Admiral Kimmel and General Short Exonerated

From the Associated Press

The Senate voted on May 25 to exonerate the Navy and Army commanders accused of dereliction of duty in the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The Senate approved 52-47 an effort by Delaware Senator William Roth to restore the reputations of Admiral Husband Kimmel and General Walter Short, the two commanders of the United States military forces in the Pacific at the time of the December 1941 attack.

The issue was raised in a minor amendment to the $288.8 billion defense spending bill. But it led to a two-day emotional debate revisiting one of the nation’s worst military disasters.

Now Hear This!
A Message from the National President

We the People

Soon after I was elected to the office of District Director I got an inside view of how many of our Fellow Survivors felt the only way to get things done was to go directly to the National President. All that this procedure really accomplishes is confusion.

If all of our members felt the same way we would have a dictatorial organization where the views of the majority of our fellow survivors would not be a consideration, and it would be difficult for the responsible PHSA leadership to turn back to the general membership their inherent right to representative government. To insure that each Survivor has the right to express
Pearl Harbor Bridge

By Arthur R. Schreier
8th District Director
Following the dedication of the Pearl Harbor Memorial

Bridge in Waterbury, Connecticut, on December 7, 1998, the City of Waterbury erected Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge signs. The picture was published in the May 1999 issue of the GRAM.

Fred Perkins of the Bay Patriots Chapter in Massachusetts saw the picture and thought it was not worthy of the event it was commemorating. Fred volunteered to make, deliver and install new signs at no cost to the Connecticut Chapter or the City of Waterbury. Fred, his son James Perkins and his nephew William Otis performed this most generous act in mid May. Both the Connecticut Chapter and the City of Waterbury are most appreciative of the efforts and good will of Fred, Jimmy and Billy. Surely this is the embodiment of President Kronberger’s goal of having cooperation between the Chapters.

Secretary’s Message

Please be advised that the Congressional Commemorative Medals are in short supply and it is my understanding that they will not be replenished.

If the District Directors, Past District Directors, National or State Officers have left-over medals in their possession, please send them to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Administrative Office.

It is hard to believe we are still getting new members and they have not received the Commemorative Medals which they are entitled to receive.

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his or her own opinion, and for the majority to agree upon or reject the suggestion, it is necessary to have, in house, various levels of discussion so we can determine the desires of the majority of the membership of our organization. That is the path that I have always believed in, and also the one that I intend to follow.

I find that the biggest obstacle in getting the Survivors on the chapter level to make the system work for them is that they will not follow the normal paths that can make the system work in their favor. They prefer to start at the top and work backwards. This practice is costly and time consuming. It is also embarrassing to those in the middle who are asked to act upon, or supply information, on situations that they are not aware of or informed of. When we operate in this mode, the only ones that profit are the Postal Service and the telephone companies. It is suggested that when you feel like writing to or talking to someone that you wish to share your thoughts with, take a look at SECTION 9, COMMUNICATIONS, of our National By-Laws.

When I receive a letter or a telephone call from a fellow Survivor that requires official action, I immediately contact the District Director concerned to bring him up to date on the subject and will have him investigate the situation. This would have been easier for those in the “Chain of Command” and the E. Board if they were aware of any problem about this from the onset.

If there is a situation that a Survivor feels should be brought to the attention of the entire membership, the proper place to start is at the chapter. Discuss it and think it over among friends. If the chapter feels that the discussion deserves further action, it then should be passed on to the state organization where it can be reviewed and placed in the proper form of a resolution and then passed on to the District Director for action. The District Director is elected by the Survivors of a district to be the prime representative from their area and to act on all matters coming from his district to be brought before the National Executive Board. He is the one that was elected to present the proposals to the national organization that originate on the State and Chapter Levels. He is also the C.E.O. of his district with the responsibility to see that our Constitution and By-Laws are followed on all levels of our organization, in this territory. In this capacity, he checks it to see if new proposals or resolutions have been acted on before, be within our constitutional confines, or to determine if it requires a constitutional or by-laws change.

If any PHSA member has a problem that he feels he does not wish to share with others, he is free to either call me by telephone or write to me. I will always do my best to satisfy their wishes.

We have an excellent group of District Directors, and they are all eager to be of assistance to the membership of their districts. If you let them do their jobs and go to them for help, you will find that your problems will be solved more easily, faster and with less confusion. We all benefit when the system works.

Robert S. Kronberger

At Sea With The USS Pearl Harbor

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
California State Chairman

Another milestone was bridged on June 4, 1999 when less than 40 members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association were selected for “Sea Duty”.

The “old men who went to sea” came from five different chapters in southern California, as part of the ship’s Dependents Day cruise. Nearly 300 family members and guests were afforded the opportunity to spend a day at sea with their dads and moms.

Gordon Jones, the PHSA National Envoy to the USS Pearl Harbor made the arrangements. He was restricted to a small number of survivors for the day trip, which was specifically for dependents of crew members.

Commanding Officer James J. Bird announced the day’s activities soon after the ship got under way. Highlights of these events included demonstrations of the LCAC in actual operation. The LCAC is a Landing Craft Air Cushion with speeds up to 40 knots in all kinds of weather conditions. It carries Marines and their equipment.

Later in the day, about 60 miles west of San Diego, Navy F-18s provided oohs and aahs from the visitors as they skimmed over the ship’s masts on several fly-by passes.

The ship’s helicopters landings on the flight deck proved to be the major attraction.

The demonstration of the ship’s computerized firing power of the 25 mm/50 cal guns proved exciting to watch.

Important Message about annual dues.

SEE THE BACK PAGE
Memorial Day At Arlington National Cemetery

At the conclusion of the California State Convention on May 30, National President Bob Kronberger and his wife Marion, departed Ontario, California Airport for the Baltimore/Washington Airport, arriving there around midnight. They were met there by our Director of Veteran Affairs, Frank Costagliola (USS Phoenix) who took them to their hotel in Alexandria, VA. Frank picked them up again on the early morning of May 31, and escorted them to the White House in Washington, D.C. After the usual security checks and positive identifications by the Secret Service agents they were escorted to inner parts of the White House, where they were treated to a delightful gourmet breakfast and music provided by the U.S. Army String Band.

They were later joined by our Capitol Liaison Representative, 7th District Director Anthony DiLorenzo and his wife Vicky. They then were received by the President of the United States and some members of the President’s Cabinet. Upon conclusion of the White House receptions, the participants were motored to the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as guests of the Secretary of Defense and the Commanding General of the United States Army, Military District of Washington.

Upon the arrival at Amphitheater the National President Bob Kronberger and 7th District Director and their wives were again met by Frank Costagliola, who made sure that the PHSA official party was properly seated in their assigned reserved box seats for the 131st Memorial Day Program. President Bob Kronberger was part of the official entourage of President Clinton’s Wreath Laying Ceremony. Later in the program, Bob Kronberger and Tony DiLorenzo laid the PHSA Wreath, provided by the PHSA Northern Virginia Chapter, on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Upon completion of the day’s ceremonies, Bob and Marion, Tony and Vicky lunched with the PHSA Northern Virginia Chapter in Alexandria.

In the photo are Frank Costagliola and Bob Kronberger at the Pearl Harbor Tree.

After touring historic Washington, Virginia and Maryland, Bob and Marion visited New Hampshire. Upon their return to Washington, on their way home, our National President was the honored guest at a reception held at the Naval Memorial by the Director of the Defense Energy Support Center for VIPs of European Nations. The guests were dignitaries of State and Military positions in their countries.

It was announced at the reception that the meeting was dedicated to Robert Kronberger and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

GEORGE DANKO
Quartermaster Depot,
Fort Armstrong
Born March 19, 1918
Died May 30, 1999
George was past president of New Jersey Chapter 2 and was past State Chairman of New Jersey. He also served as Seventh District Director.

We mourn our loss.
THE MEMBERS OF NEW JERSEY CHAPTER 2.

Remember the Honor & Memorial Scholarship Fund in your will
California Congressman Presented With Honorary Membership Certificate

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
CA State Chairman

We finally caught up with California Congressman Duncan Hunter, not in his office in Washington, not in his office in El Cajon, California, but on a golf course in San Diego County.

We were told that the Congressman was at a fund-raiser at the Steele Canyon Country Club and for us to join him there. Little did we realize that many people paid good money to attend and play golf with him.

Gordon Jones, (VP-14 NAS Kaneohe) and myself, all decked out in our finest Pearl Harbor uniforms, white pants, Aloha shirt and official caps, felt strangely out of place where the guest of honor and friends were in their golf clothes.

We were treated to an excellent buffet and were genuinely the honored ones of the day. The presentation was made by Gordon Jones and Ralph Lindenmeyer with loud applause and a grateful Congressman made no bones about his affection for Pearl Harbor Survivors. His acceptance speech was both humble and eloquent.

The inscription on the certificate stated: “It is with great pleasure that the California Pearl Harbor Survivors Association grant honorary membership in the state organization.

TO DUNCAN HUNTER
OF THE 52nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN CALIFORNIA

Whose outstanding efforts in presenting a resolution to the Congress of the United States regarding a U.S. Naval Vessel to be named the USS Pearl Harbor. With major support from all members of the House and Senate, President George Bush made the announcement on December 7, 1992 that a ship named the USS Pearl Harbor would be so named.”

Signed by National President Robert Kronberger and California State Chairman, Ralph Lindenmeyer.

Utah Salt Lake City Chapter 1

Utah Salt Lake City Chapter 1 held their December 7 memorial at the Memory Grove in front of the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

In the photo are Utah State Chairman Art Buell and Salt Lake City Chapter 1 President Darrel Stevens.

Hot Off The Press...

In 1991, the PHSA and Turner Publishing Co. published the history of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the lives of those who survived 7 December 1941. We are proud to announce the release of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Volume II. This beautiful book includes vivid stories written by Survivors; powerful photographs; over 600 Survivor biographies with “then & now” pictures; an updated PHSA Membership Roster; and a tribute to Medal of Honor awardees. Included are biographies, stories and photos representing the U.S. Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, White Caps, and the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. 176 pages, 9"x12", hardbound. $52.50 + $6.00 shipping/handling.

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Eighth District News

By Arthur Schreier
District Director

All Chapters were involved in observances of Memorial Day. These observances ranged from parades to flag raisings to grave decorating and, of course, speeches. Similar activities occurred on July 4th. District members may be aging but it’s a pleasant surprise to see how many of them turn out for these events.

Reservations for the District Convention in October are coming in and from all appearances it looks like another great get-together of Pearl Harbor Survivors. New York Chapters are hosting and the Nevelle Grande is a fine place for this convention.

In April, Past National President Lee Goldfarb and the Eighth District Director were keynote speakers at the dedication of a Pearl Harbor monument and benches at Frazer Park in Merrimack New Hampshire.

Members of the Granite State Chapter led by State Chairman Bill Lefabvre are doing a fine job of keeping Pearl Harbor remembered. ‘WELL DONE’, Bill.

CONNECTICUT: State Chairman Frank Stebbins

At the May meeting Memorial Services were held for the 17 Connecticut men killed at Pearl Harbor and the Chapter members who have died in the last year. This service was conducted by Mary Nerkowski and included the placing of flowers and the playing of Taps. Guests in attendance were Colonel John Chairella and Vincent Codiani, both of whom were instrumental in getting the bridge in Waterbury named as a Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. Flowers were also put on the graves of John Lunt and Vincent Horan, victims of the Japanese attack, whose bodies were returned to their home towns following World War II.

On Memorial Day the Chapter had good representation in the parade held in West Haven, and received a great deal of applause for the entire length of the march.

MASSACHUSETTS: State Chairman
Walter Maciejowski

With the return of USS Massachusetts to Battleship Cove in Fall River the Chapter can now focus on completing the “Pearl Harbor Remembrance Rooms”. The Chapter has been given two rooms for this project. One room will be for the video tape where visitors will be able to view the event which occurred on December 7, 1941. The second room will house donated artifacts, memorabilia and library.

Chapter members participated in several Memorial Day ceremonies at various locations. I always attend the ceremony in Boston.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: State Chairman
William R. Lefabvre

Now that the dedication of the Memorial Plaque and benches is history I would like to thank 8th District Director Art Schreier and Past National President Lee Goldfarb for coming all this way to be part of the April ceremony. The turnout was excellent despite the cold windy weather.

On the 29th my wife Zonia and I were at the Veterans Home in Tilton for Veterans Affairs Orientation. We received valuable Veterans information from both State and National officials.

The Granite State Chapter sends best wishes to all as the year 2000 approaches.

NEW YORK: State Chairman Dan Fruchter
NY Chapter Four: President Joe Medure

At our meeting of June 6 aboard USS Intrepid, we opened with a special prayer for those men who attacked Omaha Beach on D-Day 55 years ago. Prayers were also said for those lost on December 7, 1941.

Chapter members were in attendance at Memorial Day ceremonies aboard USS Intrepid.

NY Chapter 7: President Anthony J Marra

April dinner and service excellent as always. Total present 20. It was noted that members Raymond Webb and Ralph Osterhoudt spoke to students in the New Berlin and Richfield Springs Schools. Also noted was the introduction by Congressman Jack Quinn of a bill to make December 7th a National Holiday.

Pearl Harbor Survivors are invited as honored guests to participate in the Camden parade on July 12.

NY Chapter 8: President Ted Tupper

On June 16 the chapter met for the annual luncheon/meeting at the 56th Fighter Group Restaurant in Farmingdale. The meeting was well attended and the food was as good as the company. This was our last meeting until the third Sunday in September.

VERMONT: State Chairman Arnold Tibbetts

The Green Mountain Chapter 1 held the May 16 meeting in Essex Junction, Vermont. There were four members present and an enjoyable time was had by all.
PHSA Honors Jeannie Kirk

Among the many participating in Jeannie's retirement on April 29, were Past National President Lee Goldfarb, Betty and Jack Martin, and Mary and Leo Harkins in photo. Not in photo were Seventh District Director Tony DiLorenzo and his wife Vicky.

Lee Goldfarb represented PHSA in presenting the plaque to Jeannie as well as a platter from New Jersey Chapter 2.

The presentation was on board the USS Barry at the Washington DC Navy Yard.

Lee Goldfarb said those of us who worked alongside Jeannie in getting the Pearl Harbor Congressional Commemorative Medal know how hard Jeannie worked for the Survivors not only in the design but in checking applications (well over 20,000 passed her desk) as well as replacing Medals lost by fire, thefts, and many other reasons.

We will all miss our Jeannie but we wish her many happy years and much enjoyment in her well deserved retirement years.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association presented the plaque at left to Jeannie Kirk because of her invaluable assistance to PHSA in the distribution of the Congressional Commemorative Pearl Harbor Medals.
Prayer for the Dead

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

SCHILLING, Devon C.
Schofield Barracks
Dupont, WA

LAGANA, Joseph J.
98th C/A, Schofield Bks
Charlotte, NC

KURKOWSKI, Gene J.
443rd Sig Co Hickam Fld
Utica, NY

LUND, Silas D.
24th Inf Div Schofield Bks
Oklahoma City, OK

FRANCIS, Hollis B.
USS Pennsylvania
Norfolk, NE

LONGBOTTOM, Ralph
HQ Haw A/F, Hickam Fld
Del Ray Beach, FL

FOSTER, Herbert F. Sr.
35th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Middleton, NH

ROUSSEAU, Francis I.
21st Inf Div Schofield Bks
Syracuse, NY

NICOLAI, Theodore W. Jr.
USS Ogala
Garden Grove, CA

FRY, Harold H.
58th Bomb Sq, Hickam Fld
Lake Charles, LA

GODDING, James D.
3rd Def Bn USMC
Charlestown, MA

PAUL, Howard C. Sr.
27th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Baltimore, MD

RUBENS, Reven A.
HQ 18th Pur Gp, Wheeler Fld
Dover, DE

WOHLFROM, Harold A.
USS San Francisco
Woodland, CA

AGIDIUS, James P.
USS Honolulu
Moscow, ID

WILLIAMS, Dennis
34th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Stone Mountain, CA

McMURTRY, Paul J.
USS Nevada
Rio Hondo, TX

WITTENBURG, Arlin J.
USS Oklahoma
Waverly, IA

FAY, Mathew E.
VP-22 NAS Ford Island
East Weymouth, MA

MERVINE, John R.
HQ 18th Bomb Wg Hickam Fld
Ashville, NC

STALLINGS, Norman W.
Admin Sub Base
Portland, OR

CHERRY, William N.
19th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Greenville, NC

PIERSON, Vincent D.
27th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Richfield Springs, NY

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In Memoriam

Frederick F. Couture
18th A/B Group
Bellows Field

Born: May 20, 1922
Died: April 22, 1999

Fred was Sixth District Director in 1997 and 1998.

He was instrumental in having Florida Interstate Highway 10 from Jacksonville to the Alabama state line named Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway.

He will be greatly missed by Florida Chapter 6 and the Sixth District.

He is survived by his wife Mary G. son Adam and daughter Glenda.

In Memoriam

George Danko
Quartermaster Depot
Fort Armstrong

Born: March 19, 1918
Died: May 30, 1999

George was an ardent PHSA supporter. He was Seventh District Director in 1993 and 1994.

He was Past President of New Jersey Chapter and Past New Jersey State Chairman.

He is survived by his wife Ellie, two daughters Georgina Dentner and Diane Tavigis, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was interred in Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway, New Jersey.
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64th C/A Ft Shafter
Apple Valley, CA

LEACH, Miles R.
MAG-21 USMC
EWA Air Base
Santa Ana, CA

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USS Tangier
Concord, CA

MAGHSWILL, Harry C.
USS Downes
West Allis, WI

SMITH, William F.
USS Nevada
Hemet, CA

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64th F/A Schofield Bks
Washington, DC

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VP-22 NAS Ford Island
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Zana “Mickie” Eckel

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Her Husband
Joseph E. Dilloway
USS Castor

Zana “Mickie” Eckel

Born: December 28, 1923
Died: May 21, 1999

She was the loving and devoted wife of William Eckel, PHSA National Treasurer.

“Mickie” was always helpful in the office and at national conventions. She will be dearly missed by her family and her many friends within the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

In Memoriam

Memorial And Scholarship Fund

The Fund has been changed to include scholarships and to request donations from Survivors, Chapters and other individuals. An acknowledgement will be sent to the donor, regardless of the amount received. The Pearl Harbor Gram will list names of Donor and Honoree of donations in the amount of $30.00 or more. Please send all donations to the National Treasurer.

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Foss, OK

MEADOR, Ottwell
USS Pennsylvania
Virginia Beach, VA

COLEMAN, James R.
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TOSCANO, Herman
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Los Banos, CA

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ONISI, Paul N.
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Spokane, WA

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GAUDET, Edward F.
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BRUMWELL, Lloyd G. Sr.
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Citrus Heights, CA

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**Pearl Harbor Survivor Stories Wanted**

I am writing a book on personal accounts of the Pearl Harbor attack. If you are interested in telling your story, please contact me at the below address and I will send you an information packet.

Harry Spiller, John A. Logan College, RR 2, Carterville, IL 62918
  e-mail harryspiller@jal.cc.il.us
Third District Happenings

By George Blake
District Director

Since being elected to district office I have tried to visit as many chapters as possible. As of this writing, wife Helen and I have visited nine chapters in four states. Our visits have been well received and we have enjoyed meeting many new comrades and renewing contacts with many others. In the months ahead we are planning to visit the other eight chapters mostly in the more easterly states of our district.

The chapters we visited were carrying on the mission of PHSA as well as membership and age permits. We were particularly impressed with the support of our ladies. Wives and widows were present and active in all the meetings we attended. In some chapters they function as secretaries and editors of the local publication. They also frequently serve on committees. In one chapter we visited the ladies far outnumbered the two members present. In one home we were privileged to visit a widow proudly displaying the full size chapter flag in her living room. These women are a treasure to our organization. Whether you think of them as members or chapter honorary members or just friends of the PHSA, these women are a valuable asset. Utilize them to help keep your chapter functioning. They want to help and to be included in the activities of our organization. They do this in support of and in the memory of their husbands.

We were also impressed on the many and varied activities the chapters have been pursuing. The Albuquerque Chapter quickly accepted the role of hosting the next District Convention in the year 2000. The New Mexico Chapters had been instrumental in establishing Highway 110 as "The Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway" in New Mexico. The Lake Havasu City Chapter participates in patriotic parades in two local communities. They have also established a book fund for providing pertinent books to local and school libraries.

In Utah we found the St. George Chapter providing instruction to the school children in the proper way to salute our flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

They were also working on establishing a veterans section in the local cemetery. They proudly showed me a PHSA Memorial in a local park. This memorial was unique as it contained the names of all chapter members living or deceased.

It was a pleasure for my wife Helen and I to visit these chapters and to learn of all the activities they are promoting. With diminishing numbers and an aging membership it was a pleasant surprise to find so many activities in dedication to the memory of December 7, 1941.
California State Convention

The California State Convention was put on by Chapter 9 at the Ontario Marriott Hotel May 27-29. It was an outstanding convention and the hotel facilities were excellent.

Chapter 9 Secretary Mal Middlesworth (USMC on USS San Francisco) was convention chairman and he received much praise for the result of his efforts.

National and State Chaplain Herb Louden and wife Evelyn, National President Bob Kronberger and his wife Marion, Commander James Bird and State Chairman Ralph Lindenmeyer.

Chapter 9 Secretary and Convention Chairman Mal Middlesworth and wife Jo Jean, State Chairman South Art Herriford and friend Shirley and Bernard "Bing" Walenter and wife Helen.
California Survivor Of The Year

California 1998 Survivor of the Year Mal Middlesworth presents the California Survivor of the year for 1999 plaque to Chapter 9 member Finn Askildensen (USS Reid).

Founding Fathers Clarence E. Bonn (46th Pursuit Sq., Wheeler Field) and Ed Kronberger (USS West Virginia) at the business meeting.

National President and Founding Father, Bob Kronberger presents a California Honorary Member certificate to Commanding Officer of the USS Pearl Harbor Commander James J. Bird, USN. Commander Bird was guest speaker at the banquet.

The outstanding United States Marine Corps Band from 29 Palms California provided music at the reception on Friday night. They had everyone standing when they played the songs of all the military units.
“A” Battery, 98th Coast Artillery
(AA) Schofield Barracks, 1941

Submitted by Joseph J. Dorman
84 Eastview Ave., Mahwah, NJ 07430-1268
WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

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Total New Members: 31

New Members by States:

- Arizona: 1
- Arkansas: 1
- California: 8
- Colorado: 2
- Florida: 3
- Illinois: 2
- Indiana: 2
- Kentucky: 1
- New Hampshire: 1
- New York: 1
- Ohio: 2
- Oregon: 2
- Texas: 1
- Utah: 2
- Washington: 1
- Wisconsin: 1

STUCKEY, Norman D.
7th A/F Hqtrs Hickam Fld
Dayton, OH

RIPKEY, Harry A.
6th C/A Ft Shafter
Walworth, WI

MCKINDLEY, Ernest R.
USS New Orleans
Hurricane, UT

CONTRERAS, Charles C.
USS Pennsylvania
Oroville, CA

SCHWARTZ, George R.
11th A/F Schofield Bks
Avon, NY

CHAPPELL, Bruce M.
USS Breeze
Fowler, OH

LA VAGETTO, Jack R.
VJ-1 NAS Ford Island
Graeagle, CA

CORNWELL, Arnold L.
USS Oklahoma
Mill City, OR

ROSE, David L.
27th Inf Reg Schofield Bks
Santa Rosa, CA

CRAWFORD, Frank
HQ 17th A/B Gp Hickam Fld
Roanoke, IL

FRANK, Robert E.
USS Solace
Mesa, AZ

WILSON, Richard B.
USS San Francisco
Richmond, CA

BLAHNIK, Frederick J.
USS Dewey
Orlando, FL

KIDD, William H.
USS Phoenix
Bedford, NH

Beautiful Doll

Gram Editor’s daughter Bonnie made a 19-inch ceramic doll. His wife Betty used material left over from 1991 when she made aloha shirts for both of us to make a muu muu for the doll. It was also outfitted with flowers in her hair, a lei around her neck and flowers in her hand.

They donated the doll to the California State convention. One hundred tickets were sold at $5.00 each with first place prize of a round trip on Amtrack from San Diego to Seattle. The doll was second prize with a decanter as third Prize.

Commander James Bird drew the ticket for the doll and handed it to Convention Chairman Mal Middlesworth. He said “I don’t believe it, I don’t believe it” and then called Betty’s name. She told them to draw another name.

Another very happy lady won the doll!!!
PHSA Members Mark Wedding Anniversaries

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES are not automatically entered in the GRAM. The National application for membership does not call for that information, so there is nothing on file nationally. Members must submit the information in time for publication. Note that we print anniversaries every five years. You should send the information to the GRAM Editor six months in advance.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

EAKER, Douglas A. (Ships Company, Submarine Base) and Lena Mae, 1301 Waterford Green Dr., Apex, NC 27502 - September 12, 1999.

55TH ANNIVERSARY

PARRY, Lawrence “Larry” and Virginia (90th Quartermaster, Fort Armstrong) and Virginia, 2473 Conners Rd., Baldwinsville, NY 13017 - November 27, 1999.

OWEN, Luther (USS MacDonough) and Catherine, 200 Maycaw Dr., Easley, SC 29642 - August 26, 1999.

MASELLA, Rudolph (Quartermaster Depot Detachment, Schofield Barracks) and Norma, 2061 Corydon Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609-4912 - November 19, 1999.

MESSLER, Barton D. (USS Pennsylvania) and Martha A., 1129 Scenic Dr., Granbury, TX 76048-5940 - September 3, 1999.

KENNEDY, Irwin (USS Medusa) and Margerite, 80-87 Highway 111 #175, Indio, CA 92201 - October 8, 1999.

NEUHAUSER, John M. (86th Observation Sq., Bellows Field) and Anna M., P.O. Box 48, Phillips, WI 54555-0048 - October 14, 1999.

NOVAK, Joseph W. (USS Dobbin) and Kathleen, 9925 Via Cuenca, San Diego, CA 92119-2743 - September 6, 1999.


FREITAS, Hank (USS Tangier) and Peggy, 548 Fireside Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2503 - September 2, 1999.

DENNY, William A. “Bill” (4th Defense Bn., USMC) and Christine, 245 Gum Dr., Christiansburg, VA 24073 - October 18, 1999.

RYAN, Thomas H. (USS Pyro) and Peggy, 187 Shady Acres Dr., Chapin, SC 29036 - December 9, 1999.

HERNDON, Leonard (USS St Louis) and Christine, 16240 Mount Cross Rd., Dry Fork, VA 24549 - September 12, 1999.

TROST, Howard (USS Antares) and June, 5641 Red Willow Lane, Roseville, CA 95747-8012 - July 23, 1999.

OWEN, John (USS West Virginia) and Irene, 5517 SW 58th Pl., Ocala, FL 34474-7632 - October 20, 1999.

STAMM, Ira (USS California) and Elaine, 23022 Solitaire Ct., Twain Harte, CA 95383 - November 16, 1999.

STANKAVICH, Edward R. (USS Helena) and Sybil, 1123 Bill St., Norfolk, VA 23518 - September 27, 1999.

MERGENTHALER, Richard A. (86th Observation Sq., Bellows Field) and Lorraine, 215 Rio Villa Dr. #3322, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7443 - November 13, 1999.

SEVERANCE, Lloyd E. (USS Oglala) and Helen, 1126 Redwood Ct., Tehachapi, CA 93561-2186 - October 27, 1999.

JOHNSON, Harley W. (USS Tangier) and June, HCR 1 Box 347, Blue Eye, MO 65611 - September 30, 1999.

THOMAS, David H. (USMC NAS Kaneohe) and Barbara L., 2513 Gessner #446, Houston, TX 77063 - May 12, 1999.

SCHULTZ, John R. (USS Hull) and Anne M., 210 Harrison Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062-1124 - October 6, 1999.


CLINKSCALES, Allen H. (3rd Defense Bn., USMC) and Mozelle, 1909 Walnut Ave., Duncan, OK 73527-2541 - November 1, 1999.


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SMITH, C. Robert (VF-2 NAS Ford Island) and Mim, 210 S. Maple St., Bowling Green, OH 43402-2815 - July 4, 1999.

SCHARFEN, Vincent (USS Pennsylvania) and Monica, 2913 Ostrom Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815-1686 - August 4, 1999.

FARR, Edward (USS Honolulu) and Gloria, 1595 Los Osos Valley Rd. #1B, Los Osos, CA 93402 - October 28, 1999.

LEFABVRE, William R. (USS West Virginia) and Zonia, 6 Bishop St., Merrimack, NH 03054 - August 30, 1999.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

HAYNES, William H. (USS Conyngham) and Frances, 279 Spring St., Eagleville, TN 37060-4214 - September 30, 1999.

HAASE, Harry (VP-11 NAS Kaneohe) and Flo, 7402 Add Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042 - September 4, 1999.

STEVENS, Kenneth B. “Steve” (USS Whitney) and Phyllis, Box 219, Powers, OR 97466 - June 5, 1999.

HAWES, William D. (USS Nevada) and Nancy, P. O. Box 239, Kinnevar, WY 82516-0239 - November 18, 1999.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

HAWES, Albert B. (4th Defense Bn, USMC) and Mary Margaret, 201 East Church Rd., New Bern, NC 28562-3716 - November 7, 1999.

STOREKEEPERS HAVE NEW ITEM FOR SALE

The storekeeper has a new item, a 2" x 3" embroidered U.S. Flag for shoulder patches, etc. This item sells for $3.50 each and is available now.

In Memory of My Husband

JOE TISKUS

I SUPPORT THE GRAM

Anne Tiskus

TONY SIKORA

C-89th Field Art. Bn.
New Jersey Chapter 2

SUPPORTS THE GRAM
New Mexico Chapter 2

By Harvey E. Stanford
USS Raleigh
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

The Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway in Las Cruces, New Mexico was dedicated on May 28.

Standing beside the gazebo showing the 25 bronze plaques are New Mexico State Chairman William Sanford (HQ 8th Bomb Wing, Hickam Field) and wife Myrtle, Chapter President Bill Otto (USS Vestal), Harvey Stanford and wife Lucille, Robert W. Karnes (Navy Hospital), Stephen DuBois (4th Defense Bn., USMC), James L. Sturgill (USS Dale) and wife Mary, Stanley K. Kotovsky (USS St. Louis), Surviving Spouses Maria Frey and Betty Shank, and Sons and Daughters member John Shank Jr.

Onate High School band played the National Anthem and military music. Posting of the colors was by the Marine Corp League. Pledge of Allegiance was by Mr. Joseph Heinitz and the invocation was by Reverend Bentley of the Methodist Church.

Ships & Units Reunions

Listing of Ships and Units Reunions is Limited to those within three miles of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Reunions will be printed one time only.

DESTROYER SQUADRON 4 and the Australian ships HMAS CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA and HOBARD September 4-9, 1999, at the Colonial Inn, Helena, Montana. Contact Walt Becker, P.O. Box 670, Lolo, MT, 59847-0670 phone (406) 273-6538 or Roy Bergstrom, 2265 Thorpe Rd., Belgrade, MT 59714 phone (406) 388-6878.

USS HULL (DD-350) September 14-17, 1999 at the Lady Luck Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact John R. Schultz, 210 Harrison Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062-1124 phone (831) 423-0917.


USS REID (DD-369) October 3-6, 1999 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact M. G. Massa, 5326 Lehigh St., Ventura, CA 93003 phone (805) 642-03003 e-mail MACKK6JT@AOL.com.

USS HONOLULU (CL-48 and SSN-718) at the Double-Tree Hotel, Costa Mesa, California October 14 - 17, 1999. Contact Louis W. Nockhold phone (949) 644-6105, FAX (949) 644-6105, e-mail SAILORLOU@AOL.COM.

ALL UNITED STATES MARINES on Oahu on December 7, 1941 October 13-16, 1999 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Contact Milly Hendrickson, 22100 Rosary Ave., Nuevo, CA phone (909) 928-2208.

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Sacramento, CA
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George R. Brown &
Annie M. Brown (Deceased)
3rd Defense Bn., USMC
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98th AAA Group Skyfighters Athletic Award Basketball Champions

My husband passed away in December 1993. I have a certificate with the above information on it and it is signed by the Special Services Officer and the Commanding Officer.

I would appreciate any information you have on this award or a copy of a photo if anyone has one.

Emily Brown, P.O. Box 445 Frankton, IN 46044.
Illinois Chapter 1

By Jim Elliott

Attending the Illinois Chapter 1 spring luncheon April 14 were top Illinois leaders State Chairman Finch Stowell (USS Oklahoma), Chapter 1 President Don Beckett (USS Tangier), Fifth District Director O. W. Foster (USS Selfridge) and Past National President Tom Decker (USS Dolphin). Sixty-five Survivors and guests attended.

The Chapter presented a carton of white socks to the Veterans Home at Manteno. Accepting the gift are IVHM member Robert Geis and Volunteer Services member Brenda LaBon.

Making presentation are Trustee Jim Elliott (USCG Tiger) and Vice President John Barry (Intelligence, Naval Base).

California Chapter 3
Adds New Wrinkle

By Ralph Lindenmeyer
CA State Chairman

San Diego Chapter Three has added a new wrinkle to its parade repertoire. The Chapter's year round schedule of 10 parades now includes spouses and widows who can ride in classic convertibles with special markings.

Magnetic decals are attached to the side of the convertibles indicating the PHSA Chapter with the words, "Wives and Widows". The Convertible Club of San Diego supplies the classic cars.

Jean Craddock, wife of the Chapter President Bill and Irene Boeck, wife of the Chapter Secretary Glenn, practice their waves and smiles before the start of the Lakeside Parade on April 17, 1999. Bill Craddock was attached to Buord Mine Defense Naval Base and Secretary Glenn Boeck served with the 97th Coast Artillery at Fort Kamehameha.

Honorary member and Parade Chairman is Jesse Thompson, who at age 13 was on Ford Island on December 7, 1941.
PHSA Honors Nevada Youths
By Chuck Mallon
USMC on USS Oklahoma

On a very chilly Monday morning, April 26, 1999, Ellyn Fuetisch, gifted and talented Program Director, brought five seventh grade students from Washoe County School District’s Vaughn School to the capitol grounds at Carson City, to represent the group that has worked so hard over the last eight years on the USS Nevada Project.

This project has created a memorial to the Battleship USS Nevada on the capitol grounds and the refurbishment of the ship’s ceremonial flag that was found in disarray. A case for that flag is being created in accordance with the Smithsonian Institute specifications.

The Navy League in Reno paid to fly four crew members from the current USS Nevada (a Nautilus Submarine stationed in Seattle, Washington) to attend the presentation.

Nevada’s Governor Gwynn, spoke to the assembly. Senator Reid’s representative gave each student a certificate of appreciation, and Past First District Director Chuck Mallon, representing National President Bob Kronberger, presented a plaque of appreciation from PHSA to the students to be hung at their school. Two Pearl Harbor Survivors who were aboard the original USS Nevada on December 7, 1941, were in attendance — Paul Stokes, Chapter 6 Sacramento, CA, and James Ellington, Chapter 10, Modesto, CA.

Nevada Chapter 1 President Jacques Noftzger was instrumental in coordinating arrangements, and several members from that chapter were present. Chapter 6 was represented by President Sam Clower.

Ellyn stated that working on the U.S.S. Nevada Project has created the realism of war among the students and a sincere respect for those involved in Pearl Harbor in 1941.

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From The Editor

The poem “USS Arizona” on page 18 in the May Gram showed the author as being Julian W. Bailey. The correct author of the poem was Anthony A. Korte of Arkansas City, Kansas. He was a World War II veteran of the Battle of the Bulge.

The advertisement on page 12 of the May Gram “98th Group Skyfighters Athletic Award Basketball Champions” erroneously showed Emily Brown’s address as being in Iowa. It should have been Indiana and it is correct in this Gram.

Fifth District
By Bill Foster
Fifth District Director

Illinois:
State Chairman Finch Stowell

Illinois Chapter 1 is hosting a National Executive Board meeting in conjunction with the Illinois State Meeting in September at the Rockford Holiday Inn.

Any or all Survivors of the Association are welcome to attend. For information call Chapter President Don Beckert at (847) 328 6320.

The Illinois membership has an ongoing fund raiser to erect a memorial to those who served and died at Pearl December 7, 1941. The monument is to be erected in the new Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery near Joliet.

Indiana:
State Chairman George Lininger

Indiana chapters will be host to the Fifth District Convention 2000. Both chapters in Indiana continue to hold monthly luncheon and business meetings throughout the state.

Honorary National Secretary and Treasurer John C. Berlier and wife Rose continue to experience health problems.

Iowa:
State Chairman Robert Ulrich

The Secretary of the Iowa Hawkeye chapter writes telling of their spring meeting in Oelwein. All officers of chapter were re-elected.

South Dakota:
State Chairman Floyd Meek

A spring meeting was held in Chamberlin May 11-12.

Wisconsin:
State Chairman Lee Hellestad

Chapter 1 Charles Blazek Chapter held its spring meeting April 21. In attendance were National Secretary Jay Finnern, 5th District Director Bill Foster and Past National President Tom Decker.
California Santa Clara Valley Chapter 7

By Frank Karas
4th Recon Sq., Hickam Field

Members of Santa Clara Chapter 7 attended Memorial Services at Los Gatos Cemetery near San Diego.

The Heroes Of Pearl Harbor

By Jack Doyle
USS Tennessee

As we view the flag above us
Let us take a moment
To stop and pray
For those who fought at Pearl Harbor
And are not with us today.
They loved their freedom
And their country
And bravely they did die
That you and I might live today
To see our flag fly high.
The heroes of Pearl Harbor
Are not with us today
They are the ones
Who gave their lives
On that dark December day.
Many of those heroes
Are still entombed beneath the sea
Where they fell that Sunday morning
Fighting, for our liberty.
Many rest in Punchbowl cemetery
On the island where they fell
They will never be forgotten
By we who knew them well.
The heroes of Pearl Harbor
Are not with us today
But will always be remembered
For their sacrifice that day.

Remember Pearl Harbor
Remember those who died
Remember those not here today
Who so bravely served with pride.
Remember Pearl Harbor
Remember the young and the brave
Remember those not here today
Who lie in a watery grave.

California San Mateo Chapter 16

By Frank Egan
USS Curtiss
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

San Mateo Chapter 16 celebrated the 27th anniversary of the founding of Hayne L. Moyer Chapter 16 in March 1999.

At the luncheon meeting were 25 Survivors and wives.
1999 Scholarship Final Report

By John Baskette
Committee Member

The first year of the PHSA, Inc. Scholarship Program proved to be very interesting as well as educational for the committee. We were confronted with situations that we had not anticipated, but through cooperation of each committee member we found the solutions. There were a total of 62 applications filed of which 13 were determined to be ineligible. There were 39 female and 23 male applicants of which there were 43 to attend a University, 13 to attend a College and 3 for Technical or Trade School. Applicants were from 22 states with California leading with 12 applications and Missouri and Ohio with 6 each, New York 5, Colorado 4, North Carolina, Washington and Oregon 3, Indiana, Maryland, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma 2 and Illinois, Florida, New Jersey, Idaho, Utah, Connecticut and Pennsylvania 1.

Winners of the $1000 scholarships are Miss Jessica L. Cudzilo of Rochester, New York who will be attending Nazareth College of Rochester. Her grandfather is Henry J. Cudzilo; Juliane E. Schultz of Columbus, Ohio who will be attending Ohio State University. Her grandfather is Donald Kaster. The winner of the $500 scholarship is Richard A. Gibson of Prospect, Oregon who will be attending Wyoming Technical Institute. His grandfather is Boyd A. Gibson. There were three applicants who had not determined where they were going to attend a school of higher education.

The committee performed in an outstanding manner grading the written explanations on “What are your future goals and how will higher education help you to attain these goals” as well as an essay on the topic “Pearl Harbor the Date of Infamy”.

Texas Alamo Chapter 2

By Robert Varrill
USS Sunnadin

Texas Alamo Chapter 2 unveiled their plaque in the Admiral Nimitz museum in Fredericksburg, Texas on May 31, 1999.

Posting of Colors was by the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion Color Guard, U. S. Marine Corps, San Antonio.

Benediction was by Chapter Chaplain Wilmar Payne.

Unveiling was done by Survivor Bob Varrill and President of the Alamo Chapter Sons & Daughters Irene Hernandez.
Company 7-37 USNTS Great Lakes, Illinois
Patrol Wing One Supply & Disbursing Office, NAS Kaneohe, December 1941

Front Row
Ehlers, L.A. SK2c
Caspass, J.F. SK2c
Lutz, B.B. S1c
Smith, P.A. SK2c
Martin, B.H. SK3c
Strimer, E.A. SK2c

McMillan, A.L. Ensign
Owens, E.N. CSK

Row 3
Smith, A. SK1c
Fullerman, C.T. SK2c
Hanna, W.J. SK2c
Stone, W.O. SK2c
Vogt, H.R. SK2c
Trenkle, W.H. SK3c
Ness, ? SK3c
Johnson, D. SK3c
Valenti, F.P. SK1c

Row 4
Trahin, L.W. SK1c
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Williams, R.H. SK1c
Mann, D.M. SK2c
Emmerton, H.E. SK2c
Smithson, J.H. SK2c
Hatcher, J.H. SK2c
Clawsen, R.W. SK2c
Bradford, O.N. SK1c 4

Submitted by Ollen N. Bradford,
2507 Briarhurst Dr., Houston, TX 77087-4424. He is the last one on the right in the fourth row.
In May of 1940 the U.S. Navy purchased the liner S.S.Iroquois from the Clyde-Mallory Lines. She was the pride of their luxury liners and the largest ever built for coastwise service. She had a length of 410 feet, displaced 8,650 tons, and a cruising range of 7,000 miles with an average speed of 18 knots.

Early in 1940 she arrived at the Atlantic Basin Iron Works in Brooklyn, New York where all of the luxury liner facilities were removed and her four passenger decks became hospital wards and operating rooms. Other areas became dental clinics, emergency rooms, X-ray facilities, laboratory facilities, eye, ear, nose and throat clinics. Each facility had the latest in equipment for hospital care and treatment. Surrounding the hospital facilities were the quarters for nurses, officers and enlisted men. A beautiful FIRST CLASS Navy Ship.

On August 9, 1941 she was commissioned USS SOLACE under the Command of Captain Benjamin Perlman, USN with Captain Harold L. Jensen, (MC), USN as Senior Medical Officer. Solace would have a permanent hospital staff of 17 medical officers, nurses, 5 medical corps officers, and a complement of 180 hospital corpsmen. She would also have a full complement of line and engineering officers and an outstanding crew of enlisted personnel.

The first hospital ship of the Navy was named, strange as it may be, Red Rover. She was a captured Confederate side-wheeler steamer. She was captured on the Mississippi in April 1862 and by December 1869 she was commissioned and had a large medical staff and served with the flotilla on the Mississippi. The first hospital ship to be given a more appropriate name was USS Solace, then came USS Relief and then USS Comfort. The medical staff of first Relief included Captain Charles Stokes, (MC) USN, the inventor of the stokes litter and later became Surgeon General of the Navy. The stokes litter is still in use throughout the Navy today.

Solace arrived at Pearl Harbor on October 27, 1941 and in 41 days the Navy's newest and most modern hospital ship found herself caught in the middle of the carnage that erupted without warning on that December morning. Nearly one thousand were wounded. Solace responded to the disaster with unprecedented efficiency. She expeditiously handled the large number of casualties from the stricken ships. Her boats were launched and her officers, corpsmen, and seamen heroically performed the many tasks of getting the wounded men to her decks for treatment. The corpsmen, not working in the wards and operating rooms, were busy helping to remove the casualties from the close by stricken battleships.

Solace received a Naval Unit Citation for her performance on this day that we all remember so well, from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal on September 11, 1945.
Company 38-2, U.S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, California

He is in the fifth row, fifth from the left.
Company 39-2, Naval Training Center, San Diego, California

Submitted by Edwin W. Hegwer (USS Oglala), 145 N. Lassen St., Willows, California 95988-2741.
He is in the second row, seventh from the left.
Texas Corpus Christi Chapter 6

By Jim Rabalais
97th Coast Art., Fort Kamehameha
Chapter Secretary

The Buccaneer Commission, a group of young and active civic and business leaders, hosts a week-long festival celebrating the history and life of Corpus Christi. It began over fifty years ago and is now the largest and most important civic celebration of the year. The celebration involves thousands of citizen volunteers. Saturday night the celebration ends with a large illuminated parade. Spectators along the route have been estimated at 150,000 to 200,000.

In recognition of Memorial Day and honoring the large military presence in the area, Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera was invited to serve as parade marshal. In the photo on the left are Secretary Caldera with Sergeant Felipe Hernandez on his right and Sergeant Ernest Sierra on his left.

Our chapter has participated in this parade for years, and we are always honored by loud, strong applause and yells as our men ride along the route — most of those who are not already standing to see the parade stand up as our Survivors pass.

In the photo above are Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, Henry Ogg (USS Neosho) Ray Hasker (A&R NAS Ford Island), Leo Vrana (USS California), Noel Gill (USS California) and State Senator Carlos Truan.

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1919 - 1949

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A: December 7, 1941
   Let Us Remember

B: To Those Who Died - To Those Who Survived
   WE REMEMBER

Monument is $69.99 plus $5.00 S&H.

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