PRAISE THE LORD!

He was stretched out in his bunk on the heavy cruiser USS New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1941, planning his sermon for the Sunday morning services.

"All hands to battle stations. This is no drill. This is no drill."

The Chaplain sauntered to his duty station in the ship's hospital. One of the ship's doctors stuck his head into the sick bay and said, "There are planes up - lots of them - and they don't look like ours."

He hurried topside onto the well deck, there was a deafening roar from an aircraft motor, bullets hitting the metal deck made sparks as they ricocheted around him. Without thinking, the Chaplain found himself doing a little "dance" on the deck, foolishly trying to dodge the flying bullets.

The New Orleans was in Pearl Harbor to have a turbine repaired. The engines were down, completely immobile. Power was being received from a line strung out from a shore installation. And the shore crew cut all the lines - including the power line! Consequently, the ship had no power for the electric hoists to bring the ammunition stored below the decks to the gun crews.

There was only one way to get the ammunition up to the guns - by sheer muscle power, and within a very short time, that's exactly what they used.

While the bombs fell from above, the crew of the New Orleans formed a human supply line to pass the anti-aircraft ammunition, a shell at a time, up from storage to the gun crews.

Chaplain Howell Forgy walked along the line of men, encouraging them and praying with them and for them. Standing beside a small, sweating seaman who was grunting with exertion, his legs buckling as he passed the heavy shells up the line, Chaplain Forgy clapped him on the shoulder and shouted: "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!"

For the rest of that tragic morning, the men of the USS New Orleans shouted, "Praise the Lord - and pass the ammunition!" as they fed shells to the gun crews.

Before the second wave of Japanese planes disappeared, the gun crews and others had the satisfaction of seeing their shells - passed painfully up the human chain, destroy two enemy planes.

Frank Loesser immediately turned Chaplain Forgy's phrase - "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" - into a song that swept the nation.

A few vital statistics of the Chaplain: born January 18, 1908, in Philadelphia, Pa., attended Muskingum University in Ohio and Princeton Theological School. He volunteered for naval service in 1940 and saw duty aboard the USS New Orleans, USS Bunker Hill and served as Senior Chaplain at Treasure Island with retirement in 1948. He was married in 1940 to the former Louise Morgan and they have four children - three boys and a girl.

Chaplain Forgy was quite pleased when Duane Shelton and Mike McCormick and Bill Misner (see picture above) stopped in for a visit, despite his confinement to a wheel chair as a result of several strokes and having arthritis in his left knee.

The Chaplain also wrote a book - "Pass the Ammunition" - which four editions were published, but none are available now.
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT
ON TRIP TO WEST COAST

Arrived in Chicago, Friday noon, July 19th, and was greeted and welcomed by Charley Marion (USS Gamble), our National Photographer, who forgot his camera. I certainly was pleased with the company and entertainment accorded me during my short stay at O'Hara International Airport.

Few hours later found me at the Seattle-Tacoma Air Terminal. Bob Graves, National Convention Chairmen, was there to meet and escort me to the Ben Franklin Hotel, our 1968 National Convention Headquarters. Attended the Seattle Chapter meeting that evening and gave a brief talk on the workings of the various chapters of PHSHA.

The Ben Franklin Hotel, in downtown Seattle, has set aside blocks of rooms for the delegates from the various States — a hint, get together and get a block of rooms, contact Bob Graves and he will take care of this important item. The Olympic Hotel, a couple of blocks away, will take the overflow from the Ben Franklin. Too, our Memorial Banquet will be held in the large ballroom of the Olympic.

Sunday, I should have stayed in bed and rested; instead, attended the Seattle's Chapter Annual Picnic at Hamlin Park and feasted on roast pig, side of beef, cornish hens and untold platters of goodies which all were donated by the members, wives and guests of PHSHA. There were games, contests and events for everyone and almost everyone left with a prize or a bag of goodies. Oh, yes, I participated! Somehow I found myself in the blue-berry pie-eating contest, but Bob Graves is the one who can stow away the blue-berry pies.

The Lt. Governor of the State of Washington was present at the picnic and enjoyed the day with us. On his departure he assured us that the PHSHA members, families and friends at the National Convention would have a good time and would never forget Seattle.

My next couple of days in Seattle were spent in interviews and radio talks with various civic and governmental officials — which all assured me the City of Seattle would be readyed for a real welcome to members of PHSHA.

Wednesday, July 24th, found me arriving at the airport in Portland, Oregon, and greeted by State Chairman Jim Thrapp, Art Boyle, President of Portland PHSA Chapter, and others welcoming me to the City of Roses. Attended the Portland Chapter's banquet in the evening and gave a talk regarding the Association, the functions and work which the National Office was engaged in for the good and betterment of ALL members of the Association.

The next day found me on a "full picnic-day" at Silver Creek Falls with the Boyles, Thrapps and Hedenstens — what a wonderful time but hope those pictures of Jim Thrapp's DO NOT TURN OUT! Gosh! That water in Oregon is COLD!

Then on to San Francisco where I was met at the airport by the First District Director, Hayne Moyer. Then on to San Jose to attend the 1968 California PHSHA State Convention which was well-planned and executed in all phases and proved most outstanding. Business meetings were strictly business and when it came time for socializations — that is the sport the Californians excel in.

At the business session, an election for the California State Chairmen was conducted — a FIRST for the Association. How can you go wrong when YOUR STATE CHAIRMAN IS ELECTED BY YOU AND YOU? That's the way it should be! John F. Dierks, President of San Francisco Bay Area Chapter No. 2, was elected California State Chairman and William Misner, President of San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 9, was appointed to be Co-Chairman.

The Convention Banquet consisted of speeches, presentations, awards, entertainment and dancing. I had the honor of giving the oath of office to the first elected California State Chairman, Jerry Gammon, National Vice-President, who paid his own personal expense-paid trip to be with the Californians, presented a National Charter to the newly formed San Joaquin Valley Chapter No. 10. The big door prize — trip to Hawaii for 2— was won by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steffe (Ed Steffa is one of our eleven founding fathers.)

The next three days following the Convention, I was a guest of the Jayne Moyer's in which we spent many hours in the futhereance of PHSHA. Honors were bestowed upon me as National President at a dinner-meeting given by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter No. 2.

On my way home, I spent 5-days at the National Office with our National Secretary-Treasurer, John C. Berliger, at Indianapolis, Indiana, going over the files, books, records, and attending meetings with Max Holmes, Ohio State Chairman, and Joe Tokar from Ohio.

The 25th Anniversary Convention in Honolulu was a very special event — this 1968 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEATTLE looms up to be an UNFORGETTABLE EVENT — and to all of you, I would suggest one thing — try to be there — SEATTLE IN '68!

And in conclusion I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you out there in WASHINGTON, OREGON and CALIFORNIA. All of you rate a 4.0 — What more can I say for myself and the entire PHSHA???

Sincerely,
Henry Shane

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Christian life is pictured in the Scriptures by many metaphors, one of the most vivid of which is the athletic games. This is seen in Hebrews 12:1-3 where the believer is admonished to "... run with patience the race that is set before us..." The picture here is of the open arena with tier upon tier of anxious spectators observing the performance of the competitors.

As we remember those who have gone before us and as we run our lap of life's relay, we are encouraged to run life's race well, considering "Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself..."

The believer today enjoys a fourfold inspiration as he runs the race of life. First, he is inspired by a great legacy. Ours is a legacy purchased at great price, cherished by many, but alas, despised by some. Again, there is the inspiration of an unfinished task. Those who have gone before, ran well. It is now ours to run our lap of life's race and to so run that those who shall follow us shall be privileged to run. Those who proceeded us have left us with a great legacy. We now are charged with the responsibility of providing for our posterity the same privileges given us. Many of us believe that our greatest inspiration is to be found in the "... author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Rev. Harold Evans
Superintendent of Missions
Blue River Baptist Association
3 East Maple Street
Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063
(Marine Detachment,
USS New Orleans)

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Pearl Harbor, Remember that fierce attack?
Pearl Harbor, They shot us in the back.
The sky was so blue way up in Heaven;
The Japs came into view fifty-five after seven.
Pearl Harbor, Remember that fateful morn?
Pearl Harbor, When World War Two was born;
I'll remember that morn as long as I live;
Yes, all of my days, I'll Remember Pearl Harbor, always.

The poem written by Chuck Thompson (USS Sumner), 962 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19123.
IOWA FORMS CHAPTER

Iowa formed its first chapter on March 16, 1968, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, known as Iowa Chapter No. 1, with fifteen charter members.

The officers are from left to right, front row: Bob Jensen, Grinnell, State Chairman; Gilbert Pullen, Spencer, president; Clarence Pfuudheller, Audubon, vice-president; back row, Eugene McGonegle, Fort Dodge, trustee; Berl Downing, Decorah, secretary; Harold Greene, Decorah, treasurer; Herbert Hansen, Elk Horn, trustee; and Russ Lott, Fort Dodge, trustee.

Other charter members not pictured are Richard Howe, Mt. Pleasant; Norman Ruffridge, Pella; Vern Bischoff, Dubuque; Elmer Erickson, Winterset; Paul Teegardin, Boone; Donald Chapman, Clarion; and Jerry Schenkelberg, Carroll.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SHIPS

Those of you who would like to have pictures of the ships you have served in may get such photographs for a small fee.

Photos taken before January 1958 (8x10" glossies) may be bought for $1.25 each by sending check or money order to: Cashier, National Archives and Records Center, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20408.

Checks should be made out to General Services Administration (NNSA). Larger photographs may also be obtained at additional cost. For complete information, including a price schedule, write to the National Archives.

Pictures of ships taken during or later than 1958 may be purchased for ninety cents each (additional prints of the same photo 40c) by sending check or money order to: Naval Photographic Center, Naval Station, Washington, D.C. 20390. Make check out to: Naval Photographic Center.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

FOR “TORA! TORA! TORA!”

John Kuzma, New York State Chairman, has been appointed at the National Chairman of the Special Committee on the film, now being produced, and titled “Tora! Toral Tora!”

The duties of the chairman will consist of: acting as the Liaison Officer for this Association and with the personnel connected with the production of “Tora! Toral Tora!” keeping the National Office and the committee members informed, in advance, of any and all publicity releases; in charge of and directing the committee members to cooperate with and be in Honorary Attendance (with PHSA flag and wearing their PHSA hats) with the owners and managers of the theatres when the film is presented to the general public at Premiere Showings; and, furnishing, and if necessary editing, information concerning the PHSA to the personnel connected with this film.

This Special Committee, as appointed by NP Henry Shane, shall exist so long as the National Executive Board deems it to the benefit of the Association.

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IN SEATTLE

WHAT’S BENEATH SEATTLE?

As a result of the devastating Seattle fire in 1889, about eight acres of Seattle lie hiding beneath Skid Row.

Tours are available for you to take and see this forgotten city underground, which is still much alive. The guides will tell you a lot about Seattle history which is not published in history books. You will hear of the spice of rowdy Seattle during the roaring ’90’s.

On the tour you will see the Pioneer Building — the finest and most beautiful six-story office building west of Chicago when it was built in 1890. What you may not have heard before is that there was said to be a “Bridge of Sighs” between the Pioneer Building and the old Butler Hotel which businessmen used to visit the “shady ladies” across the street.

You will see an old Puget Sound National Bank vault, which reportedly held $250 million during the Alaska Gold Rush, now stands open and empty. The old Moses Korn Building reveals the Mechanics Store, actually a first-class department store — in days gone by — selling everything from high-button shoes to fur coats. Then there’s the site of the old Bijou Theatre, said to house the first girlie show in Seattle — it was also reportedly destroyed by 900 righteous women before 1889.

The Underground Tour of Seattle is a MUST to take when you are attending the 1968 NATIONAL PHSA CONVENTION IN SEATTLE, DECEMBER 4-8. You will enjoy every minute of this two-hour tour!

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Effective as of July 1st, Ray L. Bohnenkamp (USS Schley) was appointed State Chairman for the State of Missouri. Ray’s address: 9846 Ventura St., St. Louis, Missouri 63136.

Lawrence F. Meier (USS Chew) has been appointed Director, Fourth District, to fill out the unexpired term of Leonard J. Fagot, who resigned recently due to ill health. Lawrence’s address: 34 Estes Parkway, St. Louis, Missouri 63125.

REUNIONS

USS Phelps (DD-360)

All former shipmates who served on the USS Phelps (DD-360) and interested in a reunion at Houston, Texas, should contact Harold Placet (RDM1), 3336 Roanoke Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77640.
SIXTY-NINE NEW MEMBERS

From July 1, 1968, through September 30th, sixty-nine new members have
been added to our national membership roster. Here is the breakdown:

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CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

We are asking for your help in getting names for the Survivors' Directory. As you know, we will list a Survivor's name, address, ship and-or station in the Convention Program book for the modest cost of $1.00 per person. Those listed will receive a copy of the program.

At your next meetings will you please remind your members of this? Please have your Secretary or Treasurer forward the list of names, along with your check, made payable to:

PHSA 1968 Convention
Box 692
Mercer Island, Washington 98040
Attn: Mrs. Ray Emory

The photo section is still open to those who wish it. Just send us a black and white glossy, approximately 3x5 inches, and $5.00 — we’ll do the rest.

Remember November 4th is cut-off date. Every effort will be made to handle late-comers, but please try to make the Nov. 4th date. There are some 63 Chapters operating now and it sure would be good to hear something from all of you. We feel this Program Book will become a valuable keepsake in the years to come and we hope you are in it.

To those of you who will attend the Convention, we are looking forward to seeing you. To those of you who will not be in attendance, the boys in the Seattle Chapter send their kindest regards.

Yours truly,
E. Ray Glover, President
Seattle Chapter

RECEIVES NATIONAL CHARTER

Members of Pueblo Colorado Chapter No. 2 met June 29th at the V.F.W. Post 61 in Pueblo and was presented its National Charter, Number 58.

In the picture (left to right are: Clarence Schlegel, public relations; Franklin Pickett, 3-year trustee; Jay Sims, secretary; and, J. Garcia, president.

"THE TOP MEN"

The below named Survivors have recruited 5 or more new members. Why not get your 5 recruits (new members) before the contest closes midnight, November 15th? Be sure the application is postmarked no later than midnight, November 15th. Have your name listed here in the January 1969 issue of the GRAM.

David P. Bedell (Pa.) ___________ 31
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James E. Tharp (Oregon) _______ 5

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* Denotes Re-instated
AN EXCELLENT BOOK!

Pearl Harbor: Why, How, Fleet Salvage and Final Appraisal

The Pearl Harbor Salvage Operation is now a matter of historical record and serves as a ready reference for any future work of that nature.

Every Survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7th, 1941, will want to read and should read this authenticated, exciting and historical book containing nearly four hundred pages and well-illustrated.

The author spent several years in reading and studying testimony given before Commissions, Investigations, Court of Inquiries, and State Department Releases. He has read a considerable number of books and reports on the Pearl Harbor attack, some written by Japanese participants.

In this book you will find the basic causes of the war, the brutal aggressiveness of Japan, American attitudes and policies, hardening of public opinion, why was the fleet at Pearl Harbor, how powerful was the fleet, what warning did the fleet have and what information was withheld from Hawaii, strategy and tactics of the Japanese attack, results of the Japanese surprise air-raid, Washington's response to the attack, "all hands" engaged in salvage work — freeing trapped men, removal of bodies, getting less damaged ships ready for action, ships sunk at Pearl Harbor, conditions which prevailed or were encountered in the salvage work, and the final appraisal of the Pearl Harbor attack. This is only a short synopsis of the book — there is much more to it.

The author - Vice Admiral Homer N. Wallin, U.S. Navy, Retired - was attached to the U.S.S. California at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. After the attack, he was assigned as Salvage Officer and had charge of Salvage Operations at Pearl Harbor. He served on the staff of Admiral Nimitz, served on the staff of Admiral Halsey as Material and Damage Repair Officer of the South Pacific Force, was Commanding Officer of Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and subsequently the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. While at the latter shipyard, he had charge of the technical work involved in the refloating of the U.S.S. Missouri.

In February 1951, Admiral Wallin became Chief of the Bureau of Ships of the Navy Department. He assumed command of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Bremerton, Wash., in August, 1953, and continued until his retirement from active duty in May 1955.

The Admiral has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit for his work in salvage and repair. Upon his retirement he has been active in progress pertaining to the Port of Seattle, the City of Seattle, fraternal and patriotic societies, church work, etc. He is an alumni of the U.S. Naval Academy, M.T.T., Jamestown Academy, University of North Dakota, and has received honorary doctor of science degrees from the University of North Dakota and Jamestown College (N.D.)

Admiral and Mrs. Wallin reside at 4113 - 55th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Wash. 98105. They, too, will be attending the 1968 National PHSA Convention in Seattle, December 4 - 8.


HOOSIERS PICNICKING

Members of Central Indiana Chapter No. 1 attending their annual picnic August 18th.


Second Row: J. Berlier

1969 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Now is the time for you to get your 1969 Membership Card. Your 1968 Card will expire December 7, 1968.

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MEETS ABOARD BATTLESHIP

Members of "Little Rhody" Chapter, PHSA, had their September meeting aboard the Battleship Massachusetts which is now officially a Commonwealth of Massachusetts World War II Memorial and is permanently berthed in Battleship Cove, Fall River, Massachusetts.

The Battleship Massachusetts made her last voyage in June 1965, when she entered the harbor at Fall River to become The Commonwealth's Memorial to the men of the Armed Services who lost their lives in World War II.

The Battleship Massachusetts was the first and last United States Battleship to fire against the enemy in World War II; at Casablanca in 1942 and against the Japanese home islands in 1945. Built in the Fore River Shipyards in Quincy, Mass., and commissioned early in 1942, she steamed 225,000 miles in wartime service, participating in 35 major engagements. Her main deck is 600 feet long, her conning tower has 16 inch armor plate and her mess hall could accommodate 2,300 officers and men. It has 16 inch and 5 inch gun turrets and the 40MM and 20MM anti-aircraft guns can be still elevated and trained as they were when she was in the front lines.

The officers of "Little Rhody" Chapter are: President, Lawrence R. McCann (USS Whitney); Vice president, Timothy J. O'Brien (USS Maryland); Secretary, Norman J. Lemoine (Fort Kamehameha); and, Treasurer, Joseph Biron (Schofield Barracks.)
PHSA NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEATTLE, DEC. 4 - 8, 1968

The final plans are practically completed for the PHSA National Convention being held in Seattle, Washington, December 4 - 8, 1968. From what I have seen and heard of the plans, this is going to be an OUTSTANDING CONVENTION for PHSA members and their guests.

Each PHSA Chartered Chapter should be certain they have members in attendance at the Convention so they can give a full and complete report of the convention at your first chapter meeting upon their return home.

Members attending the Convention—have you mailed your BLUE CARD to the 1968 National Convention mailing address? Have you mailed the GREEN and WHITE CARD regarding your hotel reservation? Too, don't forget to send your pre-registration fee of $18.50 per person which must be received at Seattle by November 4th, 1968.

The 1968 National Convention mailing address is: PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, INC., BOX 692, MERcer ISLAND, WASHINGTON 98040. All inquiries pertaining to the 1968 Convention are to be mailed to the above address. All monies sent for the 1968 National Convention should be by check or money order and made payable to: PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, 1968 REUNION.

Items of events being prepared for you at the 1968 National Convention in Seattle: tours, luncheons, style show for the ladies, tour by rail, tour by destroyer to USS Missouri, tour through a submarine, Casey Jones excursion to Mt. Rainier, Seattle Under-Grounds — and more to come.

Tentative Schedule of Events
Wednesday, December 4th:
1000—Registration. Public showing of films. Exhibits.
1600—Hospitality Reception.

Thursday, December 5th:
1000—Registration. Public showing of films. Exhibits.
Guest tours.
No-host dinners, by units & services.

Memorial Banquet
Ray Glover
Maurice McDonald
Gerry Wiggins

Fly-Over:
Louis (Kit) Carson

SGT-AT-ARMS:
Carl Brown
Chuck Mitchell
Louis (Kit) Carson

Audio-Visual:
Chuck Mitchell

Military Tours:
Del Vernon
(First Named is Chairman)

Friday, December 6:
0800—Meetings for (Separate Rooms): National Officers, State Chairmen, and Committees.
1000—Registration.
1300—Members Business Meeting, Exhibits. Bay 40's Dance - Parker's Ball Room.
Buffet — Rainer Brewing Plant (?)

Saturday, December 7:
0700—Memorial Services at Sand Point Naval Air Station.
1000—General Meeting.
1200—Buffet Lunch (for members at meeting - ?)
1300—General Meeting.
1830— Cocktails.
2000—Banquet. (Olympic Grand Ballroom)

Sunday, December 8:
Departure Breakfast.

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The below members have been appointed Welfare Officers by their Chapter Presidents:
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PORTLAND PHSA WELCOMES NP

Left to right: Mrs. Donna Tharp, Oregon State Chairman, James Tharp and NP Henry Shane discussing the Seattle Convention.

PORTLAND PHSA WELCOMES NP

Oregon State Chairman James Tharp, the president of the Portland Chapter, Arthur Boyle, and his wife met National President Henry Shane on his arrival at the Portland airport Wednesday, July 24th. Discussions immediately got underway over the activities of the 1968 Seattle Convention - sounds good - "lets all go!"

In the evening, the Portland Chapter held a special dinner-meeting in honor of the visiting national president. There was a big turn-out of PHSA members and their wives.

The following day Jim Tharp and his wife, Bob Hedensten and his wife and Art Boyle and his wife took our NP on a picnic at Silver Creek Falls - a total of seven falls, from 60 to 135 feet high, some you walk under, over and around - a beautiful place with Nature at its best.

NP Shane enjoyed his visit in Portland so much that it was most difficult to say "so long" to his wonderful hosts - members of the PHSA Portland Chapter but they will be meeting again, December 4-8, at the 1968 SEATTLE CONVENTION. Will you be there with them?

LAST MINUTE 1968 CONVENTION NEWS

Hotel Prices in Seattle:

We listed the names of a number of the hotels where a block of rooms have been reserved for the convention dates. These rates were detailed and listed as a first come first served basis. Most of the requests received have been for the lowest rated rooms. The headquarters hotel has found it necessary to send confirmations stating - "Sorry unable to confirm requested rate at this time". This does NOT mean you will not be receiving rates requested. Hotels will do their best to see that your request is honored.

The hotel staff at the Ben Franklin Hotel will do its best, along with the Housing Chairman, to place you on the same floor with the delegation from your State. This will present a problem if all want the lowest priced rooms. There are 26 rooms per floor - suites, deluxe accommodations - medium price and standard price rooms, singles, doubles and twins. We and they will do our best. What is meant by "No Host"?

This means you act as your own host. You pick-up the tab for yourself. It is the thought of the convention committee to keep the registration fee as low as possible and to keep your schedule as free as possible during the convention. We, therefore, have scheduled the "No Host" dinner on the night of December 5th, by units and or services.

Memorial Banquet - Price for Friends:

Anyone may attend the Memorial Banquet. Members of your family or friends that so desire will be able to attend at a cost of $7.50 each. We must, however, be advised in advance to allow for sufficient table settings. The deadline for this will be November 15th. If you have friends in Seattle, please bring them along.

TICKETS - TICKETS - TICKETS

Hawaii Trip For Two:

Those who have books of tickets as distributed by NP Henry Shane - keep pushing them! Remember the deadline is on the cover. Anyone interested in getting three chances for a special drawing of TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO HAWAII from the West Coast, can do so by sending $1.00 to Joe Pike, P.O. Box 692, Mercer Island, Washington 98040. You do not have to be present to win and anyone is eligible. The prize can be taken in CASH. Drawing will be held December 7th at Seattle. Winner will be announced in the January issue of the GRAM.

Side Trips During Convention:

Side trips are extra and are not included in the price of your registration fee. We did not and do not want to tie you up with planned tours and so forth. Information on all side tours and

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

The San Jose Hyatt House buzzed with activities centered around the doings of the California PHSA Members at their 1968 State Convention. Too, many pleasures were provided for the wives.

The California State Convention was held in San Jose on July 28, 29 and 30th. Over two hundred PHSA members and their wives were in attendance.

National President Henry Shane and National Vice-President Jerry Gammon were the honored guests and speakers.

State Chairman Henry Lidgett (USS Curtiss) was presented the State's first "Man-of-the-Year" award for his outstanding contributions and devotion to the betterment of PHSA throughout the State of California.

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter No. 2 won the attendance plaque for the second consecutive year.

Members at the convention elected to accept the invitation of Los Angeles Chapter No. One to have its 1969 State Convention at the Airport Marina Hotel, Los Angeles, during the month of July.

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Joe Blasche (USS Breese) had the members of the Atlanta Chapter and their wives out to his farm in Butler, Ga., for their May meeting. It was an overnight camping, cook-out and hayride event with everyone having a good time.

The June meeting was held at Jackson Lake, Ga., for a camp-out over a long weekend with boating and fishing as the key events.

Secretary Charles Vaughn (USS Breese) has informed us that the chapter is working on a project to erect a monument in the State of Georgia in memory of those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor.

trips will be made available at the convention.

Tora - Tora - Tora

We had hoped to have a sneak preview of this film during the convention, or at least a few of the rushes, but we have been advised that the shooting of the film has been delayed. Maybe the convention in '70 will be more fortunate.

U.S.S. Missouri

Washington State Ferry System operates ferries to Bremerton every hour during the day. Ferries leave from the Terminal located at the foot of Madison Street. (Remember the Coleman Dock?) Bremerton-Charleston Bus Company will meet the ferries and transport you to the U.S.S. Missouri for $1.00. This is truly a trip worth taking while you are here.

Seattle Undesea Gardens:

This you will want to take-in. We will have brochures on-hand when you arrive.

---SEE YOU IN SEATTLE IN 1968---
SURVIVOR OFF-SPRING DIRECTORY

This is our third Off-Spring Directory—our sons and daughters who are proudly wearing the military uniform.

If an Off-Spring is located nearby you, why not give him or her a telephone call or better yet, drive over to the base and visit them and invite them out to have dinner with you and the family. Those who have an overseas address, just take a couple of minutes of your time and drop them a card with a line or two. They'll appreciate it!

Each of these Off-Springs will receive a copy of this issue of the Pearl Harbor-Gram.

Please keep the Chief Editor notified of any change of address and, if you have not submitted your Off-Spring’s name and complete military address with zip code, please do so today. (Chief Editor, Pearl Harbor-Gram, 2251 Linden Ave., Waukegan, Illinois 60085.)

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Dear Survivor:

What happened? No letters were received during the past quarter for this column.

This column is for you to present your ideas, suggestions, recommendations, comments, and criticism—good or bad—pertaining to PHSA whether it be on a National, State or Chapter level. No letter will be published containing profanity or vulgarity.

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Front row (left to right): Henry J. Ellerbrock (USS West Virginia), guest from Illinois Chapter One, Ladd, Illinois; Victor H. Buechner (USS Pelias) of Englewood; Alexander Erosky (Hickam Field) of Denver; George A. Richard (USS Tennessee) of Greeley; Carl R. Galvin (Schofield Barracks) of Lakewood; Edmond G. Robinson (Hickam Field) of Aurora.

Back row: W. F. Fitzgerald, guest from Huntsville, Ala.; Ralph I. Murphy (USS San Francisco) of Littleton; Albert F. Peterson, Jr. (USS West Virginia) of Denver; Edward F. Frause (USS Tennessee) of Englewood; Carl E. Currey (USS Maryland) of Greeley; Dorothy Young (Army Nurse, Hickam Field Station Hospital) of Kickapoo Lodge, Grand Lake; and Darrel W. Holland (USS Maryland) of Greeley.

BINGHAMTON CHAPTER

ELECTS OFFICERS

At the June meeting of Binghamton, New York, Chapter No. 1, the following officers were elected for the following year:

President: Kenneth Dury, 20 Rutherford St., Binghamton, N.Y. 13901 (USS Phoenix)

Vice-President: Ludwig Zelesnikar, 4 Beverly Place, Johnson City, N.Y. 13790 (Co. L, 27th Inf., 25th Div., Schofield Barracks)

Secretary: Leslie Simons, 21½ Cleveland Ave., Binghamton, N.Y. 13905 (97th (AAA) Fort Weaver)

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Chaplain: Chester Majeski, 85 Carlton St., Johnson City, N.Y. 13790 (15th C.A., C Btry., Fort Barrett).

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STANDINGS BY STATES

The States listed below are credited for recruiting 5 or more new members. The January issue of the GRAM will have the complete listing of States and final total of new members recruited.

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PINS FOR PAST AND PRESENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

Pins, or bars, are now available for past and present chapter officers to wear indicating their past or present chapter office.

The pin, or bar, is 1" by ¼" in size with a white background and PHSA in blue letters. For the past presidents, a gold gavel with the words "Past President"; for the current presidents and vice presidents, a silver gavel; for the secretary, a silver pin and ink emblem; and, for the treasurer, a silver money bag. These pins sell for $5.00 per pin postpaid and takes approximately four weeks for delivery.

If you like, you can purchase the top part of the pin without the gavel, etc. for $2.50 each.

The pins are to be ordered through your chapter secretary and orders sent to E. G. Robinson, Secretary, Colorado Chapter No. One PHSA, 2099 Geneva St., Aurora, Colorado 80010.

The Colorado Chapter initiated the idea of the above pins and bar and coordinated this program with the National Office which has given its approval.

All checks are to be made payable to Colorado Chapter No. One, PHSA.

CAPTAIN BRENDER IS GUEST SPEAKER

A former YN3 aboard the USS Oklahoma on December 7, 1941, Captain Bernard W. Brender, Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla., was the guest speaker at the June dinner-meeting of Central Florida Chapter No. Two of Orlando, held at the Orlando Air Force Base NCO Club.

Captain Brender spoke regarding the progress and growth of the newly created Naval Training Center and its impact on the community.

Other honored guests included Mrs. Brender and National President Henry Shane.

James E. Doucette (Ford Island) is the chapter president.