The Ceremony Of Commissioning
A United States Naval Vessel

By Robert S. Kronberger
National Vice President

The event of the upcoming commissioning of the USS Pearl Harbor, (LSD-52) has prompted many questions by our membership. The two main questions that arise are: “What kind of ship is it?” and “What do they do at a commissioning ceremony?”

First, the vessel is classified as a Landing Ship Dock. It is an amphibious assault vessel designed to transport personnel and vehicles during an amphibious landing.

The ship is nearly 610 feet long, and has a beam (width) of 84 feet. It has a full load displacement of 16,400 long tons. She is powered by four medium speed diesel engines, and is capable of speeds in excess of 20 knots. The USS Pearl Harbor carries, launches and docks air cushion landing craft as well as other cargo, such as tanks and military vehicles, and also deploys Marines.

The commissioning ceremony will conform to the general practice of the Navy as determined by custom. The two main principles govern the commissioning of a Naval Vessel. The ship is usually turned over to a Naval establishment until commissioning. Therefore, no ensign jack, or commission pennant flies before commissioning. This means that when the delegated Naval Representative comes aboard to turn over the ship no honors other than the courtesy of meeting him at the side are rendered.

Honors are given at departure.

It is the established practice in commissioning to have the basic and official ceremony first, and after that has been terminated and the ship is in commission to continue the program with personal remarks, official speeches, presentations, etc. This ensures that at all times responsibility is clearly placed, even though very inspiring and eloquent speeches may continue for another hour, officers and crew are on duty at their assigned stations for port watches and should to be able to cope effectively with any emergency that might arise. Furthermore, such a procedure adheres to the letter of the only naval regulation on the subject:

1. The formal transfer shall be effected by the district commandant or his representative
2. As many of the officers and crew of the ship as circumstances permit and a guard and music shall be assembled and properly distributed on the quarter deck or other suitable part of the ship.
3. The officer effecting the transfer shall cause the national ensign of command to be hoisted with the appropriate ceremonies and shall turn the ship over to the prospective commanding officer.
4. The prospective commanding officer shall read his orders, assume command.

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National Cemeteries

As of February 17, 1997 organization logos are not permitted on the headstones in National cemeteries.

The religious symbols which have been authorized by Congress are permitted. In the case of a Pearl Harbor Survivor, the words “Pearl Harbor Survivor” can be etched on the stone or bronze marker.

You apply by obtaining VA Form 40-1330 from any Veterans Administration office and mailing this completed form to:
Office of Memorial Programs (403A)
Department of Veteran Affairs
810 Vermont Ave. N.W.
Washington DC 20420-0001

A Letter Of Thanks

The letter below was received from Mrs. Bonny P. O’Fearna of Australia, widow of Charles James O’Fearna (810th Military Police, Fort Shafter).

Dear Mr. Watson,

Some time ago I notified you of the death of my husband who was a lifetime member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. On Monday, October 27, 1997, I was able to deliver his remains to the National Military Cemetery in Honolulu for interment.

Among those attending an interment service were four members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, along with the wife of one member.

I’m sorry to say I can’t remember their names as I found the event much more trying than I had expected, but I would like to express my gratitude to them for giving their time and taking the trouble to honor a veteran unknown to them.

As our home is in Australia, the process of arranging my final interment of his ashes at the Punchbowl was a protracted matter, especially as I wanted to deliver them myself and cost of transport was a factor.

However, with help from “The Pineapples” a group of former members of the Headquarters Department, Military Police Company, US Army, Territory of Hawaii, who were stationed at Fort Shafter, and the American Legion, and the cemetery staff my husband’s remains were accepted for interment.

I have received the lifetime membership card and the memorial plaque, but the physical presence of these five caring people was an unexpected gift beyond all others. Please pass on my sincere gratitude.

Sincerely,

Bonny P O’Fearna

Secretary’s Message

The Administrative Office is receiving applications for membership on obsolete forms which must be returned to the applicant along with the current form. Forms in your handbook can be reproduced or current forms are available upon request from the Administrative Office.

The PHSA, Inc. membership as indicated in the February roster is 9,109: 5,450 life and 3,659 annual members. Please enjoy each other’s company as 98 survivors from January 1 to February 28, 1998, reported to the Supreme Commander.

Do not forget to contribute to the Pearl Harbor Plankowner Plaque. Order form on page 23 February GRAM. It is suggested that over and above individual contributions, chapter members in the name of your chapter and with chapter funds purchase another. We have 161 chapters × $100 = $16,100.

The Administrative Office wishes to thank all the chapters who have sent up-to-date form 10s, Report of Chapter Officers.

In closing, do NOT send death reports to the National Treasurer. Per PHSA Form 15, the original report is to go to the National Secretary with copies to the State Chairman and Chapter files. The District Directors receive the same information on our deceased survivors as does the National Treasurer, GRAM Editor and our Computer Company from the Administrative Office.

—Julius Finnern

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Arizona Memorial

The following letter was received by National Secretary Julius Finnern in January, 1998:

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.
c/o Julius A. Finnern
National Secretary
P.O. Box 99
Menomonie Falls, WI 53052-0099

Dear Mr. Finnern,

Thank you for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association membership and the National Executive Board donation of $5000.00 to the Arizona Memorial Museum Association for the building of a new museum and collections storage facility. The funds will be maintained by the Association in a special account to be used towards construction of the new building.

We hope that you and the other members of your organization will have the opportunity to visit the USS Arizona Memorial in the near future. Please convey our thanks to your members for the thoughtful donation.

Sincerely,
Edean Saito
Business Manager

Chapters That Have Contributed To The Arizona Memorial Museum Building Fund

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Arizona Memorial Museum

All Survivors and Chapters are urged to donate to the Arizona Memorial Museum addition which will house our memorabilia and artifacts.

Use the form below to submit contributions.

To Arizona Memorial Museum Association

I herewith donate $ _______ for the PHSA Building Fund to display Pearl Harbor Survivors artifacts and memorabilia.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________

Your donation will be acknowledged by Kathy Billings.

Make checks payable to Arizona Memorial Museum Association and mail your donation to:

Arizona Memorial Museum Association
Attn: Edean Saito
1 Arizona Memorial Place
Honolulu, HI 96818

Arizona Howard Bannon
Chapter PHSA Flag On Permanent Display

By Raymond Perry
Chapter Public Relations
Hawaiian Dept., Ft. Shafter

February 13 marked the 86th birthday of the State of Arizona and with the help of Bob Manzetti (USS Oglala) we have finally achieved recognition to display our PHSA Flag in a very prominent place atop the mast from the battleship USS Arizona located in front of the state capitol within the Bolin Plaza complex, close to the anchor from the USS Arizona.

Members present at the flag raising standing are Chapter Historian Leonard O’Brien (USS Phoenix), Frank Scopa (34th Engineers, Schofield Bks.), Bob Widmark (USS Argonne), Chapter President Bill Rey holding the flag (USS Pennsylvania), Chapter Vice President Bob Amorn (Mobile Hospital #2, USN), Stanley Gruber (USS Maryland) and Newsletter Editor Stanley Blaker (VP-24 NAS Ford Island).

Seated Chapter Secretary Steve Shemelyne (16th Coast Art., Ft Derussy), Ray Perry and our benefactor Bob Manzetti.
USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52) Commissioning

By this time you should have all arrangements made, so this is just a last minute reminder. The commissioning is at 11 a.m. May 30, 1998 at the North Island U.S. Naval Air Station.

YOU MUST HAVE SENT IN YOUR RSVP in order to attend the convention. Your commissioning package will have your assigned seat card. Your INVITATION will be your pass to enter the U.S. Naval Air Station.

Buses will travel from the parking areas to the ceremony and back. Each bus will be marked to identify the parking area serviced. Special parking will be set aside for the handicapped and assistance will be provided for those requiring it.

You have already selected whether you wish to attend a reception on the ship along with a guided tour of the vessel, or to attend a post commissioning reception in the Officers Club after the ceremonies.

Buses will be provided for transportation from the ship to the reception and back to the ship or parking area.

ENJOY THE COMMISSIONING OF OUR SHIP!!!

Commissioning

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mand and cause the watch to be set.

Steps In The
Commissioning Ceremony
1. Construct a dais or platform decorated with signal flags. Install a lectern and public address system. A plan drawn for seating distinguished guests and the principals on the platform. Provide printed invitations and programs for the officers, crew and invited guests.

2. Officers fall in at dress parade stations, and the crew is marched by divisions to assigned stations. Visitors should be assigned chairs or seats with an unobstructed view.

3. It is customary to have the band and a Marine guard take station on the pier abreast of the place of ceremony.

4. The ceremony commences with the invocation by a chaplain.

5. The officer effecting the transfer reads the orders for the delivery of the ship, and orders the prospective commanding officer to “Commission USS Pearl Harbor”. The captain, through the executive officer to the officer of the deck, relays the order. Attention is sounded on the bugle, the national anthem is played, the ensign, the commissioning pennant, and the jack are hoisted simultaneously. If an Admiral effects the transfer, then his flag is hoisted and remains until he departs. The prospective commanding officer reads his orders from the Navy Department, salutes the officer effecting the transfer and says, “I assume command of the USS Pearl Harbor”. Immediately he orders the executive officer to “set the watch”. The boatswain’s mates commence piping to pass the word fore and aft. The officer of the deck takes his station and makes the first entry in the log: “The ship is now officially commissioned”.

6. The commanding officer introduces the official dignitaries, one of which customarily makes a short talk to the officers and men of the newly commissioned ship.

7. The address of the commanding officer.

8. Presentations to the ship.

9. The benediction concludes the ceremony.

10. The official party departs.

11. Reception and refreshments in appropriate quarters and messes.

Getting Out The Word
An Editorial

Survivor Raymond C. Robinson (50th Recon Sq., Hickam Field) recently wrote that he believed that Chapters should buy copies of videos “Tora, Tora, Tora” or “Remember Pearl Harbor” and donate them to local libraries or to the audio and visual departments of local public schools.

That does not ensure that children will see them.

I believe that the Chapters that go to local school classes and talk to the students is the best way to get out the word. One California Chapter has made 910 presentations to approximately 25,295 students and presented 275 3’ x 5’ Flags that have flown over the nation’s capitol.

I have read many newsletters telling about talks that have been given at schools. I am a member of two Chapters that give many talks.

We should also take part in civic affairs such as marching or riding in parades. From what I have seen and read in newsletters, we get the greatest applause during the parades. If some spectators do not know who we are others will be sure to tell them.

Be Seen!! Be Heard!!

SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION
IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON,
WASHINGTON AND WYOMING!

Will be held July 27 - 29, 1998 at the Double Tree Motel in Eugene, Oregon.

For further information contact Roland Eberhardt, 949 Crest Dr., Eugene, OR 97405 or phone (541) 607-0813.
Candidate For National President

Robert S. "Bob" Kronberg-
er, seeks election to the office of National President at the National Convention in Las Vegas in December 1998.

A founder and life member of PHSA, he was one of the nucleus of three that were responsible for the original gathering of the eleven recognized "Founding Fathers" that led to the formation of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. in 1958. A U.S. Navy Retiree and California resident, Bob served as a member of California Chapter 1, President of California Chapter 21, President and Trustee of California Chapter 29, his current chapter.

Bob also has served the organization as California Vice Chairman South and First District Director. Bob currently is our National Vice President.

Bob has traveled extensively throughout the Continental United States, and Hawaii during his tenure as an elected State, District and National Officer.

He has been active in PHSA affairs since the organization's conception. He has visited chapters throughout the country. He has attended most National, California State, and several District Conventions.

He is a much sought after public speaker and writer. His writings have appeared in many newspapers, Masonic and Elk publications as well as PHSA and veterans newsletters. Bob has been featured on many television and radio programs in behalf of PHSA and his country.

Bob, his brother Edward and Father "Sam" Kronberg were all aboard the USS West Virginia (BB 48) on December the 7th, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. All three were among the original "Founding Fathers". Bob retired from the U.S. Navy on 1 December, 1970. During retirement worked as a Project Engineer for Litton Ships Systems, Advanced Marine Technology Division and as program Manager at Hughes Aircraft Company for Ships Support Systems.

Bob seeks your valued support in keeping our organization intact until we ourselves, as members, feel we can no longer maintain a viable organization, and to only then turn to those that we feel can properly promote our objectives and tenets.

We must continue to remind our Great Nation to "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR AND KEEP AMERICA ALERT!"

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Candidate For National Secretary

Julius A. Finnern, Incumbent, will be seeking a fourth term as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. National Secretary.

It would be a privilege and great honor for me if the membership sitting in convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1998, approves.

The PHSA Administrative Office, with the assistance of my appointed Recording Secretary, Inge, and a fully qualified appointed PHSA Assistant Secretary, Lee Bryson, have only one motto: "TAKE CARE OF TODAY'S PHSA BUSINESS — TODAY."

We thank you in advance for your support.

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Haile H. "Jake" Jaekel For National Treasurer

My qualifications for this position are being California State Chairman, Past President of the USS Salt Lake City Association, Past President and a Charter Member of California Chapter 6 and a life member of PHSA.

December 7, 1941, I was on temporary duty in Pearl Harbor awaiting the return of the USS Salt Lake City from Wake Island. After Pearl Harbor, I served on her through seven (7) major campaigns.

I was discharged after the war as an Aviation Machinist Mate 1/c and then enrolled at the University of Washington, graduating in 1952. During this time in college I joined the AFROTC and upon graduation was called to active duty and served 4 more years in the Air Force. I was discharged from the Air force with the rank of Captain.

I then joined the Douglas Aircraft Co. as an Aerospace Engineer in their missile programs. During this period I served 15 years with the Douglas Aircraft Co., 14 years with Aerojet, also the Air Force Reserve and Army National Guard.

I am seeking the office of National Treasurer at the 1998 PHSA National Convention in Las Vegas. I believe a change in National Officers is essential to a common sense of direction and it enhances camaraderie. My objective is to work for the membership of the PHSA and maintain the organization for the pleasure of its members as described in the objectives of our organization.

VOTE FOR "JAKE" IN 98!!!

JUNE & HOWARD TROST
USS ANTARES (AKS-3)
Hangtown Chapter 30
SUPPORT THE GRAM

EDWARD A. SPITEK
Btry K, 64th CA (AA)
Fort Shafter
SUPPORTS THE GRAM
Treasurer Seeks Re-Election

Fellow Survivors- I am William (Bill) Eckel and have served as your National Treasurer for the past ten years. Here is my background:

- I joined the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in 1964
- Am a Life Member
- Was instrumental in forming 5 of the 13 Texas Chapters
- Past President of Texas Chapter 8
- Served as 4th District Director 1982-1986
- Presently Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
- Initiated PHSA into the age of computers
- Was instrumental in the start-up of the Honor/Memorial Donations
- Proposed a College Scholarship Program from the interest of the H/M fund
- Worked to keep PHSA Financially Sound by seeking out Good Investments
- and keeping costs down, where possible
- As a Retired Business Man/Owner and with hands-on experience, serving as your Treasurer, I feel I am well qualified for Your Vote.

Candidate For 6th District Director

Frederick F. Coutre, Incumbent, announces that he is a candidate for re-election to the office Sixth District Director.

Fred is a member of Chapter Six Northeast Florida and has served as Chapter Trustee, Vice President, President, Florida State Chairman and was elected Sixth District Director at Columbia, South Carolina in 1996.

On December 7, 1941 he was on detached service at Bellows Field from the 18th Air Base Group, Wheeler Field. In 1943 he was assigned to the Eighth Air Force in England and while stationed at a RAF Base in Northern Ireland met and subsequently married an Irish Colleen on December 7, 1944.

Fred retired from the Aerospace Group of Rockwell International Inc. in 1984 after 36 years of service. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California and has maintained his registration after retirement.

Some of his accomplishments as District Director include serving as Chairman PHSA Scholarship Committee (resolution on committee recommendations will be voted on by membership at the 1998 National Convention), placed a Sixth District Web Site on the World Wide Web, and answers all e-mail inquiries, publishes a quarterly computer generated Newsletter to our District State Chairmen, and he strongly supports the Sons and Daughters.

Fred and his wife Mary (nee) Dolaghan reside in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Candidate For 7th District Director

Anthony J. Di Lorenzo is announcing his candidacy for the office of 7th District Director. Elections will be held at the 7th District Convention on October 4-6, 1998 at the Best Western Inn in New Carrollton, Maryland.

Tony Di Lorenzo enlisted in the Navy in 1940. He was a Machinist Mate 3/c aboard the USS Honolulu at the time of the attack. In 1947 he was assigned to a Navy Communication unit in Washington, D.C. After attending Electronics Engineering School, he changed his rate to Communication Technician Chief. He retired after 20 years service and accepted a position with the Department of Defense as an Engineering Specialist in the Computer/Digital field and finally retired in 1981. He is an active Adult Scouter with the High Adventure Program, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fleet Reserve, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and an Amateur Radio Operator.

Tony joined the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in 1977, and is an active and enthusiastic Life Member of Maryland Chapter 1, having held the office of State Chairman for 8 years. He was 7th District Director in 1994-1996. His tenure of duty and background knowledge gives him the experience needed to successfully fulfill and carry out the duties of that office. He is currently Chairman of the National Capitol Liaison Committee of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

His principal goals if he is elected 7th District Director are: (1) to promote PHSA and its objectives, (2) keeping the 7th District members aware of what is going on at the National level through strong communication ties with their respective State Chairman and, (3) to resolutely support the Sons and Daughters of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association so that we leave a legacy that future generations will forever revere, our motto, "Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert." Towards these goals he pledges his best effort.

Tony and his wife, Vicky, reside in Rockville, Maryland.
Save The Hoga Memorial Fund Reaches The $5000 Mark

By Mac McClintock
Hoga Committee Chairman
USS Aylwin

Although it’s not enough yet to restore the valiant tug USS Hoga (YT-146) and to move her to Pearl Harbor for a permanent memorial, it is an indication that many of our Survivors either remember her valiant efforts of assistance to the many ships in the harbor when the Japanese attacked the fleet at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 or recognize the importance of a memorial of this stature to the “Fight for Life” in the attack that started the war with Japan.

USS Hoga (YT-146) stood fast with strong determination and carried out her duties during the foray in spite of serious drawbacks and turned a simple “duty” into one of “beyond the call of duty”.

To restore her and move her to Pearl Harbor as a permanent memorial should take precedence over any memorial project measured simply by material size.

Response thus far has shown that the donors have come from members of all branches of the military service. Similarly, we have received donations from many Veterans Organizations.

Our Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors have started solicitations and the VFW Post 2278 in Hot Springs, Arkansas has made a generous donation.

The amount you give isn’t as important as the “just giving” of any amount.

American Battleship Association

By PHSA and ABA Member M.D. Penhollow
USS California

This Association, that lists many Pearl Harbor Survivors on its roster, has been invited to hold their 1998 reunion in conjunction with the Missouri Association in Hawaii this year. The reason being the planned move of the Missouri to Pearl Harbor in April where it will become a Museum/Memorial close by the USS Arizona. All Officers and men who saw duty in any of our 59 Battleships over the years are invited.

For those Battleship sailors that have not taken advantage of this association’s leadership you have been missing some interesting reunions. I became a life member in 1989 probably because my wife and I like to travel and we learned the next reunion was to be held in Leningrad, Murmansk and Moscow Russia. That was in 1990 and we spent four days in each city with local Russian War Veterans.

Chairman Dave Graham and wife Margaret have outdone themselves with each reunion since. In 1993 it was Caribbean Cruise. In 1995 we had 97 members travel to Japan and China then a train ride from Harbin Manchuria to Russian Border. We completed the reunion being entertained by the Russian military in Vladivostok.

In 1997 we had our reunion on the Mississippi River riding the American Queen from Memphis to St Louis. This year back to Pearl Harbor. For some of us it will be like a double reunion.

Contributions To Save The Hoga Fund

| Last Report | $4617.96 |
| Edgar N. Bradford, 19th Infantry Reg., Schofield Bks. | 25.00 |
| Jefferson & Annie Maner, USS Dobbin | 25.00 |
| Walter V. Wood, USS Zane | 25.00 |
| Laurence A. Eberly, USS Pennsylvania | 15.00 |
| Jesse Reynolds, USS San Francisco | 10.00 |
| William & Mildred Jerow, USS Honolulu | 10.00 |
| Albert J. Taylor, USS Hull | 20.00 |
| Finehardt & Fran Schmilski, Medical Detach, Ft Shafter | 50.00 |
| Harold Masden, 2nd donation, Flag on USS Maryland | 50.00 |
| Paul E. Brown, USS Shaw | 35.00 |
| Robert & Sally Wood, Bishops Point, USN | 25.00 |
| VFW Thaddeus H. Caraway Post, Hot Springs, AR | 50.00 |
| Ray & Doris Hechler, USS Helena | 25.00 |
| Miscellaneous cash | 2.00 |
| Interest through March 10, 1998 | 40.75 |

Credit Union Balance March 10, 1998: $5025.71

From The Editor

On page 11 of this Gram is a list of lost life members giving their unit and last known address. We would very much appreciate the assistance of State and Chapter officers in trying to locate or determine that these Survivors have died.

Chapter officers especially can check on those Survivors whose last known address was in their area. And Reunion officers can help by checking those Survivors that were in their units. All help will be very much appreciated!!

The advertisement on page 16 of the February Gram for FREEDOM BUTTONS had an incorrect ZIP code. It is repeated in this Gram with the proper ZIP code 02132.

On page 23, the Plankowner certificate showed the USS Pearl Harbor as being LSD S2, which should have been LSD 52.

On page 4 in the article California Santa Clara Valley Chapter 7 Bernard F. Santa-moor’s last name was spelled incorrectly.

In the Prayer for the Dead Joseph Rutkowski was shown on the USS Nevada but he was on the USS Helena.

On page 32 in the Illinois Chapter 2 item Vernon Rubenking was shown as being in the 78th Pursuit Squadron but he was actually in the 73rd Pursuit Squadron, Wheeler Field.
California Veterans Memorial

By Jake Jaekel
State Chairman

The California Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial became a reality January 9. A check for $5,000.00 was presented to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jay Vargas and Undersecretary Lee Bennett by PHSA State Chairman Jake Jaekel (Navy Yard), State Ambassador North Jim Moe (14th Naval District) and River City Chapter 6 President Sam Clower (19th Infantry Reg Schofield Bks).

The presentation was made at the Sacramento Veterans Affairs building Legion of Valor Hall in front of the American Flag that was flown on the USS California December 7, 1941.

The California Veterans Memorial located on the State Capitol grounds in Sacramento will consist of a 28-foot black marble obelisk in the center of a large plaza, with smooth surfaces and ghostly images of veterans.

At one corner will be the Registry of Veterans Court of Honor surrounding a touch screen computer kiosk. Around the outer perimeter a half circle of 12 granite memorial benches, each in honor of a veteran's organization. Our Memorial Bench will be engraved with a large PHSA logo and letters "PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS". The Court of Honor will be covered with granite paving stones; one will be inscribed with the PHSA Motto "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR - KEEP AMERICA ALERT".

Each Veteran, who lives or has lived in California, is entitled to have their Name, Rank and Branch of Service listed on the computer at the kiosk in the Court of Honor, free of charge. If you want to be truly immortalized include a photograph (preferably in military uniform) for a $35.00 donation and/or a 100 word statement describing your military service for a $15.00 donation.

All Pearl Harbor Survivors should send their Name, Rank and Branch of Service to California Memorial Commission, 1227 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 so your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren or any other future visitor will be able to access information, on the touch screen at the computer kiosk, about Pearl Harbor Survivors and the manner in which they served.

HELP - HELP - HELP

During World War II and until 1958 I lived and worked in Hawaii. During those years, I wrote 15 books on Hawaii and the South Seas under the pen name "SOUTH SEA SCOTTY." The name of my publishing company was SOUTH SEA SALES. I also distributed my books under the same name.

I have copies of all my books except one titled "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR", author Scotty Guletz, publisher South Sea Sales, distributor Bob Singer Company.

The book was soft cover and resembled a photo album. It was sold primarily to military personnel in the Pacific through Navy and Post Exchange Stores. Over a half million copies were sold.

Because it is the only one of my books of which I do not have a copy, I will pay $500.00 for a copy.

If you have a copy, please call me at (209) 223-0977 or write to me at P. O. Box 488, Jackson, CA 95642-0488.

SCOTTY GULETZ

Admiral Nimitz Museum To Have Control Of Japanese Midget Submarine

From Nimitz News, Winter 1998

Admiral Nimitz Foundation and Museum officials received with great satisfaction the news that after ten years of negotiations with the U.S. Navy and the National Park Service, the Nimitz complex has been chosen as the site for the exhibit of a Japanese midget submarine.

Admiral Nimitz Foundation Director Marshall Steves, who doggedly spearheaded the negotiations on behalf of the Museum, notified Foundation officials in mid-December that Secretary of the Navy John Dalton had called to inform him of the decision to allow the Admiral Nimitz Museum to retain control. The Museum will have custody of the submarine until 2008 when the issue will be subject to review.

The 800-foot vessel is one of several used by the Japanese in the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Its pilot Ensign Sakanaki, became the first Japanese POW captured by the U.S in the war.

The submarine is located in the George Bush Gallery of the Pacific War, and Museum officials will now move ahead with plans to restore it further so it can take its place as the main attraction in an exhibit worthy to depict its true historical value. The exhibit, in its final form, will be dedicated to Marshall Steves in recognition of his leadership in the submarine's acquisition.
Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace — Amen.

ADIE, John J.
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In Memoriam

RICHARD BRIGGS
McBRATNEY
USS Maryland
Born February 12, 1916
Died May 30, 1997

Richard was Secretary/Treasurer of the USS Ward Chapter II, Kansas City, Missouri for sixteen years.

He was a very strong and diligent supporter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Richard is survived by his wife Mildred and one daughter.

Burial was at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

USS MARYLAND

In Memoriam

COY ESCO SHARPE
USS Tennessee
Born December 27, 1920
Died December 14, 1997

Coy was in the U. S. Navy at Pearl Harbor, and then served in the U. S. Air Force from 1948 to 1968.

He served as Oklahoma State Chairman and was a member of Oklahoma Chapter 1.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, son Kenneth L. Sharpe, daughter Marcia S. Samples and grandson Robert E. Samples.

Coy was interred in Arlington Memory Gardens.

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California Hemet Chapter 27 presented the 56th anniversary of Pearl Harbor program at Gibbel Park in Hemet. After presentation of colors by VFW Post 4417, Chapter President Bud Cantrell (9th Signal Service Co., Fort Shafter) gave the welcoming address. National Vice President and Founding Father Robert S. Kronberger (USS West Virginia) gave a stirring speech about the “Day of Infamy.” The presentation was followed with a musical selection by the Hemet High School Choir.

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2:00 PM Tentative USS W. VIRGINIA Reunion (Dynasty Room)
7:00 PM - 11:30 PM Reception - Dance/Cash Bar (Royal Hall)
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6:00 AM Emperor's Buffet for PHSA Members
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9:00 AM - 12 Noon Business Meeting (Royal Hall)
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Thanks To A Vet
By Jack Doyle
USS Tennessee

On the fourth of July
As the flag passes by
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With a tear in our eye.

We are proud you are waving
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From Pearl Harbor to Midway,
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You've shown true colors
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To the greatest flag yet,
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Thanks to a vet.

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Arkansas

By Jan J. Svane
Arkansas State Chairman
USS St. Louis

On Sunday December 7, 1997, on the steps of the Arkansas Capital, Secretary of State Sharon Priest held a special commemoration in honor of the 2,343 who died December 7, 1941 at the Hawaiian Naval Base.

"We figure everybody killed that day was murdered—later on it was just a war"," said Calvin Lincoln (USS Utah) of Heber Springs, President of the Arkansas Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Chapter I. "But there was no war that day. When you kill someone when there’s no war, that’s murder."

Lincoln, the keynote speaker, worries that people today, including some political leaders, don’t remember Pearl Harbor as they should. Veterans like Lincoln warn that Pearl Harbor can happen again.

After the ceremony at which about 100 people attended, four white doves, symbolizing the four branches of the military, were released on the Capital steps as a band played "Taps" and the letters P, E, A, C, and E were lit in blue letters in the five circular windows below the dome.
Day Of Infamy Remembered

By Kate Ocheniski  
Voice of Democracy Chairman

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harrison, Michigan Post 1075 held a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on December 7, 1997. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Voice of Democracy dinner and program for the Harrison High School and Skeels Northern Christian School students that had written on “My Voice in Our Democracy.”

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association flag was prominently displayed behind the two Pearl Harbor Survivors who were seated at the Guest of Honor table. They are Robert McClellan (HQ 17th A/B Gp Hickam Fld) and Robert Rineholt (USS Maryland). Both were wounded on that fateful day.

The students, parents, teachers and all other Post and Auxiliary members were reminded of how the Japanese, in a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, had devastated the harbor and the Pacific Fleet, with the loss of more than 1,000 members on the USS Arizona battleship alone.

In the photo are Robert and Phyllis McClellan, and Robert and Lucille Rineholt.

The assembled guests gave both Pearl Harbor Survivors a standing ovation at the end of the remembrance ceremony.

Utah Chapter 1

By David C. Senn  
First Defense Bn, USMC

Utah Chapter 1 Survivors, spouses and guests gathered at Memory Grove Park, Salt Lake City, on December 7 to observe the 56th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Carved on the stone monument pictured in the foreground are the names of 21 Utahans killed in that attack. Starting at exactly 10:55 AM, which is 7:55 Pearl Harbor time, a brief ceremony was conducted by State Chairman Art Buell (USS Medusa), assisted by Chapter Chaplain Mac McEwen (U.S. Navy Hospital) and Chapter President Dave Senn. This was followed by an address by Navy Captain Bob Micken.

As part of the annual ceremony, the names of the men killed in the attack are read and a ship’s bell struck in their memory. Two of the men whose name are carved on the monument were posthumously awarded their Nation’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor. Captain Mervyn Benion of the battleship West Virginia, although mortally wounded, refused to leave the bridge and continued to fight his ship until he died. The other recipient of the Medal was Chief Water Tender Peter Tomich, USS Utah. The Utah was heavily attacked by the Japanese because she was berthed where they believed the carrier Enterprise would be. Chief Tomich refused to leave his post until he had rescued his shipmates, and did not get out in time. The Navy was unable to determine that Tomich had living relatives or learn his state or country of origin. Since Tomich had last served on the Utah the Navy asked the State Legislature to accept the Medal, and this was done. The Medal is on display in the Utah State Capitol Building.

The Chapter ceremonies received excellent media coverage thanks to Publicity Chairman Darrel Stevens (USS Tennessee) and Barbara Nielson.

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"Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance," the title of a National Defense program, was given by the Ruth Floyd Woodhull Chapter, National Society of the American Revolution, at the Freeport Memorial Library on December 6.

Patriotism abounded as the Color Guard posted the Colors, the DAR Ritual was given and the meeting convened.

Charles Jackson, Commander of the William Clinton Story Post 342 American Legion, introduced Post members and spoke briefly on the heroism of those men stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, "Not thinking of their own safety, they joined together facing unknown dangers, discomfort and some giving their lives. Their hopes, dreams and plans were brought to an end so that we might keep that liberty we still enjoy today."

He continued, "If it were not for these men at Pearl Harbor securing our freedom, we might now be under Japanese rule."

Other groups attending were the Auxiliary of William Clinton Story Post 340 - Joyce Lisi, President; Freeport Veterans of Foreign Wars - Commander Gerard Sullivan; Veterans of War Post 3 - commander Conrad Habermann; Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Long Island Chapter 135 - Ted Tupper.

Each leader introduced their members and some spoke of their war experiences. Mr. Tupper showed an actual video film taken at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Wichita, Kansas
Chapter 2

Infantry Div., Schofield Barracks) served as chairman of the dedication. VFW Commander Louie Cooper addressed the assembled crowd of over 60, paying tribute to the more than 2300 persons who died at Pearl Harbor and other military installations on the Island of Oahu.

The six foot polished granite monument was financed by donations from members of Wichita Chapter 2 and from friends.

By Earl M. Schaeffer
Chapter Treasurer
72nd Bomb Sq., Hickam Field

A monument dedicated to veterans of the Pearl Harbor attack was unveiled December 7 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Wichita.

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AMERICAN BATTLESHIP ASSOCIATION August 30 - September 5, 1998 at the Outrigger West Hotel-Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact the American Battleship Association, P.O. Box 711247, San Diego, CA 92122 phone (619) 271-6106.

USS NEVADA (BB-36) 45th annual reunion September 4 - 7, 1998 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the San Francisco Airport, California. Contact Woodrow Derby, 5633 Barclay Ave., San Diego, CA 92120 phone (619) 583-0677.

USS DOBBIN (AD-31) and destroyers alongside December 7, 1941 USS DEWEY (DD-349), USS MacDONOUGH (DD-351) and USS WORDEN (DD-352) September 11 - 14, 1998 in Laughlin, Nevada. Contact A. E. Stephenson, 1192 Ridgely Dr., Campbell, CA 95008-0740 - phone (408) 377-2880.


USS WEST VIRGINIA (BB-48) September 16 - 20, Sonoma County Hilton Hotel, Santa Rosa, California. Contact Bob Kronberger, P. O. Box 442, Big Bear City, CA 92314-0442 phone (909) 585-3448.

USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB-38) September 27 - 29, 1998 at the Best Western Seven Seas Lodge, San Diego, California. Telephone (800) 599-7887 for Lodge. Contact Bud Taylor, 2206 Royal Drive West, Chandler, TX 75758-5621 phone (903) 849-3277.

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Eighth District News

By Arthur Schreier
District Director

The Connecticut Chapter will be the host Chapter for the annual Eighth District Convention. This event will be held at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, Connecticut from Friday, October 16 to Sunday, October 18.

In as much as Chapters in the Eighth District are non-functional in the winter months and this report is due in mid-March, there is a shortage of news items. One newsworthy item is the unusual mildness of this winter in the southern part of the District. Some of us have not had a shovel in hand this season. Pity the unfortunate people who depend on snow plowing for part of their livelihood.

District Chapters resume meetings this month (March) and members are planning to be involved in a variety of activities this year.

CONNECTICUT
State Chairman Frank Stebbins

The Connecticut Nutmeg Chapter commenced its 1998 season with the annual St. Patrick's Day meeting, followed by a corned beef and cabbage dinner held at the VFW Post in Wallingford with new Chapter President Louis Trantaes (USS Pennsylvania) presiding. Outgoing President Joseph St. Pierre (USS Phoenix) was presented with a Past President cap.

The Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee is currently working to rename the West End Bridge in that city the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. Plans include installing a plaque and dedicating the bridge on December 7, 1998. Efforts are being coordinated by John G. Chiarella Sr., Colonel US Army Retired.

MASSACHUSETTS
State Chairman Walter Maciejowski

The Bay Patriots Chapter began the year with its first dinner and meetings on March 22 in Rockland.

Topics discussed for the coming year were the establishment of the Pearl Harbor Remembrance area or room aboard USS Massachusetts at Battleship Cove in Fall River, the Eighth District conference in October, the National Convention in December and the commissioning of USS Pearl Harbor. The Chapter has been invited by the Roslindale Day Parade Committee to march in their parade on October 4.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
State Chairman William Lefabvre

The Granite State Chapter is moving forward as fast as it possibly can towards the new century. It seems that we just completed a report about visiting the Veterans, during the National Salute to hospitalized Veterans in 1997. Well here I go again reporting for 1998. Woody McDonald (64th Coast Art., Ft. Shafter) and I are doing the honors for another season. It gives the Veterans such a lift that you feel grateful, enthusiastic and happy to be able to help them.

Pre-applications for burial plots at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery are finally available. I have received some for New Hampshire Veterans, male and female, of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

It has paid handsome to keep trying to sign up survivors who have not joined the PHSA. I have sent in two applications to National with a third yesterday. It is expected that the names will appear in a future GRAM.

The Granite State Chapter started the 1998 activities with a luncheon followed by a meeting at the Cat and Fiddle Restaurant in Concord, on April 17.

VERMONT
State Chairman Arnold Tibbetts

In late February the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Vermont passed a joint Resolution honoring Vice State Chairman Al Hinton (97th Coast Art., Ft. Kamehameha). The last paragraph of this resolution follows:

"That the General Assembly is pleased that Vermont Route 105 has been designated to honor and remember those Vermonters who served at Pearl Harbor and recognizes the special effort of Al Hinton, without whose leadership this important road designation would not have occurred."

In the photo at the highway dedication are Art and Ann Schreier (USS Henley), Raeve Lindberg daughter of Charles Lindberg and Al Hinton.

This Says It All!

Wheel cover of Washington State Chapter 10 Vice President Claris W. Mays (USS Nevada).
Orlando, Florida
Chapter 2

Members of Central Florida Chapter 2 gathered at their Memorial Monument on the Naval Base, Orlando on December 7 for the memorial service. The Naval Base is to close April 30, 1999.

Team 5 Of Navy Seals Reserve Unit Hears
The Pearl Harbor Story

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
CA Vice State Chairman
South

The applause and enthusiasm was self evident as the Frogmen of Sea and Land Team 5, wearing their camouflaged uniforms one that sets them apart from normal naval units, gave the Pearl Harbor Survivors a tremendous ovation, as each of the three speakers told of their experiences on December 7, 1941.

The Speakers Bureau is headed up by Jesse Thompson, a Pearl Harbor Survivor at age 13 who is currently an associate member and chairman of San Diego Chapter 3's Speakers Bureau. Thompson, whose father was aboard the USS Curtiss, was visiting a friend on Ford Island when the Japanese attacked.

Other members of the speaking group were Gordon Jones, (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) and Ralph Lindenmeyer (A&R NAS Ford Island).

The class room at the Coronado SEAL base was jam-packed with young and old members of the team. A handful were veterans from Viet Nam. One in particular, Pete Carolan, was involved in the Astronaut recovery operation at a time when the capsules splashed down in the Pacific Ocean after an historic adventure in outer space.

Thompson, a former San Diego State University quarterback, dazzled the audience with his ability to quickly recite the facts that led up to and including December 7, 1941.

He also set up a table filled with many artifacts and pictures of December 7, which attracted genuine interest from these Navy frogmen.

We later found out that Carolan was an artist, who painted the SEAL poster among many of his other paintings and murals.

In the photo Navy SEAL Pete Carolan shows off his poster flanked by Ralph Lindenmeyer, Gordon Jones and Jesse Thompson.

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Alabama State Convention

By George L. Murray
Chemical, Schofield Barracks

Alabama survivors, their families and guests assembled at the Governors’ House Motel in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 6, 1997. This was the first state-wide meeting of both Alabama Chapters and Members-at-Large.

Survivors started arriving on the afternoon of December 5, and gathered in the Hospitality Room to enjoy hors d’oeuvres prepared by ladies of Chapter 2, Grovone Blair and Robbye Walton, ably assisted by Tevis Parker, the wife of our Past State Chairman Norman Parker.

On December 6, a combined meeting of all survivors was conducted by State Chairman George Murray. A Proclamation from Governor Fob James, designating December 7, 1997 as PHSA Remembrance Day was obtained through the efforts of Norman Parker and Anna Busby.

At the buffet on Saturday evening, Mr. Wilburn Ingram provided piano selections during the meal. Retired Major Paul Lewis, US Air Force, was guest speaker. He provided insights on the Air Force Missile Operations, and some personal experiences from his assignments in the Air Force.

Sunday morning, December 7 at 0755 hours, a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the flag pole in front of the motel. A Color Guard with a bugler was provided by the US Air Force from Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. After the posting of the colors, Past State Chairman, Norman Parker (97th C/A Ft Kamehamea) spoke on the importance of this ceremony. The wreath was placed on a stand at the flag pole by President of Chapter 1, Glenn McNeill (27th Inf Reg Schofield Bks) and President of Chapter 2, Russell Blair (35th Inf Reg Schofield Bks). At the laying of the wreath, TAPS was sounded by the bugler from the Air Force.

On December 28 Liberty Bell Chapter 1 had our annual Christmas party at the Naval Inventory Control Point, the same facility at which we hold our monthly meetings.

In the photo standing are Jess Forbes (USS Conyngham), Roger Lowery (USS Phoenix), Jim Hairston (VP-25 NAS Ford Island), Tom Sanford (USS Detroit), John McElroy (USS Helm), Bob Snyder (USS Detroit), Tony Manco (53rd Coast Art., Schofield Bks.) and Alex Horanzy (24th Infantry Div., Schofield Bks).

Kneeling are Walt Marchlowitz (USS Whitney), Irv Gerben (VP-12 NAS Kaneohe), Tom Wendl (USS Rigel), Rowland Hoefle (USS Argonne) and Keith Millikan (USS Phoenix).

Philadelphia Liberty Bell Chapter 1

By John J. McElroy
Chapter Treasurer

On December 4 John McElroy and Irv Gerben spoke before a group of seventh and eighth graders at Pepper Middle School in Philadelphia about the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II.

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WRIGHT, Clarence (USS Tangier) and Vi, P. O. Box 2767, Vincennes, IN 47591-2767 - August 1, 1998.

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MCKEE, Ottis (USCG Base Radio, Diamond Head) and Evelyn D., 15415 64th Ave. NE, Bothell, WA 98011 - July 31, 1998.


HOLCOMB, Denver L. (3rd Def Bn., USMC) and Mary E., 510 Hover St., Oceanside, CA 92054 - June 27, 1998.

DAWSON, Earle M. (USS Ramapo) and Mildred B., P.O. Box 20414 Bullhead City, AZ 86443-0414 - August 13, 1998.

ENGLER, Walt (55th Coast Art., Fort Ruger) and Frances, 1015 Kresky Rd., Centralia, WA 98531-3729.


HEATH, Horace "Dale" (USS Medusa) and Iva, 709 W. 12th St., Newkirk, OK 74446 - July 26, 1998.


MOON, Kenneth A. (Communications, 14th Naval District) and Wilma, 1145 Eastwood Dr., Booneville, AR 72927-5517 - August 21, 1998.

WHITE, Henry C. (USCG Taney) and Dona J., 17432 41st St. SE Snohomish, WA 98290-8510 - July 17, 1998.

CMEYLA, Richard H. (Patrol Wing 1, NAS Kaneohe) and Bess, P.O. Box 12, Luxemburg, WI 54212-0012 - June 12, 1998.

McKINLEY, Joe L. (USS Cassin) and Maggie, 619 15th St., Nederland, TX 77627 - July 4, 1998.

KLEPPS, Edmund G. (USS Helena) and Alma, 65 Harwinton Ave., Terryville, CT 06786 - August 28, 1998.

TAYLOR, W. V. "Bud" (USS Pennsylvania) and Markoleta, 2206 Royal Dr. W., Chandler, TX 75758-5621 - June 30, 1998.

RUPP, Edwin (USS Tennessee) and Mary Lou, 323 Coy Lane, Cibolo, TX 78108-3000 - March 7, 1998.

ELROD, James M. (5th Chemical Co., Hickam Field) and Sarah P., 521 S. 17th St., Palatka, FL 32177 - June 1, 1998.

ADAMS, George D. (USS Oklahoma) and Dorothy, RD 1 Box 98A, Hegin's, PA 17938-9734 - August 29, 1998.

DITTOE, James W. "Jim" (USS West Virginia) 6512 Balsam Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-1924 - July 8, 1998.

CHILDRESS, Elmer (USS Reid) and Lois, 332 Westway Dr. #11, Kerrville, TX 78028 - June 17, 1998.

DAVIS, William "Bill" (58th Bomb Sq., Hickam Field) and Lilian, 18755 Chaco Lane, Apple Valley, CA 92307 - June 23, 1998.

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SERR, Charles T. (USS Pennsylvania) and Mary, 8585 Rockledge Rd., La Mesa, CA 91941-7923 - July 24, 1998.

HARVELL, Jesse A. (34th Engineers, Schofield Barracks) and Mildred, 612 Syeamore St., Weldon, NC 27890 - May 1, 1998.

GERTSCHEN, Edward A. (USS Dobbin) and Isabella, 2428 Walnut, Waukegan, IL 60087 - July 24, 1998.

BUCKHOLZ, Albery J., Jr. (USS Nevada) and Evie, 4615 S. Long Lake Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49002-6611 - August 2, 1998.

HEFFELFINGER, Don (VP-11, NAS Kaneohe) and Estelle, 643 Milverton Rd., Los Altos, CA 94022-3928 - February 14, 1998.

BEVERLY, Howard J. "Cotton" (11th Field Art., Schofield Bar-
racks) and Ruth Ellen, 2301 Oleander Dr., Waycross, GA 31501-6185 - June 19, 1998.

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GUEVREMONT, Eugene (USS Pennsylvania) and Anne, 3118 Bridgeway Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506-7424 - June 22, 1998.


LAND, John (USS Maryland) and Anita, 1905 W. 40th St., Austin, TX 78731 - May 1, 1998.

SHISH, Paul (251st Coast Art., Camp Malakole), and Margie, 9062 Oak St., Plum, PA 15239 - May 9, 1998.

FREISMUTH, William (USS Oglala) and Terry, 2207 Meads St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909 - March 30, 1998.

JOHNSON, J. R. (USS Tennessee) and Shirley, 1547 E. 4130 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84124 - July 2, 1998.

PALADINO, David (98th Coast Art., Schofield Barracks) and Margaret, 7681 Tahiti Lane #202, Lake Worth, FL 33467 - May 30, 1998.

SMITH, Frank W. (USS Curtiss) and Bonnie, 405 N. Ocean Blvd #508, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 - May 29, 1998.

LORI, George (USS Argonne) and Marjorie L., 1101 Cordova St. #33, Anchorage, AK 99501 - August 1, 1998.

KELLY, Edward (15th Coast Art., Fort Barroeta) and Beulah, 103 Bay Blvd., Havre De Grace, MD 21078-3813.

SARANTAPOLAS, Peter (USS Argonne) and Geraldine, 104 Rennert Lane, Bardonia, NY 10541-1527 - August 9, 1998.

BLANK, Raymond W. (USS Sicard) and Henrietta L., 3344 Krem Ave., St Ann, MO 63024 - June 5, 1998.

SOCHA, Edward J. (Flag on USS Maryland) and Naomi A., 721 Plumbrock Rd., Sun City Center, FL 33573-6459 - August 4, 1998.

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FUITEN, Fred J. (17th Air Base Gp., Hickam Field) and Lois, 2710 Timberline Trail, Palestine, TX 75801 - July 4, 1998.

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Colorado Mile High Chapter 1

By Irvin C. Obermeyer
Chapter Secretary

Colorado Mile High Chapter 1 had its annual ceremony at 10:55 on December 7 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial at the Colorado State Capitol. Our guest speaker was Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives Chuck Berry.

Chapter President Charles Graef was the Master of Ceremonies, and Past Third District Director Frank Mack was the chaplain.

As usual at these ceremonies we received good TV and newspaper coverage. This memorial was dedicated in October 1983 and was paid for by the Colorado Pearl Harbor Survivors to honor those young men and women who gave their all and those who were serving their country in the Armed Forces on that day. Our President called it a Day of Infamy.

Florida Sons And Daughters

Sixth District Director Fred Couture (18th A/B Grp., Bel lows Field) installed newly appointed Sons and Daughters PHS Sixth District Director Sandra Sikes on March 14 at a joint meeting of Florida Chapter 6 and Florida S&DPHS Chapter 1.

Executive Board Directives

EBD 7-97
Kathy Billings, Superintendent of Parks in Honolulu, requested all of our artifacts and memorabilia be inspected by the museum and two ladies from Western Archeological and Conservation Center. Bob Kirby, Assistant Storekeeper, has agreed to come and assist in unpacking and repacking.

As per Section 15 of the Handbook, approval of Bob Kirby’s travel expenses of $194.00 is requested. Approved unanimously.

EBD 8-97
Whereas the PHSA, Inc. General Fund Account has averaged $32,000 to $36,000, drawing a checking account interest of 2.7%, the PHSA, Inc. National Treasurer requested permission from the PHSA, Inc. National Executive Board to limit our General Fund Account to $15,000.

The remainder of this fund is to be placed in a nine (9) month CD with interest rate of 4.5%. Approved: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1stDD, 2ndDD, 3rdDD, 4thDD, 5thDD, 6thDD and 8thDD. Disapproved: 7thDD.

EBD 9-97
The Scholarship Committee’s report was submitted to the PHSA, Inc. National President. This report was then submitted to the National Executive Board for review and/or approval. This report will be submitted to the membership sitting in a legal convention in Las Vegas NV, 1998, for final approval prior to implementation. Approved unanimously.

Help! Help! Help!

I was the fiancée of Louis Herman Weidner (born 1920 died 1942) who enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1939, trained at Newport, Rhode Island, and was assigned to the USS Neosho on August 7, 1939. He survived Pearl Harbor but was missing in action May 7, 1942 and was declared officially dead May 8, 1943. In the photo, Lou is on the left in the front row.

I am searching for anyone who knew Lou from training or on the Neosho. He was a Signalman third class.

I would appreciate any information regarding Pearl Harbor, the Coral Sea or the USS Neosho.

I have accumulated a lot of information about him, but have not been able to locate anyone who knew him.

If you knew him or have photos or any other information, please contact me. Annamae D. Bakun, 32 Canal St., Yardley, PA 19067 phone (215) 493-3390.
Missouri Survivors

By Richard F. Ferguson
64th Coast Artillery, Ft. Shafter

Five Missouri Survivors got together on December 7, 1997 for breakfast. Three of them, Dick Ferguson, Fred Russell (USS Conyngham) and Nelson Glidewell (USS Oklahoma) have been together for breakfast every year since 1958.

Others present in 1997 are Larry Murphy (USS Tangier) and Bob Marlowe (USS Dobbin).

In the photo they are Glidewell, Russell, Murphy, Marlowe and Ferguson.

Kansas City, Kansas Metro Chapter 3

By Dorwin Lamkin
USS Nevada

On December 7, 1997 all of the Perkins Family Restaurants in eastern Kansas and western Missouri flew their flags at half staff in observance of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Ray Brennan, the Perkins executive responsible, is in the photo receiving a plaque from Kansas City Metro Chapter 3 Vice President Stan Levitt (USS Rigel) and Kansas State Chairman Bob Rowlands (USS Nevada).

New York Chapter 5

By Henry J. Cudzilo
Chapter President
27th Inf Reg
Schofield Bks


In 1968, twenty-six survivors were present at the local Chief Petty Officers Club in Rochester to sign the Charter.

Over the last several years membership had swelled to approximately forty-six men. During those years, our members have dedicated themselves to insure that the memory of December 7, 1941, will not fade in the memories of the people in this community and this nation.

Time has taken a toll in this membership but the thirteen remaining members of this Chapter will strive to keep alive the memory of those who died during the Japanese attack and to those survivors who have since died.

Our most recent loss was a man most respected and loved by our members. He was retired Navy Commander Stanley T. Kamienski (USS Solace) a charter member of this organization.

Stan and other deceased members of this chapter, as well as those who died during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, will be remembered in special ceremonies at the 130th Annual Memorial Service in Rochester on May 17, 1998.
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Be advised that the National Convention will be held at the Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 1998.
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Survivor Celebrates 95th Birthday

By Robert D. Sullivan
Assistant Editor
251st Coast Art. Camp Malakole

California Chapter 31 staged a surprise birthday party for fellow member Guy H. Dunbar (USS Phoenix) February 17, 1998 in celebration of his 95th birthday. Guy is, according to California State Chairman Jake Jackel, the oldest member of the California Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. He is possibly the oldest member in the United States.

Guy enlisted in the Navy on June 6, 1920 and retired as a chief warrant officer in 1950. In December 1941, he had orders for retirement as a chief petty officer, but his plans were altered when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Guy is very active in the chapter and has served several terms as a trustee. He never misses a meeting or any activity planned by the chapter. He goes on all bus trips to Las Vegas, Laughlin, Reno, etc. Guy lives alone and does all his own chores around the house, even prepares his own meals. His hobby is fishing and on a recent visit to Alaska, he said that he threw back any fish weighing less than thirty pounds. Guy recently purchased a new car and does all his own driving.

With a remarkable memory and sharp wit he delights in telling his stories to others. Where ever he goes, he is the center of attention with his sea and war stories.

In addition to his land duty, which included recruiting, he served on the USS Texas, USS Richmond, USS Nevada, USS Arizona, USS Tennessee, and the USS Phoenix.

RAID ON OAHU, MARCH 3, 1942

Researcher would like to hear from members at Pearl Harbor or on Oahu on the night of March 3, 1942 for written or oral interviews about memories of the second attack by Japanese flying boats on that night. A book on this attack is planned. Please contact Steve Horn, 701 Greenwood Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28791-1905 or call (704) 693-6194.
Arkansas Chapter 2

By Dale Bradford
Motorpool NAS Ford Island

On December 7, 1997 thirteen Members of the Arkansas Chapter 2 met in Fort Smith to place a Memorial in the National Cemetery in honor of all who were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Chapter 2 also placed a similar Memorial in the National Cemetery in Fayetteville on December 7, 1995.

Fort Smith Mayor Ray Baker was the Keynote Speaker for the Dedication Service at the National Cemetery. Mayor Baker also arranged for our catered lunch in the City Council Chambers in the City Administration Building adjacent to the Cemetery.

In the photo are Chapter President Dale Bradford, Past President Carl Miller (64th Coast Art Ft Shafter), Vice President Wally Tuel (14th Naval District) and Secretary/Treasurer Scott Farris (US Navy Tennessee).

Seventh District Convention

By Hugh M. Roper
HQ 11th Bomb Gp., Hickam Field

Maryland Chapter 1 will host the Seventh District Convention October 4 - 6, 1998 at the Best Western Hotel in Lanham, Maryland.

The Chapter has invited the Governor of Maryland to attend the Flag Raising ceremony on October 6. This will be major event with the ceremonial brass unit of the U.S. Air Force band and an armed forces color guard from the military district of Washington, District of Columbia doing the honors.

States in the Seventh District are Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and District of Columbia.

Tours of the U.S. Naval Academy and the White House are scheduled.

The theme for the Sunday evening banquet is Hawaiian, with aloha shirts, Hawaiian buffet and an outstanding Hawaiian show and entertainment.

All Seventh District Survivors, spouses, next of kin, and Sons and Daughters are invited.

The Seventh District convention committee is Past National President Gerry Glaubitz (USS San Francisco), Ken Jenkins (Radio Station Lualualei), Alex Harris (USS Dale), Roger Thomas (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) and Jack Wagner (58th Bomb Sq., Hickam Field).

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