC. 7. OFFICERS OF CORPORATION.

The positions of officers of the corporation and the election of members to such positions shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated.

36 USC 3608.

SEC. 8. RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE POWER.

(a) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS TO MEMBERS OR OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION. — No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of the corporation or upon its dissolution or final liquidation. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to the officers of the corporation for services rendered to the corporation or to prevent their reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(b) LOANS OR ADVANCES. — The corporation shall have no power to make loans or advances to any member, officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

(c) ISSUANCE OF STOCK OR PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS. — The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stocks or to declare or pay any dividends.

(d) NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF THE CORPORATION. — The corporation and its officers, employees, and agents acting as such shall have no power to contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(e) APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. — The corporation shall have no power to claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

Prohibition.

SEC. 9. LIABILITY.

36 USC 3609.

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when they have acted within the scope of their authority.

SEC. 10. BOOKS AND RECORDS; INSPECTION.

36 USC 3610.

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of any proceeding involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote in any proceeding of the corporation. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

SEC. 11. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

78 Stat. 635.

The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law," approved August 30, 1964 (78 Stat. 636; 36 U.S.C. 1101), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(69) Pearl Harbor Survivors Association."

SEC. 12. ANNUAL REPORT.

36 USC 3611.

The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit of the corporation required pursuant to section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law," approved August 30, 1964 (78 Stat. 636; U.S.C. 1102). The report shall not be printed as a public document.

SEC. 13. RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER.

36 USC 3612.

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved to the Congress.

SEC. 14. DEFINITION OF "STATE."

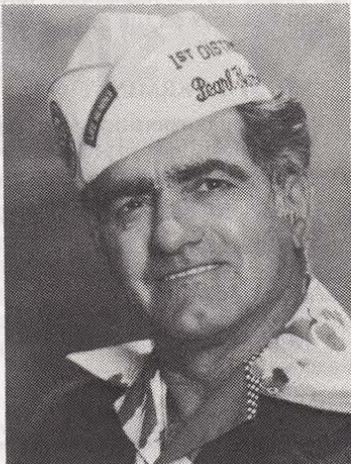
36 USC 3613.

For the purposes of this Act, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

CANDIDATES . . .

For National Vice President:

Richard Duran became active in 1969 by joining Central Valley Chapter 10, Stockton, CA. Became its health and welfare officer same year. 1970 chapter treasurer and assisted with hosting 1971 state convention, Stockton. Attended 1971-76 and '81 national conventions, Hawaii. 1971 elected chapter president, became an active participant in every phase possible in PHSA. 1977 assisted in chartering and became charter president '77-'78, Mother Lode Chapter 26, home chapter, and represented the membership at many functions. 1980 elected California vice state chairman. While in this office, conducted Northern California Joint Chapters meeting (15 chapters) where schedules and activities were correlated and information from state and national was assimilated. Assisted with the planning of the 1982 state convention. 1982 elected state chairman and attended national convention San Antonio the same year. The opportunity was afforded to sit in on the By-Laws Committee meeting, where the resolution was submitted by California to have all state officers recognized by national, not only the state



chairman, and passed in convention. Worked with the chapters hosting 1983-84 state conventions. Conducted two state convention business meetings. 1984 elected 1st district director (unopposed), installed at national convention, Grossinger's. I believe to be well prepared for the office of national vice president, and further dedicate myself to you, the membership, by keeping you informed by a quarterly to each district director with information to be passed on to the state chapters by your state chairman.

I was aboard the *U.S.S. Medusa-AR-1*, December 7, 1941.

For National Vice President

Kenneth R. Creese, currently the *GRAM* editor, announces his candidacy for the office of national vice president.

Ken, a life member, joined the PHSA in 1964 and was a member of California Chapter 1, later joining San Fernando Valley Chapter 12 in 1971.

He was instrumental in forming Antelope Valley Chapter 18, being a charter member and becoming their first president, and has served in this capacity twice since the chapter's inception, also performing other officer's duties as a chapter member.

He was elected as California vice state chairman south. In 1977 he was appointed as *GRAM* editor by then national president, George Slaven.

Employed with the McDonnell Douglas Corp. during this time, duty called and he and his family went to the Philippines to fulfill his job as an avionics technical representative. Upon his return, he was again appointed as the *GRAM* editor by then national president, Dale Speelman.

Ken enlisted in the Navy in April 1941 at San Diego, CA, and was aboard the *USS Detroit* during the December 7, 1941 attack. After serving a baby

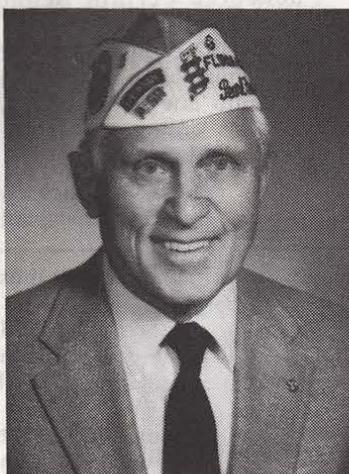


cruise plus several months, he was discharged in 1945.

He has worked in the aircraft industry for the past 35 years and is presently employed with the Northrop Corp. at Edward AFB in the capacity of radar-avionics flight test inspector.

He has successfully worked with the national executive board and the officers of the association, also the PHSA membership, over the years and feels he can continue to work constructively for the membership as national vice president.

Ken and his wife, Maryanne, reside in Lancaster, California.



For National Secretary

Florida State Chairman Robert (Mac) McClintock announces his candidacy for the office of national secretary, at the 45th reunion in Hawaii, 1986.

Mac joined PHSA in 1970 and is a life member of the association and a member of Central

Florida Chapter 2. He served in all the offices of the chapter and was chapter president for over eight years. He was elected to the office of Florida state chairman in 1981 and has served in that capacity for the past five years. During this time, he has organized two new chapters and has been responsible for an increase in membership in and out of the Florida area.

He has initiated a regularly scheduled state reunion and convention that alternates annually. The first of these was the Florida reunion held in Orlando in 1985 and the state convention which is scheduled for March of 1986.

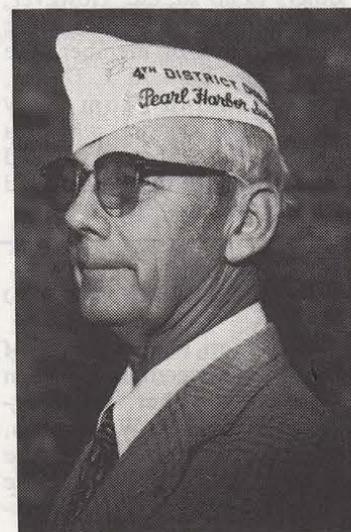
Enlisting in the Navy in 1936 and serving on the *USS Aylwin* (DD-355) at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he retired after 24 years of service. He has been employed in industry as a quality engineer since 1959, is a member of the

American Society for Quality Control, the National Council of Industrial Management, and a member of Elks Lodge 1079. He is also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Fleet Reserve Association and a life member of the Retired Officers Association.

Mac has attended many PHSA conventions and reunions, both national and district, prior to his election as Florida state chairman. During his tenure as state chairman, he has attended the national conventions in Honolulu, San Antonio, Grossinger's and the sixth district conventions in Louisville and Clearwater. He has also served the association as assistant to the sixth district director in 1985 and 1986.

He desires to serve the membership of PHSA and respond to their requests if elected.

Mac and wife, Margie, reside in Orlando, Florida.



For 4th District Director

Bill Eckel wishes to announce that he will be placing his name for renomination as 4th district director at the convention to be held in Austin, TX on April 25 through 27, 1986.

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36 USC 3614. SEC. 15. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

36 USC 3615. SEC. 16. EXCLUSIVE USE OF CORPORATE NAME.

The corporation and its regional districts and local

branches shall have the sole and exclusive right to use in carrying out its purposes the name "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association," and such seals, emblems, and badges as the corporation may adopt.

SEC. 17. TERMINATION.

If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this Act, the charter granted by this Act shall expire.

Approved October 7, 1985.

36 USC 3616.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY — H.R. 1042:

HOUSE REPORT No. 99-71 (Comm. on the Judiciary).

SENATE REPORT No. 99-103 (Comm. on the Judiciary).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 131 (1985):

May 13, considered and passed House.

July 18, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Sept. 20, House concurred in Senate amendments.



Mr. Ken Creese
Editor, *Pearl Harbor Gram*

Dear Ken:

Many PHSA members contributed to this successful effort to obtain a federal charter. They contributed by calling and writing their congressman or senator or staffs and/or organizing others to do so, etc. However, special mention should be made of the effort of member, the Honorable Bernard J. Dwyer, congressman from New Jersey's 6th District, who was responsible for the drafting and introduction of the well-crafted bill that was passed.

From the Editor's Desk

Last, but certainly not least, special mention should be made of the efforts of member Ed Terrill, administrative assistant to Congressman Strangeland. Ed put in many, many hours obtaining congressional support for the bill. Without Ed's know-how and close shepherding of the bill through the various stages, it might never have been passed. Surely it would not have passed as expeditiously as it was.

Sincerely,
Frank Costagliola

Mr. Thomas J. Stockett, President
Pearl Harbor Survivors Association

Dear Tom:

According to Ms Nancy Scott, Bill Clerk of the Senate Judiciary Committee, no further

action is taken by the government with respect to the granting of a federal charter to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. H.R. 1042 became law on October 7, 1985 when President Reagan signed it; everything is in the public record.

As indicated in section 12 of the bill, the association is required to report annually to the Congress. At the end of its fiscal year, it must provide the association's balance sheet, the result of an audit by a certified public accountant, to each the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in compliance with the "Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under federal law," approved August 30, 1964 (78 Stat. 636; 36 U.S.C. 1102).

I am enclosing four items:

1. A copy of Chapter 42 of title 36 of the U.S. Code which now includes PHSA as number 69 of the Federally Chartered Private Corporations and sets

forth the requirements for keeping that charter.

2. A copy of H.R. 1042 which was signed into law on October 7, 1985.

3. A copy of Senate Report 99-103 which accompanied H.R. 1042 in the Senate.

4. A packet containing pertinent excerpts from the Congressional Record:

a. H3126-28 May 13, 1985, passage of the bill by the House.

b. S-6071 May 14, 1985, receipt of bill by the Senate.

c. S-9725 July 18, 1985, passage of the bill by the Senate.

d. H-7662 September 20, 1985, wherein the House accepted certain Senate amendments.

e. D-1182 October 10, 1985, reporting the signing of the bill into law on October 7, 1985.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,
Frank Costagliola

National Charter:

Fellow Survivors, WE DID IT.

This effort is an example of what can be accomplished when we work together. Our four-member team in Washington, officers and members across the country that worked for the charter deserve "congratulations."

We had some moments and snags in the process. It became necessary for Wilson Rutherford, our council and parliamentarian, Wally Kampney, our treasurer, and myself to produce independent reports to

Senator Inouye's office to offset a negative statement issued by a party or parties unknown. This work was completed and dispatched within 24 hours and the legislative process was back on track.

Again, invaluable effort by our National Capital Liaison Committee made the difference between success and failure.

Legislative History — H.R. 1042

House Report No. 99 — 71 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
Senate Report No. 99 — 103 (Comm. on the Judiciary).

Congressional Record, Vol. 131 (1985)

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Oct. 7, signed by President Reagan.

Law Suit:

I have been advised by our general council and parliamentarian, Wilson Rutherford, that "the final order has been signed," which concludes the entire matter.

This is indeed good news and

a further reminder that we must work in harmony.

I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and commend our council and parliamentarian for a job well done.

Thomas J. Stockett
National President

We support the *GRAM*
and the dedicated purpose
of PHSA, Inc.
North Carolina, Chapter #1

Indelible

TARAWA

It was a stand-up
duel that would
end when one side
or the other
was annihilated

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Forty years ago on a scorching equatorial morning in November, three battalions from the Second Marine Division clawed their way onto the contested beaches of tiny Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, site of the only operational airstrip in that part of the Pacific. Seventy-six hours later, when the island had been declared secured, almost 6,000 men lay dead — 1,027 Americans and about 4,800 Japanese and Koreans, virtually the entire garrison. Another 2,380 Americans were listed as wounded or missing. Judged solely by these numbers, Tarawa does not rank as a great battle. In the tempo and ferocity of its fighting, however, it had few equals.

Tarawa was one objective of a two-pronged amphibious assault on the Gilbert Islands late in 1943, the start of a drive through the Central Pacific designed to put American land-

By William Curran

based airpower within range of Japan's main islands. The capture of less heavily defended Makin Atoll, about 100 miles to the north of Tarawa, was assigned to the Army's 165th and 105th Infantry.

In the early 1940s, the sight of a low-lying Pacific atoll with its windswept coconut palms was likely to stir in the minds of most Americans recollections of some Hollywood grass-skirt idyll starring Jon Hall. Weeks of aerial and submarine reconnaissance had established Betio as a singular contradiction to this popular image. In 20 months of occupation, the Japanese had turned the island's scant 291 acres — less than half the size of New York's Central Park — into one of the world's most heavily fortified places. In addition to 14 coastal defense guns, including some 8-inchers captured from the British at Singapore, the island's palms concealed 100 or more field pieces and dual-purpose anti-aircraft and perhaps as many as 500 automatic weapons. This mass of ordnance had been carefully sited to turn almost every square yard of the island into a field of fire and, then, made virtually impregnable under layers of concrete, steel, coconut logs and sand. Not wholly without reason, atoll commander RAdm. Keiji Shibasaki boasted to his staff that "a million men could not take Tarawa in 100 years."

Even intelligence about the garrison was sobering. Briefing a group of correspondents before the landing, Col. Merritt Edson, Second Marine Division chief-of-staff, identified the defenders as members of the Special Naval Landing Force — Japanese Imperial Marines. "That means they are the best Tojo's got," Edson added. Although the colonel may have intended the remark as a bit of playful Marine arrogance, it proved prophetic. Only 17 Japanese surrendered.

Betio's bristling coastline



Tarawa, Marines in frontal assault take heavily reinforced pillbox.

offered no such thing as a favorable landing beach. Still, planners of Operation Galvanic felt that the lagoon side presented the fewest problems. These few were formidable. First, an approach from the lagoon meant that the transports would have to unload beyond the outer reef about 10 miles from the beach. It left the assault boats faced with a long run through uncertain seas and the problem of a 75-degree turn once inside the reef.

Tides were even more of a worry. Not only were there no up-to-date tide tables for the Gilberts, but former British residents of the islands had also raised serious concern about the treacherous "dodging tides" within Tarawa's lagoon. These "dodgers" could, without warning, lower the depth of water over the inner reef, leaving it impassable to landing boats. Forced to act on this sketchy information, RAdm. Richmond Kelly Turner, commander of the assault force, gambled that the neap tide would "dodge" in his favor on the 20th. (He lost — and so did the Marines. Without the presence of 125 amphtracs, requisitioned at the 11th hour at the angry insistence of Maj. Gen. Holland M. "Howlin' Mad" Smith, commander of the ground forces, no Marine might

have gotten ashore in the first two days.)

As the transports moved slowly north from the cool of New Zealand into tropical waters, some Second Division Marines suffered a recurrence of the malaria they had contracted on Guadalcanal in 1942. Yet, when the boats were called away on D-Day, the sick bays on the transports were almost empty. Malaria sufferers had taken their Atabrine, braced themselves against the chills, and reported for boating muster in their new camouflage "jungle suits," eager to go ashore.

The recently issued mottled combat clothes proved to be an added curse on Betio. The manufacturer had neglected to make them porous and many Marines who wore them perspired to the point of exhaustion. The "jungle suits" were never used again.

So confident was the Navy about its pre-landing shore bombardment — an unprecedented 2,700 tons of steel and high explosives, enough to blanket the tiny island — that RAdm. Howard Kingman, commander of the fire-support group, assured the Marines, "We will not neutralize Betio . . . we will obliterate it." The 80 minutes of shell-

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ILLUSTRATIONS: U.S.M.C. COMBAT ART COLLECTION

This piece of USMC combat art, "Bullets & Barbed Wire," by Kerr Eby, captures the horror of Tarawa from a Marine's perspective.

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ing may have been the most serious miscalculation of all. Four times the amount would not have been too much to deliver against the intractable Japanese positions.

That the Navy's shelling had been ineffectual became evident before the assault waves were within 1,000 yards of the beach. The heavy fire from ashore made clear that a fire storm of resistance was building. Most of the amphtracs, which were carrying the first three waves, made it across the reef, just as they were designed to do. But from that point on they were so badly mauled by anti-boat guns, mines, barbed wire beach barriers and grenades that they would play no significant part in the remainder of the operation. Of the 125 amphtracs brought to Tarawa, 90 were eventually destroyed. Of the 500 men who operated them, 323 became casualties.

Although most of the Marines in the assault waves managed to make it ashore, they caught hell when they got there. Losses among officers and noncoms were alarmingly high. Sgt. Marion Gaudet of the 18th Assault Engineers, who was in the first wave at Red Beach 1, remembers the early minutes ashore as a phantasmagoria of "bullets, shells and grenades; blood, guts and death." When Gaudet had succeeded in clambering over the coconut-log seawall a few yards in from the surf, he asked a sergeant from the Second Marines where the front line was? "This is it," was the laconic reply. Fewer than 100 Marines were holding the fragile beachhead at Red 1. On Red Beaches 2 and 3, the situation was not a great deal better.

The commander of the assault waves, Col. David Shoup, lost no time in ordering his regimental reserve, the 1st Battalion, Second Marines, or "1/2," as they were operationally designated, to land on Red Beach 2, where problems had been compounded by the death of Landing Team Two's commander, Lieut. Col. Amey. The handful of amphtracs that remained operative helped to shuttle 1/2 ashore to reinforce their hard-

pressed mates of the regiment's 2nd Battalion.

Aboard the flagship *Maryland*, Second Marine Division CO, Maj. Gen. Julian Smith, concluding from the first fragmentary reports that all was not well ashore, ordered half of his division reserve, Maj. Robert Ruud's 3rd Battalion, Eight Marines, 3/8, to the line of departure.

By the time that 3/8 arrived at the reef opposite the long pier that jutted out from between Red Beaches 2 and 3, there was not an amphtrac left to ferry them in. Stepping from the grounded Higgins boats into chest-high water, now turned milky by crushed coral, the young Marines could not have guessed that they were about to create one of the most memorable and moving tableaux of World War II. As they began the arduous, 800-yard wade to Red Beach 3, rifles held above their heads to keep them dry, they came under an avalanche of enemy fire. Observers wept openly at what they were forced to witness. The Marines of 3/8 were cut down singly and in whole rows as they continued to move toward the beach. Dwight Hellums, a driver with the 2nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion, who lay wounded on Red 2, recalls watching with a combination of horror and pride. "Not a man faltered," he says. "Not a head turned away. They just kept coming." Little more than half of Ruud's battalion made it ashore unhurt.

By midday, Col. Shoup, hobbled by shrapnel wounds in the leg, had worked his way ashore at Red 2 and established a crude command post alongside a coconut-log bombproof about 15 yards inland. Inside the bombproof, just three feet away, were live and bellicose Japanese. They could not get at Shoup; he could not get at them. He viewed it as a minor inconvenience. More pressing was the fate of some 1,500 Marines, who clung to a nail's breadth of beach, a portion of them isolated at the west end of the island, the Bird's Beak. With most radios ashore either damaged or waterlogged, com-



munication with the fleet was uncertain. Communication between Marine units had to be by messenger. In desperate frustration, Shoup dispatched Col. Evans Carlson, present as an observer, to the flagship with an urgent request for reserves, ammunition, water and medical supplies. Carlson did not reach the *Maryland* until nightfall.

In early afternoon, Julian Smith requested from his chief, Holland Smith, who was chafing aboard the *Pennsylvania* at Makin, release of the Sixth Marine Regiment, the corps reserve. He closed his message with the sobering assessment, "Issue in doubt." Assured that the Sixth Marines would be on their way south, Julian Smith was free to commit the last of his own reserves, the 1st Battalion, Eight Marines. But orders to 1/8 never got through and the men

had to spend a sleepless night circling in their Higgins boats beyond the reef.

By nightfall on D-Day, about 5,000 Marines had been landed on Betio and they had suffered almost 1,500 casualties. They held only about a tenth-of-a-mile of beach, described by correspondent Richard Johnston as, "one-tenth-of-a-mile such as few men have ever won before; one-tenth-of-a-mile with more fortifications than most nations." That night the Marines received the single good break that may have salvaged the operation. Adm. Shibasaki failed to counterattack after dark as he might have been expected to do. Historians have guessed that his communications system was too badly damaged for him to organize the effort. The naval bombardment had, it seems,

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Remembering Pearl Harbor

The Internal Revenue Service has granted non-profit status under Section 501 (c) (3) to The Pearl Harbor History Associates, Incorporated. The Pearl Harbor History Associates is a small group of people dedicated to the historical aspect of "The Day of Infamy," and is headed by Jesse Pond and other past officers and directors of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.

This new association is not intended to be in competition with any other group, or as a replacement for any other groups. There are no plans for conventions, reunions, or any other social affairs.

A membership drive will soon be under way. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the historical aspects of the Pacific War, and is by invitation only.

Contact: Edith A. M. Pond, Recording Secretary, The Pearl Harbor History Associates, Incorporated, P.O. Box 205, Sperryville, Virginia 22740-0205, 703/987-8515.

Report from Hawaii

(The Honolulu Advertiser, 1942)
By K.S. Vandergrift

Yes, the slogans are coming to the front thick and fast these days. "Remember Pearl Harbor!" Remember Hickam Field, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Bellows Field and Kaneohe! In fact, no man, woman, or child, who was on the Island of Oahu that quiet peaceful Sunday morning of December 7, 1941, will ever forget.

How can you forget such an event? For our part we have an eye witness tale to tell Our Army readers. Your Hawaii news conductor lived in the wooded upper post area of Schofield Barracks. Sunday at Schofield Barracks has always been a day of rest. At least Sunday morning, when you could take it a bit easy, remain in bed a bit longer and read the funnies of The Honolulu Advertiser to the kids.

It was about 7:55 a.m., when a great explosion shook our frame house. I hurried out of bed and went out to the lawn to see what was happening. I saw planes overhead — lots of them, but that did not excite me. For months now we have seen planes flying overhead and it was not unusual for the Navy to swarm over nearby Wheeler Field for a predetermined blitz

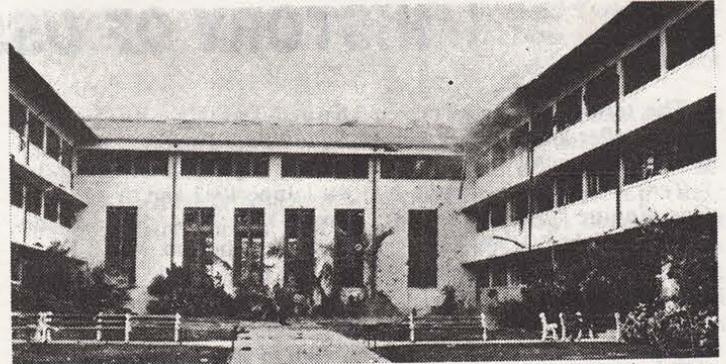
of the base.

But because the planes were making it appear so realistic, I decided to stay out on the lawn and watch the show. I was joined by my wife, sister and children. After a short while my wife took baby Jill Evolin, age three, back to the house to brush her teeth. My son, Kennard junior, age seven, and my sister, remained with me to see the show.

Then it came. In rapid succession, terrific blasts went off at Wheeler Field and huge clouds of smoke arose in the skies. This was some show, thought I. Better than any maneuver held before and a perfect way to test the "M" day preparedness of our splendid Island citizenry.

Soon Wheeler Field was in smoke, and still we did not realize it was the Japanese blitz. But all that changed. In a few minutes a flight of four ships passed over our house circling to locate new targets. They were out of bombs but they still had ammunition left. No need to take it back to the carriers, so what did they do?

Well, I am still on hand to tell you, so I can give you the answer. The Japanese pilots strafed anything and everything in sight. The machine guns bul-



The barracks at Hickam Field in flames at 11 a.m. during the Japanese blitz. Perhaps the finest barracks in the world, built in 1937, they stand gutted — a memorial to Japanese perfidy and an inspiration to the American war effort. **Our Army**

lets started a constant rat-t-t-t-overhead and my wife rushed out doors carrying baby Jill. And just in time too, for the house shook as the shells hit the thin, Hawaiian, wooden walls. Five days later I returned to the house and picked up seven shells out of the wall of the bathroom, inches from the spot where my wife and baby had been standing a split-second before. And to make me chill a bit colder, the bullets were steel-jacketed armor-piercing slugs. This gives you an idea of our foe!

Machine gunning defenseless women and children, as well as non-military objects, mean nothing to them. It's anything and everything in sight!

Well, that gives you a rough idea of our introduction to the blitz. I soon had my family in a concrete shelter and joined my section at Post Headquarters. In a few minutes the entire garrison was out manning battle posts. Let me say now, that never have I seen so many men move so fast, with so little confusion. They are a grim and determined lot and they intend to have revenge some day.

That night, the women and children were evacuated by convoy through blackout conditions to Honolulu. They returned five days later and since that time have been under evacuation orders to the Mainland. My wife and two children are Island born so they have elected to stick it out with me. My wife says she will take it standing up and the kids — well, they are a bit too small to know too much. But if the Japanese ever come back — and some of us hope they make a try — it will be a hot

time in the old town.

Schofield has been fortified. Oahu is a fortress. We have lots of what it takes to stop the Japanese and more coming in every day. Best of all, we have the spirit.

Only blue thing to date (and this is written just 20 days after the blitz) was the failure of the Christmas presents to get through. For the first time in 10 years good old Sears Roebuck let us down. Our presents for the kids which were ordered 60 days in advance have not yet arrived. I managed a few things for them at the last minute, because until the last minute, I "sweated" out the package which never arrived.

But were the kids down in the mouth? No sir, not my G.I. kids. They are real Army brats. Junior told his baby sister, "Santa Claus was shot down by the damned Japanese." I couldn't, and didn't, have the heart to wash his mouth out for the cuss word. Here I am, a man 31 years old, and that kid was showing me up. Yes sir, they will have that Christmas made up to them one of these days, and in a big way. As a matter of fact Daddy figures on giving Junior a real nice Japanese samurai sword and baby Jill a handsome doll. And Daddy figures he will buy them at dirt cheap bargain prices at a great big Fire Sale in Tokyo before long.

Well, this has been a bit rambling, but I wanted to send some news to you. For more than six years now, we have kept Our Army informed of Hawaii. Pardon us if we were a bit late, but we had a few other things to do. For example, pulling a shift as intelligence officer, public relations

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Signal Corps photo



Soldiers improvised a machine-gun nest in a bomb crater, reinforced by a wrecked plane and some sand bags.

HISTORY OF USS TERN (AM-31)

The tern is a species of sea gull, smaller and more graceful than typical gulls.

Tern (AM-31) was built by Gas Engine and Power Co., Morris Heights, N.Y. Her keel was laid on 7 September 1918; she was launched 22 May 1919, and commissioned 24 September 1919.

Tern left North River, New York and arrived at Guantanamo, Cuba on 4 December 1919. On 19 December she left Guantanamo, transited the Panama Canal on 23 December and remained in Balboa until 31 December, when she got underway for San Diego, California.

Tern operated as a unit of Base Force, U.S. Fleet, based on the West Coast until her home port was changed to Pearl Harbor in the summer of 1941. She was no stranger to Hawaii as she had made the first of several cruises there in April 1920.

On 7 December 1941, *Tern* was alongside TEN TEN Dock undergoing upkeep and receiving all services from the dock. Despite "cold iron" at the commencement of the attack, *Tern* was underway at 0943 picking up survivors, and later fighting fires aboard *Arizona* and *West Virginia*.

For the remainder of the war *Tern* performed a myriad of duties in Service Squadron-

South Pacific and Service Squadron 2-Pacific.

Tern was reclassified AT-142 on 1 June 1942 and to ATO-142 on 15 May 1944. She was decommissioned at Mare Island Navy Yard on 23 November 1945 and stricken from the Navy Register on 5 December.

On 24 July 1947, *Tern* was transferred to the Maritime Commission and sold to a private purchaser.

Tern was awarded one battle star for her service in World War II.

Statistics: AM:31: dp. 950; l. 187'10"; b. 35'6"; dr. 9'9"; s. 14k; cpl. 72; a. 23"; cl. LAPWING.

0-4— Moored starboard side to north end of ten ten dock, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Undergoing upkeep. Receiving steam, electricity and water from dock. Oil barge YO #30 moored alongside port side.

/s/ J. A. Hein

4-8— Moored as before 0753 sighted Japanese planes bombing fleet Air Base. Sounded general quarters. Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0754 Japanese planes conducting bombing and torpedo attack on *USS California*, *Maryland*, *Oklahoma*, *Tennessee*, *West Virginia*, *Arizona Oglala*, *Pennsylvania* in drydock, destroyer in floating drydock, Navy Yard and Submarine Base. Opened fire with

.30 caliber machine guns, 3" fifty caliber unable to bear.

/s/ J. A. Hein

8-12 Fighting Japanese air attack as before. 0943 Underway to pick up survivors from battleships. The following survivors were brought aboard as indicated: from *USS Oglala*, Kellog, L. O., Jr., Sea2c; Bangert, J. G., SK3c; Geisler, L. W., Ptr2c; Botzer, C. R., Sea1c; Fretag, J. C., Bkr3c; Robison, W. H., MM1c; Wilkerson, M., MM1c; Utley, C. V. MM1c; Krick, O. L., CQM; Tyler, L. L., Sea2c; Oberhansley, R. E., SF3c; Johnson, J. E., Sea1c; Prott, W. J., Bkr1c; Whan, J. C., SC1c; Wilson, D. V., EM1c; Pierson, J. W., SF3c; Bailey, J. M., BM2c; Hardisty, E. L.,

CM3c; Bridges, W. C., CCM; Corder, R. F., Sea2c; Whitley, J. R., Y3c; Watkins, F. P., CM2c; Rahiya, J. J., SF2c; Reames, W. L., CCM; Miller, R. R., CCStd; Gray, F. E., CCStd; Stout, C. B., WT1c; Monroe, J. E., Sea2c; Hansen, D. H., SK3c; Kemble, R. R., Sea1c; from *USS West Virginia* — Lippencott, R. C., Sea2c; Woolyhand, J. R., BM2c; Cook, C. W., F1c; Minor, K. W., Sea2c; Firggs, G., BM1c; Ransihkolb, J. D., Sea1c; Hadel, W. N., BM2c; Kurn, E. A., BM2c; Morris, B. S., Sea1c; Cunningham, R., Sea1c; Woodward, J. W., Sea1c; Cobb, T. P., Sea1c; Flaughter, C. V., Sea2c; from *USS Chew* — Eggleton, G. L.,

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USS TERN (AM-31)

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accomplished that much.

For a time it looked like the second day might prove more discouraging than the first. When Maj. Lawrence Hays' battalion, 1/8, at long last received their orders to land, the men were relieved and eager to go. They had spent more than 20 hours bobbing about in the landing boats. But when 1/8 reached the now-almost-exposed reef, they faced the same agonizing prospect as had the 3rd Battalion the day before. They had to wade ashore. Only this time it was a bit worse. During the night daring Japanese had swum out to man machine guns on abandoned amphtracs and in the

sunken hulk of the *Saida Maru* west of the long pier. Vicious enfilading fire from American-made guns was added to what was coming from the beach. Col. Carlson, on his way back from the *Maryland*, saw as many as 100 men cut down in a minute's time.

Characteristic of the chaos on Betio, Lt. Albert Tidwell of the 1st Platoon, Able Company, had been assured by the battalion commander that his landing would be unopposed. "This unopposed landing," he says, "cost my platoon of 41 men, 18 dead and 3 wounded before we touched the beach." In Baker Company, only 90 out of 199

men made it ashore.

Not all the news was bad. Lt. William Deane Hawkins and his indefatigable Scout-Sniper Platoon ranged up and down the beachhead taking out Japanese pillboxes in the only way that it could be done — with grenades, TNT or flamethrowers from close in. Every strong point on Betio would have to be reduced in the same way before resistance ended. Hawkins was to die of wounds that night and become one of Tarawa's four Medal-of-Honor recipients.

The courage and initiative of Marines paid off in unexpected and bizarre ways. On the second morning, Capt. Maxie R. Williams of 1/2's Baker Company received orders to move his people across the airstrip to the south shore of the island. "It

appeared to be a suicide order," he said. "Absolutely no cover, terrain wide open and flat as a pancake." Their only chance, he concluded, was to stage a *banzai* charge and hope to catch the enemy off guard. Jumping from their foxholes, the Marines ran screaming toward the other side of the island. Every man made it safely across the airstrip. "Once we occupied their trenches, however," Williams added grimly, "it was a different story." Nevertheless, a single daring company had succeeded in cutting the island in two.

At noon, Col. Shoup was still reporting the situation ashore as "uncertain," but slowly things began to improve. At the west end of the island Maj. Michael Ryan's *ad hoc* battalion, with

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MM1c; and Emrich, H. L., F1c. 1050 Proceeded to *USS West Virginia* to extinguish fire. 5 stream on fire. Average steams 185 lbs. Average rpm 38.3.

/s/ J. A. Hein
12-16 Extinguishing fire as before. 1300 Mustered crew by sight, no absentees. 1520 weather decks of *West Virginia* cool; put hoses aboard to extinguish fire in casemates and lower decks. Average steam 185 lbs. Average rpm 53.5.

/s/ H. F. Gindling
16-20 — Extinguishing fires as before. Average steam 185 lbs. Average rpm 40.5.

/s/ J. A. Hein
20-24 — Extinguishing fire as before. Average steam 185 lbs.

Average rpm 50.1.

/s/ H. J. Perry
Approved: Examined:
/s/ W. B. Pendleton
From: The Commanding Officer

To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet

Subject: December 7, 1941
Raid — report on
Reference: (a) CinCPAC desp. 102102 of December 1941

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following is submitted.

"*USS Tern* alongside north and Ten Ten dock undergoing upkeep by *USS Argonne*, all machinery dead, receiving steam, water and electricity

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the help of two tanks and offshore fire from destroyers, had cleared Green Beach and opened the way for the Sixth Marines to land. Shibasaki's determined garrison was outflanked. By late afternoon Shoup felt confident enough to signal to Julian Smith, "We are winning." Much heavy fighting and many casualties still lay ahead. The outcome of the operation, however, was no longer in question.

When news of Tarawa reached the states, it left many Americans stunned and angry,

this despite the fact that the country had been at war for almost two years. Editorial writers thundered their protests against the loss of life and coined epithets like "Bloody Tarawa." A few characterized the operation as a kind of waterborne Charge of the Light Brigade.

It is hard to account for the rancorous outcry against Tarawa. It was, after all, a swift and decisive victory. Logically, the same public should have protested the battle for Sicily, where the Army had left 1,500 dead just three months earlier. But Sicily is the size of Maryland and the campaign there took 38 days. By contrast, 1,000 lives traded for a chip of Pacific coral did not strike Americans as a reasonable exchange.

Some of the answer may lie in Tarawa's primitive terms of battle. No high ground, no towns, no rivers, no room for maneuver — or retreat. Here was a stand-up duel that could only end when one side or the other was annihilated. It was the O.K. Corral on a mass scale. A housewife could grasp the issue — and be appalled by it.

Curiously, Tarawa soon passed from the public consciousness as news of more costly battles poured in from two fronts. It appears to remain largely for-

from dock. Upkeep to be completed at close of working hours December 9, 1941.

"0753 notified of attack and made preparation for getting underway.

"0805 opened fire with .30 caliber Lewis machine guns. Could not get 3" guns to bear as ship was heading East, our 3" guns were blanked off by *USS Argonne*. Plane this ship was firing at was seen to go down by Officers' Club. Shifted fire.

"0943 underway from alongside dock to pick up survivors in harbor. Received 47 survivors.

"1050 proceeded to put out fire on *USS Arizona*. Shifted over to *USS West Virginia* by orders from *USS Maryland*. Commanding Officer, *USS Tern* put in charge of fire fighting of *USS West Virginia* by Commander Hamilton. Acting on orders from *USS Maryland*.

"1430 Monday, 8 December, fire out on *USS West Virginia* and shifted to alongside *USS Arizona* to fight fire.

"1235 Tuesday, 9 December, fire out on *USS Arizona*; proceeded alongside *USS Ramapo* for fuel. Filled to 95% capacity and proceeded to *USS Nevada* on orders from Commander Base Force. Tied up alongside *USS Nevada*.

"1228 Wednesday, 10 December, left *USS Nevada* and proceeded to Coal Docks by orders from Commander Base Force as services not required by *USS Nevada*.

"2040 Wednesday, 10 December, proceeded from Coal Dock to *USS California*.

"2110 Wednesday, 10 December, released from *USS California* and proceeded to Coal

gotten today as well. Regrettably, few Americans under 60 even recognize the name. They are more likely to be familiar with Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima from watching late-night TV movies.

Tarawa is important because it taught us something about ourselves as a people. Without flinching, several thousand young Marines discharged a public duty, which by any reasonable measure looked

Docks with *USS Turkey* alongside; *USS Turkey* having jammed steering gear and could not proceed independently.

"Own losses — none; damage — none; casualties — none.

"Conduct of all personnel outstanding. Conducted their duties as though conducting a drill except all hands acted with much more snap. No confusion; all operations were conducted smoothly. The ship was gotten underway from absolutely dead firerooms in one hour and 40 minutes, during which time lights, air, and steam were cut off by yard at 0815, and men worked with the aid of flashlights.

"Inasmuch as Ensign H. J. Perry, USNR, has only been serving in the U.S. Navy a comparatively short time, his conduct and quick action in this particular situation was very commendable.

"There was a noticeable lack of confusion under constant strafing from the enemy; both officers and men executed their duties efficiently and smoothly. Especially commendable were the following men: Waters, H. E., 163 04 21, CWT (PA), USN; Haislett, J. A., 371 71 01, WT1c, USN; Schoel, H. R., 371 37 42, MM1c, USN; McKinney, H. R., 375 67 58, MM1c, USN; Potenza, A. J., 222 79 88, BM1c, USN; Wilson, W. O., 268 11 57, SM1c, USN; Miller, C. M., 258 11 88, Cox., USN; Miller, F. H., 321 16 44, Cox., USN; Ward, R., 258 26 31, MAtt2c, USN; Grove, H., 272 12 98, Off.Ck.3c, USN.

"Also to be especially commended were the actions of Boatswain J. A. Hein, USN, who had the deck at the time of the attack, and who moved the ship from the dock into the stream in record time."

/s/W. B. Pendleton

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close to impossible. Even after all these years the record of their actions transcends all questions of whether their elders did or did not bungle the operation.

Very recently, former *Time* correspondent Robert Sherrod, now 74, who lived through and brilliantly chronicled those terrible hours on Betio, was asked to assess the event in the light of history. "Tarawa," he replied, "was a triumph of the human spirit . . ."

PHSA Memorial Wall

Subject: PHSA Memorial Wall
To: All Concerned

1. On October 17, 1985, notice was received that the Secretary of the Air Force had accepted the proposal to erect a PHSA Memorial Wall at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

2. The USAFA-PHSA Memorial Committee thanks the PHSA National Executive Board for its confidence and support in approving the requests cited in letter, 11 February 1985, announced as EBD #3-85 in the July GRAM.

3. Herewith is the committee's notice to be placed in the January 1986 GRAM establishing the PHSA Memorial Wall Fund and soliciting contributions from the PHSA Membership and Surviving Spouses.

4. We now call upon all PHSA officers, at all levels, and the general membership of the PHSA to participate in this endeavor by contribution and by encouraging one and all to do the same now. It is hoped that the fund will be sufficient before

April 1986 to permit contract discussions to be finalized at that time. General Scott, USAFA Superintendent, has set October 1986 as completion date, tentatively.

5. Let us pray that our national president, Tom Stockett, will be fully recovered soon.

Yours in PHSA
F. L. Frank Mack
USAFA-PHSA Memorial
Committee Chairman

PHSA Memorial Wall

The April, July and October issues of the GRAM announced the proposal to erect a PHSA Memorial Wall at the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) at Colorado Springs, Colorado. This proposal has been accepted by the PHSA National Executive Board and the USAFA Memorial Board. Final approval was received from the Secretary of the Air Force in October 1985.

The USAFA-PHSA Memorial Committee wishes to thank the PHSA National Executive Board for its confidence and

support in this endeavor.

The USAFA-PHSA Memorial Committee has now established the PHSA Memorial Wall Fund. Your check for \$10, \$20 or more, made payable to the PHSA Memorial Wall Fund, should be sent to: Wallace J. Kampney, Treasurer, PHSA Memorial Wall Fund, P.O. Box 6335, Syracuse, NY 13217.

Survivors, please note your PHSA membership number on your check. Surviving Spouses, please note your PHSA number as shown on the address label of the GRAM. This will greatly expedite the recording of your endowment.

The PHSA Memorial Wall will be located at the northwest corner, closest to Hawaii, of the memorial area of the USAFA Cemetery. It will be made of grey Georgia granite, in three sections to form a 90° corner. Each will measure five and one-half feet (5½') in length and three and one-half feet (3½') in height. The sections will have a polished face, top and back measuring ten inches (10") thick at the top and fifteen inches (15") thick at the bottom. The wall will be mounted on a base of

imported Belfast black granite measuring eight inches (8") thick, twenty-two inches (22") in depth and approximately five feet (5') in length.

The center section will contain the PHSA Bronze Plaque measuring twenty-six and one-half inches (26½") by twenty and one-half inches (20½") upon which will be cast the PHSA logo and the Memorial Dedication Statement.

Afer installation and dedication of the Memorial Wall, the USAFA-PHSA Memorial Committee will announce the details regarding the forty (40) bronze unit plaques which may be installed on the PHSA Memorial Wall.

This will be the only PHSA Memorial at any of the United States Service Academies in the nation at this time. It will be a beautiful and lasting memorial to our departed comrades and shipmates. In the years to come, this memorial will be viewed by the thousands of persons who visit the academy each year. The academy is the major tourist attraction in Colorado. In conclusion, the PHSA Memorial Wall will be perpetually cared for and maintained by the United States government.

USAFA-PHSA Memorial
Committee

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tions officer, post censor and officer in charge of the mails and post office under martial law. But we are happy to be alive and doing it 18 hours a day.

If the people of the United States will just make plenty of ships, planes, bombs, rifles, tanks, ammunition and other

implements of war, we will be glad to deliver them to his Imperial Japanese Majesty with the compliments of John Q. Public, who, we think should be damned mad about this time.

Keep 'em flying, and don't shoot until you see the slants of their eyes. ALOHA!

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EARL B. MAHEU
Schofield Bks.
Nickerson, MN
WILBUR O. WALLACE
Schofield Bks.
Canyon Country, CA
ELBERT C. RUSH
Navy Hospital
Waterford, CA

HARVEY E. GREEN
Fort Kamehameha
Puyallup, WA
EDWARD F. CONROY
Fort DeRussy
Honolulu, HI
PAUL H. BACKUS
USS Oklahoma
Mt. Vernon, NH
JOHN V. OBLACHINSKY
Schofield Bks.
Middelborro, MA
MANUEL M. JOAQUIN
USS Dale
Oak Harbor, WA
ALBERT R. MILLER
Navy Yard
Kenosha, WI
JULIUS E. ALFORD
Wheeler Field
Montgomery, AL
KEITH MAIN
USS Nevada
Glendale, CA
HAROLD F. KEITES
USS Bagley
Jacksonville, FL
JOSE M. DePABLO
3rd Def. Bt. US Marines
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
JACK W. PARKER
Marine Bks, US Marines
Oklahoma City, OK
EUGENE V. BROWN
USS Medusa
Manchester, NH
BURL N. SMITH
USS Antares
Watson, IL
ELBERT W. MOORE
Ford Island
Portland, OR
WILLIAM K. WHALON
Hickam Field
East Dorest, VT
JAMES B. SMITH
Wheeler Field
Panama City, FL
WILLIAM DUPAY
USS Helena
Fontana, CA
RAYMOND M. REED
Schofield Bks.
Stowe, PA

LAWRENCE B. STINGLEY
Hickam Field
Roanoke, VA
VINCENT V. NASH
Schofield Bks.
Escondido, CA
JOHN C. COLEMAN
USS Vestal
Magalia, CA
JOSH DALTON
Ft. Kamehameha
Clinton, IL
JOSEPH RUSSO
USS Phoenix
West Roxbury, MA
GEORGE E. DULL
Schofield Bks.
San Pedro, CA
FRANK A. PARK
Schofield Bks.
Moline, IL
CLYDE N. DAUGHTRY
USS Argonne
Fort Myers, FL
RICHARD REMMERS
USS Maryland
Rohnert Park, CA
ALBERT J. KADLEC
Fort Ruger
Bay Port, NY
GORDON N. CAMBERS
USS Shaw
Seattle, WA
JULLIAN BELHUMEUR
Schofield Bks.
Bellingham, MA
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Schofield Bks.
Security, CO
LANCE B. GREEN
USS Rigel
Reno, NV
GEORGE C. ANDREE
USS Phoenix
West Hempsted, NV
R. B. TAYLOR
USS Downes
Legrand, CA
FRANK K. NEMEC
Marine Bks.
Vero Beach, FL

VA to Establish a National Cemetery in West Virginia

The Veterans Administration will establish a national cemetery at Pruntytown, W. Va., Administrator of Veterans Affairs Harry N. Walters has announced.

The cemetery, expected to open in the fall of 1986, will become the nation's 110th national

cemetery and will provide for an estimated 3,000 gravesites. Grafton, the state's other national cemetery, closed to new interments in 1961.

The new facility will be located on a 58-acre tract which was donated by the state. The area was formerly part of the

closed Pruntytown Industrial School for Boys.

A ceremonial land transfer and a site consecration by clergy of the major faiths will be held on October 19, 1985. The event will take place three miles east of Grafton on U.S. Route 50. Federal, state and local officials

are expected to participate.

Walters said that veterans service organization officials proposed the expansion of Grafton, but topographic inspection on land adjacent to the cemetery showed it would be too costly to develop. When officials con-

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5th District Director Julius A. Finnern being escorted by two members of the local Tripoli Arab Patrol at Memorial Day program, Wood National Cemetery in Wood, Wisconsin.

National Cemetery . . . (Continued from Page 12)

tacted the state for excess land, the Pruntytown location was offered.

The Administrator said work on the project, which is expected to begin in March 1986, will include the development of three acres for burial, the construction of an entrance drive and an office-service building complex.

Walters said the new cemetery will provide grave space well into the next century.

Burial in national cemeteries having open space is available to veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Burial is also available to an eligible veteran's spouse and minor children, and — under certain conditions — to unmarried adult children.

Helen and Denny Dragan
3rd Def. Bn. USMC
269 Anthony Ave.
Hudson, NY 12534

VA also makes available payment toward an eligible veteran's burial expenses and has other assistance available under certain circumstances.

4th District Convention Notice

The 4th District Convention and election for district director, 1986-88, originally scheduled in Shreveport, LA on October 1986, has been changed to Austin, TX. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, located off I-35 on April 25-27, 1986. The Texas State Convention will be held at the same time.

Any survivor in the district who wishes to have his name placed on the ballot for district director in absentee may do so by notifying the present director by mail. (Bill Eckel, Rt. 3 — Box 77, Rusk, TX 75785)

IN MEMORIUM

Raymond (Ray) Witt, beloved and mourned by family and Pearl Harbor Survivors, died September 27, 1985 at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. Ray was born on May 21, 1923 in Crockett, CA. He retired from the Navy after 23 years of service, having seen action in World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Viet Nam War. On December 7, 1941 he was aboard the *USS Bagley*. Ray was an enthusiastic and earnest worker for PHSAs. He served Twin Cities Chapter #3 in various offices from 1979 through 1982. He was twice elected president and proved to be an inspirational leader and a real booster of the chapter. In 1982 and again in 1984 he was elected Minnesota State Chairman. Ray and his wife, Joan, were familiar faces at National, District and State Conventions. They rarely missed one. Even after becoming very ill, Ray attended all the meetings of his home chapter and those in other parts of the state. He was working diligently on arranging to host the 1986 5th District Convention in Minneapolis. Members treated to a paddle wheel trip on the Mississippi at that gathering can give a "thanks" to Ray for his last pet project for his PHSAs.

With many survivors in attendance and with saddened hearts, Chapter 3 conducted a final tribute in the PHSAs memorial service for Ray on September 30. He is survived by his wife, Joan, daughters Linda Jones and Pam Erickson of Lowell, OR, five grandchildren, and brother John R. Witt of San Jose, CA. He was preceded in death by a son, Rex Witt. A second memorial service was held October 5 in Jasper, OR with four PHSAs members attending. Joan scattered his ashes on a creek behind his boyhood home in Jasper.

Rest in peace, home at last, beloved comrade.

Heartfelt thanks to all the many Survivors who remembered Ray during his long illness. Your thoughtful cards, calls and visits meant so very much to him and surely made it easier for me to bear. He would have been so proud to see the many members of Chapter 3 and other Minnesota chapters give him a final tribute at his Pearl Harbor Survivors memorial service.

Your loving care will never be forgotten.

Joan Witt

Richard L. (Dick) Pfanenstiel, Past Colorado State Chairman, passed from this life on Saturday, September 28, 1985. Dick served his country with love and devotion as he served the PHSAs with a full measure of the same.

His life was devoted to excellence in everything he attempted. His beautiful, loving family and home, which he shared with us on many happy occasions, is a monument to his efforts.

After WWII he worked for and became an engineer at Mountain Bell, retiring in April 1982. His retirement was much too short for him to realize his dreams of fishing and travel. Members of the PHSAs in Colorado and the Third District who knew Dick will long remember him for his humor and wit. He was at all times ready to help in any way to further the PHSAs and its goals. The loss of a great friend and comrade is ours. Our love to Audie, his spouse, and the Pfanenstiel family.

We thank God for Dick's life here with us. May he rest in peace.

Your Buddy,
F.L. (Frank) Mack

PHSA Members Mark Anniversaries

50th Anniversaries

Raymond J. (Navy Yard) and Clarinda D. LeBer, 18548 Lime Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 — February 1, 1986.

Tom (*USS Helena*) and Evelyn Powell, P.O. Box 466, Brackettville, TX 78832 — March 11, 1986.

45th Anniversaries

Leroy (804th Engr. Schofield Bks.) and Helen Smith, 86 Stanislaus Ave., Oakdale, CA 95361 — June 27, 1985.

Warren N. (*USS Case*) and Vivian Lipscomb, 395 Jasper St., Vidor, TX 77662 — November 19, 1985.

Elmer J. (*USS Tangier*) and Oneita Weygandt, 314 So. Stewart Dr., Lancaster, TX 75146 — January 22, 1986.

William E. (Wheeler Field) and Peg Keyser, P.O. Box 422, Packwood, WA 98361 — August 3, 1985.

Milo G. (VMF-211 Ewa Air Base) and Bobbie Haines, 6505 Willow Lane, Dallas, TX 75230 — December 14, 1985.

Charles R. (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Rita White, 2409 Mitchell, St. Joseph, MO 64507 — September 10, 1985.

40th Anniversaries

Abraham (25th Div. Schofield Bks.) and Esther Dublet, 99-32 66th Rd., Rego Park, NY 11374 — May 29, 1986.

Jim (*USS Monaghan*) and Bernice Bryson, 2151 La Jolla Dr., Stockton, CA 95204 — October 23, 1985.

Louis (*USS Honolulu*) and Edith Christensen, 1523 Venetian Dr., Stockton, CA 95207 — July 29, 1985.

Charles A. (*USS Gamble*) and Beverly Baughman, 1210 14th St. SW., Massillon, OH 44646 — August 9, 1985.

Blondy E. (*USS Pennsylvania*) and Lillian J. Scott, 2402 Jefferson Dr., Greenville, NC 27834/8 January 23, 1986.

Orville (*USS San Francisco*) and Kathy Jinks, 7511 East Raymond St., Indianapolis, IN 46239 — January 19, 1986.

Lester C. (*USS Jarvis*) and Lucy Hartley, RR #9 — Box 151, Greenfield, IN 46140 — March 2, 1986.

Ralph (Kaneohe Bay) and Mona Nye, 4114 Steinmetz Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46254 — March 17, 1986.

John F. (Submarine Base) and Georgette L. Ettenhofer, 7906 183rd St., Court E, Puyallup, WA 98373 — April 21, 1986.

John C. (27th Inf. Schofield Bks.) and Jackie Dagle, 1912 Haeg Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55431 — November 27, 1985.

Stephen (*USS Dewey*) and Rosella Yorden, 158 Ridge Blvd., Brookhaven, PA 19015 — February 13, 1986.

"Wm." Jack (*USS Selfridge*) and Virginia Kuhn, Jr., P.O. Box 391, Fremont, CA 94537 — May 29, 1986.

Wilbur (*USS Selfridge*) and Mrs. Colgrove, P.O. Box 587, Bullhead City, AZ 86430 — March 11, 1986.

Ron (*USS Honolulu*) and Jeannie Oatridge, 224 Betty Court, Norfolk, VA 23502 — January 8, 1986.

Carl (*USS Shaw*) and Lavera Slattengren, 3199 Kelly St., Hayward, CA 94541 — October 20, 1985.

Charles F. (Schofield Bks.) and Virginia Sherman, 922 Hillier Rd., Arcata, CA 95521 — August 10, 1986.

Maurice G. (Ford Island) and Agnes Barringer Jr., 5630 Adams Ave., San Diego, CA 92115 — August 11, 1985.

25th Anniversaries

Elmer H. (*USS West Virginia*) and Louella Witherow, 6703 Florence Blvd., Omaha, NE 68112 — April 18, 1986.

15th Anniversaries

Foy D. (A&R — Ford Island) and Louise Taylor, 3139 Longridge Rd., Del City, OK 73115 — September 5, 1985.

National Directives

EBD #6-85

Florida Chapter 2 requests permission to use PHSAs logo on vinyl entry door mats and vinyl car floor mats. Mats are usually black but can be made in various colors with PHSAs logo in full color. Mats are intended to be sold by chapter at \$29.95 for entry and \$34.95 pair for car. Vote results: Yes — V.pres., 1st DD, 2nd DD, 3rd DD, 5th DD, 6th DD, 7th DD, 8th DD. No — Secretary, Treasurer, 4th DD.

Directive passed.
G. Hall Pickard
Nat'l Sec'y, PHSAs

EDB #7-85

Colorado Chapter 3 requests permission to manufacture and sell embroidered emblems as shown in enclosed sample. There will be two designs: one with chapter of choice as shown and other without chapter name. Emblem will be on blue felt backing 11" in dia., white lettering for chapter name, black lettering for association and gold eagle. Cost prepaid with chapter name \$25; logo only \$20.

Two chapters have sold similar emblems but have not advertised in *Gram* for past two years as required.

Vote results: Yes — V.P., sec'y, Dist. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; No — Treas.

Julius "Jay"
(5th District Director)
and Inge Finnern
Support the *GRAM*

Before Pearl Harbor

There have been a lot of stories about the events at Pearl Harbor, but some of the most interesting things actually happened before the attack.

The Japanese came in on the "tail-end" of WWI; and for some reason, which makes no sense to me, Japan was given a mandate in the Pacific to occupy and control many islands.

Added to this political screw-up, the U.S. offered to scrap a number of war ships and cease building additional ships as a part of the Washington Treaty of 1922. Involved in this treaty were the U.S., England, France, Italy, and Japan; with Japan getting the best of the deal.

As famed historian Samuel Eliot Morrison said, "If England

slept, the United States snored."

Not only did the treaty affect the ships already built and those planned for construction, but it limited our strengthening of military bases in the Pacific. In reality, it provided Japan with the legal right to build the largest navy in the Pacific.

Japan did exactly that, and we discovered our error the hard way. 7 December 1941 was only a sample of what was in store for us in WWII.

Although the politicians erred by allowing the Washington Treaty, some of the intelligent people in the military saw what was coming and did something about it.

As early as 1922, the U.S. was interested in the islands man-

dated to Japan after WWI. Marine Captain "Pete" Ellis made at least two spying trips into the mandates and came back with a report which should have awakened even the "snoring" U.S.

Ellis' report said the Japanese were fortifying the mandates as they prepared for war with the U.S. The report, classified for many years, was given little attention as the U.S. continued to strive for peace and passiveness around the world. To enhance our position, the Kellogg-Briand Treaty outlawing war was implemented in 1928, just a couple of years after General Billy Mitchell shocked the world with his revelation that Japan was, indeed, gearing up to

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NEW MEMBERS

The fourth quarter of 1985 closed with new members joining PHSA.

Congratulations to all who have helped achieve this excellent increase in membership since the last quarter of 1984.

The *Gram* welcomes each of you to our association.

Due to the unauthorized use of the names and addresses of a new member printed in the *Gram*, the full address is not listed. If any member desires to obtain the full address of a fellow survivor, please contact the National Vice President, who is the membership chairman.

Mr. David P. Dedell
14059 Oakview Dr.
McKeesport, PA 15131

New members for the period
10/85 to 12/85 . . . Total of 91.

Total for the year — 531

Total Membership — 10,374

10-31-85 District	Total	Grand Total
1st District	16	139
2nd District	7	38
3rd District	11	54
4th District	12	41
5th District	12	44
6th District	17	87
7th District	12	75
8th District	4	53
	91	531

10-31-85 State	Total	Grand Total
AL	0	2
AZ	1	14
AR	2	3
CA	15	132
CO	3	16
CT	0	2
DE	0	0
FL	10	53
GA	2	8
HI	1	3
ID	2	5
IL	8	17
IN	1	6
IA	1	2
KS	4	9
KY	1	5
LA	1	2
ME	0	5
MD	1	5
MA	0	12
MI	3	9
MN	1	10
MS	0	1
MO	5	13
MT	0	0

NE	1	3
NV	0	4
NH	0	5
NJ	2	14
NM	0	1
NY	2	24
NC	1	8
ND	0	0
OH	1	13
OK	0	5
OR	2	17
PA	5	13
RI	0	2
SC	0	3
SD	0	0
TN	1	5
TX	6	25
UT	0	4
VT	0	1
VA	3	22
WA	3	15
WV	1	3
WI	1	9
WY	0	1
	91	531

BROOKS, Charles W.
Vallejo, CA 94589
(USCG Taney)

PETRICCIONE, Armand
Cranford, NJ 07016
(VP-11 Kaneohe Bay)

SVOBODA, John R.
Pinellas Park, FL 33505
(USS Phoenix — Marines)

MOORE, John D.
Houston, TX 77034
(USS Vestal)

BURRIS, Ralph D.
Fontana, CA 92335
(Marines Kaneohe Bay)

ETHER, Harry
Orlando, FL 32817
(USS St. Louis)

RAGAN, Robert N.
Dayton, OH 45405
(USS West Virginia)

ALVARADO, Valentine
Montrose, CO 81401
(USS Maryland)

SEELY, Edwin R.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
(USS San Francisco)

CHAMBERS, William P.
St. James, MO 65559
(VP-12 Kaneohe Bay)

VENABLE, Lloyd B.
Eagle Point, OR 95724
(64th C/A Ft. Shafter)

BAKER, Paul L.
Hughson, CA 95326
(USS Nevada)

BOYLE, Patrick F.
Oldsmar, FL 33557
(Yard Craft — YT 119)

GALER, Robert E.
Dallas, TX 75201
(VFM 211 Ewa Air Base
Marines)

MARSHALL, Harry C.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
(USS Downes)

REDDEN, John
Falls Church, VA 22042
(USS Honolulu)

THOMPSON, Paul A.
Omaha, NE 68164
(USS Tucker)

DAVIS, Charles E.
Stanton, CA 90680
(USS Whitney)

WATSON, Merwin A.
Gardena, CA 90249
(USS Argonne)

BATCHELDER, Joseph H. Jr.
Peoria, IL 61614
(USS Tennessee)

COUNTS, Wilburn E.
Hemet, CA 92343
(USS Tennessee)

HERRON, William L.
Norfolk, VA 23505
(3rd Def. Bn. Marines)

QUARFOOT, Earl B.
Schaumburg, IL 60193
(USS Breese)

STOUT, Donald W.
Moundsville, WV 26041
(21st Inf. Schofield Bks.)

COFFMAN, Harry E.
Indianapolis, IN 46203
(21st Inf. Schofield Bks.)

LAWSON, Joe M.
San Diego, CA 92111
(USS Tangier)

LAWRENCE, Lloyd A.
Dallas, TX 75201
(USS Maryland)

SALA, Stanley
Honolulu, HI 96817
(65th Engr. Bn. Schofield Bks.)

HILL, Pershing J.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402
(USS Nevada)

AUBURN, Lewis C.
Rochester, NY 14612
(QM Det. Wheeler Field)

SURATT, John M.
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(VP-11 Kaneohe Bay)

NIXON, Curtis R.
Seguin, TX 78155
(USS Pyro)

SLONECKER, Wilbur H.
Newberg, OR 97132
(USSC Taney)

KUDZIUS, Arnold S.
Livonia, MI 48152
(USS Pennsylvania)

BAUMGARTNER, Bill J.
Fulton, MO 65251
(Mobile Hosp. #2)

SUDDRETH, Claude W.
Lenoir, NC 28645
(73rd Pur. Sq. Wheeler Field)

WEINER, Stephen I.
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(86th Obs. Sq. Bellows Field)

KUHN, Warren T.
Kansas City, MO 64131
(NAS Ford Island)

WENDT, Thomas H.
Springfield, PA 19064
(USS Rigel)

LOORYA, Marcus
S. San Francisco, CA 94080
(USS Dobbin)

ZUTT, Robert L.
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(Kaneohe Bay)

SAENGER, Paul T.
Canon City, CO 81212
(USS Alywin)

HUBBARD, Harold E.
Springdale, AR 72764
(27th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

ZENGEL, Joseph E.
Baltimore, MD 21222
(Kaneohe Bay)

BROWN, Donal G.
San Diego, CA 92154
(USS San Francisco)

BANGERT, Earl J.
Hillside, NJ 07205
(98th C/A Schofield Bks.)

BRODINE, Charles A.
Rockford, IL 61107
(USS Whitney)

CHAPMAN, Forrest E.
Rock Falls, IL 61071
(HQ 15th Pur. Wheeler Field)

FAULKNER, Paul H.
Roanoke, VA 24019
(USS Arizona)

HALEY, Glenn H.
Wichita, KS 67211
(251st C/A Camp Malakole)

KING, William G.
Fairfield, CA 94533
(USS Detroit)

LEGG, William G.
Englewood, CO 80110
(Admin. Kaneohe Bay)

MUSSACK, Dale H.
La Mirada, CA 90638
(USCG Taney)

STONE, Robert G.
Hannibal, MO 52301
(USS California)

SMITH, Robert D.
Overland Park, KS 66207
(USS Nevada)

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New Members . . . (Continued from Page 15)

TRABELOT, Edward Sr.
Walnut, IL 61376
(USS Selfridge)

MOORHOUSE, Dean C.
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(USS Maryland)

BARNETT, William P.
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951
(19th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

BROWN, William J.
Lynwood, WA 98037
(VP-22 Ford Island)

COOK, James A.
Slidell, LA 70458
(USS Rigel)

FENTON, Robert E.
Green Forest, AR 72638
(M/P Schofield Bks.)

HILCHUK, Constantine
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(47th Pur. Sq. Wheeler Field)

KUNERT, Joseph B.
Irvington, NY 10533
(98th C/A Schofield Bks.)

MARTIN, Charles G.
Independence, MO 64055
(USS Nevada)

PANION, Frank L.
Gray, PA 15544
(27th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

SCOTT, Robert L.
Neptune Beach, FL 32233
(Submarine Base)

SNYDER, William J.
Sacramento, CA 95841
(USCG Taney)

TRAINOR, John J.
De Funiak Springs, FL 32435
(USS Tennessee)

SPENCER, Frank R.
Woodburn, KY 42170
(USS Oklahoma)

BAUER, Leonard E.
Avoca, IA 51521
(USCG Taney)

BYRNE, Thomas J.
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
(64th FA Schofield Bks.)

DURHAM, Jack D.
Waitsburg, WA 99361
(USS Utah)

GARRINGER, Ralph N.
Kansas City, KS 66106
(35th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

HOUSER, Charles R.
Peoria, IL 61603
(64th C/A Ft. Shafter)

LANCE, Phillip N.
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(USS Vestal)

WALKER, Robert T.
Citrus Heights, CA 95621
(HQ 17th A/B Wheeler Field)

BAILEY, Fred E.
Rush City, MN 55069
(USS Vestal)

BLACKBURN, John W.
Gainesville, TX 76240
(Navy Yard)

CARPENTER, Arnold C.
Otis, KS 67565
(USS Case)

DYE, James S.
Midland, TX 79703
(USS Pennsylvania)

GREENLEAF, Robert L.
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
(USS Detroit)

KEIL, Norman M.
Belleville, IL 62220
(USS Nevada)

McGILL, Norwood L.
Detroit, MI 48213
(PT-6 PT Boats)

PERRIN, William B.
Alpharetta, GA 30201
(27th Inf. Schofield Bks.)

SIKO, Bruno
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
(19th Trans Sq. Hickam Field)

SPRAYBERRY, Richard D.
West Point, GA 31833
(Admin. Ford Island)

LANKFORD, Alva D.
Pioneer, CA 95666
(USS Oklahoma)

MITCHELL, Paul J.
Richland, MI 49083
(USS West Virginia)

PETERS, Walter H. Jr.
El Paso, TX 79925
(USS Detroit)

SIMPSON, Curtis L.
Wilmington, IL 60481
(USS St. Louis)

TESTA, Patsy M.
Greensburg, PA 15601
(251st CA Camp Malakole)

WALKER, Warren G.
Manchester, TN 37355
(USS Maryland)

REUNIONS

The *USS Shaw* (DD-373) will be holding their annual reunion this coming May, 1986 in Philadelphia, PA. They will be celebrating the ship's 50th anniversary.

For further information please contact: Elmo F. Rash, 4630 Obispo Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712 or phone (213) 429-5804. Lindsay Waters may also be contacted at: 111 Hanbury Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23702 or phone (804) 393-9330.

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Ed Martin of the *USS Helena* Organization invites all past crew members of the ship to please contact him if interested in the Helena Organization.

Their next reunion will be held in Reno, NV during the fall of 1987. Ed may be contacted at the following address: 1139 Arcadia #1, Arcadia, CA 91006.

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The *USS Raleigh* (CL-7) will hold its annual reunion in Denver, CO this coming May from 15 through 17, 1986.

For further information please contact J. Robert Loftis, 11714 East 2nd Ave., Aurora, CO 80010.

The *USS Chicago* (CA-29) (CA-136) (CG-11) and (SSN-721) will be holding their reunion at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Norfolk, VA this coming May, from 15 through 18, 1986.

For further information please contact: M. E. Kramer, 41 Homestead Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512. Also, a special invitation to all inboard Marines.

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The *USS Pittsburgh* (CA-72) will attend the International reunion in Las Vegas, NV this coming May. We have reserved 100 rooms.

For more information please contact: Lee R. Warren, 500 Southgate Ave., Daly City, CA 94015 or phone (415) 756-8445.

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The 11th Bomb Group (H) Association will hold its 1986 reunion in Sacramento, CA from July 2 through 6 at the Red Lion Inn.

For further information please contact: Robert E. May, P.O. Box 637, Seffner, FL 33584.

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The *USS Pennsylvania* reunion will be held in Memphis, TN this year, 1986, from July 18 through 20.

For further information please contact: Sheran and Marjorie Fortenot, Rt. 4—Box 236, Baker, LA or phone (504) 774-7957.

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Former crew members of WW II cruiser, *USS Concord* (CL-10), are planning their annual reunion for September of

1986. This will be from the 24 through 27. For further information please contact: Adam (Duke) Panarese, 701 Milby Dr., Chesapeake, VA 23325.

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A Des-Ron-One reunion is planned, which includes the following ships: *USS Worden*, *USS Dewey*, *USS Dale*, *USS MacDonough*, *USS Aylwin*, *USS Monaghan*, *USS Farrar*.

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Four members of the *USS Helena* Organization who were present for the 13th reunion in San Antonio, TX, Sept. 85. From left to right: Ted Blahnick, Dominico Di Carlo, Bill Bunker and Ed Martin.

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gut, *USS Hull* and the *USS Phelps*.

This will be held during the 45th reunion in Hawaii in December of 1986.

More information will be forthcoming in the July issue of the *Gram*, or you can contact Robert McClintock, 3215 Albert St., Orlando, FL 32806.

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The *USS Blue* (DD-387) and (DD-744) will be holding their reunions in Las Vegas, NV on May 27, 1986, in conjunction with the Southwest Pacific Forces.

Headquarters will be at the Riviera Hotel, with all members of DESRON 4 and DES-DIVs 7 and 8 welcome to drop in for a free GeDunk.

For further information please contact: Ed Hannah, Sr., 4070 Ruxton Lane, Columbus, OH 43220 or phone (614) 451-1190.

Pearl Harbor GRAM Announcement

Our plans for the 45th Reunion are moving right along! We currently have close to 1,000 people fully paid or under deposit to attend next year's convention. For those who have not signed up, you may use the current brochure reservation coupon to guarantee your hotel and room category when completed and sent with \$150 per person deposit to McDaniel Travel Management. Remember! Those deposits earn interest income for our association.

In early March 1986, the second brochure will be distributed. The same tour programs will be offered, the only changes will be the new 1986 price level. The Reunion Program will also be more detailed . . . including information on the special Gala Banquet!

The 1986 October issue of the Pearl Harbor *Gram* will include a comprehensive agenda of all meetings (rooms, dates, times, etc.) and all the planned activities and special events. A registration form will be included for those who wish to pre-register. Also, an important medical history card to be completed and sent along with your registration. We have planned a

24-hour medical service at the Sheraton Waikiki for quick attention if needed.

We look forward to seeing you in Hawaii next year . . .

For now, aloha
Thomas J. Stockett

Fellow Survivors:

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the cards, phone calls and letters sent to me during my hospital stay.

Messages of prayer and good wishes were received from every state in the union and numerous chapters from across the country. This sort of encouragement and support certainly serves as a positive tonic for a swift recovery.

Thank you, each and every one.

Sincerely,
Thomas J. Stockett
National President

Chew Crew Reunion Two in St. Loo Success Too

Even before the first *Chew* reunion ended last year, the second one was in the planning, and it took place during the weekend of October 13, 1985, at the Henry VIII Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

The basic program included dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning, and a Saturday morning tour of the Anheuser-Busch brewery. For those who just wanted to sit and talk, the hospitality room was open on Friday and Saturday. Still others took advantage of the chance to visit the Mississippi River waterfront attractions and tour the Arch.

There were more guests at this reunion than at the first, and there is every reason to believe that there will be still more in attendance at the next gathering in 1986, which will also be held in the metropolitan St. Louis area.

U.S.S. Helena

Sec. Nav. notified the *USS Helena* reunion organization that he had designated SSN 725 as *USS Helena* in recognition of the three previous ships of that name. All of them with distinguished combat records.

The first *Helena* was a gunboat that fought in the Spanish-American War and served in the Far East for many years.

Helena #2 was CL50, commissioned in Sept. 1939. She was damaged at Pearl Harbor, participated in eight battles of the South Pacific Campaign and sunk in July of 1943, in the battle of Kula Gulf.

The #3 *Helena* CA75 was commissioned 4 Sept. 1945 and earned the Presidential Citation for her actions in Korea. CA-75 was transferred to Pacific Reserve fleet in June of 1963 and sold for scrap in early 1970.

USS Helena SSN-725 is a nuclear attack submarine of the Los Angeles Class and will be commissioned in 1987.

Sixth District Convention

The sixth District Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Bi-Yearly meeting will be held in Asheville, N.C., in June 1986, from the 4th through the 8th at the Inn on the Plaza in downtown Asheville.

For further information please contact: J.C. West, 444 Tracy Grove Rd., Hendersonville, N.C. or phone 704/692-6513.

District Two Convention

This coming June from the 19th through 21st, 1986, the 2nd District annual convention will be held in Boise, I.D., at the Red Lion Riverside. This is a top convention center and will accommodate all our needs.

Convention packages will be in the mail in January with information on convention itinerary, motels and location of RV parks, also registration fees.

If you have not received your convention package, please contact: Joe W. White, Jr., Convention Chairman, 3181 Alpine #19, Boise, ID 83705 or phone 208/343-6207.

Florida's First State Convention

Miami — Dade Chapter 8 will be hosting Florida's first state convention on March 21 thru 23, 1986 in North Miami, Florida. This major event will be taking place at the Holiday Inn located at 11190 Biscayne Blvd.

Reservations may be made by calling 1/800/642-7666 (Nationwide) or 1/800/247-7666 (Florida). As you know, Miami is famous for its beautiful beaches which offer many activities such as all water sports, deep sea fishing or just relaxing in the sun. We also offer dog and horse tracks, one night cruises for entertainment and gambling or a hop to the islands. Those who have campers should contact our wagon master, Ted Reiner, (047) at 305/223-5915.

For further information you may also contact your host Frank and Marcie Nolan at 305/893-4756, 11855 NE 19th Dr., #14, N. Miami, FL 33181.

Y'All Come Down, Ya Hear!



From the Editor's Desk

Leaving GRAM

I have notified our National President, Tom Stockett, the January 1987 issue of the *GRAM* will be my last as your editor.

I will be running for office of National Vice President in Hawaii, 1986. I have enjoyed being your editor since 1977 with time out for our trip of two and a half years to the Philippines and then again serving you these past few years.

I feel that as Vice President the association and members can best be served in this capacity.

If any member of the association wishes to be the next editor of the *GRAM*, please contact your District Director or our National President, Tom Stockett, and let them know of your desire to fill this position in our organization. Believe me, it's a rewarding job, especially when you receive those letters of thanks for what you are doing. We would like the names of those that are interested as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made for an easy transition and turnover.

USS Cascade (AD-16) 1943-45 — John W. Welton, 2637 Verdello Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, needs to hear from men who remember him suffering ruptured ear drum when air shut off while he was under ship cleaning injection valve, especially pharmacist mates and diving crew.

Thanks once again to all you members who have helped so much over these past few years.

letters to editor

Dear Editor:

I feel strongly about Mr. Adis Arnold's letter to you in the July 1985 issue of the *GRAM*, and his comments regarding Admirals Kimmel. They deserve comments in all fairness.

I served in the Flag Office of Admiral Kimmell and Nimitz from 1941 through 1945. I do not remember Arnold serving on the staff so do not know where he got the erroneous information on which he based his comments.

President Roosevelt moved the Fleet to Pearl Harbor. Admiral J.O. Richardson told the President that Pearl Harbor was untenable and insisted upon his line of reasoning. He was relieved by Cruiser Division Commander, Admiral H.E. Kimmel. The fleet was at Pearl Harbor at that time because it had no other place to go.

President Roosevelt was responsible for the fleet being at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, with Admiral C. C. Bloch, Commandant 14th Naval Dist., being responsible for the safety of Pearl Harbor. I took many letters to Admiral H. B. Stork, CNO, from Admiral Kimmel requesting wide surveillance by submarines and PBYs. All were refused. The torpedo nets that Mr. Arnold mentioned in his letter to you were requested along with requests to replace faulty AA shells and torpedoes, but

were refused. I overheard Admiral Nimitz tell Admiral Kimmel that it was not his fault. The Roberts Commission could find no fault with the actions of Admiral Kimmel before or after the attack. He was never brought to trial because the truth would have vindicated Admiral Kimmel and placed the responsibility where it belonged, on President Roosevelt.

If you could see fit to publish this rebuttal to Mr. Adis Arnold's letter we can present our side and the truth. (Ref. July 1985 issue of the *GRAM*).

Paul A. Willis
Timber Land Village
Space 54, Box 4
Raymond, WA 98577

Editor:

Thank you for pointing out some of the statistics about our war with the Japanese. The American peace activists who are attempting to give the rest of us a "guilt trip" are not aware of the Japanese atrocities that preceded the dropping of the atom bombs or they choose to ignore them. Some people would like to forget the vicious, cruel and inhuman treatment at the hands of the Japanese but with others the memories will be with them all of their lives.

There are quite likely a large number of facts in the history of the Japanese that the peace activists have overlooked: (1) The Japanese began preparing for the future conquest of Asia shortly after World War I. The Japanese began the industrial build up with the aid and assistance of American international bankers and industrialists. (2) One of the first acts of Japanese aggression was the occupation of Korea. (3) The Japanese attacked China in the early 1930s but, due to certain unfavorable factors, decided that it was in their best interest to withdraw. (4) The Japanese again attacked China in the spring of 1937. With the bombings and strafings by Japanese pilots of any stationary or moving objects without much resistance, they got carried away with their own power. One Japanese pilot flew his plane over the *USS Augusta*, which was tied to her bouys in the Whangpo River. It was near 1200 and a number of men were walking across the quarter deck on their way to the noon meal. At the proper time

the Japanese pilot "accidentally" dropped a bomb on the quarter deck killing Freddie Fugate and wounding a couple of other U.S. Navy men. Of course, the Japanese sent Franklin Delano Roosevelt a "So Sorry" message. (5) In November of 1937 Japanese pilots bombed and strafed the *USS Panay* which was up the Yangtze River protecting American interests. The crew did the best they could to defend themselves with the little guns they had but the Japanese pilots sank the ship, killing or wounding several U.S. Navy men. Of course, the Japanese sent FDR another "So Sorry" message.

Just to give you an example of how really "sorry" the Japanese were, the *USS Stewart* (DD 224) was tied up in the Whangpo River along side the Standard Oil dock, protecting American interests. One morning Japanese pilots flew over the little Chinese community just outside of the Standard Oil Compound. Many of the men residing in the community were employed inside the compound by the Standard Oil Corporation. The wall around the compound was about 10 feet high but when the Japanese pilots began bombing and strafing the little community, the Chinese civilians began getting into the compound any way they could. Some who had ladders came over the wall. When some battered down a door, hundreds of frightened Chinese rushed into the compound for safety to get away from the Japanese planes. The landing force on the *USS Stewart* was called away to protect American interests. With rifles, belts, leggings and bayonets, the landing force party proceeded to move the innocent men, women and children out of the Standard Oil Corporation's compound back into the fire of the Japanese pilots. "So Sorry."

A few days later, while walking down the main deck, after completing the 0400-0800 auxiliary fire room watch, I heard screaming, laughing and shouting on the other side of the Whangpo River. There, on a tributary bridge were two Japanese Army trucks. The Japanese soldiers were unloading Chinese civilians whose hands were tied behind their

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Must Reading

Typhoon The Other Enemy
by Capt. C.R. Calhoun,
U.S.M. Retired

Editor's Desk . . .

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backs. Of course, you might suspect that the Japanese soldiers were doing the shouting and laughing while the Chinese prisoners were the ones doing the screaming and crying. Upon hitting the water, each victim was awarded the coup de grace with a volley of rifle fire from the Japanese soldiers. Needless to say, I ate no breakfast that morning.

(6) The American peace activists quite likely have never heard of Pearl Harbor. (Who's she?) On December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy, Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor and other American installations on the Island of Oahu, T. H. The Japanese started it and the Americans ended it.

Yes, it is unfortunate that the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. It should have been dropped on Emperor Hirohito's Royal Palace — and sooner. For that, all I can say is, "So Sorry."

Unknown Survivor

In the 84th Edition of the *GRAM* on page 17 in the caption under the picture of the Japanese who visited the USS Arizona Memorial, we printed that the Survivors and wife shown in the picture were unknown.

Adam Kosut writes into us stating that is he and his wife Millie, along with Bill Speer, *USS Honolulu*. Adam was off the *USS Curtiss*.

Additions and Corrections

Due to last minute changes and the lateness of the July issue of the *GRAM* being mailed to the membership, the printer inadvertently left captions off some pictures and cut lines off of others. One such picture was on page 28 showing the past presidents of New York chapter #4. We are sorry for this oversight. The names should read from left to right: Dan J. Fruchter, Pat Lebric, Joe Maduri and Clark J. Simmons.

Also in the July issue under wedding anniversaries, George and Bertha Shoemaker should have been listed under 40th anniversaries instead of 30th anniversaries.

PHSA Volunteer Service Program

The Pearl Harbor Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Program has recently been a great disappointment. At this time, from all indications I have, we had only nine PHSA chapters in the United States with an active VAVS program. We must have many survivors or family members of survivors that could and would be interested in spending a little time in the VA hospitals helping others that are less fortunate. You can be a part just by visiting your volunteer service officer at the local VA hospital.

In the VA hospitals . . . volunteers make a difference.

That's right! Volunteers do make a difference in VA hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in every corner of America. That difference is better health care . . . quality health care. You can make a difference, too, as a PHSA VA volunteer, and become a partner in the world's largest health care team . . . providing medical and personal services to very special patients.

The VA health system will have almost 200,000 patients in its over 170 hospitals and nursing homes, and some 14 million will visit outpatient clinics this year alone. The patients have served us . . . they, as we, are our nation's veterans. They have manned the defenses, borne the battles, and made the sacrifices of the greatest magnitude — for us. Thus, as they enter the personal battles of illness, the disabled and aged, it is the nation's responsibility to serve them. That is the VA's health mission . . . volunteers make a difference in how well VA accomplishes this.

On the Suncoast of Florida, the members of Chapter 1 have donated many happy hours to our less fortunate veterans. In the accounting year ending September 31, 1985, our survivors and spouses have totaled 23 volunteers who visited the

In October issue of the *GRAM* under wedding anniversaries, Sarg and Lou Cook's wedding date should read November 17 instead of the 4th.

VA hospital at Bay Pines, Florida 765 times, and accumulated a total of 3,825 hours of volunteer work. The Suncoast, Florida Chapter 1, also sponsors two youths who put in 566 hours for the PHSA, VAVS program.

Jobs of every description are available whether you are trained or not, the VA will train you. You can work 40 hours per week or just two hours. You select the days, times, and the jobs you would like — it is as easy as that. Join us and become a PHSA VA volunteer. A day at the hospital will send you home feeling you have done the worthwhile thing for some veteran that needed help. PHSA needs you also.

For more information, visit a VA hospital near you, or write to Harold "Sarge" Cook, 10926 — 87th Ave. North, Seminole, FL 33542.

Back issues of GRAM are now available:

All back issues of the *GRAM* are now \$2.00 each.

Postage paid.

Send check made payable to (PHSA Inc.) Editor, Pearl Harbor *GRAM*, P.O. Box 4665, Lancaster, CA 93539

New Applications for Membership

The new application for membership that is incorporated in this issue of the *Gram* is presented for the use of all members of the association. You will note it has been revised to meet the needs of the administration as well as providing the new rates for both annual members and Life members.

Please destroy any and all other issues of the application for membership, as they contain rates that are not effective any more, as well as addresses of the national treasurer, which are now obsolete. Your COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED



William J. Agen and his three sons represent all four branches of service. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. He is retired from the Navy Reserve as a master chief storekeeper. From left to right: 2nd Lt. Mark Agen, U.S. Air Force; Lt. Will Agen, U.S. Coast Guard; 1st Lt. Kevin Agen, U.S. Army.

Special Notice

The office of the national treasurer has been receiving notices of death from the next of kin when the 1986 dues notices were sent out. Many of the members have not had a REPORT OF DEATH, PHSA FORM 15 submitted since some of those deceased members seldom, if ever, attended a chapter meeting or other function.

It is important to the members that they instruct their next of kin to please notify either the chapter officers of their chapter or the national treasurer when a death of a member occurs. In so doing, this association can render the proper respects and gratuities that are due the deceased member without having to wait several months to provide the necessary services.

The cooperation of all members in this matter is greatly appreciated.



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Pearl Harbor Survivors

By JON SEAVER

PORTSMOUTH — "There are a lot of misconceptions about Pearl Harbor. I doubt if the President or his people knew in advance that the Japanese would attack," said Bill Cleveland, chairman of the N.H. Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

According to the military historian, a Navy officer and enlisted man had reported to Navy

Intelligence that they had "heard noises in the North Pacific and wondered if it was the Japanese fleet" that had been monitored but lost track of by the military in November, 1941.

One of the major questions in this century was whether President Franklin Roosevelt knew in advance and allowed the Japanese to attack Pearl Harbor to rouse the American People to

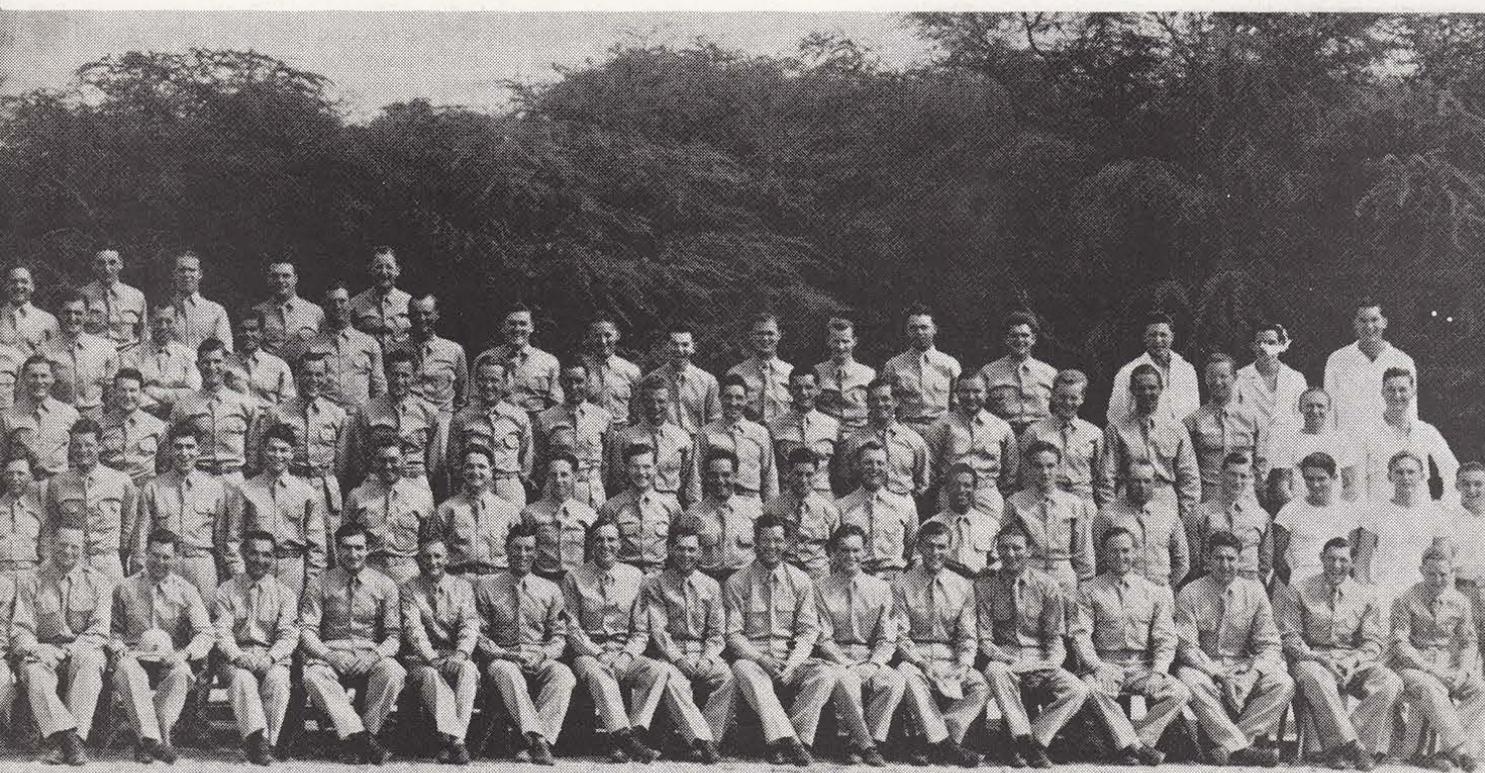
enter the war.

According to a fact sheet from Cleveland, 2,403 U.S. military personnel were killed and 1,178 wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Some 188 Army and Navy aircraft were destroyed and 159 damaged.

The battleships *USS Arizona*, *USS Oklahoma*, and *USS Utah* as well as destroyers *USS Cassin* and *USS Downes* were lost.

Mine Layer *USS Oglala* and battleships *USS California*, *USS Nevada* and *USS West Virginia* were sunk. Three other battleships, three cruisers, one destroyer, one seaplane tender and one repair ship were damaged.

A summary of the Japanese fleet that attacked that morning 43 years ago included six carriers, two battleships, two



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Group Has 55 Members

heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, nine destroyers, three submarines, and eight tankers — a total of 31 ships under the command of Admiral Nagumo and his chief of staff, Admiral Kusaka.

Five of the 28 Japanese submarines in the Pacific that were off Pearl Harbor carried two-man, mini subs launched in the attack and some 353 aircraft

were used by the Japanese Navy.

The 55-member Granite State chapter met last Sunday for the annual observance and reunion. Each spring they hold Memorial Day services at Cathedral In The Pines at Rindge.

Eleven men met in Los Angeles on Dec. 7, 1958 to honor and remember their friends who died at Pearl Harbor, and

the group later became the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

In the past 15 years, the PHSA has grown to a membership of 10,374 honorably discharged servicemen and women who were within three miles of Pearl Harbor between 7:55 and 9:45 a.m. Dec. 7, 1941.

Objectives of the non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian organization: to keep alive the

memory of our brethren who perished in the attack on Pearl Harbor for fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational purposes; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to maintain true allegiance to the United States Government; to maintain and extend the institution of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from her enemies.

Modern War

by Capt. Francesco Costagliola,
USN (Ret)

This is an abridgement of an article published in Officer Review the magazine of the Military Order of the World Wars.

When we think of modern war we usually think in terms of weapons of mass destruction such as hydrogen bombs, intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and so on. However, there is an entirely different dimension to modern warfare as it is practiced by the Soviet Union, a kind of warfare that we perceive only vaguely, if at all. It is a kind of warfare that may very well be far more destructive to our society in the long term than the arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. We Americans seem to have little feel for it and are, therefore, at a serious disadvantage.

The "weapons" in this aspect of modern war act primarily in the psychological domain and nearly all involve the application or dissemination of propaganda in one way or another. They include: radio broadcasting, news agencies, international front organizations, friendship societies, communist parties, KGB disinformation operations, agents of influence, terrorists and terrorism, and national liberation fronts.

Most of us discount the importance and effectiveness of propaganda. We feel certain that we can recognize propaganda which is false or misleading. However, it is important to recognize that in the Soviet Union, propaganda has been an essential tool of government since the day the Bolsheviks came to power in 1917.

The purpose of Soviet propaganda is not just to modify thought or to provoke a uniformity of thinking; one purpose is to provoke people to action. At home the purpose is to lead the people to do the things the leadership believes are in the best interests of the country and its leaders: to work hard and produce more and better goods, food, weapons, housing; to be patriotic and be better, more sober workers, soldiers, sailors, or airmen, etc.

Soviet propaganda for con-

sumption in other nations that are not Soviet vassals or allies has as its purposes the creation of fear, foreboding, dissension, dissatisfaction, distrust, hatred, chaos. Its purposes include provoking people into becoming militants against their government and its policies; to demonstrate, to riot and to revolt. The ultimate aim, of course, is to weaken and destroy those governments that are not of its persuasion and replace them with governments that are of its persuasion and will be subservient to it.

The constant drum beat of a particular line of propaganda has the effect of modifying perception. It magnifies and distorts, creating false images in the mind. This tends to result in strange inconsistencies in policies and actions.

Decisions with regard to external propaganda are made at the highest levels of the Soviet government. The Politburo approves the major themes of propaganda campaigns.

How effective is this new kind of warfare? Has it had any effect on us Americans? Let us take a look at ourselves.

One effect that should be apparent to us all is that we are becoming increasingly a nation under siege. There has been a phenomenal rise in effort devoted to security of all kinds. In the past year for example, we have seen the U.S. Capitol and the White House adopt very stringent measures against terrorist attack.

The propaganda assault against our capitalist system, which depicts our businesses and industries as evil, and therefore our government which supports them as evil has given rise to the feeling among many Americans that business and industry are legitimate targets to be "ripped off." We can see the effect in our stores which have had to establish or to greatly enlarge their security forces and to adopt such measures as installation of remote TV cameras and systems which can detect merchandise being removed that has not been paid for.

Most readers are aware of the fact that our Navy has more than a hundred nuclear powered

submarines, that it has nuclear powered cruisers and aircraft carriers too. The United States Navy has been building and operating nuclear powered warships for nearly 30 years.

Our aircraft carriers are about 1,000 feet long. Our submarines and cruisers are much smaller. Tens of thousands of officers and men of our Navy have served on or are serving on these vessels. They have been working, eating, and sleeping within feet of nuclear reactors, nuclear reactors powerful enough to provide the energy needed to drive the electric generators of a small city.

Yet the general public, bombarded by false and misleading propaganda about radiation and the safety of nuclear reactors, has come to fear to be within miles of a nuclear reactor.

Another strange inconsistency is one that borders on the completely irrational. It is the attitude toward human life.

On the one hand we are deeply concerned about something called "the population explosion." We seem to be concerned that we are about to be inundated in a sea of humanity, that it is going to become impossible to feed everybody, that there are just too many of us people.

On the other hand most of us feel that life is very precious and seem to live in constant fear that the human race is about to be wiped out in a nuclear war or in nuclear accidents. The loss of

even one life in military operations for whatever purpose is decried.

Our minds are being stressed by two sets of propaganda which pull in opposite directions. One set of propaganda treats people as a "drug on the market" and urges us to act to reduce or reverse the growth in population. The other set treats people as very precious and urges us to act to outlaw nuclear weapons, nuclear explosives and nuclear power plants as too dangerous to human life. It urges us to save the lives of even the most dangerous criminals.

The Environment

But what is probably the strangest, most disturbing, and in the long term the most destructive result of this new kind of warfare, is the attitude we have developed toward the environment. Under constant bombardment of propaganda about an "environmental crisis" with emphasis at various times on themes such as:

- air pollution
- water pollution
- greenhouse effect
- ozone depletion
- radiation and radioactivity
- supersonic aircraft
- pesticides
- "dying" lakes, rivers and bays
- acid rain
- phosphates

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First meeting in over 40 years. On left is Kenneth Harvey and Roy Plyler, who were shipmates at the A & R Dept. NAS Ford Island on December 7, 1941. Ken and Roy would like to hear from some of their other shipmates attached to Ford Island on that Day of Infamy. Roy A. Plyler, 1380 NE Paulson Rd., Poulsho, WA 98370 or phone (206) 692-4307 and Ken Harvey, 325 Noore St. P.O. Box 318, Baraboo, WI 53913 or phone (609) 351-4780.

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lead in paint and in gasoline carcinogens

we have accepted without question the concept "We must protect our environment in order to survive." Some of these themes do have a basis for concern. Some do not. Still others are pure conjecture. But regardless of the merit or lack of merit of the individual themes, we should be aware that life expectancy in the U.S. today is the highest in all history. Most important, there are two indisputable facts which have a bearing on the relationship of us people to our environment. And every person who reads these lines knows them.

The first is, we human beings are not self-sufficient. We people cannot exist for very long without oxygen, or without food, or without water. We need clothing and shelter to protect us from the vagaries of climate and weather.

The second is there is no place else but the environment from which to obtain the oxygen we need, or the food we need, or the resources we need to provide us with the essential requirements for existence, let alone for luxuries.

It is not true that we must protect our environment in order to survive. The truth is we must exploit our environment in order to survive at even the meanest level. And it follows that the better we live, the greater the degree of exploitation we must exercise. The fact that even our best minds have accepted the lie without question indicates how effective the new kind of warfare can be.

Of course there are many things in our environment that need protection. We do need clean air and clean water. But must we strive to protect the entire environment? As we indicated earlier we have to exploit it for the resources we need to continue living.

Must we protect each and every one of the three or four million species of living things? We know that there have been countless species of living things that have existed on earth for a time and then died out. Their disappearance has not adversely affected us in any dis-

cernible way. Not one was essential to human life.

We should remember that every material thing, animate or inanimate, on and in the earth is composed of one or more of the 92 chemical elements in mixtures and/or in combinations.

Our earth is not uniform. There are concentrations of particular resources we need and they have to be sought out.

Very few of the resources we have used have come from more than a mile or two beneath the surface. Our earth is four thousand miles deep. We have scarcely scratched the surface.

Our "wastes" are usually resources for which we have no use at the present time. Even "pollution" may be viewed as a resource.

"Acid rain" is rain with an extremely dilute solution of sulfuric acid. Over millions of years acid rain has performed the very important function of slowly breaking down stone into useful topsoil. Sulfuric acid has many important industrial uses.

Ozone, a component of smog, is a special form of oxygen that has some irritating properties which also cause problems for the airlines from time to time. It is a "pollutant" that is included in the measurement of air quality.

Ten years or so ago there was a flood of propaganda about ozone depletion. The "ozone layer" was and is viewed as a medium in the upper atmosphere which screens out harmful radiation.

Another "pollutant" of particular interest is oil. In the ground, or after it is taken out of the ground, it is a very valuable resource. However, when an oil tanker is in a collision or runs aground and its cargo spills out into the surrounding water and onto nearby beaches, it is a "pollutant."

Our Universe

Not only is all matter on and in the earth made up of, or made from, the 92 chemical elements,

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but all evidence indicates that the matter outside our earth in the universe around us is made up of exactly the same chemical elements as those on earth. Hence, it is difficult to see how the matter that exists outside our earth could be different. So far, we have detected no hard evidence that there is any intelligent life outside our earth that can compete for these unimaginably vast resources.

Conclusion

The Soviet Union has developed a variety of techniques, has built up vast organizations, promoted terrorism and developed "agents of influence" around the world to create false perceptions of reality, and to inspire fear, dread and promote hatred, dissension, distrust and confusion. It inspires people in the countries not of its persuasion to protest, to demonstrate, to march, and to revolt against the policies and actions of their governments in order to weaken and eventually destroy them.

A first step in countering this kind of warfare is to recognize its existence and its nature. The second step is to vitiate what is potentially the most destructive false concept that we have embraced. We should throw off the mental shackle that is holding us back, the mistaken belief that, "We must protect our environment in order to survive." We must return to being specific about what we protect in our environment.

OUR SCORE

It was Sunday, December the seventh,
We stood in the cool morning breeze.

Came the sudden feel of shock and steel,
'Twas the dastardly Japanese.

'Twas a helluva deed they committed,

Unfit for its entry in logs.
They murdered, they maimed, they trapped us,
These lowly man worshipping dogs.

It's 4000 miles to Tokyo,
Maybe more or less perhaps,
But we'll go these miles and a million more,
To settle our score with the Japanese.

They'll all remember Pearl Harbor,
And Wake, and the Philippines.
In spite of what they think they did,
We still have the method and the means.

Soon now there'll be an engagement,
On land or perhaps on the seas.
Two forces shall meet for the utter defeat,
Of the lowly Nipponese.

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By Lee Moe

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This is the start of the new year, so we would like to say Happy New Year to all in PHSA and the very best for this coming year. This will be our 45th Anniversary in December, so let's make this one of the biggest reunion/conventions we have ever had in Hawaii.

We left off with a visit to the Aloha Chapter 1 in our last issue so let's start the *Mini News* out across the blue Pacific with our friends from the islands and the Pupukahi, which means Harmoniously United.

Dick Fiske, their chapter secretary, reports that in the month of October they held a social meeting at the Lanikai recreation center with the meeting being conducted by Vice President Joe Ritson. Discussion took place during the meeting on December 7 ceremonies and it was decided to do the same thing they did last year, and that was to divide the membership between several places so that all services within the islands would be covered by PHSA members.

Officers elected and installed for the coming year were: state chairman, Joseph Niemitz; chapter president, Joseph Ritson; vice president, Donald Howell; secretary, Richard Fiske; treasurer, Hillory Jones; trustees, Keith Hill, Joseph Arruda and George Williams.

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Heading east across the blue but stormy Pacific at this time of year, let's make a stop up Washington State way and see what PHSA is up to in that area.

State Chairman George Fisher informs us that the North Cascade Chapter 5 held their annual San Juan Island excursion in September. Bob Collyer was the host for this event. From the salmon Bob caught, all members enjoyed his secret barbecue recipe for delicious and mouth-watering salmon. There were a total of 50 survivors and families in attendance.

For the past several months, Bill Richter has been spending most of his time breathing new life into the Olympic Peninsula Chapter. Their last meeting was very active and held at the McChord AFB NCO Club.

During the month of October, the Veterans Administration sent invitations to State Chairman George Fisher (Fort Shafter) and his wife to be honored guests at the dedication of the replacement VA Medical Center in Seattle. Capt. Don Ross was also an honored guest.

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Over in the Lilac Chapter in the Spokane area, member Don Murray has been very active in community affairs, and Vancouver Chapter, under the direction of Tony Nady, is holding meetings in a fine restaurant on the outskirts of the city. They have very lively get togethers.

Steps are being taken to publish a newsletter that will be distributed primarily to those survivors who are not near an organized chapter, with the purpose to keep them informed of PHSA doings in the state.

Before we leave this area, we can't forget Seattle Chapter 2. During the month of September, they held their meeting at the Green Lake VFW Post 4137. Many items were covered during the meeting, including nomination of officers.

Joe Szalay was highly commended for his "Battleship Row" display at their annual picnic, also the "Sunshine Lady," Nan Soper, was commended for her efforts in sending cards to chapter members when needed.

This past December 7, they held their memorial banquet at

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the Roadside Broiler Restaurant with a great time for all those who attended. Memorial services were held at the Washelli Cemetery at the Tower of Chimes. George Smith and Chuck O'Donovan were in charge for this ceremony.

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Heading over Idaho way, we find the chapter in this area holding commemorative meetings. Chapter 1 and Magic Valley Chapter 2 held a joint meeting in September at Sun Valley. This meeting was held to commemorate the surrender of the Imperial Japanese Forces which ended World War II. State Chairman LeRoy Kohntopp read a brief resumé of WWII which was enjoyed by 16 survivors and their wives. Prior to the general meeting, a no-host dinner was served.

Also discussed during their meeting was the Second District Convention/Reunion which will be hosted by the two chapters. This will be held June 19 through 21, 1986, at the Red Lion Riverside in Boise, ID. A nation side invitation is hereby extended through the *Gram* to any and all survivors who might be in the Boise area on that weekend, you are most welcome.

For reservations please contact: Joseph White, Jr., 3181 Alpine #19, Boise, ID 83705 or John Crandall, 2016 Panama, Boise, ID 83705.

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We will visit one more chap-

ter up in the northern part of the country before heading down California way.

Down in the state of Utah during the month of October, these members held their annual meeting at Tiger and Gwen Tibbs' place. It was casserole potluck, with the hospitality and food being superb.

Barney and Virginia Meehan donated a lovely quilt which was raffled off at their December 7 dinner/meeting. All proceeds were to go to the state convention. It was decided at this meeting that the chapter would send out their last order for PHSA jackets with their logo on the back and that was it — no more orders in the future.

A ballot was mailed out to all members so they might vote for their selection of officers for the coming year.

State Chairman Lawrence Smethurst informs the *Gram* that members of the Utah chapters participated in November at the Veterans Day Parade in Salt Lake City. This group was lucky enough to have the Kennedy Jr. High School band marching behind them so keeping in step was no problem. Following the parade, they all met at the Monument to Medal of Honor holder which was rededicated in Memory Grove. During the ceremonies, they laid a wreath at their own monument in memory of our departed comrades who perished on December 7, 1941.

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Pearl Harbor veterans reunite who were stationed at Bellows Field on December 7, 1941. Seven of these eight veterans held a reunion last October in Hayward, WI, to honor the former mess sergeant of the 86th Observation Sq., which was pictured in the centerfold of the July '85 issue of the *Gram*. Mess Sgt. Munson is seated in the center. Standing left to right: Melvin Rogstad, Clyde Green, Harold Simonsen, Julius Stark, Adis Arnold and Boris Mihaljevich. Seated left to right: Elmer Munson and John Neuhauser.

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Making the big jump down to California, let's start their news with San Fernando Valley Chapter 12. It was a merry Christmas time during their December meeting, with gifts being passed around between the members and their wives. Members were asked to also bring a gift for the Veterans Hospital which would be delivered to the VETS before Christmas. All those present enjoyed a delicious ham dinner with some going back for seconds.

Also during the month of December, chapter members participated in memorial services at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station.

Election and installation of officers took place during the month of November. They are as follows: president, Ernie Reepmaker; vice president, Malcolm Ells; secretary, Wally France; treasurer, Barney Gilliam; trustees, Tommy Thompson, Bill Aupperlee and Tom Martin. It is also our understanding that Bill Aupperlee will be running for the office of California state chairman in Redding this coming May.

1985 was a long, hard year for Chapter 12, which hosted the state convention aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, but as they look back on 1985, they can all say it was worth it — we all pitched in and it was a great and successful year for the chapter.

Before leaving this chapter, we can't forget to mention their traveling RVer group. They have been hitting the roads these past few months and attending many PHSA functions throughout the west and mid-west so, some of you chapters across this great land, don't be surprised if they drop in on you during the coming months. They are a fun group. Doris, where is that picture for the *Gram*?

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Down the freeway a piece and in the Gardena area we find national Chapter 1 survivors as active as ever. It was picnic time this past September at the Terminal Island Naval Base. Off in the distance we could see the *USS Missouri* being refurbished

for sea duty and her recommissioning ceremonies.

It was a wonderful and beautiful day for a picnic. Other California chapters from the south joined in with them to enjoy a fun-filled day plus a little frolic.

During the month of November these members marched in the Veterans Day parade in Gardena and also the Long Beach area, then it was turkey time during their meeting at the AMVETS Hall Club House in Gardena. In both of their meetings, in November and December, chapter members brought canned goods for the needy during Christmas time.

On December 7 they joined in with other Southern California chapters and participated in memorial services at Seal Beach Weapons Depot.

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Still heading south down the freeways and to the Los Alamitos area, we find Orange County Chapter 14 visiting other chapters and their special events during the months of September, October and November.

Their two biggies during November and December were their annual luau and hosting the memorial services at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station.

There were 144 survivors, wives and guests present during their luau. It was a feed fit for a king. Ribs, chicken with all the trimmings, you name it and it was there to be eaten. The entertainment was outstanding and Eunice Antosik did a wonderful job of putting on this event. It was just great, Eunice.

Installation of officers took place during their birthday party at Sam's Seafood Place in October. Elected and installed were: president, Frank Weitzel; vice president, Del Lacquement; secretary, Howard Nagel; treasurer, Frank Wright; trustees, Roy Johnson, Jack Epper-son and Bob Watson.

Once again, this group will use the centerfold area of their newsletter to publish names of survivors and wives who wish to say a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of PHSA.

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We will start to ease our way out of California but first, a stop in the San Gabriel Valley with

Chapter 9. President M. C. Speedy Meyers informs the *Gram* that chapter members are full of the PHSA spirit this time of the year, but it is hard not to find this group in that mood. Their new slate of officers for the coming year are: president, Speedy Meyers; vice president, Roland Stabler; secretary, Charles Bohnstadt; treasurer, Carl Chitaker; trustees, Adam Kosut, George Murray and J. R. Renner. Installation of the above took place at their November meeting with Vice State Chairman South Lorena Danis being the installing officer. Following the installation it was BBQ steak dinner.

On November 11, Veterans Day, they held special ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Riverside, with PHSA laying a wreath. A replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall was on display at the cemetery.

In December they held their annual Christmas dinner at the Mural House in Ontario, CA. Then, on December 7, they

joined in with Chapters 1-12 and 14 for memorial services.

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Let's take a hop, skip and a jump back to Arkansas with this wonderful group of survivors and their wives for their Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day memorial services.

On December 1, Arkansas Chapter 2 hosted memorial services in the American Legion Hut at Fort Smith, AR. Starting with the business meeting, this was followed by a luncheon, then later in the day, memorial services with a candle lighting ceremony in memory of all our deceased survivors.

On December 7, Arkansas State Chairman Angelo Belotti emceed the statewide "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Memorial" service on the Arkansas State Capitol steps. This was in honor of our departed comrades who perished on December 7, 1941. Each survivor who was present was rec-

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Bob May presents to President Doyle Ebel of the 11th Bomb Group (H) Association, the President's Photo Book inscribed with his name at their annual reunion.



Bruce Beauchsene, on left, receives the "Order of the Pineapple" from Bob May of the 11th Bomb Group (H) Association for traveling the farthest to attend their 1985 reunion. He came all the way from Germany.

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PHSA honors at V-Day parade in Seymour, IN. The theme was "Keeping America Alert." From left to right: James H. Burrell, past Fifth District Director; David Briner; Donald Herther and Charles Moore.

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ognized by name, ship or station, and his or her hometown.

That evening of December 7, Chapter 1 President Ed Butkeiwicz hosted memorial and banquet services at the Holiday Inn City Center in Little Rock. The festivities started the evening off with coffee and visiting, followed by dinner, then the memorial service and installation of chapter officers. No report as to who their officers might be for the coming year.

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Next door in the state of Oklahoma and Chapter 1, we find that a change in schedule has been made. They held their annual dinner/election meeting at the American Legion Post #170 in Midwest City this past November. On the agenda that evening was discussion of a catered dinner December 7, at the Southgate Hotel in Oklahoma City. All were in agreement with this location and time. We understand from all the reports it was a fun-filled evening and Harold Slusser says they will do it again next year.

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We have several newsletters from the Missouri Chapter 1 so while in this area, let's see what they have been up to. Chapter 1 held its annual picnic at the J. C. Park in St. Charles in June. There were 16 survivors and their wives present. It was a wonderful afternoon for a picnic with lots of good food, drinks and just swapping of sea stories.

The annual state meeting of Missouri PHSA was held at the

Holiday Inn West in Columbia in September. Friday evening was spent in the Happy Hour room, then on Saturday afternoon they held their business meeting. During the meeting, State Chairman Curtis Schulze formed a fifth chapter in the state, from the Columbia area.

4th District Director Bill Eckel gave a short talk on the changes in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association dues and on the upcoming Hawaii Reunion/Convention for 1986. That evening they held a cocktail party along with their banquet, which was enjoyed by all members, wives and friends.

Curtis Schulze installed the new officers of Missouri Chapter 4 from St. Clair.

From Bill Kohnle and the chapter 1 newsletter, it was fall in time at the Jordans Restaurant in November. Also during the month of November it was parade time in the Veterans Day parade on the 9th. Along with the marching group they had a DUKW type vehicle for those that couldn't march.

For their December 7 ceremonies they were aboard the *USS Inaugural* on the river. Because of this December event they did not hold their annual monthly meeting at Jordans.

You guys and dolls didn't lose to the Kansas City bunch, did you, on the World Series???

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Back out California way, as we have always stated, there is much news from this area, so we have to sneak back now and

then to get it all in the Mini News.

Up in the State Capitol with River City Sacramento Chapter 6, it was parade time in November with the uniform of the day being PHSA caps, aloha shirts, white pants, shoes and socks, and it being a little bit nippy, some wore PHSA Jackets. That evening following the parade they held a buffet dinner and dance at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631, in Carmichael. The buffet consisted of turkey, ham and roast beef with all the trimmings. The dance band was great and this lasted into the wee hours of the a.m.

Also in the month of November they held a joint installation of officers along with Chapter 26 of the Mother Lode chapter. PHSA State Secretary James Moe was the installing officer.

This past December Chapter 6 participated in the Sacramento Parade which ended up on the capitol west steps. The senior PHSA officer present received a proclamation from the governor. Following these ceremonies a luncheon was held.

Bill Johnson of Chapter 23 was installed at the banquet as Vice State Chairman North replacing Clint Walden who had moved to the Oregon area. Bill also made the announcement that he would be running for California State Chairman at the Redding Convention in May.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Edwin Hawkins; vice president, Bob Castle, secretary, Robert Sargent; treasurer, James McCollough; trustees, David Lindberg, Victor Weiher and Gene Wilson.

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Heading inland and on up to the Pony Express Chapter 30 of Pollock Pines, CA we see that

these PHSA members survived their Oktoberfest, which was a great success. President Tommy Thomsen received many accolades, praises and thanks from all who attended, and he states it was almost unbelievable. They had only one minor complaint, and that was from a survivor who couldn't find a dancing partner. Everyone stated this was the best outing to date. Tommy wishes to thank all members for their devotion to duty and hard work. Without you we couldn't have done it. He gives special thanks to all the ladies of the chapter and says "God Bless Ya All."

On December 7, they held 44th anniversary services at the Sportsman Hall in Camino.

New Officers are: president, Mickey Fischer; vice president, Bob Sherman; treasurer, Ira Reed; secretary, Rolfe Dixon; trustees, Ken Fox, Win Martin, Ernie Godfrey and Gene Mapes.

Late report on their Oktoberfest, there were 32 RVs present with 100 survivors and their wives attending the tailgate party on Friday evening. On Saturday they had 137 present and then on Saturday evening 158 enjoyed a wonderful fun filled evening. All in all there were 13 chapters represented.

Back tracking a few miles and further up north we find Chapter 25 of the Feather River enjoying the later months of 1985 in PHSA activities.

These troops will be helping Redding Chapter 28 in the hosting of the California State Convention this coming May.

During the month of October it was volunteer help in "stuffing envelopes" for their first mailing for the state convention. In November at the Crossroads Restaurant in Chico, it was the same thing all over again. These

Seeking Information of Father

Anyone having knowledge of or knowing Martin "Bud" Kennedy (Aviation Machinist's Mate) and a crew member of the *USS New Orleans* on December 7, 1941, also the "Battle of the Coral Sea." Kennedy was a career Navy man, who served as a tailgunner on the *USS Yorktown*, was stationed at Banana River Air Station during 1947 and Patuxent Naval Air Station 1949, on PBY4-2 Privateer aircraft.

Please contact: Martin Kennedy, Jr., 65496 Solar Rd., Montrose, CO 81401 or phone collect: 303/249-2377.

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survivors and their wives are working hard and overtime to make this an outstanding convention.

During the month of December it was meeting time and ceremonies at the Lyons Restaurant and then happy holidays time at the Showers' residence on December 21.

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One more chapter out in this area before heading east once again. Down in the San Francisco Bay area with Mt. Diablo Chapter 13, President Hank Freitas informs the *Gram* his members are still bowling up a storm around and with the bay area chapters. They hold their own during these monthly events.

During the month of November they and Chapter 11 held a joint installation of officers at the Officers Club, Concord Weapons Station. Also during the month of November they held their annual monthly meeting at the CPO Club, Moffett Field.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Adrian Pacheco; vice president, Dale Matson; secretary, Stan Harber; treasurer, Gerald Hofmeyer; trustees, Hank Freitas, Vern Gackowski, George Saunders, Joe Ruggles, Loyd Crabtree and Paul Kennedy.

Chapter members voted to contribute monies to the VA Hospital in Martinez for their Christmas Party.

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All the way back to the east coast and to the Virginia Beach area with Tidewater Chapter 2.

It has been a long hot summer in Tidewater, but the heat has failed to curtail the activities of PHSAs survivors in this area.

The chapter was well represented at the Virginia/DC State Convention in Richmond last May. Also later in the month, over 100 survivors and their wives enjoyed their annual picnic. It was BBQ'ed steaks, charcoal to order by John Debay, Ray Baer and Vern Smith. Many of the ladies brought covered dishes to complement the steaks.

Then in August they had a fish fry with another great turnout.

Everyone had their fill of trout, hushpuppies, which were all cooled down by cold Budweiser.

Bill and Vi Aldridge of Peninsula Chapter 3 brought a large cooler of steamed crabs ready for eating. Needless to say it was a great feed with many full bellies.

Several survivors and their families attended the Ohio State Convention in August.

During the month of August chapter members participated in the annual Oyster Bowl Parade which is sponsored by the Khe-dive Temple Shriners of the Children's Burn Center. Then in November they once again marched in the parade at Virginia Beach.

Last but not least in December it was memorial services on the 7th aboard the *USS Iowa* and hosted by the captain and the crew of the ship. Also during the month of December they held their annual Christmas party at the Fort Story Officers Club in Virginia Beach. Fred New and Bob Tye were chairmen for this event.

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Elsewhere in the Virginia/DC area we find Peninsula Chapter 3 holding its meetings fall and winter months with the meeting dates spelled out in the chapter newsletter. Although they are a small chapter they make up for their size with a big welcome mat. Their members are urged to take part in chapter business meetings. They are open to suggestions from other chapters.

Roanoke Valley Chapter 5 has extended an invitation to survivors and spouses to attend a special "Recognition of Veterans" service at the Vinton Baptist Church in Vinton. This was in November. They were also invited to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies at Northside High School in Roanoke.

On December 7, chapter members met at the Tangle-

wood Holiday Inn.

Central Piedmont chapter #4 is trying to emulate chapter 2 by increasing the frequency of their meetings, not to conduct formal business meetings but to get together informally to enjoy the fellowship and ensure that they haven't forgotten names and faces.

They had a quick pickup picnic in July at one of the local parks, although a muddy court prevented the completion of the first annual horseshoe pitching tournament.

At their regular fall meeting the members expressed a desire for a dinner meeting without formal business, which was held in November.

Many of the members visited the Turner Moores in Marlborough Point on the Potomac and enjoyed the hospitality of the Moores and Chapter 1 in August. They had a great time and will reciprocate but will never be able to match that setting.

In September the business meeting was preceded by a social hour and a covered dish meal. Thirty-five persons were present, including 11 members from chapter 4 and five members from Chapter 1.

Much discussion took place concerning the return to Hawaii in December of 1986, with many members making reservations on their own, and not through the national plan.

For their December 7 observance, this was held at the Midway Lounge, Calabash Restaurant, in Mechanicsville.

Chapter 1 National Capital held its annual summer picnic and meeting in September and was hosted by Leona and Turner Moore at their "Camp David

On the Potomac" summer home. The rain eased up and it turned out to be a beautiful day. There was much food and fellowship in whatever order you chose. Distinguished guests included newly-elected state chairman, Clark Martin and his lady, also three past state chairmen and presidents of Chapter 2 and 4, and the past president of Chapter 3 with all their ladies. The business meeting included the nomination of officers for the new term and discussions of plans for the future.

In October members and guests feasted at the Cameron Station Officers Club. After partaking of the many offerings of the buffet board, they held their business meeting. New officers elected are: president, Ted Sawick; vice president, Wes Hughes; treasure, Henry Dettmar; secretary, A. Czerwenka; trustees, Frank Costagliola; Turner Moore; and Jesse Pond, Jr.

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Down in the state of Tennessee the PHSAs members met in convention at the Nashville Airport Hilton Hotel this past September. The meeting and convention was called to elect a Tennessee, state chairman of PHSAs. This convention is held each second year in September on odd numbered years. The balloting decided that Clyde Hudson was the new Tennessee State Chairman.

While in convention Chapter 4 held a meeting to elect new officers, they are as follows: president, LeRoy "Jerry" Gammon; 1st vice president, W. T. Hickerson; vice president, Tom Beasley; sec./treas., Frank

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Colorado Chapter 3 officers along with State Chairman Ben Vecchio in center of picture holding Chapter 2's charter. Officers were installed during installation ceremonies at Grand Junction, CO.

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Mossack; trustees Forest Wooten; W.T. Hickerson and Jack Dowlen.

The Sons and Daughters also held their meeting while attending this convention.

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Once again heading for California, and Shasta Chapter 28. These members will host the California State Convention in May.

During the month of November they held nominations and election of officers for the coming year. This meeting was held at the International House of Pancakes Restaurant in Redding. Topics they addressed were: new officers, Veterans Day Parade in Anderson, December 7 memorial services, discussion of monument, discussion of convention plans and their Christmas dinner party.

The rock they had picked out for their monument was taken by someone else so they have had to scout around for another one, but they have already lined up others, so this should only be a temporary set back to the chapter.



Mr. and Mrs. Wittig of Charles Blazek Chapter 1, Wisconsin, came up with the idea, and his wife's talent, in making this lounge chair for the Wisconsin picnic last August as a raffle prize. It was won by Past National President Tom Decker of Illinois. The chair was done in colors of red, white and blue.

In November the chapter participated in the Veterans Day parade in Anderson. Following the parade the Shasta County Veterans Affiliated Council invited all parade participants to be their guests for refreshments at the VFW Hall in Anderson.

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Heading for the coastline and San Francisco Bay Area, Chapter 2 held their annual monthly meeting in October with 61 members being present. Then in November on Veterans Day they participated in the parade at Hayward, also during this period of November they had a display booth at Fort Mason for the "40 Years After" event. John McGoran was in charge of the booth and from reports, their booth was the highlight of this three day event.

This past December chapter members attended services on the 7th at the Presidio in San Francisco.

At their November regular meeting all members were asked to bring Christmas cards which are donated to the Veterans Hospital in Livermore.

Bob Watrous was elected to a three year term as chapter trustee.

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On up to the northern section of California and Luther Burbank Chapter 23 and Lake Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Newsletter Editor Herb Stettler of the *Salvo* informs the *Gram* they held their Installation Dinner/Dance at the Veteran's Building in Santa Rosa during the month of November.

One note of sadness for all of PHSA, especially we of California chapters and the Santa Rosa group. This was the passing of a very dear friend to all of us, our fellow comrade, Richard H. "Dick" Remmers off the *USS Maryland*. National Chaplain Reverend Frank Solomon was the officiating officer and I guess it can all be said as Herb quoted it: "Dick might have told us all with these parting words: 'Aloha Aikanes, Kanes and Wahinins of PHSA. Inna Kamaainas Malahinnis Aloha Auia Oe. A Hui Hou Kaua, Aloha Oe.'" ("Dear friends men and women of PHSA, I love you all. Until



Northeast Florida Chapter 6 survivors participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Jacksonville, FL. From left to right: Curtis Welch, Bill Tardiff, Virgil Green, Art Elliot, Fred Guest, Ken Musselman, Steve Bernhard, Phil O'Brien, Al Lance, Ralph Henderson and (not shown) Ed Kmiec.

we meet again, Farewell!") Rest in peace Richard . . .

New officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Frank Sennello; vice president, Rich Schulz; secretary, Bill London; treasurer, Glen Silvester; trustees, Don Hoffman, Jesse Love and Larry Millard.

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From one coast to the other in one big jump we find ourselves in the state of Florida with Gold Coast Chapter 4. Their November meeting was held at Coral Springs Mall Community Service Center where plans were finalized for the December 7 Memorial Services. Chapter members also participated in the Our Town Festival in Coral Springs with president Cy Cybulski, Pancho Villa and his lovely wife running the PHSA booth during the festival. Pancho and his wife are formerly from Hawaii and the Aloha chapter.

Down in the southwest section of Florida we find Chapter 5 members of PHSA conducting memorial services at Lee Memorial Park in December.

Patriotic organizations were invited to participate with their colors. These were the Veterans of WWI, American Legion, VFW, DAV, Forty & Eight, Fleet Reserve, Military Order of the Cooties and Vietnam Vets, along with the BPOE.

For survivors and their wives the uniform of the day was aloha shirts with white trousers and muu-muus for the ladies. A brief

memorial prayer was offered by Chaplain Howard Manning, US Army Ret. A memorial wreath was presented by President Hoah Yylie to honor those of our comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice on that day of Infamy and those who have joined them in intervening years. The Lehigh Acres Barbershop chorus sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and God Bless America. Taps were sounded and Lehigh Acres VFW provided a three-volley salute. The missing man formation was provided by F-15 fighter aircraft of the 56th Tactical Training Wing, MacDill AFB. All PHSA members present were placed in a single line formation and when their ship or station was called they all stepped forward two paces.

Following the memorial cemetery services, all were dismissed to gather at the Tiki Room of the Hut, where Mrs. Terry Hopkins, president and publisher of the Fort Myers *News Press*, was the featured speaker.

Elsewhere in Florida State Chairman Robert McClintock informs the *Gram* that the first Florida state reunion was held in Orlando this past September and was a roaring success. Two hundred fifty-four survivors, friends and guests enjoyed a non-stop good time.

Hank Shane and his wife Tessie, *USS Raleigh* and past national President of the association, was selected by Mac to be their honorary survivor for

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the reunion. Also present for the festivities were National President Tom Stockett, National Vice President Dave Bedell, National Secretary Hall Pickard, and Sixth District Director Harold "Sarge" Cook, along with their wives. Also adding to the occasion were out of state guests and visitors, one of them being Pennsylvania State Chairman Floyd Laughlin and his wife.

There were prizes galore and the food was outstanding along with plenty of good weather.

Florida Chapter 8 will host the first Florida Convention which is scheduled for March of 1986 from 21-23 in Miami.

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Heading up the eastern coastline to the New York area, Secretary V. Cassidy of Long Island Chapter 135 writes the *Gram* that this bunch of survivors is still active and going strong. President Tupper, Heaton and Ed Huber attended flag raising ceremonies for the completion of the revitalization of the Nassau County Veterans Memorial in Eisenhower Park.

Their meeting was held at the Massapequa American Legion Post and was called to order by President Tupper. The chapter received invitations to participate in December services from the AMVETS Post 88 of Massapequa, which will be held at the Long Island National Cemetery and commemorating the 27th annual Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony for this group. After the ceremonies they were invited to an open house at the post. They also attended services at the Veterans Memorial Park which was hosted by the American Legion at Port Jeffer-

son Village.

The dance, which was scheduled for September and hosted by the American Legion Post 1941, was cancelled due to the hurricane, but rescheduled at a later date and attended by chapter members.

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Still heading north up the eastern coast and to Granite State Chapter of New Hampshire. Their chairman, Bill Cleveland, tells us he and his members were invited to the annual Pearl Harbor breakfast and ceremonies as guest of honor. This was hosted and sponsored by American Legion Post 48 of Hudson, NH. The ceremonies took place on December 1, at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Hudson.

It was a short ceremony in front of Veterans Hall with breakfast following.

During the month of November it was luau time, with many of these troops traveling down to Bay Patriots Chapter of Mass. and joining in on the fun and frolic.

This coming October the New Hampshire Granite Chapter will host the fall meeting of District 8. More news on this in later issues of the *Gram*.

National Historian Bill Cleveland has asked the *Gram* to please print the following: PHSA Oral History Plan. 1. Each director will appoint a historian to coordinate this plan; 2. Each historian will contact the national historian for copy of helpful instructions and system of operating the plan; 3. Oral history will be taken by interview from survivors using tape

recorder and cassette tape. These should be taken at each district meeting/convention. Later, they can be taken at survivors' homes or other locations per appointment schedule; 4. Oral history by appointment first, and others when time and location available. Cassettes will be provided by interviewer/interviewee; 5. Oral history cassettes to be sent via first class mail to the national historian when they are completed. He will transcribe and type double-spaced copy and review for minor corrections only. The sense and the feel of the survivor's own words must be maintained and protected. 6. National historian will produce a good, clean copy and then cause copies to be made as follows. Original to the survivor; copy to the library repository; copy to USN Historical Operations Center or Survivors Service Center of History; file copy to national historian. 7. Cassette will be returned to the survivor with his original typed copy. District directors are urged to repeat these instructions in their bulletins, newsletters and meetings.

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Dropping down to the Massachusetts area with the Bay Patriots Chapter of PHSA, we see this past September they were pleasantly surprised by a visit from our national president, Tom Stockett, at which time he announced PHSA had been granted a national charter.

Their October meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Lowell. It was a feast for a king, with

Italian meatballs, cold sliced roast beef and turkey, cheeses, tossed salad, potato salad, rolls, butter and coffee. This was all hosted by Arthur Solomonides. Their many thanks to Art, it was a fun-filled day.

District 8 meetings are held twice each year, with their scheduled meeting this past October in Chicopee. November was one of their biggest meetings for the year. It was their annual luau, which was held at the Concord Elks Lodge. Another great and frolicking time was had by all. It was the event of the year. Also in the month of November, they participated in Veterans Day ceremonies at the Hall of Flags, State House in Boston. Secretary Don Tabbut wishes to inform all of his members that he still hasn't received the filled-in questionnaires and requests, for you to please send them in.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Charles Toohey; vice president, Arthur Solomonides; secretary, Don Tabbut, treasurer, Frank Dusseault; trustees, Aime Arsenault, Frank Tassinari and Gordon Drown; state chairman, Kenneth Johnston.

This past December 1, the Amvets invited the Bay Patriots chapter to participate in services at the Fanueil Hall in Boston, then, on December 8, they marched in the West Bridgewater Pearl Harbor Day Parade along with other military marching units and bands and other local groups. On the evening of December 7, they held a Pearl Harbor memorial mass at

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Corpus Christi Chapter 5 members in the parade at ShrimpaRee in Arkansas.

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St. Theresa's Church in Brockton.

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We are really jumping around in this issue of the Mini News but, once again, back out to the west coast and to Hemet Valley area with Chapter 27.

They elected and installed new officers this past November. They are as follows: president, Henry Larson; vice president, John Herwer; secretary, Ernest Christian; treasurer, Joe Goetz; trustees, James King, Walter Schiller and Loran Harrison.

This group is planning on new shirt colors for the chapter and have purchased 20 yards of material. In November they held their annual white elephant sale. These types of things help the chapter to bring in funds for the coming year, and from reports, this event was a great success. We might add right here that member Loran Harrison has donated a steer to the chapter and will raise it until it's around 1,000 lbs., then they will auction or raffle it off for the chapter funds. It's this togetherness that keeps us survivors and chapters going. Back in the month of September, chapter members and friends held their

annual picnic at Bogart Park in Beaumont.

Many of these survivors and their wives attended the annual Veterans Day observance at the Riverside National Cemetery this past November. Following the services, they all enjoyed a luncheon at March AFB, Officers' Club.

President Henry Larson presented the wreath for the chapter at the cemetery ceremonies.

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Just a hop, skip and a jump up to the high desert area and the Road-Runner bunch from Chapter 29. These guys and dolls are still on the move and traveling all over the state, and sometimes even longer trips across this land. Editor Ron Miller is in a sad state of affairs and has been so ever since their Calico Days Campout just east of Barstow. There were many chapters present and even friends from their area. In fact, the jamboree has grown so big, they plan next year to hold this event in Victorville, at the county fairgrounds. They had 44 rigs show up for this shindig. Believe us, it was a hilarious and fun-time affair.

The one sad note was some scoundrel stole their pet bird, or

maybe it just got bored with this group of survivors and sought to leave for more fertile grounds. Ron's spirits seemed to drop when the bird disappeared. They had RVers from as far north as Oregon and east from Arizona.

During the month of November these members, along with other chapters from the south, participated in memorial services at the Riverside National Cemetery, with the guest speaker being none other than their own Col. White from George AFB.

Also during the month of November, they held their annual monthly meeting at the George AFB Officers Club. This group of survivors is a fun bunch, so if ever in their area and around George AFB, drop in and pay them a visit. They meet on the last Saturday of each month. They also have another function in the chapter which has met with great success and that is their coffee clatches once a week. They get as many survivors and wives in attendance as they do at their meetings.

Ron, be prepared for a lawsuit for slander.

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Let's stay up in the high desert area for one more chapter report, and this is my chapter, Antelope Valley Chapter 18. The month of October was the biggie for we survivors and wives. It was our luau, once again, which we had dropped over these past few years, mainly due to the amount of help we received from most of the members. But with the Wilsons, Littles, Embrees, Willmans, Wahls, Murphys, and Creeses carrying the load once again, we are back on track and this will be an annual event as long as this group can keep going. For the first luau in several years, it was a huge success due to the many chapters and members of PHSA who traveled all the way from northern and southern California. Without you troops, we would never have made it, but the food, Arnold VII, the entertainment (band and dancing girls), plus the hospitality of the Palmdale Moose Lodge, it all added up to a very wonderful and fun-time evening. Chapter 18's thanks to all who participated.

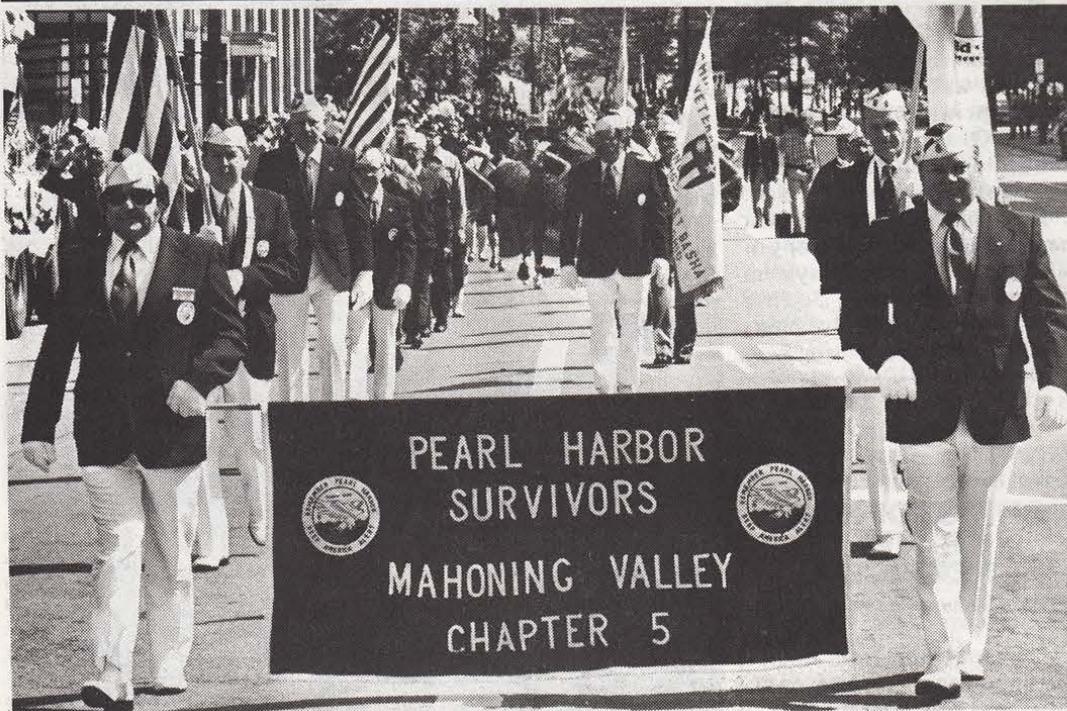
During the month of November the chapter colorguard traveled over to Bakersfield and joined in with Chapters 5, 8, 19 and 1st District Director Dick Duran to march in the Veterans Day parade and also for a joint installation of officers in the above chapters.

This past December the chapter colorguard traveled once again to participate in half-time ceremonies at the Shriners Potato Bowl game on Sunday, December 7.

Elected and installed officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Lee Embree; vice president, Robert Little; sec./treas., Ken Creese; trustees, James Murphy, Fred Wahl and Orv Willman.

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Just a short hop over the mountains and to Bakersfield with Chapter 5 and its members. These survivors and wives hosted a joint installation of officers at the Chateau Basque Restaurant in Bakersfield over the weekend of November 10, with many survivors staying



Mahoning Valley Chapter 5 marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Youngstown, OH. From left to right: Al Baskell, Bob Stone, John Horm, Bob Bishop, Wendell Totten, Bob Cooper, Felix Jurgle and Charles Skitsbee.

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over until the next day to march in the Veterans Day Parade followed by luncheon at the American Legion Post 26 in downtown Bakersfield. This was another great weekend except for the golfers who got wind blown and rained out after nine holes. But the rest of the festivities more than made up for the lost golfing. The Basque food was outstanding, with four chapters getting their officers installed by 1st District Director Dick Duran. Also present was California State Chairman Karl Johnson. Another fun-filled evening with a swell bunch of Pearl Harbor survivors and their wives, plus a few friends.

Way back in the month of October, Chapter 5 held its monthly meeting at the Veterans Hall. There was the usual amount of chatter among all, from winning the war to remedies for modern times. Their thanks to the folks who brought food, and it was goood. They tell us it is great to see Henry Lidgett getting around once again. He was also in attendance at the joint installation of officers.

We almost forgot to mention, in the Veterans Day Parade, was the chapter float of the *USS Arizona* Memorial. We survivors received continuous applause along the entire parade route.

This past December, they participated in memorial services at the Union Cemetery and, later that evening, a banquet at the Casa Royal.

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On up the valley and the freeway to Fresno and Chapter 8. Here is another group that is always on the go, and participating in PHSA functions around the state. They were also one of the chapters which took part in the joint installation of officers in Bakersfield. These survivors and wives will host the next joint installation of Chapters 5, 8, 18 and 19 at the Lemoore Naval Air Station in 1986. More information on this at a later date. This usually is a three-day affair with everyone staying aboard the station and being hosted by the Navy and Chapter 5.

Their meeting at Three Rivers was hosted by John and Ruth

Higgins, along with Ray and Grace Weismann. It was outstanding. On Saturday evening it was cocktail party time at the Higgins dig, and to say the least, this was a great and roaring time. This was later followed by dinner at the White Horse Inn and enjoyed by all. On Sunday their meeting was held at the Three Rivers VFW Hall.

In December, they held services on the 6th at the Veterans Hospital in Fresno. Then, on the 15th, as this group of survivors and wives usually do, they traveled out in the country to visit with the Bertrams who hosted their Christmas party. It was gift sharing time, with many laughs from some of the presents that were handed out.

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Still heading up north in the San Joaquin Valley and to the Stockton area with Chapter 10. They report in their November newsletter that their joint meeting with Chapter 26 turned out great, and the horseshoe contest went right down to the wire, with Barbara M. coming through as the dark horse. There were 26 members, wives and guests who were present for this full day of activity. The meeting was called to order by President Vic Biskup, with much discussion as to future joint meetings with Chapter 26 on a home and home basis or whether to meet on mutual ground. It was decided to put off a final decision on this until their joint January meeting.

In November, they joined in with Chapters 6, 26 and 30 for a joint installation of officers for the coming year. Their officers are: president, Jim Moon; vice president, Billy Hise; secretary, Ned Derby; treasurer, Virgil Watts; trustees, Bob Breakfield, Howard Roop, Walter Peterson and Larry Daingerfield.

Also during the month of November, they participated in the Veterans Day Parade at the state capitol. We are not quite sure how that turned out at this printing, but the instructions to the members were for them to wear white shirts and shoes and aloha shirts with cap. They must have looked mighty good walk-



Left to right: Shy Lum, Richard Fiske and Ed Robinson, who met once again on a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial. Richard Fiske is a volunteer on the USS Arizona with the U.S. Park Services.

ing toward the capitol building without any pants??? Will have to check their next newsletter for the results.

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One more stop in California before heading east once again and to the state of Illinois. Up in the bay area, we find Mare Island Chapter 11 and President Frank Andre as active as ever in PHSA work and endeavors. We might start this report by giving you their new officers for the coming year — they are as follows: president, Frank Andrews; vice president, Verl Odneal; secretary, Mayo Fowler; treasurer, Marshal Carver; trustees, Clark Fireston, Ernest Stahlberg and Charles Simpson.

Outgoing president Verl Odneal wishes all the newly elected officers the best for the new year and asks all of Chapter 11 members to please give Frank the support this next year that you have given him in the past.

This past November they held a joint installation of officers along with Chapter 13 of Concord. This was held at the Officers Club at the Naval Weapons Station in Concord. This was another enjoyable evening with their fellow survivors and wives enjoying all the camaraderie and just having a darn good time.

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One more swing around the country, then we will wind up the Mini News with a few tidbits from you great people of PHSA.

Back where it is really starting to get cold at this time of the year, we see that the Illinois members participated along with the Peru Veterans Memorial Group in the 6th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Parade and Memorial Service this past December 7 in Peru. Most of the veteran groups that participated in the parade carried their colors and, from reports, it was a grand parade. Also on the 7th, the Ladd American Legion Post invited all of those who participated in the parade to their annual Christmas dinner and dance. We understand there was much going on on that evening with everyone present having a wonderful time which went on into the wee hours. This group puts on good parties.

We can't leave this area without making a report on the Illinois State Convention which was hosted by Chapter 1. This

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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.

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was held in Ladd, IL at the Ladd American Legion Post. Here again, after much business was taken care of, it was fun time once again with everyone present having a wonderful time. Host for the reunion/convention was Hank Ellerbrock and the guest speaker for the evening of the banquet was John Berlier, past national secretary/treasurer of PHSAs.

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Right next door to Illinois and to Indianapolis, IN and the Hoosier Chapter, Charles Newkirk writes the *Gram* that the storm windows are up for the winter, the snow shovels handy and they are praying for a mild winter. He says if it can stay around zero degrees, it will be a mild winter for that area.

This will be the last report from Chapter 1 of Indiana until the spring, but they did have one last outing on December 7 at the the World War Memorial in Indianapolis. This was with the U.S. Naval Reserve Center who had the colorguard, and they also played taps during the memorial services.

Before the winter months arrived, they met this past year in September at Spring Mill State Park for the Indiana state convention. Ralph Moore, state chairman, was the presiding officer. Because there will be no Indiana state convention in 1986 due to the national convention in Hawaii, State Chairman Ralph Moore consented after a vote to continue in office until December of 1987. The Indiana chapters presented past national secretary/treasurer John Berlier, a plaque for being honored as having the title of PAST NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER.

We hope to hear from you troops by the April issue of the *Gram*.

From fifth district director Julius Finnern. He sends congratulations to the Indiana and Illinois chapters for a job well done and outstanding state conventions. He would also like all the members, in fact all of PHSAs, to send letters of thanks to their congressmen and senators for the passing of our national charter.

He brings up a good point on surviving spouses and also members of the association, if moving, please let everyone who is involved know of this move in plenty of time so that your PHSAs mail can be forwarded to you and an address change made. This is one of the biggest expenses in the association — mail costs. Why make it bigger by failing to make an address change?

Victor Paradis of Mankato, MN has assumed the office of Minnesota state chairman.

Dates to remember in 1986 are the 5th district convention in June for Minneapolis. Also the national convention in Hawaii this next December.

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On our way west and to the state of Colorado with Chapter 2. Several members of the chapter met in Penrose for the Apple Day event. This is an all day affair which kicks off with a parade. After the parade, for those that marched, they all received apple pie, then followed by a rodeo, and dancing, plus lots of entertainment throughout the evening.

This past October, Ben Vecchio was re-elected as Colorado state chairman in Colorado Springs at the VFW Post. From their last report, Ben is in the hospital, having had two operations. No report as of this newsletter on how he is doing.

In November, they elected and installed officers for the coming year, also on the 11th, Veterans Day, they participated in veterans activities at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo. There were flag raising ceremonies, the laying of a wreath, with breakfast following for all those who participated in this event.

This past December, PHSAs members met at Peterson Field AFB, Colorado Springs, for memorial services, then on the 22nd they installed officers at the Townhouse in Pueblo and gave out their Man of the Year Award. They gave out two awards this year, to State Chairman Ben Vecchio and Admiral D. Kinnan for their outstanding work in PHSAs.

Officers installed for the com-

ing year are: president, John Garcia; vice president, Carl Jurie; sec/treas., Admiral D. Kinnan, Jr.; trustees, Lyle Campbell, Bill Williams and Ross Weirick.

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Traveling down south and into the state of Arizona, the members of Southern Arizona Chapter 2 observed their 44th anniversary of the "Day of Infamy" by attending memorial services at the University of Arizona campus.

For many years the Fleet Reserve Association and the *USS Arizona* survivors association have conducted these memorial services. The ceremonies are to honor the battleship *USS Arizona* and its 1,102 crew members still interred therein, which was sunk in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This is an especially poignant ceremony which touches the emotions of every person in attendance. Many of the chapter members are also

members of the Fleet Reserve and actively participate in the conduct of these memorial services.

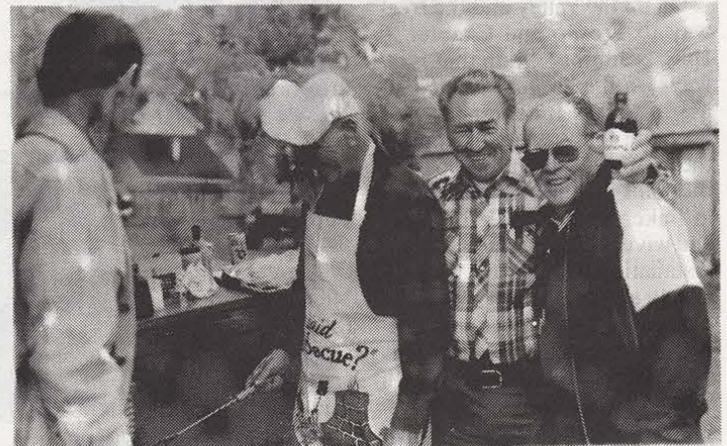
Other chapter members attend this ceremony each year as a symbol of their respect and homage to all of the fallen heroes of that attack.

Later in the afternoon of the same day, Arizona chapter members assembled at the Aztec Inn for a banquet which was followed by the annual general meeting. On the agenda was the formal installation of newly elected officers for this coming year. Bart Simpson, state chairman, was the installing officer. Those installed were: president, Henry Peppe; vice president, Ernest Haverstick; secretary, Floyd Craft; treasurer, Orin Smith; trustees, Nele Hedglin, Irvin Knipp and Don Meyer.

From the Howard E. Brannon Chapter of Phoenix, we find them in two big events this past November. Their members par-



Craterlake, OR, Chapter 3 survivors who were in attendance at their annual BBQ in Lakeview this past September.



The annual BBQ of Craterlake, OR, Chapter #3 was held this past September in Lakeview. Chief cook and bottlwashers were from left to right: Lloyd Venavie, Bill Jolly, Jim Snyder and Ralph McKinsey.

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ticipated in the Veterans Day parade. They were in the first division of six divisions which were in the parade. Also participating with them were the Sons and Daughters. Two grandchildren carried the PHSA banner. Also, the chapter flags were carried the two children of Sandra DeWitt, national treasurer of the Sons and Daughters. This was the day of the dedication of the Arizona Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Guest speaker was General Westmoreland.

Their second big event was the meeting of the 21st at Sir George's. Lt. Cdr. Robert Pennell, USNR, gave a slide presentation on "Recent Seapower and Overview of Our Capabilities vs. Soviet Union."

During the month of December, they held memorial services at the *USS Arizona* Anchor Memorial on the state capitol grounds. The keynote speaker was the "Honorable" Joseph J. Foss, famed WWII Marine Corps fighter pilot and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Also during the month, they held their Christmas party with Margaret Stanley graciously being the hostess.

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Back out in the state of California we will wind up the Mini News for this edition of the *Gram*. Not much news from San Jose Chapter 7, but we do have their new officers for the coming year. Elected and installed into office are: president, Dino Kintis; vice president, William Bennett; secretary, Cecil Malmin; treasurer, Clifford Shannon; trustees, Charles Mallon, George Segars and Robert Hittle.

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On down to the border area and Palomar Mountain Chapter 24 in Escondido. They held their election of officers during the November meeting at the Veteran Memorial Building. This was a social potluck affair with a ham dinner and all the trimmings. Later that month, they held their installation dinner at the CPO Club, Amphib Base, Coronado.

On December 8, it was memorial services at Grape Day Park.

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Over in the San Diego area with Carnation Chapter 3 back in October, a group of very good friends and family helped Cecil Spencer celebrate his 80th birthday. It was a tremendous show of friendship and affection for this great guy and survivor, then in November on the 17th, they held their annual monthly meeting at the CPO Club, Amphib Base. This was installation time of officers along with Chapter 24. Installed from Chapter 3 were: president, Wilmer Drexler; vice president, Jim Fillmore; secretary, Chuck Clarke; treasurer, Joe Trasher; trustees, Tom Ingram, Henry Klump and Mel Crossley.

Memorial services were held on December 8 at the Broadway Pier with brunch following at the Bahia. That evening they held their memorial banquet at the Hale Koa.

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Last minute tid-bits from around the countryside. We have all heard, by now, that our national president, Tom Stockett, had a heart attack but he is now out of the hospital and doing fine. In fact, he is headed for Hawaii and final preparations for our Hawaii return in 1986. Although we have received nothing here in the *Gram* office from the national level of the association on an official basis of Tom's attack, we have read many reports in the PHSA newsletters. But we are glad to hear that Tom is up and around again and on the go.

Phil Anderson, from California Chapter 5 in Bakersfield, will be a candidate for the office of California state chairman this year in Redding.

Late news from Long Island Chapter 135, that many of their members attended UVO ceremonies honoring veterans at the Eisenhower Park Veterans Memorial on November 10. They are also in the process of ordering new chapter jackets for all their members.

South Carolina Chapter 1, along with State Chairman Jacob Chassereau with many veterans organizations, participated in memorial services commemorating the 44th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor



Picture taken during the Spring Meeting of Twin City Chapter 3 in April of 1985, St. Paul, MN. From left to right: Ralph Krafnick, past 5th district director; Ray Witt, Minnesota state chairman; David Briner, past 5th district director; and Herman Hinrichs, president of Twin City Chapter 3.

attack aboard the *USS Yorktown* at Patriot's Point, Charleston. These services were hosted by L. Mendel Rivers Branch 50. FRA.

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Last, but not least, we received a late letter from Texas State Chairman Albert Fickel. The state and 4th district conventions will be combined in '86 at Austin, TX. This will be at the Holiday Inn, Austin Town Lake. These dates are April 25-27, 1986. During this convention the Texas members will be voting for a state chairman, then the 4th district will be voting for director seats for the years 1987-88.

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A number of survivors attended services at Praha in November. During the ceremony, a memorial was unveiled and dedicated to the memory of Father Valenta. PHSA was represented by Chapters 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Also during the month of November, memorial services were held on the state capitol grounds in Austin after a parade to the capitol. State chairman, along with Clifton Huff, laid a wreath in honor of Chapter 6 and our departed comrades.

Alamo Chapter 2 was well represented by members at the Praha memorial services. Gene Camp had the honor to lead those assembled for the services in the Oath of Allegiance. Frank Nixon was elected to serve as

chapter secretary due to the resignation of the past secretary.

San Jacinto Chapter 3. They met at Allbritton's Cafeteria last October. Vice President Herschel Blackwell called the meeting to order due to the absence of President Gerry Halter. They discussed their plans for memorial services on December 7, which were to be held at Sonny Look's place.

North Central Texas Chapter 8. These survivors and wives met at the Red Lobster Restaurant last September for one of their largest turnouts in recent times. Duke Bolen entered the senior games held at UTA during the month of May, under the PHSA banner and won second place in the 800 meter race and first place in the high jump.

President Randall and Larry Myers attended memorial services during the month of May at Mt. Olivet which were reported as impressive ceremonies. Their December 7 meeting was held at the Pearl Harbor Memorial at Laurel Land in Dallas. Phil Willis provided the wreath for the occasion.

Corpus Christi Chapter 5. These members met at the home of W. W. Lloyd this past September with 11 members and their wives present. Meeting was called to order by President Jack Parsons. Discussion took place on the 1986 Hawaii

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reunion/convention, with many of these members showing great interest in making the trip. Their Christmas party was held on December 14 at the home of Bill Spenser. They entered a vehicle in the ShrimpaRee parade in Arkansas. Six members rode in this parade.

Heart of Texas Chapter 6.

This group of survivors met at the L&M Cafe in Georgetown during the month of September. They discussed during the meeting new name tags in the shape of the state of Texas, along with name and PHSA chapter number. A motion was made and accepted for the chapter to purchase a wreath for the memorial services at the state capitol after the parade. 4th dis-

trict director Bill Eckel was present during the meeting and requested that the state and district conventions be combined.

Paso Del Norte Chapter 7. They have decided to continue holding their meetings at the American Legion Post 36 in El Paso. This past December 1, they held their annual meeting at the post, then on the 7th, they held memorial services at the PHSA Memorial Monument at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Brigadier Gen. Infante and the Ft. Bliss chaplain attended the services.

East Texas Chapter 8. A new U.S. flag was presented to the chapter by Carl Mason. Slides of Hawaii were shown by Jamie Murphy and were enjoyed by all who were present at their meeting.

West Texas Chapter 9. The chapter met at Duff's Restaurant in Lubbock. Their guest speaker for this meeting was Ray Thomas, Sqd. Leader of the West Texas Wing of the Confederate Air Force. His speech emphasized keeping America alert and strong and the history of the Confederate Air Force.

Waco Chapter 10. These sur-

vivors participated in the Veterans Day Parade this past November in Waco with three decorated vehicles in the parade. On December 7, they held services at the Freedom Fountain in Waco. An official memorandum declaring December 7, 1985 as "Remember Pearl Harbor Day" was signed by the honorable Mark White, governor of Texas, which was sent to each chapter secretary in the state of Texas.

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That's it, once again, until the April issue of the *Gram*. We had asked each chapter to send in copy ready articles for the Mini News, but very few chapters have complied with our wish. Also, we had asked how many were interested in the Mini News and we only heard from three PHSA members. From that, we feel there is very little interest in the Mini News and are thinking very strongly of dropping it in future issues. National wants to cut the size of the *Gram*, and if they do, the Mini News and Anniversaries would be the first to go. Thanks to all who send in their newsletters, they are appreciated.

VA Pension Checks to Go Up 3.1% in January

Veterans and survivors who have elected to receive "improved" pension benefits from the Veterans Administration will get a 3.1 percent cost-of-living increase effective Dec. 1, 1985, payable beginning with January 1986 checks. Recipients of protected ("old plan") pensions are not affected.

The 3.1 percent increase will also apply to parents of deceased veterans eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits.

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters said the VA is required by law to increase "improved" pension and parents' DIC payments by the same percentage, and effective the same date, as increases in Social Security benefits. Income limitations for all pension programs and the DIC parents' benefit program increase simultaneously by the same percentage.

While pensions for veterans and survivors under the "old" plan remain fixed and payable at the rates in effect in 1978, the rates are protected against termination that would otherwise result from cost-of-living in-

creases in income from Social Security.

"Old" plan recipients may request transfer to the "improved" plan at any time. The VA will carefully review each application to advise applicants whether payment rates under the "improved" plan would exceed the amounts under the "old" plan. The pensioner can then choose the most advantageous payment based on personal preference.

VA pensions are paid to wartime veterans totally and permanently disabled from circumstances unrelated to their military service, and to needy survivors of wartime veterans. Unlike compensation paid to those disabled because of military service, pensions are affected by income from other sources.

The forthcoming adjustments are based on the rise in Consumer Price Index during the one-year period ending Sept. 30, 1985.

More than 414,000 veterans, 247,000 spouses, 18,000 children and 41,000 parents will receive the increase.

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USS Bobolink (AM-20) sailors at a reunion held in San Diego, CA. From left to right: Front Row, Reginald Paul and H. Frank Cox; Rear Row, Al Rodriguez, Keith Southwick and John Wiles.

Heroes of the Pacific, the Last 15 Days of Wake Island

Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. Navy decorations awarded Marines for gallantry in action since 7 December 1941: Navy Cross Major James P. S. Devereux, U.S.M.C. Citation: "For distinguished and heroic conduct in the line of his profession in the defense of Wake Island, December 7 to 22, 1941."

In the lonely stretches of the South Pacific lies a sunken volcano called Wake. Ringed now with coral, it forms a small island that encircles a shallow basin where water has filled in the old crater. It is sheltered on the northwest by a long reef of coral. Here on Heel Point, Wake Island, early in the summer of 1941, the United States Marines had set up camp.

Major James Patrick Sinnot Devereux, with 25 officers and 418 men, was in command. Their orders were to man the projected defenses of the arrow-shaped island, which touched two other tiny islands on either side, Peale and Wilkes. Peale, smooth and level, happens to be big enough to accommodate a runway for planes.

Up to 1935 the atoll had been uninhabited. Sandy, dotted with brush and scrub pine, its highest point was less than 20 feet above sea-level. But Pan-American Airways chose Wake for a Pacific landing point and set up a station on Peale Island. The United States government — refraining out of deference to Japan from fortifying the coral strip—made Wake Island a bird sanctuary.

Seven years later, in the summer of 1941, a thousand members of the American Federation of Labor were landed on this spearpoint of sand in mid-sea to build fortifications. Major Devereux's detachment of Marines went along.

The Japanese, only 700 miles away with a base at the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, knew the defenses of Wake would still be in the blue-print stage — at most, still being excavated — by December. They did not know Major James P. S. Devereux. They had never even imagined him.

Major Devereux is built

small. He has frequently ridden as a jockey in horse races. Dapper, starched and correct in his uniform, he wears a small mustache, and his eyes are bright and untroubled. His wide brow is somewhat higher now than it was in his youth, and his mouth is firm and decided. This small, supple man proved under stress to be a fighter and a phrase-maker to equal John Paul Jones.

On the morning of December 8 — December 7 at Honolulu, because the calendar at Wake, on the other side of the international date line, is a day later — Devereux's dawn patrol went out as usual, flying over the Pacific. At three minutes of seven the big Pan-American Clipper left the ground for Guam and Manila. The workmen dug, and the Marines sweated at their daily routine — the lookout watch, drills, and gun inspection. The sun beat down from a bright, flawless sky, and hardly a breath of wind ruffled the sandy spit of land.

The radioman opened the door of his shack and started running. He handed the trim little Major his message: "Pearl Harbor has been bombed."

"Thank you," said the Major thoughtfully. He turned and called for the bugler. "Sound the call to arms," he said.

It was not yet seven-thirty. Major Devereux went back into his office and began to issue his orders. There was a civilian population of the island — fortunately all were men — to be attended to. There were trenches and bomb shelters to build.

As he worked, the Clipper was sighted in the sky, coming back. J. H. Hamilton, her captain, had received orders from San Francisco to turn about and report to the Major for instructions. He landed at the Pan-American field on Peale Island, and hastened across to Devereux's headquarters at Heel Point.

The Major was glad to see him. There were civilians to evacuate — the Pan-American personnel must all go. As the two men talked, an A.F. of L. committee came in to say the men wanted to volunteer for fighting.

"I can't let you. We haven't the equipment," Devereux said, but his dark eyes followed the group as they left with a soldier's approval. "One more thing before you go," he told Hamilton.

"Will you undertake a long-range reconnaissance and let us know what's what?"

"What areas?" asked Hamilton.

"Our pursuit planes have only a short range, you know," Devereux explained.

The two men bent over the maps, where the Marshall and Gilbert Islands stood out all too plainly. The stagnant, superheated air of a tropical morning filled the tent.

"I don't believe we've got much time," said Devereux, looking at his watch. "I'll be easier in my mind when the civilians are out of here."

With the areas for his patrol work in his head, Hamilton went back to the Pan-American hotel. His foot was on the doorstep when he heard the low, fatal buzz of planes. He ran 50 yards out from the building to look. Far off in the southern cup of the lovely sky 12 planes were flying in tight formation. American planes?

For an answer he got the loud report of a bomb dropping on

the beach. A black column rose to the sky on his left. And then more bombs, burning stumps of trees, burning shacks — and 12 more planes coming up out of sea from the south.

Devereux's guns were going, Devereux's Marines were cursing and sweating on the open sands and blazing skyward at the presumptuous enemy.

Peale Island began getting it. Hamilton crouched as a bomb hit the hotel he had almost entered, and split it in two. He saw Earle, his chief mechanic, lying flat on his face. He had been knocked there by a bomb concussion, but now Hamilton saw him get to his feet and run for the Clipper. Flying debris hit him in the face, but on he went. A piece of the boat's side had been blown away.

The Japanese flew over easily, dropped what they had, and flew on. There had been no time to get the planes up. Of the eight planes on the ground when the Japanese came over, seven were destroyed and the other badly damaged. That left the four planes out on patrol. They came in all right, except that one broke a propeller landing in the ruck of debris thrown up by the bombs.

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Rage rose on the island. The Marines buried 25 dead comrades and carried the wounded to shelter and medical attention. Among the wounded was Paul A. Putnam, Commander of the reduced Wake air force. The day was still cloudless and serene, the water a lovely pure blue under the high sun. A fresh fragrant odor from a slight breeze mercifully fanned the cots of the wounded as they lay in the island hospital.

The crew of the Clipper asked if they could stay and fight. But the big ship, with a big hole and 26 bullets in her side, was still in flying shape, and Devereux's orders for evacuation held. Twenty-nine passengers and a crew of 10 boarded her, and she took off for Hawaii. Passing over Midway they saw the barracks there glowing orange red and a black smoke rising into the sunny sky. Midway was taking a pasting.

Meantime Devereux was preparing for anything. Besides his four planes — one of which needed repairs — his men had only six 5-inch Navy guns, 12 anti-aircraft guns, 18 .50-caliber machine guns, and 30 smaller guns. The Marines — but not the workmen — were armed with pistols and rifles.

Wake has 10 miles of open beach. Four miles long and no more than a mile wide anywhere, this arrowhead of sand and brush was nakedly visible from the air.

The A.F. of L. men had been digging underground shelters since early morning. Now they had wounded to be put there first. Later everybody would go underground, given time.

Next day at noon 27 bombers came over. They opened up above the hospital, sending it up in flames. Some of the wounded died that way. This time the "air force" went into action and one plane was shot down. The third day the same thing happened, except that the wounded were underground.

But things were being organized every minute on Wake. The men were working with the concentration of sheer fury to get everyone under cover. Artillery men cleaned and reset their pieces. Ammunition was stacked in perfect order. In the new underground airdome, the

mechanics worked at patching up the planes, using the tangled mess left from the original 12 as a spare-parts store. And when they couldn't find something, they turned blacksmith and made new parts. Some of the men working so doggedly wore bandages.

"Send us more Japanese!"

Next day Tokyo announced that they had landed on Wake. This is the way they "landed."

A Japanese cruiser and two destroyers stood off the island and sent up the signal calling for "Surrender." It was the morning of December 11. Devereux ignored the signal.

Putnam's planes came in from patrol duty and reported 12 enemy ships coming in, light cruisers, destroyers, and gunboats with two troop or supply ships.

In the teeth of this formidable array, Devereux sent back no reply. He watched the fleet advance slowly in the round circle of his glasses.

His biggest guns were 5-inch ones, and even a light cruiser would certainly have 6-inch, possibly 8-inch guns.

He kept his binoculars trained on the oncoming fleet. Every Marine was standing beside his gun — hidden guns now which the A.F. of L. men had moved overnight. But Devereux ordered the men to hold their fire.

The Japanese force advanced. What was there to fear? Big guns boomed menacingly and tore harmlessly at the water. The Marines fingered their guns lovingly. "Hold back your fire," ordered Devereux again.

The Japanese were advancing a bit faster, their guns raising the sand on the beach. The men remained quiet and hidden. The ships were attacking a little unresisting island.

The stink of TNT rose over the island as more bursts of fire came from the approaching ships. Bits of trees and old boards flew about in the air. But nothing human reacted. Back of his binoculars the little Major still waited.

And the cruiser came in. "Ten thousand yards. Eight thousand yards!" Through his binoculars Devereux could see the fat oriental faces of the ship's offic-

ers as she came confidently forward.

"Six thousand yards."

Now the Marines in their holes were almost able to see the faces. Their fingers itched. "What's going on? Aren't we going to give any show before they take us?"

"Five thousand yards."

A moment longer Devereux watched and made his men hold their fire. The cruiser stood at forty-seven hundred yards, and one destroyer even closer, before Devereux gave the command.

"Fire!"

In each tiny trench, covered with boughs and hastily gathered together debris, a man at communications got the message, and another man's hands closed on the guns. All over the island a sudden growth of flame sprang up in the very face of the oncoming fleet. The Marines worked fast. Again and again, at the rate of five a minute, the 5-inch projectiles hit their targets.

Down went the cruiser into the sea, a blazing victory for the Marines. Then the guns went for the other ships and sank two destroyers and one gunboat.

So at the same time the Japanese radio was announcing the glorious capture of the island of Wake, their navy was making off. The Japanese command was deciding to think over this matter of taking Wake Island. Strange things were happening.

That night Honolulu radioed Wake, "What do you want?"

Elated to think that his Marines, at the expense of not a single casualty, had caused a big task force to turn tail, the doughty Devereux radioed back, "Send us more Japanese."

The second time, however, would not be the same. Now the enemy knew he had nothing but 5-inch guns. Furthermore, they knew where every gun lay. He could expect them to return with their planes and bomb out the gun sites. Flying low, they would try to blast every bit of ammunition off the island.

On December 12 they began. Twenty-seven bombers poised 22,000 feet above Wake and dropped their cargoes. On the fourteenth, 32 of them blasted the airdrome. In this raid, they lost one of their planes and got one of ours, damaging another. The Wake air force was reduced

to two planes. On the fifteenth, the Japanese lost three out of 31 bombers. On the seventeenth, we bagged one out of 32 they sent over.

Reports continued to be sent out by Devereux.

Tokyo issued statements too. Wake, they said, was guarded by 3,000 men. They had no idea how a small force could keep on beating them day after day. American planes that they shot down rose into the air. Annihilated machine-gun nests barked again. That underground blacksmith shop was a saga in itself. American mechanics worked 20 hours a day making their own parts until, Major Putnam reported, no airplane could be identified. "Engines have been switched, planes have been stripped and rebuilt." For a while on the twentieth, he reported, his force numbered one plane. His mechanics made him another.

But on the nineteenth a single reconnaissance plane had flown over to take photographs, and by December 21 all the 3-inch anti-aircraft batteries but one were smashed.

The Navy knew that Devereux could not hold out much longer. Wake had been fighting like this now for 13 days.

The Navy sent in a patrol to see how things were going. In the intense blue sheet of the lagoon which the island encircled, the huge seaplane landed.

Major Walter Lewis John Bayler, temporary supervisor of Wake Island base, went home with the plane. He carried out the last reports of the officers, the last letters of the men to their families. Among them was a letter from Devereux to his wife in New York. She was to die later in Baltimore, worried about her husband.

The Stars and Stripes still flew over the island of Wake as the great plane rose from the lagoon, circled above, and disappeared far to the east. How many Marines leaned on their shovels, stopped polishing their weapons, or looked up from their work in the mess kitchen to see it leave? Did they realize that this was their last link for many a day with the world they loved?

"The issue is still in doubt."

And more Japanese came. On
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Fewer Members Attend Last Man's Club Reunions

By OSCAR ROLOFF

Recently I opened an arriving letter to read, "You are invited to be my guest at the annual meeting of the Last Man's Club of Seattle — being held at the Rainier Club in Seattle — black tie recommended," signed Judge William Wilkins.

Highly elated at being selected for such an honor, I wondered, "What's a black tie?" On the farm we laughingly referred to our manure-specked bibbed overalls as farm tuxes.

My wife Elaine said it meant I'd have to rent and wear a black tuxedo. That I rented — at Kirkland's The Tux Shop. She helped me to don the strange outfit. The waist belt reminded me of the belly bands we used on our horses. When dressed, we found an extra part. Found no place to use it.

Normally held on the 11th of November to note the signing of Armistice of World War I, the date was changed to the 12th (due to the 11th being on Sunday).

Background

In the mid '30s a group of 15

Seattle American Legion men decided to form the "Last Man's Club of Seattle." They drew up a charter not to exceed 85 World War I veterans and to meet on each Armistice Day for a black-tie dinner for the purpose of creating and maintaining a permanent bond of fellowship throughout the years among members — to the last survivor — all of whom must have rendered outstanding patriotic and civic service.

In short order, a total of 83 men were selected to become members of the club.

Today a mere 15 remain alive. Of that number, seven were present this year: Judge Wilkins, Don Douglas, William Bain, Walter Clark, Max Silver, Larry Smith and Arthur Lee.

Absent were George LaFray, John L. Scott, Joe Sweeney, Ralph Barron, Anson "Bob" Littler, Fred Mast, Roy Rosenthal and Roscoe Torrance. Most were ill or live elsewhere.

"This is the smallest number we've ever had," said Judge Wilkins.

Part of the social hour con-



Left to right front row are Walter Clark, William Bain, Max Silver and Don Douglas. Back row, Judge Wilkins, Roy Strang (guest speaker), Arthur Lee and Larry Smith.

Photo by Oscar Rolo

sisted of the "youngsters" recalling and singing their old war songs such as "Over There," "Tipperary," etc. For me, this point was touching, thought-provoking and in reality what life is really about, of comradeship and the fun of being oneself. Here they were, a group of dignified and well-known men having a grand time. A band of three played in accompaniment.

A splendid dinner followed. As the nation's colors were paraded, the gallant old warriors quickly jumped to their feet,

stood at rigid attention, and proudly saluted.

After dinner, roll call was held and each member was asked to tell what they had been doing on the last day of the war (Nov. 11, 1918). William Bain said when his group arrived at an overseas base, they were asked "Are you the YMCA group replacements?"

Each member being allowed a guest (he must be a veteran too), Larry Smith had his son, David present; Max Silver had his son, Don. Guest speaker Roy Strang spoke of his World War II experiences. On the table was the aged bottle of cognac which will go to the last man. In turn, I spoke of my own war experiences and writing.

Judge Wilkins asked for a toast to the last man.

Completing the business session, the meeting was adjourned for a brief social hour resumption.

"Who will be the last man?" I asked Larry Smith, 87. Grinning, he turned to Arthur Lee, 90, and said "He'll be the one."

Visibly evident among the oldtimers was their strong conservative profile. They're as patriotic as they come. As foot-loggers of a war 66 years ago, today they have been and are among the most prominent men in Seattle. In reading the list of 83 men (displayed on a large board), I noted that they were the "Who's Who" of Seattle. They've all made and left their accomplishment niche. Of the original 15 charter members who developed the club, two remain (Don Douglas and Ralph Barron). The duration of the club shall be until the death of the last man.

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the twenty-second several enemy warships and a transport stood off the island. The last 3-inch gun went into action and hit two destroyers. But the Japanese began to land on the beach.

As they landed, they died.

For the Marines were still laying low and they could shoot. One gunner, with his unit behind a machine gun, let a boatload of soldiers land without firing on them, just to see what they would do. They were in direct range, and at a second's notice the whole outfit could be killed.

Leaping through the water from his tiny boat, the Japanese officer in command scrambled up on the sand and planted the Japanese flag. With the Rising Sun fluttering uncertainly, the men strutted up and down the beach shouting, "Banzai!"

The Marines in their holes laughed grimly. The Japanese were drunk on sake, a Japanese wine. From his shelter, a Marine picked off the officer who was

carrying the flag back and forth within the victorious ranks. Still there was no charge. Another officer calmly lifted the flag, and they went on with their silly march. Evidently the drunken Japanese thought they had captured the stubborn little island and the time for celebrating had come. When the Marines grew tired of the pageant, they opened fire and mopped up the lot of them.

Inspired by the thought of dying for their emperor — and full of sake — the Japanese landing parties came head on into the teeth of the fire. Scores fell into the water, and "landed" only as the waves piled them up in gruesome array on the sands.

The Japanese lost 5,000 men. The final score in the capture of Wake was 50 Japanese to one American — truly heroic statistics.

The Japanese had struck on the twenty-second, and two days later they really landed. It was the day before Christmas

when radio communication was severed. A last message had come through from Devereux. His two planes had gone up, and one had not returned. The other had brought back its captain, wounded, the plane wrecked. Devereux, nevertheless, was in form.

"The issue," he radioed, "is still in doubt."

The Japanese lost two destroyers in the final landing operations.

The silence came down on Wake, and no one knew for a long time what had happened. Weeks passed and no word came. When a picture of Major Devereux and some of his men came through from a Japanese prison camp, Mrs. Devereux was dead. On the edge of the sluggish yellow Yangtze, not far from Shanghai, they lived in Japanese barracks with other Marines from Peking and Tientsin, seamen from torpedoed merchant ships, and officers of the S.S. President Harrison.

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go to war with us.

Activity continued in the mandates. Airfields were built and the Japanese explained this construction as being necessary for the Japanese fishing fleet to spot schools of fish. Harbors were deepened, barracks were built, oil and ammunition storage areas were constructed, and more and more military personnel were being stationed in the mandates.

Not until the mid-thirties did the Japanese restrict travel in the mandates; and then only limited restrictions. Though westerners were discouraged from visiting the mandates, some were allowed in; and a lot of people from Guam were permitted to visit such places as Saipan.

Truk, in the Caroline Islands, Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands, and the entire Marshall Islands were fortified, as many men who fought in the Pacific will attest. Of course, the scheme was to provide a blocking position for U.S. forces attempting to attack Japanese forces which "ran wild" in the Pacific during the early days of WWII; and secondly, to provide Japan with a "stepping stone" for attacks throughout the Pacific. It was a great plan and it worked exceptionally well.

There was another plan the Japanese had to implement to survive — the East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere. This plan was to bring all of East Asia under Japanese domination or control. The Japanese needed raw materials, and everything they needed was in this sphere. They began with Manchuria, then invaded China. No area was free from Japanese conquest from then on, and soon the sphere moved in Indo-China and Malaya. By the time WWII began, the sphere reached into Burma, Sumatra, Borneo, Philippines, and New Guinea.

I referred to this pre-WWII situation and some of the political decisions as nothing but a "mess." There are other words I could use, but none more fitting.

Into this situation, which existed prior to WWII, flew Amelia Earhart. She wanted to be the first woman to fly around the world; and she almost made it. On 2 July 1937, while attempting

to fly from Lae, New Guinea to Howland Island, she disappeared.

There have been all sorts of rumors about the Earhart flight. One which will hit close to home is that she was on a spy mission for the United States, to overfly the mandates and bring back intelligence for the military on what the Japanese were doing to fortify their islands.

Another rumor, enhanced by a story by Horace McCoy titled "Flight for Freedom," which was made into a movie in 1943, has Earhart "getting lost" out in the Pacific so the U.S. Navy can search for her — and search in the mandates.

Additional rumors have circulated throughout the world over the years about Earhart. They are too numerous to mention here, but every library has at least one book about Earhart which will mention many of these rumors.

I would like to tell you the story, as I see it, of the disappearance of Earhart. To do it properly, let me take you back to 1630 hours, 17 March 1937, in Oakland, California.

Amelia Earhart, famed aviatrix of the twenties and thirties, is poised in Oakland for the beginning of her around-the-world flight. She has a bright, new Lockheed Electra 10 aircraft, featuring twin-engines and some of the most modern equipment available for aircraft in 1937.

Assisting her on this flight is successful stunt pilot Paul Mantz, who had already made a name for himself flying stunts in Hollywood. He had been assigned the task of teaching Earhart to fly the Electra, and to make sure everything about the plane was as perfect as possible. Paul went along on the flight as co-pilot, but only planned to make the first leg of the around-the-world flight to Hawaii.

Also aboard the Electra were two navigators: Harry Manning, a Medal of Honor winner, and Fred Noonan, a drunk. Manning met Earhart several years earlier as she returned to the states aboard his ship after making a flight across the Atlantic as a passenger in the "Friendship." Noonan had recently been fired from Pan Am for his drinking problem and Earhart wanted to

give him another chance. Noonan had helped Pan Am chart routes in the Pacific. Both Manning and Noonan were exceptionally good navigators.

The Electra took off from Oakland just before 1700, and 15 hours and 52 minutes later landed at Wheeler Field in Hawaii, setting a new speed record in the process.

Earhart may have been tired after the long flight, or she may have wanted to give the honor to Mantz, so she allowed Mantz to land the Electra.

Their destination had been Luke Field and no one knows why they landed at Wheeler Field. The officer of the day approached the strange civilian plane and inquired what they were doing there. Earhart and Mantz scratched their heads when they were told they had landed at Wheeler Field, not Luke Field. Someone had made a big mistake. Mantz took the OD aside and explained who they were and what they were doing there, then confessed that Earhart would never make it to her next destination, Howland Island.

Did Mantz know something no one else knew? I think so. I think Mantz knew the around-the-world flight was not ready to be made by Earhart because she knew nothing of navigation and could not fly the Electra very well.

Mantz flew the Electra to Luke Field the following day and the plane was refueled and readied for the flight to Howland. Mantz would leave the flight here in Hawaii and return to the states.

On 20 March 1937, Earhart at the controls and Manning and Noonan seated in the passenger compartment which had been converted into a navigation area, took off from Luke Field, but the plane began to wobble and swerve. One landing gear strut gave way and amid, sparks and grinding metal, the Electra was washed out. Fuel tanks ruptured and gas was everywhere. Earhart had the good sense to cut the switches and this probably prevented a fire. The wing and undercarriage were badly damaged and the plane had to be shipped back to the states for repairs at the Lockheed plant. Earhart, Manning, Noonan, and Mantz sailed home.

Interestingly, a very young private in the Coast Artillery filmed the take off and crash with his 8mm camera.

The Electra was repaired in record time. Mantz was fired from his job with the flight plans. Manning had to return to his job. This left Earhart and Noonan.

Earhart accepted the plane from Lockheed and flew it around the country. She found little wrong with the plane, and these minor problems were repaired quickly.

On 20 May 1937, Earhart and Noonan left Oakland and flew across country to Miami. Along the way they had some minor problems, but nothing of any consequence. In Miami, mechanics went over the plane and checked everything.

Most people believe the around-the-world flight began in Oakland on this second attempt; and in reality, it did. There is an interesting story, told by a couple who visited Earhart at the Miami airport two days before she took off, and though the story has little bearing on the story, it is worth mention.

The couple, hearing Earhart was in Miami, went to the airport for a glimpse of the famed aviatrix. They approached the hangar and were greeted by Earhart. Also there were Noonan, Earhart's husband, George Palmer Putnam, and three mechanics working on the Electra.

Earhart showed them around and invited them to take some pictures. She also told the couple she and Noonan were heading back to California the following day. Ironically, they didn't head back to California the following day, but two days later took off and headed south to Puerto Rico and on around the world.

Over the Caribbean to Puerto Rico, into South America, across the Atlantic to Africa, across this huge continent, on to India and Burma, down through

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Malaya to Port Darwin, back up to Lae they flew for more than a month.

At Lae they waited for the weather to clear. There is an equatorial front which is usually present east of Lae, and it presented a threat to the fliers. It would not go away and Earhart and Noonan had to make a decision. Adding to their decision making was a message from Earhart's husband that she needed to be back in the states quickly to take advantage of a speaking engagement.

On 2 July 1937, Earhart and Noonan took off from Lae at 1000. Facing them was 2,556 miles of ocean between Lae and Howland Island. Navigation would have to be perfect to find this tiny spot in the Pacific. Howland is two miles long and a half mile wide; not much of a land mass to spot from the air.

A crude runway had been scraped on Howland and gasoline had been brought there by the Coast Guard.

At Howland, the Coast Guard Cutter *Itasca* was standing by to offer any assistance to Earhart and Noonan. Mainly there as a lifesaving aid in case the plane overshot the runway, *Itasca* also had the capability for communicating with Earhart. There was also an experimental direction finder set up on the island, provided by the Navy. *Itasca*, too, had a direction finder aboard.

Earhart never had a lot of faith in radio communications. She was less than attentive when *Itasca* asked her in advance for information on frequencies she planned to use as she neared Howland. By the time Earhart had taken off from Lae, *Itasca* was still in a state of confusion as to which frequencies she would use, but they had been told she would transmit at 15 minutes before the hour and 15 minutes after the hour and wanted *Itasca* to send weather reports on the hour and half hour.

The Electra, loaded with gas, barely made it off at Lae, and remained dangerously close to the ocean until it was out of sight. Observers said the Electra's props were blowing back water due to extremely low altitude.

Earhart remained in contact with Lae radio, at least until shortly after 1700, sending a position report back to Lae. The position placed the Electra about 800 miles out from Lae, near Ontong, Java. This is the only position report received by any station from Earhart, and it appears to have been a little off. She stated she was at 4° 33 minutes south latitude and 159° 6 minutes east longitude.

An Australian plantation manager saw her fly over Northern Bougainville in the late afternoon; and for her to have done that, she had to be somewhere between 50-100 miles south of course and certainly farther south than the position report she sent to Lae.

This could mean the navigation was off; Noonan had problems setting his chronometers and this would affect celestial navigation. In looking over the chart, note there are very few islands which can be used as landmarks or checkpoints.

As the flight continued, the weather became cloudy and overcast. Earhart tried to fly above it, but couldn't. Noonan was unable to get a star sight. They were flying over the Pacific without anything but a compass to guide them.

Winds are always a consideration in flying. Without a knowledge of the wind speed and direction, no pilot can fly a



"The Three Stooges" take time out to pose for a snapshot.

course. The winds along the path from Lae to Howland were generally from the east and north, and Earhart and Noonan knew this information. What they didn't know was that the winds were shifting and increasing in velocity. In reality, they were being blown off their course and to the south.

Were they worried? Probably not, because they knew the *Itasca* had a direction finder aboard and they also knew they would begin to pick up *Itasca's* messages, including weather reports, long before they approached Howland.

There are 2½ time zones separating Lae from Howland.

There is also the International Date Line between Lae and Howland. In fact, Earhart was flying into "yesterday." Rather than confuse you with times, I shall now use Howland time.

At 0245 Earhart was heard for the first time by *Itasca*. It was a weak signal, but *Itasca* heard her say something about the weather being cloudy.

Around 0345, Earhart was heard again, and stated weather was overcast and cloudy. The message was weak and that's all *Itasca* heard of the message.

At 0445 a garbled message was sent by Earhart, but no one in the *Itasca's* radio room could

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understand what was said.

Nothing was heard again until 0612 when Earhart said she wanted bearings from *Itasca*. Although *Itasca* had a direction finder aboard, and there was an experimental direction finder set up on the island, *Itasca* had not been asked to take bearings on Earhart. It was a surprise to *Itasca* to receive this message.

A couple of minutes later, Earhart said she was about 200 miles out and whistled into the microphone to allow *Itasca* to take a bearing.

All this time, *Itasca* is trying to "come back" to Earhart with a message, but there is no indication from her she had heard *Itasca*.

0645 and Earhart comes in loud and clear and asks *Itasca* again to take a bearing on her. She states she's about 100 miles out, but her position is doubtful.

45 minutes pass before Earhart calls again at 0730 and says: "We must be on you but cannot see you. Gas is running low. Have been unable to reach you by radio. Flying at 1,000 feet."

Just before 0800, Earhart again calls *Itasca* and says she's flying in a circle, trying to locate the island. Had she been anywhere near Howland, she would have seen either the island, the *Itasca* steaming around the island, or the smoke being released from *Itasca* and rising about 10,000 feet in the air. She didn't indicate she had seen

either.

A couple of minutes after 0800, Earhart stated she heard the *Itasca's* signal. This was probably the Morse Code letter "A" *Itasca* was sending out every few minutes for Earhart to "home on" with her direction finder. She again asked *Itasca* to take a bearing on her.

The final message from Earhart came at 0844: "We are on the line of position 157-337. We are running north and south." This message indicates Noonan had managed to shoot the sun with his chronometers, but how accurate was the shot? Remember the off-course report sent to Lae earlier in the flight.

Itasca immediately began a search of the area to the northwest, because there was a large storm area in that direction; and the *Itasca's* skipper felt it was the most probable area. Earhart had not mentioned any bad weather since her 0345 message, so we might assume she had "broken out" of the weather earlier. If so, the decision to search in the northwest was not a good decision.

The *USS Swan* was brought into the search, along with the *USS Colorado*, with three scout planes aboard. These ships searched the area around Howland and south into the Phoenix Islands.

The *Lexington*, with a full complement of planes, arrived on the scene and searched the area to the northwest of Howland.

The extensive search, which covered 250,000 square miles of ocean, produced nothing.

The disappearance of Earhart and Noonan set off a series of events worldwide. Radio operators throughout the world were claiming to have heard Earhart. The British cruiser *Achilles*, steaming around the Phoenix Islands, claims to have heard a message from Earhart. Several radio operators in Hawaii and in the states claim to have heard messages from Earhart.

For all intents and purposes, the fliers were lost forever; and to this day, no wreckage from the plane has been found, nor has anyone found any remains of Earhart and Noonan.

Certainly this is the greatest mystery of modern times, and there are hundreds of people researching it. A lot of people have begun research for profit, while some go about it for the sheer fun and excitement of it. I know a couple of people who have made their living from researching Earhart for many years.

There are a lot of questions about this great mystery, other than what really happened to them. Were they spies with a mission to overfly the mandates and take pictures of the Japanese fortifications? Were they found by the Japanese and taken into the mandates and murdered? Were they the first casualties of WWII?

Frequently, articles appear in

newspapers professing some new discovery in the Earhart mystery. Over the years a number of books have been written about Earhart, and many contain some good data.

The 50th anniversary of Earhart's disappearance is coming in 1987, and I know there are many people working on books about her to be released that year.

Me, I'm heading back to the Pacific because I feel confident I have many of the answers and a good idea where to find the plane. If I'm successful, the mystery will be solved and many answers will be forthcoming. If I'm wrong in my calculations, I'll rejoin the scores of people with a quest for the answers.

Today we can look at Earhart's around-the-world flight and wonder how anyone could have been so foolish to attempt it. We can also look at people like Wiley Post and Howard Hughes, who did make it. It is this quest to do things that has made our nation great. Thank God for Earhart and Noonan, Post, Hughes, Lindbergh, Yeager, Doolittle and many, many others who "took the plunge." Some achieved, some failed, but all are a tribute to Americanism.

I enjoy letters and phone calls to talk about Earhart and gather information. Give me a call or drop me a line if you'd like to share some things with me.

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