DECEMBER 7, AT PEARL HARBOR

President Gerald R. Ford placed a wreath aboard the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor during ceremonies on December 7, 1976, with members from the Aloha Looming on: John E. Little (Hickam Field), Richard I. Fiske (Marine Detachment aboard USS West Virginia) and Francis T. King (Ford Island). (Woman in picture is not identified.)

It was a clear, sunny morning at Pearl Harbor, and aboard the stark white USS Arizona Memorial a low tide made it easy to look over the side and see the deck of the battleship Arizona, former flagship and grim reminder of World War II.

It was here that President Gerald R. Ford joined more than 200 people, representing the military and civilian communities, to pay his respects to the thousands of Americans who lost their lives in the flaming holocaust that signalled the United States' entry into World War II.

The time was 7:55 a.m., December 7, the exact time and date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

"We will hold our course for a peaceful Pacific," the President said during his brief address, "remembering that vigilance, the price of liberty, must be paid and repaid by each generation. We will keep faith with our past as we work to build a better world for our children and our grandchildren. I believe they will see peace come true and thank us, as we thank those fallen heroes we honor here today. There duty is done, let us do ours."

The President also presented his personal wreath, made up of white carnations and bearing
NATIONAL DIRECTIVES AND RESULTS OF VOTING

DIRECTIVE NO. 21-75:
New Jersey Chapter No. 1 to be allowed to sell existing supply of blazer patches.

DIRECTIVE NO. 25-75:
New Jersey Chapter No. 1 requests permission to reproduce association's seal on ball point pens to sell at about $1.00.

DIRECTIVE NO. 26-75:
Alabama Chapter No. 1 requests permission to reproduce association's seal on small flags.

DIRECTIVE NO. 27-75:
Illinois Chapter No. 1 requests permission to make association's seal plaques (wood, about 14"x1½") Plaque alone — $22.10, with electric clock installed — $26.30.

DIRECTIVE NO. 29-75:
The book "One Sunday Morning" to be advertised in the January 1976 issue of the GRAM. Balance of books to be disposed of December 31, 1976.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OBLIGATING ASSN. FOR MONIES OTHER THAN ROUTINE OPERATING EXPENSES, OR OTHER EXPENSES COVERED BY EXISTING PETTY CASH FUNDS, OR OTHER THAN STATUTORY EXPENSES.

"No individual is to be allowed to spend Assn. funds, or to contract to spend such funds, without getting prior approval from the Treasurer, and then getting a written quotation. The Treasurer shall then get approval of the Executive Board. It must be clearly understood that anyone who does not follow this procedure will be personally responsible for any debt or bills so incurred."

DIRECTIVE NO. 31-75:
The Golden State Chapter of California requests permission to use the Pearl Harbor Emblem on small flags. The proposed size of the flags will be 4"x6", 5"x7", 8"x10" and 10"x12". These flags will be sold at a nominal fee for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of operating the chapter and its projects.

DIRECTIVE NO. 32-75:
The Northern Indiana Chapter of PHSA has requested the use of the PHSA emblem on playing cards with either an emblem centered on the card and surrounded by the Service emblems, much like the PHSA decanter or just the PHSA emblem. They advise they are negotiating for the best "deal".

DIRECTIVE NO. 33-75:
Shall Texas Chapter No. 5 be permitted to sell jackets with Embroidered Emblems, similar to Northern Indiana Chapter No. 2 emblems. Price Continued on page 6

CANDIDATE FOR NAT'L VICE PRESIDENT

GEORGE E. SLAVENS
CANDIDATE FOR
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

GEORGE E. SLAVENS, national vice president, announces his candidacy for national president at the national convention to be held in Hawaii in December 1976.

George Slavens

Dear Survivors:

December 7, 1975 marked the beginning of our eighteenth candle year. Although the association is young in years, we have grown and progressed to the point that we are a well organized and mature association. The best part is that we are still growing and with endeavor and enthusiasm we are working towards complete national recognition.

This year chapters have grown to the point where they have been able to conduct their own memorial services on that "Day of Infamy." All over the Nation, publicists was most gratifying and I know that the public is not only aware of December 7, 1941, but that there is also an association that commemorates this day.

The mailing of brochures to each survivor has been completed. If you desire any further information on travel for the Hawaiian Return 1975 or extra brochures contact FitzPatrick Travel Service.

Various avenues are being explored to move our charter bill out of committee and onto the floor of both Houses of Congress. You might wonder why there is such a determination to obtain this charter — it means recognition by the United States Government and other groups that PHSA is a bona fide association working towards patriotic, historical and educational purposes.

At the Sixth District Convention, I had the honor of being asked to review official and speak to the 334th graduating class at the Orlando Naval Training Station. It was very satisfying to see that today's military training and discipline is superb and well accepted by the recruits. The base is very modern and well equipped to educate and train our military for the highly advanced and sophisticated techniques that are required for our armed forces.

Time moves on — and before you realize it, December will be around again and with it our national convention and reunion in Hawaii ... be sure to submit resolution to the committee in time for them to act upon your resolution.

With the start of the new year, let us all strive to continue to work for the betterment of PHSA. My warmest wishes to All for a Happy Healthy New Year.

Aloha,

-s-Joel E. Bachner
National President, PHSA

Thomas E. Decker announces his candidacy for the office of national vice president at the national convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, December 1976.

He is a life member of Illinois Chapter No. 1, serving as chapter president in 1970. Elected to 5th district director in 1970 and served four years in this office. He is currently assigned to the District Realignment Committee and the Nat'l Resolutions Committee.

He entered the Navy on January 4, 1939 and after serving four years in the Pacific area and one year in the European Theater, he was discharged October 31, 1943. During the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was serving aboard the USS Hull (DD-356).

Presently he is employed by the Navy as the director of the Postal Division at Great Lakes, Illinois where he has been employed for the past thirty years.

Tom advocates a strong PHSA, using our voice to help formulate benefits for veterans and stresses a need for a military force second to none. Tom and his wife, Eleanor, reside at 1023 Glenwood Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois 60085.
REINSTATEMENT FEE ON DELINQUENTS

Have you mailed your 1976 annual dues of $6.00 to the National Treasurer, PHSIA, P.O. Box 106, McLean, VA 22101? If not, do it soon!

Any member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues will be subject to a $3.00 Reinstatement Fee effective March 6, 1976.

Members who have been dropped for non-payment of dues previous to 1975 will, also, be subject to the $3.00 Reinstatement Fee.

COST OF BOOSTERS AND ADS INCREASED

The National Executive Board, meeting in Houston, Texas, this past October, approved the new prices for boosters and ads in the Pearl Harbor—GRAM which are currently in effect.

Boosters—a 5 line maximum booster is $3.50 for a one-time printing and $2.50 for four consecutive printings. Boosters will not be used for advertising.

Advertisements—a full page ad is $65.00 for one printing, $59.00 for four consecutive printings—half page ad is $35.00 for one printing, $30.00 for four consecutive printings—quarter page ad is $100.00 for one printing, $32.00 for four consecutive printings—1 column, 1 inch ad is $15.00 for one printing, $48.00 for four consecutive issues—1 column, 2 inch ad is $28.00 for one printing, $88.00 for four consecutive printings—1 column, 3 inch ad is $39.00 for one printing, $124.00 for four consecutive printings—2 column, 1 inch ad is $28.00 for one printing, $88.00 for four consecutive printings—2 column, 2 inch ad is $48.00 for one printing, $152.00 for four consecutive printings—2 column, 3 inch ad is $66.00 for one printing, $212.00 for four consecutive printings.

There will be an additional charge for ads to appear on a designated page in the GRAM and if changes are to be made in consecutive printings.

Payments for boosters and advertisements must be made in advance of printing in the GRAM.

PEARL HARBOR Survivors Association PRAYER FOR OUR DEAD Eternal rest grant unto them, and let eternal light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. AMEN

EDWARD "Ski" Szab (Submarine Base, PH) looking at his collection of eyeglasses sent by Survivors to be donated to the Veterans Hospital, San Diego.

"Ski" has a big drive going on at this time for Survivors (or anyone else) to donate their old eyeglasses (any type), frames and lenses. It makes no difference if the glasses are for men or women or how bad of condition they might be. The Veterans Administration Hospital works them over and reissues them to needy Veterans.

Edward "Ski" Szab, Carnation Chapter No. 3, PHSIA, 3339 Kearny Villa Lane, San Diego, CA 92123.

"Ski", you are doing a terrific job!

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Nicholas Metully USS Preble (DM-20) Butte, Montana
Richard Osier Hickam Field Fon du Lac, Wisconsin
Roy H. Standard USS Thornton (AVP-11) Sumter, South Carolina
Maurice H. Evans USS Tennessee (BB-43) Columbus, Ohio
Willard L. Bowman USS Honolulu (CL-48) President Alaska Chapter No. 1 Anchorage, Alaska

Joseph Nicholas Fort Kamehameha Past President Michigan Chapter No. 3 Palmer, Michigan
Frank L. Ross USS Rigel (AH-51) Hemet, California
William J. Spengler USS Maryland (BB-46) Toledo, Ohio
John J. Doherty 97th Coast Artillery Fort Weaver Pearl River, New York
Foster G. Snider USS Avocet (AVP-4) Worthington, Ohio
Bert W. Crenshaw USS Oklahoma (BB-37) Aransas, Texas

Alvin F. Beck USS Helena (CL-50) Carmi, Illinois
CONVENTION-REUNION
IN FLORIDA

Florida had never held a state reunion. Defeated in her bid at Anaheim, a national convention in 1978 plans were laid for Florida’s survivors to gather in reunion for the first time. After the sixth district selected Florida’s bid to combine the district convention with the Florida Reunion, the situation came to be a convention-reunion.

Billed at the Court of Flags Hotel Resort from October 23-27th, more than 150 survivors started the convention-reunion in the way that only survivors can. War stories and old memories were relived in a memorable way.

Our national president, Joel Bachner, and his wife, Muriel came from New York to attend the convention-reunion. The Naval Training Center had named the graduating 337th Recruit Brigade in honor of the Pearl Harbor Survivors. NP Bachner was the reviewing officer and guest speaker.

Two business meetings were held, one for state chairmen and chapter officers, and one for the general meetings. With NP Bachner in attendance many questions and items of interest were presented for comment and consideration.

While the survivors were busy in meetings, the women were taking in the many attractions that abound in the Orlando area.

Guest speaker at the evening’s banquet was Captain Glenn R. Cheek, commanding officer of the Orlando Naval Station, tracing the history of the U.S. Navy over the years to present days. NP Bachner installed the following state chairmen: Harold Cook of Florida, Norman O. Parker of Alabama and Clyde N. Hudson, Jr. of Tennessee. Harold Cook presented

PIPED OVER THE SIDE:

Chief Boatswains Mate Delmar Martin retired at the end of September 1975 with 31 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

His service began in 1939 when he left high school to enlist and on Dec. 7, 1941, he was aboard the battleship, USS Nevada (BB-36), when it was attacked by Japanese planes. Three days later he was assigned to duty aboard the USS St. Louis (CL-49).

Discharged in 1945, Del returned to his native Tennessee where he farmed for nearly five years, then he moved to Montana.

In 1950 he joined the Navy Reserve in Billings and was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict.

Del “put in about 18 months and then came back to Billings and sold cars for about five years.”

He remained active in the Naval Reserve.

In 1962 he volunteered for temporary active duty as a reserve recruiter.

“I got to stay here as long as I did because I served only for periods of six months. If I didn’t make an assigned quota, my tour was ended. I was lucky enough to keep my quotas.”

Del and his wife, Betty, reside at 122 Burlington Ave., Billings,

Montana 59101. They have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Carolee Bathurst, and a son, David, who enlisted in the Navy, this past June and is presently serving aboard the ammunition ship, USS Kiska (AE-36).

A letter to Del from Thomas R. Himstreet, commanding officer NMCRC, Billings, MT states “Your performance of duty at NMCRC Billings over the past twelve years has been characterized by the finest sense of personal loyalty, devotion to duty and integrity. The professional expertise and dedication that has been the trademark of your performance throughout your career has been of the highest order.”

The Rev. Joseph Jones, guest speaker at Texas Chapter No. 3’s fifth annual Memorial service and banquet held Dec. 7, 1975, at Sonny Look’s Sir-Join Inn, Houston. Seated is Steve Koran (66th Obs. Sqdn., Wheeler Field), chapter president. The chapter had the largest attendance in their four and a half year history with 77 people present.
MEET OUR CARTOONIST

December 7th, Clark stated “I was assigned to help cut the Waikane Trail operating an ancient Allis Chalmers’ bulldozer.” Then he went on detached service with a provisional engineer group which was attached to the 7th Division and took part in the landing at Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands in early 1944.

In May 1944, he returned to Hawaii just in time to rejoi his old outfit for the landing at Saipan, in the Marianas, in June. This time his outfit was with the 27th division.

Then in 1945, he returned to the States and received his honorable discharge at Fort Devans, Massachusetts, in September.

Today, Clark and his wife, Sylvia Settlemyre, reside at: 1029 - 12th St. Drive SW, Hickory, NC 28601. They have one son, Clark, Jr., who has just finished college and received a degree in education.

NORTH AND SOUTH GETS TOGETHER

Three old friends join shoulders during a “joint” meeting of the chapters from North and South Carolina. Left to right are Rupert I. Kiker (Hickam Field), Edward H. Gray (USS Zane DMS-14), secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina chapter; and Charlie Vaughan (Schofield Barracks), sixth district director.

A dinner and social gathering was held in Bennettsville, SC, on August 9th, by the chapters of North and South Carolina. Past chapter president Rupert Kiker of the South Carolina chapter was the host for the one hundred members and guests.

Charlie Vaughan, sixth district director, and his wife, Grace, were in attendance.

“PEARL HARBOR ATTACK”

An amateur cryptographer, Louis Kruh, is trying to obtain a copy of the report of the Joint Congressional Committee that investigated the Pearl Harbor attack for a research project. This was a 40 volume report published in 1946 with the title “Pearl Harbor Attack”.

Mr. Kruh would be interested in hearing from anyone who would have a copy of this report that they would be willing to sell. His address is: 17 Alfred Road West, Merrick, NY 11566.

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Many ideas for the future of PHSA were discussed along with many experiences of the “Day of Infamy” being told.

Everyone present is looking forward to another “joint” social.

WEDDING BELLS!
Congratulations to Burt Angwvert (Naval Hospital, PH) and Lavore Wilson who were married October 16, 1975.

The newlyweds are making their home at: 717 Dale Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.
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RESULTS OF VOTING

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of the jacket to be $13.00 plus $10.00 for Indiana embroidered emblems, plus small fee for sewing emblem on jacket.

Shall Texas Chapter No. 5 be permitted to sell a special washable cap, with peak, to replace regular official cap, during inclement weather or other special occasions.

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the inscription “In Memoriam, December 7, 1941.”

Admiral Maurice F. Weisner, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, presented the Navy wreath and General McLaughlin presented the Marine Corps wreath.

Floral tributes were then placed by all other organizations, making a total of 34 wreaths, the most ever presented at the annual observance.

The next presentation, in order, was the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association’s wreath by Kenneth W. Murray, president of the Aloha Chapter and Fred Garbuschewski, state chairman of Hawaii.

Immediately following the President’s address came the attention to colors, with the Star-Spangled Banner beautifully rendered in four-part harmony by trumpeters from the Pacific Fleet Band.

Mrs. Ford, Governor and Mrs. Ariyoshi, Senator and Mrs. Hiram Fong and Congressman Sparky Matsunaga were distinguished guests.

Fred Garbuschewski represented PHSA’s national president, Joel E. Bachner, at the memorial services. A flag that was raised and lowered at 0900 on the 7th of December 1975 on the Arizona Memorial was presented to Fred by the Arizona Memorial Narrator, Fred K. Kukun.

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To All PHSA Shipmates—HELP!!

We need newspaper clippings, with newspaper-name and date, of our signed columns from Washington and of news items about our radio reports.

Our stuff goes to 260 newspapers and 179 "NPR" radio stations, and we can’t keep up with who uses what. Please send us clips.

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FOURTH REPORT
ON 1975-76
MEMBERSHIP CONTEST
NVP George E. Slavens, national membership chairman, submits its fourth report on the membership contest from Nov. 1, 1974 to December 15, 1975.

By States:
Alabama . 1
Alaska . 1
Arizona . 7
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Illinois . 12
Iowa . 4
Kansas . 2
Kentucky . 4
Louisiana . 2
Maine . 2
Maryland . 6
Massachusetts . 19
Michigan . 16
Minnesota . 3
Mississippi . 2
Missouri . 1
Montana . 2
Nebraska . 5
Nevada . 10
New Hampshire . 6
New Jersey . 9
New York . 18
North Carolina . 13
North Dakota . 1
New Mexico . 7
Ohio . 20
Oklahoma . 17
Oregon . 11
Pennsylvania . 21
South Carolina . 4
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Texas . 16
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Virginia . 19
Washington . 17
West Virginia . 3
Wisconsin . 6
Wyoming . 7

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Sixth ... 94
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Eighth ... 60

By Services:
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H. Shane (FL) . 5

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EIGHT
NEW MEMBERS
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Memorial Services - December 7, 1975

Westmoreland was featured speaker at ceremonies aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown at Patriots Points in Charleston Harbor Sunday, Dec. 7, 1975, commemorating the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. Westmoreland called for a strong national defense posture and an end to congressional investigations of the nation’s intelligence agencies.

Clarence “Buck” Wiley is the state chairman of South Carolina.

NEW JERSEY’S BANQUET AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

The annual banquet and memorial services for the New Jersey State Chapter No. 1, Inc. was hosted by Howard Lew, owner of the Royal Hawaiian Polynesian Restaurant, Oakhurst, NJ, on Sunday evening, December 7, 1975.

The banquet room was filled to capacity with survivors, their wives and friends meeting in comradeship to commemorate those who so gallantly gave their lives 34 years ago on December 7, 1941, during the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor and the other military installations on the Island of Oahu.

The invocation was given by Alton Crosby, chapter secretary-treasurer, and the memorial services was conducted by George Hreha, chapter president. Michael Hayducko, state chairman, headed the welcoming committee and introduced those attending.

Mrs. Alton Crosby, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented Mrs. Louis E. Stouffer a beautiful plaque as past president of the auxiliary.

ALAMO CHAPTER OBSERVES DECEMBER 7TH

Members of the Alamo Chapter No. 2 of San Antonio, Texas, observed the 34th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor at 1100 hours, Sunday, December 7th, at Post Chapel No. 1, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with eleven members and thirty-nine guests in attendance.

A line program was prepared by the chapter secretary, Ken Isaacs, with members of the chapter participating.

SURVIVOR SCATTERS ROSES DECEMBER 7th

At 12:55 p.m. (NY time) -- the anniversary of the 7:55 a.m. attack in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941 -- a Pearl Harbor Survivor, Joseph Hydrusko (left), and his pilot, Red Stevenson (right), led a covey of antique planes out of Sahns Airport in Amityville (NY) to drop 34 red roses over the Statue of Liberty. They circled the statue at 700 feet in their open-cockpit biplane, a blue and yellow Waco VPF-7. At exactly the right moment, Hydrusko released the eight-foot-long red, white and blue streamers that carried the red roses to Liberty Island.

Hydrusko, a 56-year-old restauranteur, was a chief boatswains mate on the USS Solace (AH-5), a hospital ship, in Pearl Harbor. When the battleship, USS Oklahoma (BB-37) capsized, Hydrusko and a Navy Yard worker went on the ship, and, responding to trapped sailors who tapped out SOS calls on compartment walls, they brought 24 men out alive. His heroism has brought him many medals and awards, including the Navy Commendation Medal.

The Statue of Liberty Chapter (NY) held their memorial services at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point with a formation of six planes of the Antique Airplane Association in a fly-over.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Barton O. Simpson (USS Oglala) was the emcee at the Twenty-second Annual USS Arizona Memorial Service, Student Union Hall, University of Arizona, on December 7, 1975, sponsored by the University of Arizona, Southwest Region Fleet Reserve Association and the Tucson Council Navy League of the United States.

The memorial address was delivered by Rear Admiral Albert C. Burrows, USN Retired. Other survivors attending the services included Bill Benedetti (a fire chief at Hickam Field), William DuPont (a Marine from the 2nd Engineer Bn.), Ed McIntosh (USS San Francisco), Charles Robinson (USS Helena), Frank Westgate (USS Helena), Steve Pechke (USS California) and Joseph Mack (Army Air Corps) and Stanley Tracht (U.S. Marine Corps).

YORKTOWN CEREMONIES

Retired Gen. William C. "Day of Infamy" and to rededicate themselves anew to the vigilance which is the price of our liberty.

Survivors with the Governor are members of South Dakota Chapter No. 1 (left to right): Del Aldrich, state chairman; Raymond H. Eilers, president; Governor Kneip; Marvin Melius, secretary-treasurer; and George Kappleman, first vice president.

SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR SIGNS PROCLAMATION

Governor Richard F. Kneip of South Dakota proclaims December 7, 1975 as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day". The executive proclamation states "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day will be December 7, 1975, in the State of South Dakota, and calls upon all of our citizens to pay homage to the members of our Armed Forces for the manner in which they bore the attack on that
MEMORIAL SERVICES IN OKLAHOMA
The Oklahoma PHSA Chapter members and the Fleet Reserve in Oklahoma City had a joint memorial service at the Anchor of the USS Oklahoma in downtown Oklahoma City, December 7th, commemorating the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. December 7, 1975, was proclaimed “Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day” by Governor David Boren. A wreath was presented by Jim Nichols (USS Maryland), outgoing chapter president of the Oklahoma chapter, after a program by the Fleet Reserve. The memorial service was preceded by a dinner-meeting Dec. 6th at the Holiday Inn Central with State Senator Gene Stripes as the guest speaker. There were 84 people in attendance, the largest group ever present since the organization of the chapter in 1970.

The elected chapter officers for 1976-77 term were installed by Garvin McComas, state chairman of Misco, who had been re-elected for his fourth term: Aubrey A. Hanger, president of Oklahoma City; Arthur L. Taylor, vice-president, of Midwest City; Foy D. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, of Del City; Paul Branson, trustee of Oklahoma City; Bill Cramer, trustee and co-chairman of Norman; and Jim Nichols, trustee of Oklahoma City.

PEARL HARBOR WEEK
The Governor of the State of Michigan, William G. Milliken, present this Executive Declaration in observance of December 7-13, 1975 — REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR WEEK...

"On Sunday, December 7, 1941, Japanese naval forces launched a successful surprise attack upon the United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. By the next day, America was in World War II.

More than two thousand American servicemen died in battle that day. Many are still entombed in the sunken battleship, USS ARIZONA, and a national shrine now stands above that ship in Pearl Harbor.

History notes that the memory of Pearl Harbor galvanized American public opinion and that a tactical defeat became the springboard for strategic victory. The memory taught America the bitter lesson that she must always be prepared to meet a military challenge.

The intervening years have obscured the memory of this sad experience for many — but not for all. Among those for whom the memory is still vivid are the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Their motto, "Remember Pearl Harbor," should be us each year at this time as we pray there will never be a repeat of this event.

Therefore, I, William G. Milliken, Governor of the State of Michigan, declare the week of December 7-13, 1975, as Pearl Harbor Week and urge all citizens to reflect on the sacrifices made by our countrymen early on a Sunday morning 34 years ago. I further urge all churches and synagogues to offer appropriate thanksgiving and recognition of that sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Given under my hand on this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-five and of the Commonwealth one hundred thirty-ninth.

- William G. Milliken
Governor
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GOVERNOR MILLIKEN
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IDAHO OBSERVES DECEMBER 7TH
A Civil War cannon, manned by members from the Boise High School ROTC Unit, rendered a salute during Idaho Chapter No. 1’s memorial services held on the Veteran’s Administration’s parade grounds, December 7th. The local LVFW Post furnished the Color Guard and rendered taps.

Bernard Fisher, Medal of Honor winner, was the guest speaker for the services. Sunday morning services were preceded by a dinner on Saturday, December 6th, and a breakfast, December 7th

MEMORIAL SERVICES ABOARD USCGC TANEY
The U.S. Coast Guard in Tidewater, Virginia, paid tribute to 2,100 personnel who lost their lives in service to their country at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Members of PHSA Tidewater Chapter No. 2 with their families and friends attended the memorial services aboard the USCGC TANEY (WHEC-371).

The memorial service was conducted by Lt. Benner, Chaplain, Fleet Religious Support Activity, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

A Marine Rifle Squad from Camp Elmore rendered a 21-gun volley and a bugler sounded taps, with CINCLANTFLT Band providing musical selections during the services.

The memorial wreath was furnished by the PHSA Tidewater Chapter. Arthur L. Scott (2nd Engineers Bn., U.S. Marine Corps) is the chapter president and Harry Hopkins (USS St. Louis) is the state chairman.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter TANEY is a unique and historic vessel — she is one of only two ships still in commission (and the only one still on active duty); of the 101 fighting ships present during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. She was the first vessel to bring her guns to bear on the enemy aircraft.

(The other ship in commission is the U.S.S. ARIZONA, lying on the bottom of Pearl Harbor and run as a memorial to those who died in the attack.)

The TANEY, now stationed at Norfolk, VA, was christened at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, June 31, 1936. She still steams at her designed speed (20 knots) with the original boilers and steam turbines.

Today, the TANEY and her crew of 13 officers and 131 enlisted men perform a variety of tasks in the North Atlantic enforcing U.S. fishing laws, protecting lives and property at sea, and protecting the marine environment.

MINNEAPOLIS OBSERVES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
The Greater Minneapolis Chapter of Minnesota held their memorial services on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in the historic Fort Snelling State Park with Dr. Clifford Nelson conducting the services.

Al Quackenbush (US Navy) read the Governor’s Proclamation for Pearl Harbor Sunday.

The Chord Ayres Male Chorus from Appleton provided the vocal rendition. A Color Guard and Rifle Squad, along with the playing of taps, added to the special services to honor the dead of Pearl Harbor.
Memorial Services - December 7, 1975

NORTHERN ILLINOIS REMEMBERS DECEMBER 7th

Memorial services were held on Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1975, for the survivors and guests of Northern Illinois Chapter One at the Officers' Club, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Colors were presented by a Navy Color Guard. The Great Lakes Navy Band was present and rendered a fine musical program.

A memorial wreath in remembrance of our fallen comrades and shipmates was carried and placed in position by Hal J. Wall (USS Helena), Steve Datko (64th Coast Artillery, Fort Shafter), Ward E. Bond (BB-42), Barracks, Phl. and Mitchell A. Krzyzek (HQ 18th Pursuit Squadron, Wheeler Field) with the bugler playing "Taps" in the background.

The principal speaker was Admiral William P. O'Neil, Commandant of the Ninth Naval District. Captain Ralph H. Lasdike, MSC, USN Retired, presented the chapter's "Keep America Alert Award" to the Admiral.

Benjamin T. France (USS Tennessee) presented Mrs. O'Neil with a dozen of red roses. Her father, now deceased, was a survivor of the USS Tennessee (BB-43).

Roll call of ships and stations was called by Cedric W. Todd, president of the chapter.

Following the memorial services, attended by 65 survivors and 118 guests, luncheon was served to everyone.

Winners of the raffle prizes which were drawn following the luncheon were: 1st prize of $150 to Marj Hartman, 48 Wille, Wheeling; 2nd prize of $100 to Dwight Szpak, Lake of the Hills; and 3rd prize of $50 won by Daniel G. Fisher, 32 Woodbrook Lane, Route 4, Lockport, Illinois.

Elmer H. Boehm (USS Curtiss AV-4) was the Memorial Chairman.

ARKANSAS REMEMBERS PEARL HARBOR

On December 6, 1975, eighty-four persons, including survivors and guests, met in Downtown Holiday Inn for a dinner-meeting. A Browning-automatic shotgun was raffled off along with more than forty other donated prizes by loyal Pearl Harbor supporters.

The morning of December 7th, the group met for breakfast and then attended the wreath-laying ceremony on a blocked-off bridge between North Little Rock and Little Rock.

The program was led off by an Army Reserve Bi-Centennial Color Guard and a High School ROTC Color Guard. Then four jet planes flew over in a timely "blast".

The mayor of Little Rock gave the welcome address. A memorial presentation by the chaplain was followed by the wreath laying over the railing and into the Arkansas River.

A three-shot cannon salute was followed by the bugler's taps.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors of Arkansas were proud and pleased with the many ways that 'Remember Pearl Harbor' was brought to the attention of the people of Arkansas on the 34th Anniversary of the attack on Oahu.

"Hank" Retzlaff is the president of Arkansas Chapter No. 1.

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The Deluxe Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on the beach, adjacent to the Royal Hawaiian will be the headquarters for the 35th reunion.

Please note that friends of members and non-member Survivors are welcome, and their reservations will be accepted at the same basic tour rate.

Included in the basic tour package: round trip air fare based on economy or regular coach jet scheduled aircraft; round trip transfers between airport and your hotel; fresh flower lei greeting; tips to airport porters and hotel bellboys; 7 nights accommodations in standard mountain view room at Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, based on double occupancy (for cost of ocean view room or other hotels, see Reservation Coupon which is a part of the Hawaii 1976 brochure), Sunday Brunch and Welcome Reception on Dec. 5; round trip transfers for Arizona Memorial tours and round trip transfers to Punch Bowl for Memorial Services; Continental Breakfast Dec. 7th; round trip transfers to Arizona Sunset Service Dec. 7th; Memorial Banquet; all hotel and air taxes and airport security charges.

For those who find it necessary to make independent arrangements for their air and hotel reservations, a limited number of the PHSA official function packages will be sold on a space available basis by FitzPatrick Travel Service. The official function package includes the brunch, reception, transfers to Pearl Harbor, the December 7th continental breakfast, transfers to Punch Bowl Memorial Services, transfers to the Sunset Service, and the Memorial Banquet. Advance prepayment of $65.00 per person should be forwarded to FitzPatrick Travel Service together with a completed reservation coupon.

To secure reservations, a deposit of $50.00 per person is required. Please fill out the Reservation Coupon contained in the Hawaii 1976 brochure. Deposits will be applied to total cost of the tour. When your reservation and deposit is received, you will be sent an invoice acknowledging receipt of your deposit and confirming your space on the tour. At that time, a list of optional events and sight-seeing in Honolulu will be sent so that you may pre-book any of these items you wish. Reservations received after November 1, 1976, will be subject to availability of hotel and air space.

The invoice sent to you upon receipt of deposit will show the balance which will be due by October 30, 1976. Reservations will be accepted thereafter on a space available basis. About 2 weeks prior to the tour, and after receipt of final payment, you will receive your tour packet containing flight itinerary, airline tickets, information sheets, luggage tags and other pertinent documents. All monies paid will be refunded if passenger finds it necessary to cancel the tour up to six weeks prior to departure. After October 20, 1976, a cancellation fee of $25.00 will be charged.

Will Ginny and I be seeing you in Hawaii?

NAVY’S 200TH BIRTHDAY

Adm. Maurice Weiser, USN (CINC PAC) delivering tribute to the State of Hawaii on board USS Ouellet (DD-1077) at sea off Waikiki.

Ken Murray, president of the Aloha (Hawaii) Chapter, and his wife, Margarite, were invited and took part in the Navy’s 200th birthday, Oct. 10th, aboard the guided missile destroyer, USS Ouellet at Honolulu.

KEARNS ELECTED INDIANA STATE CHAIRMAN

The Indiana State Convention, held October 25th in Merrillville, was attended by 110 survivors and friends.

Two state officers were elected at the business meeting. Harold Kerns was elected Indiana state chairman and Lester Hartley elected state secretary-treasurer.

Following the business meeting, a hospitality room was hosted by Harley B. Guynn and Walt Richardson.

A family style banquet dinner — beef, chicken and fish — was followed by the giving of numerous prizes that were donated by the local Hoosier merchants.

Then came the music of the Aristocrats, featuring tunes of the 30’s and early 40’s, which was pleasing to everyone, plus an entertaining floor show.

Survivors from the neighboring states of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were present.

Special guests in attendance were Robert S. Moore, treasurer of Northern Illinois Chapter One, and his wife, Kay; David F. Briner, Chief Editor of the Pearl Harbor-GRAM and past president of Northern Illinois Chapter One, and his wife, Virginia; and Thomas Decker, past fifth district director, and his wife, Eleanor.

The convention committee was composed of Herbert Roach, president of Indiana Chapter Two; George Hurley, vice president; Ray Crane, secretary-treasurer; L.N. Norman, vice state chairman, and John Hurley. A big “thanks” to Mrs. Lena Roach, Mrs. Barbara Norman and Mrs. Valerie Hurley for their assistance in making the Indiana convention the big success that it was.

THE BILLS ARE OUT!

The bills for 1976 annual dues were mailed out the first week in December and are due and payable on receipt.

To the many who sent in their checks early, Jesse Pond, national treasurer, says, “My thanks — we saved the association time and money.”
MINI-NEWS
The Greater Mpls Chapter received special recognition, Nov. 16th, during the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Stained Glass Windows at the Fort Snelling Chapel. An emblem in stained glass and a bronze plaque on the East wall of the Chapel is now a lasting memorial for all Pearl Harbor Survivors of Minnesota. Michael Matusko (Schofield Barracks) represented the Pearl Harbor Survivors of Minnesota.

After the dedication, a dinner and meeting was held at the Eagles Club for all the survivors.

Raymond A. Witt (USS Bagley DD-386) is president of the chapter.

Congratulations to Harold A. Kern (USS Nevada BB-36) on being elected unanimously to the office of state chairman of Indiana.

Harold's address is: 917 Broadbrook Lane, Michigan City, IN 46360.

California Chapter No. 1 had their Christmas party on Dec. 20th at the AMVETS Clubhouse, 12518 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena, CA.—same place where they have their monthly meetings.

Chapters 5, 12, 17, 18, and 19 of California met Saturday, Nov. 22nd, for a joint installation of new officers at Tehachapi.

On Nov. 8th, the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce (California) sponsored a parade honoring Veteran's Day, in which 140 units participated. Third place in the marching groups were awarded to PHSIA with the following survivors participating: Wally France, Will Rodgers, Bill Aupperles, Lou Mathisen, Tom Martin, Malcolm Ellis, Herman Cowee, Frank Balas, Barney Gilliam, Richard Gaal, Ray Heyden, Al Herrfield, Virgil Cosgrove, George Johnson, George Kraemer, George Curti and Bill Goehring.

The State of Michigan will have its state convention on April 23, 24 and 25, 1976, and NOT on April 23, 30, and May 1st as previously reported. For further information on the convention, please drop a line to Charles McClelland, 28524 Ursuline, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Chapter secretaries are urged to submit Report of Chapter Officers to James E. Sinnott, Second District Officer, 2423 W. Gordon Avenue, Spokane, WA 99205.

It is requested that the prescribed PHSA Form 10, Report of Chapter Officers, as shown in the Administrative Handbook, be used. If forms are not available, please contact the national secretary.

Survivors of California Chapter No. 18 and their families met at the Palmdale Elks’ Club on December 13th for their chapter’s Christmas dinner.

Some members of the Golden State (CA) Chapter assisted the American Legion Post in their monthly Bingo Party at the Veterans Hospital last month. The members thought it was quite a worthwhile project and plan to go back again.

Requests for Unit Listings, which contain the names of the PHSIA members from your ship or station, are to be mailed to: James E. Tracy, P.O. Box 9212, Long Beach, CA 90810. Your request should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Extra postage should be included for the larger units—Hickam Field, Schofield Barracks, etc.

Whenever you move or change your address, please send a card or note reporting your new address immediately to the National Administrative Office, PHSA, 8920 SE Clay, Portland, OR 97216.

Many "Holiday Greeting" cards were received by our national president, Joel Bachner; vice president George Slavens, national secretary, Fred McEnany; and national treasurer, Jesse Poud — and they wish to say "Thanks to everyone" for remembering them during the Christmas and New Year (1976) Season.

San Mateo Chapter (CA) No. 16 plans to join American Legion Post No. 62 for a bus trip to Reno, Nevada, on April 9-11, 1976. The price is $42.50 per person based on double occupancy at the Riverside Hotel and include box lunches, beverages enroute, coupons for chips, some cash and other goodies. If interested, please contact Eugene Byers, 1652 Wellesley Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Chapters who have not submitted their chapter histories are requested to send them to Mrs. Vera Searles, 673 Ivy Place, Uniondale, NY 11553, with a copy to Fred R. McNenay, national secretary, 8920 SW Clay, Portland, OR 97216.

NP Joel E. Bachner, administered the oath of office to the following state officers at the sixth district convention held at Orlando, FL, this past October: Clyde N. Hudson, Jr. of Tennessee, Norman O. Parker of Alabama, and Harold F. Cook of Florida.

The Mohawk Valley Chapter (NY) No. 6 had its annual meeting November 22nd at O'Shea's Little Bavarian, Albany, NY. Purpose of the meeting was to elect their officers for 1976-77.

On January 1, 1976, Miss Kate Smith, honorary member of PHSA, was the third woman to be named the Grand Marshal in the Rose Bowl Parade, Pasadena, California.

Elected officers for 1976 of the Carnation (San Diego) Chapter No. 3 was installed Sunday, November 16th with nearly two hundred survivors and guests in attendance.

San Fernando Valley Chapter No. 12 (CA) is making plans for another Las Vegas night to be held May 22nd.

The Wichita (KS) Chapter had a short meeting and social hour on Saturday, October 25th at the Air Capitol Post, American Legion. After the social hour, a steak dinner was served and an evening of dancing followed.

San Gabriel Chapter No. 5 had a "Ladies Appreciation Dinner" on October 11th with the ladies appreciating it.

Los Angeles Chapter (CA) No. 1 had their November White Elephant Sale on the 13th of the month with past first district director Harley Eppler being the auctioneer.

The Complaint Department of Mare Island (CA) Chapter No. 11 consists of:


Vice President: Joseph F. Brooks, 132 Blue Wing Dr., Sonoma, CA 95476.

Secretary: Robert H. Culwell (Marine Barracks, PH), 904 Murray Drive, Glen Ellen, CA 95442.


Trustee: Robert H. Culwell.

Trustee: Earl C. Owen (31st Bomb Sq., Hickam Field), 18371 Cottonwood St., Sonoma, CA 95476.

Trustee: Mayo C. Fowler (Tow Target Det., Hickam Field), 456 Banning Way, Vallejo, CA 94590.

The 1976-77 officers for Utah Chapter No. 1 are:

President: R.G. "Smitty" Smith (USS California), 1872 So. 2nd E., Salt Lake City, UT 84115.

Vice President: Frank Bruney (USS Honolulu), 622 W. 5900 S., Murray, UT 84077.

Secretary-Treasurer: Arthur W. Buell (USS Medusa), 2616 E. 2980 S. St., Salt Lake City, UT 84109.

Trustee: Walter A. Ruti (USS Nevada), 527 Chenery St., Salt Lake City, UT 84104.

Trustee: Barney Meehan (USS Cassin), 5784 Nena Way, Murray, UT 84107.

Trustee: Robert C. Coffey (USS Honolulu), 56 S. 400 East St., Clearfield, UT 84015.

State Chairman: Walter F. Staff (USS Oklahoma), 1196 Cutler Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.
Post Commander William Strauss (left) of VFW Post 5108, Marietta, Ohio, presents a PHSA flag to West Virginia Chapter No. 1 with Herbert R. Elswick (right), state chairman and chapter president, accepting.

Other VFW dignitaries attending the presentation were: Junior Vice Commander Kasell Carroll, Past Commander Jack Parsons, District Five Junior Vice Commander Leo Rielly and Chaplain Chester S. Gapa, who is also a member of PHSA and photographed the above picture.

RAY EILERS
ELECTED SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CHMN.

On November 15, 1975, at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls, members of South Dakota Chapter No. 1 had a special meeting and elected their chapter officers for 1976. The elected officers were installed by Del Aldrich, outgoing state chairman. The officers are:

State Chairman: Raymond E. Eilers (64th Coast Artillery, Fort Shafter), 407 N. Jackson St., Pierre, SD 57501.

President: George E. Kapplemian (USS San Francisco), 733 Wilson St., Winner, SD 57585.

1st Vice President: Jacob F. Fredrickson (49th Engineers, Schofield Barracks), 1025 Second St., Brookings SD 57006.

2nd Vice President: Vesper G. Crosswhite (USS Whitney), 717 Wood Avenue, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Secretary-treasurer: Marvin Melius (USS Ralph Talbot), Route No. 1, Faulkton, SD 57438.

Trustee: Charles B. McDonald (HQ, 11th Bomb Group, Hickam Field), Route No. 4, Box 906, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Trustee: Floyd Meek (USS Honolulu), Holabird, SD 57740.

USS TUCKER (DD-374)

The destroyer USS TUCKER (DD-374) was built by the Norfolk Navy Yard, Norfolk, VA. Her keel was laid August 15, 1934, launched on February 26, 1936, and commissioned on July 23, 1936.

The TUCKER was lying in a nest of five destroyers alongside the tender USS Whitney (AD-4), undergoing a tender overhaul, when the Japanese launched their raid on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

The Japanese planes were first sighted as they began their dives on the battleships, and even before the general alarm could be sounded, one man had begun firing the after machine guns. Two minutes later the after 5-inch guns were firing at the enemy, while the engineering gang worked feverishly to reassemble machinery down the short 200 feet of the tender overhaul.

At 0810 the main battery opened up on high flying planes, firing for half an hour. Fifteen minutes after the order to cease fire, another wave of aircraft came over, followed at 0905 by several dive bombers coming in low in 1940. During this time TUCKER registered hits on three planes, two of which crashed on a hill in flames. The other disappeared over a low ridge, smoking and flaming badly. The last group approached from the north at 0917 and two minutes later the attack was over.

CALIFORNIA'S PHSA BOWLING TEAM

Participating in the California State Senior Men's Bowling Tournament for the first time, was a team from various chapters around the San Francisco Bay area which was composed of George E. Saunders (USS Ralph Talbot DD-390), Maxwell Dickson (USS Dobbin AD-3), John F. Dierks (Ford Island) and Robert Hittle (Hickam Field).

Trustee: Andrew P. Sauer (USS Oklahoma), 2254 S. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

The members voted to have three meetings a year: April, July and October. The April meeting will be in Winner, South Dakota.

After Pearl Harbor, USS TUCKER spent time on convoy duty between Pearl Harbor and San Francisco, escorted ships to Suva, Fiji Islands and to the New Caledonia, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, and to Auckland, New Zealand.

On August 1, 1942, TUCKER was ordered out on her last mission, escorting SS Luckenbach from Suva to Espiritu Santo.

TUCKER had just transited Brux Channel and was swinging to enter Second Channel, Espiritu Santo, on 3 August when she struck a newly-planted mine amidships and broke in half. The main deck amidships buckled and immediately submerged. Under about six feet of water.

With all power lost, the ship drifted helplessly until being taken in tow by YP-346. When the YP had gone as close to the beach as she dared, the tow line was cut and an anchor let go. When the ship stopped settling the commanding officer returned to his ship and cut the anchor chain. A motor launch then took the ship in tow and after about two hours managed to beach her in ten fathoms of water. Three men were listed as missing and three were killed in the sinking.

USS TUCKER (DD-374) earned one Battle Star on the Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Medal for the Pearl Harbor Raid, 7 December 1941.

TUCKER's overall length was 341 feet, beam was 33 feet, displacement was 1500 tons and her speed was 33 knots.

These survivors were aboard the USS TUCKER (DD-374) on the morning of December 7, 1941: Henry Boverhals, 1520 Capistrano Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707; Kenneth R. Browne, Jackdaw, San Diego, CA 92103; R. C. Christiansen, 2060 Chestnut, N. Dighton, MA 02764; Andrew P. Keaton, 1300 Milton St., Norfolk, VA 23505; Walter E. Krueger, Star Route 2, Hackensack, MN 55452; Benjamin J. MacDonald, 387 Kees St., Lebanon, OR 97355; Oscar Roloff, 1521 - 130th Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA 98013; R.B. Summerville, 2445 Rankin Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23518; Thomas T. Todd, 4262 - 27th West, Seattle, WA 98199; Bob W. Windle, P.O. Box 401, Athens, TX 75751; Joseph L. Zimmerman, 547 Jansen Avenue, Essington, PA 19029; and Paul P. Ziobron, 69 A West Elm St., Deep River, CT 06417.

PUEBLO OFFICERS INSTALLED

Nomination and election of Colorado (Pueblo) Chapter No. 2 officers were held November 21st at the VFW Post No. 61 in Pueblo. The chapter members were special guests of the Post for a Thanksgiving dinner.

The elected officers were installed at the chapter's annual memorial service held at 10:00 a.m., December 7, 1975, at the Ramada Inn.

Mrs. Rose Costanza, wife of the late John Costanza, was presented an honorary membership in the Pueblo chapter.

The elected officers for 1976 are:

Admiral D. Kinman (Schofield Barracks), president; Scott Pittule (Hickam Field), vice president; Roy A. Newens (USS Tennessee), secretary; Dwight A. James (Schofield Barracks), treasurer; William H. Smith, Jr. (USS Arizona), trustee; Andrew G. Kisslen (55th Coast Artillery, Fort Kameameha), trustee; and Franklin O. Pickett (USS Maryland), trustee.
FIRST DISTRICT'S CONVENTION

John Dierks, First District Director (center left) receives the key to the City of Las Vegas from his Honor Mayor Bill Briare (center right). Hall Pickard, Nevada State Chairman (far left), and Roberi Campbell, California State Chairman (far right), looks on with approval.

The First District (Alaska, California, Hawaii and Nevada) held their first district convention at the Sahara Hotel Space Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 4-7, 1975, with ninety-six survivors and guests attending for a grand total of one hundred eighty-six for the banquet.

States being represented at the banquet were Alabama, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New York, New Hampshire, Utah, Washington and the Marshall Islands.

Master of Ceremonies for the banquet was the Honorable Keith Ashworth, Speaker of the House, State of Nevada, and who was also representing the Governor of the State.

Colonel George Fox, Commander of Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Joel E. Bachner, national president of PHSA, was a guest speaker during the evening's festivities.

A highlight of the convention was Kathy Saxe, a Las Vegas show girl, who entertained the ladies while the men attended their business meeting.

Winners of the silver raffle were: Andrew J. Peurifoy (USS Pelias AS-14), first prize of a $100.00 bar; John L. Neel (Awa Air Base), second prize of a 25 oz. bar; and the third prize of a 10 oz. bar went to John Rosini.

Here is a reminder: Las Vegas Chapter No. 2 would like to make a date with you in the Silver State for our national convention in '78 at the Sahara Space Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

ARMY NURSE ELECTED CHAPTER SECRETARY-TREASURER

Members of North Dakota Chapter No. 1 met November 8-9, 1975, in Jamestown, ND, and elected the following officers:

President: Lemuel Jones (USS Vestal), Leith, ND 58561. Vice President: Gordon Nelson (Hickam Field), 1409 12th St., Fargo, ND 58102.

Secretary-Treasurer: Irma A. Block (Nurse, Station Hospital, Schofield Barracks), 1419 N. 21st Street, Apt. No. 4, Bismarck, ND 58501.

Chaplain: Ernest Young (Bishop's Point, PH) 315-6th St. NE, Jamestown, ND 58401.

State Chairman: John K. Zeller (USS Tennessee), 1831 N. 11th St., Bismarck, ND 58501.

A social hour and banquet followed the business meeting.

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(Fort Armstrong)

INDIANA CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1976

Following the memorial services of Central Indiana Chapter No. 1 on December 7th, the members elected their officers for 1976 who are:

President: Volmer V. Files (Schofield Barracks), R.R. No. 1, Box 294, Fortville, IN 46040.
Vice President: Lee Boles (USS Sacramento), 5234 Calder Way, Indianapolis, IN 46226.
Secretary: John C. Berlier (USS Sacramento), 4209 Brown Road, Indianapolis, IN 46226.
Treasurer: Donald Sanford (USS Sacramento), 3530 E. Vermont St., Indianapolis, IN 46201.

1-Yr. Trustee: Lester Hartley
(USS Jarvis), R.R. 9, Box 151, Greenfield, IN 46140.


3-Yr. Trustee: Ralph Nye (VP-12, Kaneoke Bay), 4114 Steinmetz Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46254.
ATTENTION TO ALL FLYERS!

Were you able to get airborne on December 7, 1941?

Bert C. Payne was with VP-23, Ford Island, on that ‘infamous day’. His PB4Y with crew was one of the few aircraft that was able to get off the ground. The pilot, Commander Winters, executive officer of VP-23, was killed a short time later while taking off from Pearl Harbor on a return flight to the mainland.

Regardless as to where you were on duty, we are interested in finding the pilots and crew members of aircraft that were able to get airborne that day.

It would be interesting to know where each man took off, what outfit he was with, what he flew, when he returned and what difficulties he encountered.

Bert tells me that he is not an organizer, however, if anyone who was in the air on that day is interested, he would start pulling the group together. His address is Route No. 1, Box No. 10, Garden Valley, California 95633.

Bert went on to tell me, “Basically, I feel I hope each one feels, that as soon as we were airborne, our minds were aware of a single purpose backed by a feeling in our hearts that this was for real—a challenge to our peace-loving way of life.”

REUNION NOTICES

USS ARGONNE (AG-31)—Personnel who are interested in having a reunion at the PHSA convention in Hawaii, 1976, please contact Edmund R. Brooks, 438 W. 230th St., Carson, CA 90745 or James J. Cregan, 804 Indian Hills Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301 or Ray E. Mapes, P.O. Box 1, Rakutat, Alaska 99689.

USS DOBBIN (AD-3) reunion to be held in August 1976. For further information contact John G. Mansfield, 4016 - 47th Ave. E., Tacoma WA 98443.

PATROL WING 1, PATROL WING 2, FLEET AIR WING 1, VP-11, VP-12, AND NAS KANEHOHE—any active or retired member who was attached to these units during 1941-45 is cordially invited to attend this group’s first reunion to be held November 30, December 1st and 2nd, prior to the PHSA 35th Anniversary Reunion in 1976. For further details and information, please contact LCDR W. J. Hanna, 400 Second St. (Apt. 110), Santa Monica, CA 90403.


USS RALPH TALBOT (DD-390)—reunion will be May 14-16 at Stouffer’s Riverfront Towers in St. Louis, MO. Shipmates of DesRon 4 welcome. For further information write to George E. Saunders, 3344 May Road, Richmond, CA 94803.

USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA-38)—second annual reunion will be held July 14-16, 1976 at the Bahia Motor Hotel in San Diego, CA. For further information, contact Ed Wittler, 3951 S. Sheryl Drive, San Pedro, CA 90736 (tel: 415-222-2167).

USS SMITH (DD-374) reunion to be held July 21-24, 1976, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For further information, contact Maurice A. Martin, 4907 - 33rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140.

USS TANGIER (AV-8)—personnel wishing a reunion anywhere, please contact Henry R. Freitas, 548 Fireside Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 (tel: 415-934-5325).

56TH BOMB SQUADRON—reunion at PHSA national convention in Hawaii in 1976. If interested, please contact Claude A. Ditzler, 720 S.W. 12th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 (tel: 305-463-2360) or Andrew Bryzicki, 661 S.W. 67th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33023 (tel: 305-897-1564).

Commissioned pennant and Union Jack taken from the USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) on Dec. 7, 1941, by James Prosser, ST1, who was aboard ship at the time. James’ son, Roy, has loaned the pennant and Union Jack to Ken Murray, president of the Aloha Chapter, for display. (Please note the bullet hole in the second row from the bottom and next to the fourth star from the left.)

Texas Pearl Harbor Survivors met Sunday, November 9th, 1975, at Rev. Fr. Marcus Valenta’s annual Memorial Service at Mary’s Church, Praha. Thirty-six Texas survivors were in attendance. Rev. Valenta (Schofield Barracks) is the Nat’l Chaplain of PHSA.
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All four men were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The first, Byrl King (USS Nevada), now lives in the state of Oregon and is a member of PHSA. The second, Charles W. Grohman, Tipton, J.W., Tipton, D.A., Oki, Wada, Yamakawa, Bellamy, Pfc. Smith, F.H., Pts. Valerie, and Klepeis.


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Here is Bill Robinson (left) and Antonio Levesque attending Memorial Services last December 7th.

(Editor's Note: Bill Robinson has informed me that any survivor of Co. "C", 65th Eng. Bn., who would like a copy of the battalion picture, please drop him a line and one will be sent to you free of charge. Bill's address is: 274 W. Main St., Hopkinta, MO 61748.)
November 11th — Veterans Day restored

The Senate and House has passed a bill and it has been signed into law by President Ford, restoring November 11th as Veterans Day on a national basis. The law becomes effective January 1, 1976.

November 11th is almost a national day of observance now, with the states — Hawaii, Nevada, Rhode Island, Utah — and the District of Columbia continuing to observe Veterans Day on the fourth Monday in October. It was congressional action in 1968 that made Monday holidays that moved Veterans Day from its traditional November 11th date. Oklahoma was the only state at the time refusing to make Veterans Day a Monday holiday.

Georgia Veterans Service Director Pete Wheeler said he is glad “Washington finally is seeing the light.” He added, “Without question, November 11th is the only appropriate date for the observance of Veterans Day. Changing it to any other date only serves to cloud its true significance.”

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The GRAM extends “Congratulations” to these couples who have recently observed or will soon be observing their wedding anniversary.

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Charles T. (Naval Hospital, PH) and Doris Prather, 339 Pickett Road, Memphis, TN 38109 — December 16, 1975.
A.J. “Gus” (USS Phoenix CL-46) and Mary Lou Runkel, 462 Southbrook Drive, Dayton, OH 45459 — February 3, 1976.
Daniel (USS New Orleans CA-32) and Guinn Moody, 5565 Alter Road, Detroit, MI 48224 — February 25, 1976.
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Philip J. (USS Phoenix CL-46) and Thelma Barbara Stercula, Sr., Old Easton Road, Pipersville, PA 18947 — June 1976.

30th Anniversary
Harold (USS Nevada BB-36) and Mary M. Glosson, Route No. 1, Box 159B, Saltwell Road, Brookville, IN 47012 — November 24, 1975.
Ronal L. (USS Honolulu CL-48) and Anna Jeanette Ostridge, 244 Betty Court, Norfolk, VA 23502 — January 9, 1976.
Norman E. (USS Oklahoma BB-37) and Eloise Wiley, Box 695, Flatwoods, KY 41139 — January 8, 1976.
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Our national treasurer, Mr. Jesse Pond, says “Thank You” for your cooperation and response in sending your 1976 annual dues in reply to the individual notices sent to the annual dues paying members the first of December 1975.

Also, Mr. Pond wishes to “Thank You” for those appreciative little notes which many of you enclosed with your annual dues. He enjoyed reading every note!

40th Anniversary
Malcolm (U.S. Navy) and Margaret L. Ellis, 11149 Runnymede St., Sun Valley, CA 91352 — October 26, 1975.

(Send a postal card or letter direct to the Chief Editor and let him know when you will be observing your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, etc. wedding anniversary.)