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

USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52) enters Pearl Harbor as it passes the USS Nevada Monument at Hospital Point. The ship returns from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on July 25th. The ship has planned a Mini-Tiger Cruise—a one-day/one night trip from the Del Mar Boat Basin near Camp Pendleton to its home port of San Diego July 26th. See Pg. 35.
The President’s Message

Chapter Prognosis: What Do Our Chapters Do?

Recently received a phone call from a new PHSA member—a call that quite honestly caught me off guard. The new member told me he had attended a PHSA chapter meeting for the first time as a new member of the Association and was quite disappointed. He had expected more from the experience. Noticing that all the chapter leadership did was to talk about their weekend activities and what they should be doing, selling tickets for a 50/50 drawing, talked about an upcoming picnic, then retired from the meeting to eat. Nothing about PHSA.

Are chapter meetings merely a social gathering. Are all chapter meetings the same? How would you answer that question? Do chapters do anything meaningful? Do they interface with other chapters, national offices, their community, or other veterans groups?

After listening to this tirade from a new member, what about the actions of some older members? “How to kill a chapter” comes to mind.

“Don’t participate, then complain that you have no voice. Decline or resign from all offices, then offer advice on how things should have been done. Don’t attend meetings or submit new ideas, then play devil’s advocate. Don’t volunteer, then gripe that you are never asked. If by chance the plans of the future are put into action and are accomplished in spite of your non-help, brag to all how hard it was for you to build or put forth your ideas.” It’s an old story. If I can’t run the show, if my plans are not put into action, I will take my bat and ball and go home. Childish action, RESIGN. Fellow members, what is your take on such situations?

Respectfully,

President, O.W. “Bill” Foster

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Lakeport CA Dedicates Pearl Harbor Memorial

The Lakeport California Rotary Club designed, built, and dedicated a unique Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial with flag staffs and beacon. The Library Park memorial was commissioned on December 7, 2002, with an impressive service with about 200 people in attendance. The event has been preserved for history by a video tape.

Congratulations to the Lakeport Rotary Club for honoring the memory and contributions of the men and women at Pearl Harbor on December 7th and the period after WWII. Below (L. to R.) are Jim Harris, Fred and Vanya Leighton of Chapter 23 North, who were among those who attended the memorial commissioning.

First District Director Art Herriford On Chain of Command

Recently it has come to my attention that the chain of command is being bypassed when corresponding with various PHSA offices. As an example, a chapter official writing to any national officer should do so via the respective State Chairman and District Director. PHSA business matters or negotiations are to be conducted between qualified Pearl Harbor Survivors ONLY. Associate and Honorary members are not permitted to conclude business matters between chapters and with State and National Officers. This, however, does not restrict anyone from communicating with any PHSA official on a personal basis, providing official Pearl Harbor Survivor Association stationary is not used.

Chapter officials are cautioned to review all PHSA forms and comply with their intended purpose. This is especially so for Form 1, “Application for Membership” and Form 15, “Death Report.” Application for Membership MUST be accompanied with a photocopy of an Honorable Discharge or a Discharge Under Honorable Conditions, or a DD-214. It is incumbent upon the PHSA to maintain an accurate roster of our surviving membership in accordance with our National Charter and other mandatory requirements. It is paramount, therefore, that death reports be expeditiously prepared and forwarded to the National Secretary.

Lee Goldfarb Named Florida State Chairman

Sixth District Director, Joseph A. Ruggles, reports that Past National President, Lee Goldfarb, is the current Florida State Chairman. Robert McClintock, the State Chairman, resigned the post due to a heart attack. Mr. Goldfarb has agreed to serve as State Chairman until an election can be held at the Florida State Convention on September 13, 2003, in St. Augustine. Chairman Goldfarb’s address is 6100 Petunia Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Telephone number is 561-865-9809.
PHSA & SDPHS Lay Wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day

(L. to R) Bill Muehleib, 7th District Director, PHSA; Martha Cassidy, 7th District Director, SDPHS; and Tom Krawiec, National President, Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, in front of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Tree in the Arlington National Cemetery. The Sons and Daughters appropriately followed directly after the Pearl Harbor Survivors wreath laying with their wreath. Both President Bush and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld spoke during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Washington State’s Chapter #7 in Loyalty Day Parade

(L. to R.) Cy Simmons, Trustee; Vernon Kent, Sec./Treas.; Harley Wright, Trustee; Lloyd Houk, President; and Merlin Cone, Vice President. Houk’s car was well decorated.

Washington State’s South Coast Chapter #7 joined together to attend the Loyalty Day Parade in Long Beach, Washington, on the rainy Sunday of May 4th, 2003. This was one of the many parades attended by the members in their attempt to Keep America Alert.

The men were greeted with applause and shouts of “Thank you, guys!”

Naval ROTC Unit Honors South Carolina Survivors

On April 18, 2003, the Naval ROTC from the University of South Carolina held a tree planting ceremony to honor the state’s Pearl Harbor Survivors. The ceremony took place next to the Pearl Harbor Survivors monument in Memorial Park, downtown Columbia, S.C. Five survivors attended the ceremony, according to Secretary, Gordon Sparks.
Prayer for the Dead

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

Babbitt, Milton T.
USS Detwyl
Woodhaven NJ

Conner, Glenn
USS Maryland
Spring Hill FL

Downs, Williams W.
Fort Ruger 55th C/A
Tamarac FL

Finfrock, Harry L.
USS New Orleans
Arvada CO

Bailey, William M.
Fort Kamehameha 55th C/A
Caseyville IL

Cornett, Dennis E.
Fort DeRussy 55th C/A
Las Vegas NV

DuBois, Alvin E.
USP Pennsylvania
Ocala FL

Foster, Robert E.
Naval Base Dispensary
Gresham OR

Baker, James E.
USS Pelias
Chicago IL

Crumley, General F.
USS Phoenix
Walterboro SC

Ellie, Gordon S.
Fi Armstrong 1st Prov Trk Co
Petaluma CA

Frank, Robert E.
USS Solace
Mesa AZ

Bialobok, Joseph E.
Fort Armstrong Qmr Depot
McKeesport PA

Davis, William W.
USS Dobbin
Palm Desert CA

Evert, John L.
USP Pennsylvania
Weyburn, CANADA

Frazier, Virgil R.
Schofield Bks 19th Inf Reg
Dover DE

Branum, J.B.
USS St. Louis
Minette AL

Dawson, Gordon M.
Camp Malakole 251st C/A
San Diego CA

Fabio, Frank
USS Rigel
Inver Grove Heights MN

Fruin, Richard L.
USS Tangier
Menlo Park CA

Brown, Harry E.
USS Helena
St. Petersburg FL

Dearing, John
USS Arizona
Red Bluff CA

Farah, Emile
USS MacDonough
Beaumont TX

Gail, Stephen M.
Ford Island NAS VP21
Lakeport CA

Burchard, Robert E.
USS MacDonough
Parkersburg WV

Dickson, Gearald
Schofield Bks 19th Inf Reg
Spring Hill FL

Farnham, Harry L.
USS Whitney
Apple Valley CA

Gasperowich, Stephan
USP Pennsylvania
Snohomish WA

Bukrey, Edward J.
USS Ward
Houston TX

Diesel, Herman J.
Hickam Fld 40th Signal Co
Chalfont PA

Farrell, John L.
Fort Shafter 64th C/A
Kensington MD

Glaeser, Frederick W.
Ford Island VP 21
Pensacola FL

Burrell, Garvis
Ford Island Boat House
Fremont NE

Dittoe, James W.
USN West Virginia
Reynoldsburg OH

Ferrell, Cary D.
Marine 4th Def Bttn
Pleasanton CA

Glick, Irwin I.
Schofield Bks 52nd F/A
Northbrook IL

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San Diego Chapter 3

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Marine Barracks
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USS Dobbin & Mugford
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98th Field CA/AAA
Schofield Barracks
New Jersey Chapter 2

Maryland #1
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Grayson, Elmer E.
USS Nevada
Bellevue WA

Green, William H.
Unknown
Macks Creek MO

Halcomb, Chester
USS St. Louis Marine Det
Hemet CA

Hassell, Thermon J.
USS California
Nacogdoches TX

Havey, John J.
Sub. Base CINCUS and Staff
San Diego CA

Hawkins, Wilbur W.
USS Tennesse
Issaquah WA

Hayes, Clinton C.
Schofield Brks 8th F/A
Colonial Heights VA

Hayes, Robert
Fort Shafter 64th C/A
Happy Jack AZ

Haynes, Chester L.
USS Pennsylvania
Riviera AZ

Hazelgrove, Samuel R. Jr.
Schofield Brks 8th F/A
Owings Mill MD

Heaton, Thomas F.
Marine Brks Navy Yard
Thousand Oaks CA

Heiderich, Leonard E.
Hickam Field HQ Hwv Air Depot
Struthers OH

Higbee, Fred M.
USS Phelps
Meridian ID

Hoffman, Alton
Schofield Brks 25th Div Art
Stuart NE

Holland, William A. Sr.
Schofield Brks 27th Inf Reg
Quitman GA

Holt, Ernest W.
USS Breeze
Shelbyville IL

Howell, William F.
Hickam Field HQ Hwv A/F
Wichita Falls TX

Huckaby, James H.
USS Case
Modesto CA

Hudak, Steve Jr.
USS Castor
Princeton MN

Hurley, David A. Jr.
Fort Weaver 97th C/A
Dayton OH

Ihle, George F.
USS Curtiss
Carmel IN

Johnson, Clarence W.
USS Maryland
Santa Maria CA

Johnston, Jim C.
USS Maryland
Shasta CA

Jurasits, Louis J.
Fort Shafter 64th C/A
Alexandria VA

Karl, Frank A.
USS Raleigh
Macomb MI

Kidder, Arland N.
Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital
Las Vegas NV

Kimbrell, Robert F.
Osceola YT-129
Las Vegas NV

King, Fred F.
Schofield Brks 19th Inf Reg
Greer SC

Kinsella, James F.
USS Turkey
La Mesa CA

Kloss, John E.
Marines 4th Def Batt'n
Harrisburg PA

Lanane, Thomas G.
USS West Virginia
Columbus OH

Lange, William E.
US Coast Guard Reliance
Greensburg IN

Lash, Richard I.
USS Tennesse
San Jose CA

Limle, Judge L.
USS Monaghan
Pensacola FL

Little, Eugene F.
USS Maryland
Fort Smith AR

Pyne, Thomas C. Jr.
Schofield 97th C/A & AAA
Diamond Bar CA

Mahaney, Aubrey E.
USS Utah
Novato CA

Manci, Anthony
Fort Shafter 53rd C/A
Abington PA

McDonald, Don E.
USS Arizona
Bskirk NY

Mayfield, James T.
USS Hulbert
Avondale Estates GA

Mendelson, Milton C.
Welder Field 30th Signal Co
Sacramento CA

Milhorn, James E.
USS Argonne
Kingston TN

Minor, Henry W.
USS Case
Canon City CO

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Woody & Chris Derby
USS Nevada (BB-36)
Support the Gram

J.B. & Sue Bailey
USS Farragut
CA Chapter #10
Support the Gram

In Memory Of
Howard D. Roop
USS St Louis
His Loving Wife

In Memory Of
H.F. Garbuschewski
USS California
Janet Garbuschewski

In Memory Of
My Husband
Joe Tiskus
I Support the Gram
Anne Tiskus

Howard Trost
USS Antares-AKS-3
California Chapter 6
Supports the Gram

Gery & Elsie Porter
USS West Virginia
California Chap. 27
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Molnar, George  
_USS Solace_  
Sayreville NJ

Moran, Edward J.  
_Marines 1st Def Batt_  
Old Saybrook CT

Morgan, Richard W.  
_USS West Virginia_  
Federal Way WA

Moore, John A.  
_USS West Virginia_  
Tucson AZ

Moyer, James E.  
_Schofield Brks 21st Inf Reg_  
DeSoto MO

Muthig, John  
_USS Solace_  
Sea Girt NJ

Myers, Merion K.  
_USS West Virginia_  
Poulsbo WA

Myinek, Frank  
_USS Ralph Talbot_  
Philadelphia PA

Nause, Phillip  
_USS Dobbin_  
Blanchester OH

Nielsen, Max A.  
_Schofield Brks 21st Inf Reg_  
Harrison ID

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_Marine Brks Navy Yard_  
Melbourne FL

Palmtag, Herbert M.  
_Camp Malakole 251st C/A_  
Del Mar CA

Parker, Stanley D.  
_USS Conyngham_  
Coronado CA

Petrakos, Charles  
_Hickam Field 4th Recon Sqd_  
Lowell MA

Popowicz, Fred  
_Fort Shafter 84th AAA_  
Seven Hills OH

Reilly, John J.  
_Schofield Brks 21st Inf Reg_  
Boston MA

Porter, Vincent  
_Fort Shafter 64th C/A_  
Seattle WA

Reordan, William K.  
_USS Aylwin_  
Carmel CA

Robison, Edwin H.  
_Marine 1st Def Batt_  
Albuquerque NM

Roman, Lawrence  
_USS Nevada_  
Casper WY

Seznick, Peter  
_USS Nevada_  
Seattle WA

Shackelford, Jack W.  
_Ford Island VP 22_  
Omaha NE

Shepard, Emor 0.  
_USS Maryland_  
Pittsburgh PA

Shute, William C.  
_Ford Island NAS Boat House_  
Helendale CA

Plante, Roland W.  
_Schofield Brks 35th Inf Reg_  
Emmaus PA

Simeral, Junior W.  
_USS Vega_  
Largo FL

Sleeter, George G.  
_USS Oklahoma_  
Oakland NE

Smith, Jack W.  
_Schofield Brks 35th Inf Reg_  
Metuchen NJ

Sobolewski, Alfred J.  
_Schofield Brks Medical Bn_  
Canonsburg PA

Solange  
_USS Tennessee_  
Selah WA

Stackman, Lowell E.  
_Schofield Brks Sig Air Warning_  
North Highlands CA

Starnes, Carl V.  
_Naval Base Pauuloa Point_  
San Diego CA

Stewart, Thomas W.  
_USS Selfridge_  
Sheridan OR

Stout, Benjamin D.  
_USS Honolulu_  
Aberdeen MD

Taylor, Hoyle  
_USS San Francisco_  
Alexandria VA

Thompson, Dale J.  
_Naval Base PH Navy Yard_  
Melbourne FL

Todd, Vann G.  
_Schofield Brks 63rd F/A_  
Republic MO

Tressa, George E.  
_Hickam Field Qmr Detach_  
Fair Oaks CA

Uriell, Harlan E.  
_USS Pyro_  
San Diego CA

Vaughn, Frank E.  
_USS Tennessee_  
Auburn WA

Volk, Rudolph P.  
_Wheeler Field 44th Pursuit Sqn_  
Cleveland OH

Wasko, Joseph W.  
_Schofield Brks Signal Air W rain_  
Honolulu HI

Welde, Oscar H.  
_USS Cachalot_  
Chandler IN

White, Harold V.  
_USS Summer_  
Stratford MO

Whittington, James H.  
_USS New Orleans_  
Cold Springs TX

Wiggins, Wayne B.  
_USS Honolulu_  
Las Vegas NV

Wilkerson, V.A.  
_Ford Island VP 23_  
Denton TX

Williams, Norman E.  
_USCG Taney_  
Hemet CA

Williamson, Howard O.  
_Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital_  
Silver Spring MD

Wilson, Ray L.  
_Naval Base PH Dispensary_  
Peoria AZ

Zoeller, Frederick L.  
_Kaneohe NAS VP 11_  
Columbia SC

Zummak, Robert W.  
_USS Oglala_  
Panama City FL
December 7, 2002, on this day of remembrance, NY Chapter 5 of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association commemorated the 61st Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The ceremony took place in Rochester, NY at the entrance to Lake Ontario, west of the U.S. Coast Guard Station. All area Veteran organizations were invited to participate in this annual event. A schedule of events, prepared by Chapter 5, was handed out to all participants.

At 0745 hours, six members of Chapter 5 were escorted to the pier by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Monroe County American Legion Color and Honor Guard also assembled on the pier at that time. After a moment of silent prayer, Pearl Harbor Survivor and Chaplain Joe Maguire said a prayer of Remembrance. President Joe Bringley then tossed the symbolic wreath into the water. The American Legion Color Guard provided the firing squad volley. As the survivors saluted, stood at attention, taps was played and colors raised at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, across the river. The ceremony concluded at 0800 hours. Media and TV coverage was extensive as they realized the need for public awareness of continued vigilance and the significance of the ceremony.

Survivors were willingly interviewed by reporters. There were about 200 people in attendance. After the ceremony, all were invited to breakfast at American Legion Post 416 in Rochester, New York. At this breakfast, Chapter 5 was honored by the presence of children from Public School 36, Rochester, NY. To the delight of the audience, the children, under the direction of public school administrator Dr. Al Smith, sang several patriotic songs, including Sammy Kaye's, Pearl Harbor Song. In the evening, members and spouses attended the annual dinner.

At 0755, a Memorial Wreath was cast upon the waters of San Diego Bay at Pier 2 of the U.S. Naval Station, San Diego in memory of those who gave their lives on December 7, 1941 in Hawaii. A continuing service was then conducted at the Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, CA. The service was attended by approximately 100 members and guests and was called to order by Chapter 3 President, Duffie Clemons, who introduced the Master of Ceremonies, John Hancock, Chapter 3 Trustee. Colors were posted by the color guard of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 led by Color Guard Sergeant Scott Campbell.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by Stu Hedley, Chapter 3 Chaplain.

Special and Honored Guests, who also addressed the attendees, included: Tom Splitgerber, CEO of Veterans Museum and Memorial Center; Bill Paxton, SgtMaj USMC (Ret), Director, USMC DI Association; Ruth Sterling, Vice-Mayor of La Mesa; Jim Harwood, representing the Mayor of Santee; and Col. and Mrs. J. Ugalde, U.S.Army (Ret). Colonel Ugalde was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

A Two-Bell Ceremony was held to honor members and wives of Chapter 3 who passed away in 2002. A Special Toast was held at approximately 0955 to honor our shipmates of December 7th, 1941 followed by a Special Benediction by Stu Hedley, Chapter 3 Chaplain.

The following Chapter 3 Officers for 2003 were installed: President - Ben Boosinger; Vice President - Ernie Olson; Secretary - Herb Franck; Treasurer - Joe Novak; Trustees - John Hancock and Chet Swisher.

A buffet luncheon was then served and the meeting was concluded at 1300.

At 1330, a Commemorative Memorial Wreath was cast upon the waters of San Diego Bay at the Broadway Pier as a closing gesture of the Memorial Service.
**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.

USS Helm reunion is scheduled for September 21st leaving the 25th, 2003. The reunion will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For more information contact Mickey Burgemeister, S-69 W17349 Kirkwood Drive, Muskego, Wisconsin. Telephone 414-697-0862.

USS San Francisco reunion September 18-20, will be held in the Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, MO, Tel. 816-474-4400 direct for rooms @ $82. For info, contact Don Gritz, 156 Elk Drive, Sonora, CA 95370. Phone 209-532-4719. E-mail: gritzdo@lodelink.com.

USS Ralph Talbot DD390 DESRON 4 reunion October 7-12, 2003 will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, Kansas. For information contact William E. Aupperlee, 6310 Goodland Place, North Hollywood, California 91606-3928 or phone 818-762-5165.

Liberty Bell Chapter and Scouts Make Presentation

(L. to R.) are Matthew Redeagle, BSA Troop 240, John McElroy, PHSA, Michael Sullivan, Director of Philadelphia VAMC, Stephanie Redeagle, GSA Troop 3069 and George Frazier, PHSA. Photo by Eugene C. Walworth.

The USS Arizona, a limited edition sculpture, was presented to the "Gallery of Honored Memories" this past April 17th, 2003 by Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Liberty Bell Chapter #1, Philadelphia and Philadelphia Juniata Scouts. Also presented was a framed picture of "Old Glory", battered and bullet ridden but still flying, with the words "Remember Dec. 7th."

7th District Appointments

Based on Executive Board approval, Bill Muehleib, 7th District Director, has made the following appointments:

- **Vice, 7th District Director**
  - Mr. James D. Welker
  - 4767 Sycamore St.
  - Elida, Ohio 45807

- **Vice State Chairman**
  - Mr. Henry Rapalus
  - 201 Mt. Vernon Place
  - Rockville, MD

- **Maryland**
- **Vice State Chairman**
  - Mr. Ralph Jeffers
  - 229 Larchwood Ave
  - Oakhurst, NJ

- **Pennsylvania**
  - Mr. Ted Opfer
  - 31 Pumpkin Center Road
  - Finleyville, PA

- **Ohio**
  - Mr. Jim Green
  - 1332 Cedarcliff Drive
  - Beaver Creek, OH

- **Virginia**
  - Mr. William Temple
  - Delco Road
  - Virginia Beach, VA

The above terms of office will expire December 7th, 2003 at which time the Survivors can stand for election to the appointed offices. District Director Muehleib also appointed Bernie Comito of Chapter 2 in Dayton, Ohio 7th District Public Relations person.

National President, Bill Foster, has asked each District Director to appoint a PR person to act as the media representative in his area. The purpose of the PR person is to keep PHSA activities in front of the public. Each state chairman is to contact their local chapters to develop their contact points for local newspapers and TV and radio stations for area press releases. Contact information should include names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the media people who handle this type of information at the various media organizations. They want this type of information from PHSA.
Chapter 25 Luncheon Speaker Has Unique Pearl Harbor Story

By Norbert W. “Bob” O’Neill
Vice President, California Chapter 25

At a recent luncheon meeting Feather River Chapter 25 was privileged to have Mr. Tom Stealey speak of his experience at Pearl Harbor, and his subsequent naval service on the USS Hull (DD-350). Stealey was not in the military service when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was a civilian worker under contract to Pacific Naval Air Bases, en route to work on facilities at Wake Island. He was passing through Honolulu on the day of infamy. He and his friends went to the harbor immediately to spend the day and night fighting fires—helping with the wounded, saving lives and property.

They had no trouble getting into the Pearl Harbor Naval Base without personal identification passes, but found they could not pass through the gate without them when the time came to return to their hotel. The Marines granted them brig privileges until the matter of their citizenship and patriotism could be resolved. At last, grateful authorities cleared them to freedom.

Since Wake Island was no longer an option, Tom returned home and joined the Navy to undergo boot camp and service in USS Hull (DD-350).

The USS Hull was one of the unfortunate ships to capsize in “that hurricane” we all know about. Fifty six enlisted men and 7 officers survived. Tom was alone and some 125 miles from where the ship went down when he was spotted by a passing ship. He was rescued after being in the water for days, barely afloat in a waterlogged life jacket and fighting hunger, thirst and sharks. After hearing his story, the Chapter members voted to recommend him for an Honorary Membership in the Northern California Chapter.

Eighth District News

By Arthur R. Schreier, Sr.
Eighth District Director

As of this writing (June 3rd) Chapters in the District are enduring a long, cool, wet, spring. Hopefully some warm weather will arrive soon. No doubt when it does come it will be 95 degree type warmth. Most Chapters are meeting again following the winter shut down. Members throughout the District participated in many Memorial Day and Fourth of July events.

Plans for the October District Convention hosted by Massachusetts are complete.

CONNECTICUT: Frank Stebbins, State Chairman.

The “Nutmeg” Chapter continues to meet monthly at the VFW Post in Wallingford. This year instead of members choosing an invitation and marching as a group in one parade on Memorial Day, it was decided that members would participate in events in their own home towns. Members were present at events in Waterbury, Naugatuck, Glastonbury and Stratford, Branford and West Haven.

MASSACHUSETTS: Walter Maciejowski, State Chairman.

The Bay Patriots Chapter met at the Italian American Veterans Club in Milford on May 18th. There were 16 in attendance. Members were also in attendance at various events celebrating Memorial Day. The State Chairman spoke concerning the 218th 4th of July parade to be held Friday, July 4 at Bristol, Rhode Island. This is a monster of a parade with units from all around the Northeast.

As of June 5th the Chapter has on record 94 active members. All things considered, the Chapter is holding up well. Some members cannot drive far or at night. Some members require special diets. The Chapter plans to meet at a restaurant to see if this will attract better attendance. We did have a dinner meeting at a fine restaurant with 3 choices on the menu. We had over 40 on that occasion.

The Bay Patriots Chapter will host the District Convention at Park Inn, Parwick Center, Chicopee, MA from October 17th to 20th.

(Continued on Page 34, Column 1)
Welcome New Members

Castillo, Ralph J.
Fort Armstrong
Cyril OK

Cook, Gordon Elroy
USS Whitney
Peoria AZ

Furlong, William J.
Fort Ruger 16th C/A
East Hartford CT

Garrett, William R.
USS Boggs
Fort Meyers FL

Greiner, James
Fort Weaver 15th C/A
Clarksville NY

Hanson, Allan L.
USS Maryland
Sandstone MN

Imus, Charles R.
Ford Island NAS VP 23
Post Falls ID

Knott, Robert L.
USS Nevada
Fresno CA

Lourien, Warren G.
USS Oklahoma
Placentia CA

Moczarski, Peter J.
Schofield Brks 98th C/A
Palm Coast FL

Stone, Samuel O.
Schofield Brks 90th F/A
Columbia SC

White, Henry J.
Naval Base PH Hosp
Concord CA

Young, Raiford O.
USS Oklahoma
Clearlake CA

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Editor's Note: Due to misinformation sent to the Gram, Hobart L Crabtree was listed in May Gram Death Report. Don Carner sent us an E-mail indicating Hobart called him from "heaven", saying he is alive and well.

Based on the PHSA Roster dated 5/24/03
The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., has:

4,082 Life Members
2,578 Annual Members
6,660 Total Active Members

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In Memory of My Beloved Husband

Frank A. Karl
PHM 1/C - USS Raleigh
His Loving Wife, Cecilia

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Illinois Chapter #1
Fall Luncheon Meeting
Submitted By Gladys Elliott
Publicity and Recording Secretary

(L to R) John Barry, Past Chapter #1 President; O.W. "Bill" Foster, Current National PHSA President, and Robert Barchanger, Chapter 1 President.

On September 24, 2002, Chapter 1 of Illinois held its Fall Luncheon Meeting at Lamb's Farm, Gurnee, IL. Twenty-two Survivors and 20 guests attended. Robert Barchanger of Lake Forest was unanimously elected President for the 2003 term and the remainder of the officers remained the same as the previous term.

Unit Listings

Requests for Unit Listings, which provide the names and addresses of PHSA Members from your ship or station, are to be mailed to Durward Swanson, National PHSA Vice President, P.O. Box 1002, Pine Mountain, GA 31822. Please enclose $1.00 check, money order or stamps per unit listing requested with your PHSA identification number.

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Change of Command
By Herb Franck, Secretary

At 0830 on 13 December 2002, Chapter 3 President, Ben Boosingher, and Vice President, Ernie Olson, attended the Change of Command Ceremony aboard the USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52) at the U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, CA. Commander Dale G. Fuller, USN, relieved Commander Ronald W. Kennedy, USN, as Commanding Officer. Captain J. Smith, USN, representing the Commander, Amphibious Force 3, officiated at the ceremony. CDR Fuller arrived from Surface Warfare Officers School as Director, Combat Systems Department Head Training. CDR Kennedy is reporting to Commander Third Fleet as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff Officer for Training and Exercises.

Following the ceremony, President Ben Boosingher presented a donation to the ship's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation fund as a symbolic gesture of Chapter 3's comradeship and good wishes to the crew for the forthcoming holiday season.

Palm Springs Air Museum

Chapter 21 (Palm Springs) and special guest were honored on the 61st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Seated center: Gen. Paul Tibbets, pilot of the 'Enola Gay' who dropped the first A-bomb on Japan. From left standing: Roy Brown, Treasurer, Chapter 21, honorary member Bill Byrne, and Leo Priest, Secretary/Editor of Chapter 21. All were honorees of the Palm Springs Air Museum, Palm Springs, CA. Gen Tibbets was also on hand to sign his new 2nd book, "Return of the Enola Gay".

Thomas Kimmel Guest
of Florida Chapter 14
By Hatcher James, President

(L. to R.) Hatcher James, Chapter 14 (Fort Kamehameha), Elwood Neener (Hickam Field), Thomas Kimmel, and Jimmy Jones, Pearl Harbor Yardcraft, at luncheon.

Thomas Kimmel, grandson of Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, who was in command of the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, was the luncheon guest of Space Shuttle Chapter 14, Cape Canaveral, Florida on February 13th, 2003. He presented a highly informative and interesting analysis of the unfairness of the judgment rendered against his grandfather and General Short, the Army commander. The evidence of his grandfather's innocence is overwhelming.

In 1986, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., passed a resolution seeking the restoration of rank to Admiral Kimmel and General Short to their highest wartime ranks as was done with other WWII commanders. This resolution was updated in 1990.

Congress has passed an order to restore Admiral Kimmel and General Short to their highest wartime ranks as was done with other WWII commanders. However, this still requires the President's signature to make it happen.

We can support this proposition by contacting President Bush, requesting that he add his signature to this order. The survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor and history are on the side of both Kimmel and Short. The e-mail address for the President is: president@whitehouse.gov.

SEC. 16. EXCLUSIVE USE OF CORPORATE NAME.

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

SEC. 17. TERMINATION.

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


PUBLIC LAW 99-119—OCT. 7, 1985

FEDERAL CHARTER GRANT TO THE
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H. R. 1042:

HOUSE REPORT No. 99-71 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
SENATE REPORT No. 99-103 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 131 (1985)
  May 13, considered and passed House
  July 18, considered and passed Senate, amended
  Sept. 20, House concurred in Senate amendments

Public Law 99-119
99th Congress

An Act

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

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

SECTION 1. CHARTER.

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

SEC. 2. POWERS.

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

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

SEC. 3. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 4. SERVICE OF PROCESS.

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

SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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

SEC. 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

SEC. 7. OFFICERS OF CORPORATION.

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

SEC. 8. RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE POWER.

(a) Distribution of Income or Assets to Members or Officers of the Corporation.—No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of the corporation or upon its dissolution or final liquidation. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to the officers of the corporation for services rendered to the corporation or to prevent their reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

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

(c) Issuance of Stock or Payment of Dividends.—The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends.

(d) Nonpolitical Nature of the Corporation.—The corporation and its officers, employees, and agents acting as such shall have no power to contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.
Prohibition

(e) Approval of the Congress or the Federal Government.—The corporation shall have no power to claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

36 USC 3609.

SEC. 9. LIABILITY.

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

36 USC 3610.

SEC. 10. BOOKS AND RECORDS; INSPECTION.

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

SEC. 11. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

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

“(69) Pearl Harbor Survivors Association”.

36 USC 3611.

SEC. 12. ANNUAL REPORT

The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit of the corporation required pursuant to section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law,” approved August 30, 1964 (78 Stat. 636; 36 U.S.C. 1102. The report shall not be printed as a public document.

36 USC 3612.

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

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

36 USC 3613.

SEC. 14. DEFINITION OF “STATE”.

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

36 USC 3614.

SEC. 15. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

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

The Gram has published the lists of the National Officers, District Directors, and the State Chairman. Now meet the rest of the 2003-2004 Team—Chairmen and Members of the Committees. The purpose of committees is to develop a smooth operating association with input from as many survivors as possible to ensure the vigor of our Association in future years. If your name is on the appointed list of committees and you concur, please advise the President.

President’s Advisory Committee: All Past National Presidents.

Parliamentarian: Robert S. Kronberger.

Gram Editor/Publisher, Mal Middlesworth; Staff Members, Jo Jean Middlesworth, Bruce Klein, Bob Sullivan.

National Storekeeper; Bob Kirby

2004 National Convention Committee: Mal Middlesworth, Facilitator; Arthur Herriford, 1st District Director; Arthur Morsch, Advisor; and National Officers, President, Vice President, Treasurer and California Chapter 9.

Resolutions/Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Chairman, 2nd District Director, Leo Proteau; DeWayne Chartier, 1st District Director Emeritus; Joseph A. Ruggles, 6th District Director; Julius A. Finnern, National Secretary.

PHSA Scholarship Committee: Chairman, John Baskette, Past 4th District Director; Howard L. Snell, 4th District Director; Arthur R. Schreier, 8th District Director; Paul Kennedy, 5th District Director; Donald L. Ralph, South Carolina State Chairman.

Ways & Means Committee: Chairman, Durward Swanson, National Vice-President; Lewis E. LaGesse, Texas State Chairman; James “Dixie” Harris, Georgia State Chairman.

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Financial Audit/Budget/Review/Advise Committee: Byram Bates, Chairman; David L. Moffat, Arkansas; Arthur R. Schreier, 8th District Director; Charles W. Mallon, California.

National Chaplain: Dr. Richard L. Young. White Caps: Anna Busby.

Advance Planning/Futures Committee: Chairman, George W. Blake, 3rd District Director; Arthur R. Schreier, 8th District Director; Paul Kennedy, 5th District Director; Durward Swanson, National Vice President.

Sons & Daughters Committee: Chairman, Arthur R. Schreier; Liaison, Joseph A. Ruggles, 6th District Director.

Spokesman for PHSA: Executive Board, National President, National Vice-President, National Secretary.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Foster

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The Beginning Years Of The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association - Part II

By Robert S. Kronberger
Founding Father & Past National President

It is a great feeling to review our past activities and to appreciate all the good things that we have accomplished during our years of existence. We promoted our byline “Keep America Alert” to help fellow citizens to understand the profound impact that the atrocious attack on Pearl Harbor has made upon our great nation. We, as an association, may now brag of the many accomplishments and yeoman services that our membership has financed or given to our country. We count among our many prestigious achievements the following:

- Promotion and establishment of a Sons and Daughters organization.

- We have an interest in, promoted and supported many youth groups and programs.

- We were instrumental in the promotion and financing of the USS Arizona Memorial and the Remembrance Garden.

- We are now assisting in the financing of the USS Arizona Shore Side facility.

- The Aloha Chapter has provided hosts and guides to the Arizona Memorial on a daily basis since it has been open to the public.

- We have received a Federal Charter from the Congress of the United States.

- We have participated in a countless number of parades, memorials and ceremonies throughout the country over the years since our conception in 1958.

- We have established memorials at all our military academies and many other public and military installations.

- PHSA was instrumental in persuading the Federal Government to proclaim December the 7th as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

- Our efforts forced the U.S. Navy, The Department of Defense, The Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to build and commission a major naval vessel with the name “USS Pearl Harbor.” She was commissioned on the 30th day of May, 1998 at Coronado, California. She will carry our name, motto and history well into the 21st century.

- Most of our states issue license plates in honor of our membership.

- Through our efforts Congress authorized a medal honoring the military personnel who were present at or around Pearl Harbor on that day and our organization distributed the medal to all those eligible to receive it or to their heirs, at the request of the U.S. Government.

- Many public roads, freeways, highways, streets and avenues now bear our name.

- Our membership has purchased and distributed thousands of Pearl Harbor history type books and tapes to libraries and educational institutions throughout the country.

- The majority of our chapters have formed speaker bureaus that are second to none, and can be found telling our story in schools, at civic functions or in the media. We are the recognized professionals of Pearl Harbor history and are in popular demand by historians and the younger generations.

- Our national historian, Ray Emory, of Hawaii's Aloha Chapter, is known to be continuously prompting the Grave Registrations Agency and the National Cemetery Administration to properly identify and care for the resting places for our departed comrades in arms.

- “The Pearl Harbor Gram” is one of the finest publications published by a veteran or fraternal organization.

- But most of all we have the most congenial, cohesive membership in the world. There are no strangers in
PHSA, just friends that we haven’t met. We are truly one of the most patriotic organizations in the country.

We, the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, pledge the continuation of our promise, that of keeping America Alert. Wherever or whenever there is a patriotic ceremony, a parade, or any social gathering where the spirit of “LOVE AMERICA” is prevalent, we’ll be there. When a gathering formed to honor those Americans who have participated in, or lost their lives during the defense of our country, you can well rest assured that we will always be visible and in abundance, clad in our bright Hawaiian Shirts, white trousers and identifying PHSA cap.

As long as one of us is still alive, it is hoped by most of us that there will always be a Pearl Harbor Survivors Association extolling the attributes of our beloved America.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and to give a “well done” to the multitude of survivors who have provided their expertise and time. I commend the men and women who have joined together and worked harmoniously for the many long and tireless hours that were required to make the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association the viable organization it is today—an integral part of the timeless heritage of our American freedoms.

Remember, there has never been a more noble defeat, or a louder warning of aggression to face our nation as that singular event, one that each of us had shared a part in. Even today, as the malignant growth of evil continues to live, threaten, confuse, attack and grow throughout the world——the memory of “PEARL HARBOR” still stands as a constant reminder that we must be forever vigilant. We must never allow the security of our country be placed again in a position where it may be compromised. It is our solemn duty to insist that our legislators never become complacent about the quality or the adequacy of our national defenses.

We, the military survivors of our nation’s conflicts, have the responsibility of working against any possible repetition of such a complete major military disaster, as that dastardly deed of the 7th of December 1941, “The Day of Infamy.” “GOD BLESS AMERICA” and “MAY AMERICA REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR.”

Michael Hennessey Re-Enlists

Arthur A. Kowalski of San Diego makes a presentation to Chief Michael Hennessey on his re-enlistment. The Chief, who served on the USS Pearl Harbor, is a favorite of the local PHSA members. He also received an award from John Finn, Congressional Medal Of Honor winner. The event was held at Jesse Thompson’s home in Chula Vista.

Hawaiian Army-Navy Game

The three soldiers from the 98th Coast Artillery unit from Schofield Barracks are (left to right) Joe “Red” Dorman, Mahwah, NJ; Louis Scholl, Tiffin, OH; and Chip Mandia from Red Bank, NJ. The three submarine sailors are not identified. Can anyone identify them for Red Dorman?
Clintons In the News—

The Clintons are in the news, again. He wants the rules changed so a President can run for a third term and she’s out hyping her book.

It reminded me that I had a photo of the former President with Marion and Bob Kronberger somewhere. Marion and Bob did an outstanding job of representing the PHSA when they were our First Lady and National PHSA President.

A Letter To Tony Iantorno From Lindsey Cirkle


Hello my name Lindsey Cirkle and I’m 17 years old (a Sophomore) and was Brakate 4th period! I enjoyed your talk to the class yesterday. It was a great experience to have a survivor from Pearl Harbor talk to us. Last summer I went to Hawaii and visited the site of Pearl Harbor and stood over the sunken ship and standing there I couldn’t help thinking that 2,340 men died under me and around me in or on land. And I can’t believe that you were 21 years old when it happened! I can’t imagine what it was like being there. I want to thank you for fighting for our country. I would be proud to have you as my grandpa. Your granddaughter is very lucky to have a legend like you!

Sincerely,

Lindsey Cirkle

Tony Iantorno from Chapter 14 in Orange County, CA is an avid believer in his duty to tell students of all ages about the attack on Pearl Harbor. The letter from Lindsey provides evidence of his success!
Special Memorial Service at the
**USS SAN FRANCISCO**
**(CA-38) MONUMENT**

On Sunday, May 25th, at twelve noon some 300 people gathered at the USS San Francisco Monument at Land’s End, a high cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean at the entrance of San Francisco Bay. A special remembrance service there at Land’s End is an annual event, observed on the Sunday before our fixed national Memorial Day.

This year they were there to think about and honor the memory of the United States Marines who served and fought so valiantly on land and sea during a ferocious sea battle out in the far reaches of the Pacific Ocean more than 60 years ago. In naval history it was labeled “The Night Naval Battle at Guadalcanal”. It took place on 13 November 1942. That day happened to be a Friday, for those who believe in the significance of things which may happen on any Friday the 13th.

A few hours earlier the ship had been struck by a damaged enemy torpedo plane which had crashed into the after bridge works inflicting more than 50 casualties, including 22 who were killed.

That night Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan and almost all of the other senior officers, including the ship’s captain, died along with 85 others during the 26 minutes that the surface battle raged. Callaghan’s force of five cruisers and eight destroyers had sought out and clashed with two Japanese battleships, a cruiser, and eleven destroyers, in the narrow piece of ocean that came to be ruefully called “Iron Bottom Sound.”

In speaking of that night naval battle -- with the USS San Francisco singled out as the American flagship in the center of the fray-- the World War Two American Navy’s Chief, Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, in April 1944 made his first summary report to the Secretary of the Navy. In telling about of the engagement, King called it “one of the most furious sea battles ever fought.”

The statistics backing up what occurred in the 26 minutes of that engagement surely bear out the significance of Admiral King’s statement. More than 46 major caliber shells hit the San Francisco, but miraculously she was still afloat and her big guns and engine rooms functioning when the engagement ended. Photos on page 32.

The First Pearl Harbor Survivor Memorial?

Chester Jankowski, on the USS Oklahoma December 7th, 1941, stands by what probably was the first memorial dedicated to Pearl Harbor Survivors after the attack.

George Hoffman donated the land and paid the cost of what most likely was the first memorial dedicated to those who are recognized as Pearl Harbor Survivors. He had the memorial erected in July of 1942 to honor his nephew, George, who served on the USS Chew and his peers on that day in 1941.

Thanks to Christi Conroy, a local real estate agent, we now have a good picture of both Chester Jankowski and the monument. The monument is located on Old Collinsville Road in the Messinger Cemetery that opened in 1820 in St. Clair Township, Illinois. Both Chester and Bill Shibe, who provided the information on the monument, are members of Illinois Chapter 2.
2003 Executive Board Directives

**EBD 1-03**
The National PHSA President requests the Executive Board to rescind EBD 5-02 as it is not in compliance with Article VI, para. 4-a, of the Pearl Harbor National Constitution and By-Laws. EBD referred to: “October 9, 2002. Request approval of approximately $2,000 for the PHSA National Secretary to organize and copy approximately 25,000 pages of the National Records into a computer database.”

Approved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 1st DD, 4th DD, 5th DD, 7th DD, and 8th DD.
No response: 2nd DD, 3rd DD, and 6th DD.

**EBD 2-03**
It is requested that the funding for: http://www.pearlharborsurvivorsonline.org/ be suspended for the following reason: It is not under the control of an elected officer of the PHSA, Inc.

Approved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 1st DD, 4th DD, 6th DD, and 8th DD. No response: 2nd DD, 3rd DD, 6th DD, and 7th DD.

**EBD 3-03**
Article XI of the PHSA, Inc. National Constitution states:

**ARTICLE XI National Convention and Memorial Service**

The National Convention or Reunion shall be held at such time as to include the date of December 7. The official time of the PHSA Memorial Service shall be 07:55 o'clock a.m., Honolulu time, December 7, thereby commemorating the exact clock time of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Effective after December, 1998, National Conventions shall be held biennially and Reunions may be held every five (5) years based on 1941. The place of the Reunion to be at the discretion of the Executive Board and the membership with notice given at least two (2) years in advance of the next Reunion.

The National Convention and Memorial Service for 2006, our 65th Anniversary, unfortunately was not on the agenda at the 2002 Convention at Houston TX. The National President, O.W. "Bill" Foster, requests the Pearl Harbor Survivors Executive Board for approval of the place of Reunion in 2006 to be Washington DC, our Nation's capitol. NOTE: Article XI was changed at the Kentucky Convention (Resolution 11) by 2/3 membership vote and is contained in Revision 2000 of our Constitution and By-Laws. All other revisions are obsolete.

Approved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 1st DD, 4th DD, 5th DD, 7th DD, and 8th DD. No response: 2nd DD, 3rd DD, and 6th DD.

**EBD 4-03**
President O.W. "Bill" Foster requests confirmation of: Joseph A. Ruggles, 3237 - 49th St. N., St. Petersburg FL 33710-2735. Phone: (727) 526-8660 as the 6th District Director to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Mr. Ben C. Begley December 25, 2002.

Approved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 1st DD, 4th DD, 5th DD, 6th DD, 7th DD, and 8th DD. No response: 2nd DD, and 3rd DD.

**EBD 5-03**
Wm. Eckel, Treasurer PHSA, made a motion that the profits from the 60th Reunion be tabled until the new board meets December 8, 2002. Clark Martin, 7th District Director PHSA, offered an amendment to the motion which says, “The profits shall be temporarily allocated to the 2004 Convention fund.” This motion and amendment is found on page 87 with the vote on page 89 of the December 3, 2002, Executive Board minutes.
EBD 5-03 is requesting the Executive Board to allocate (reimburse) the profits of the 60th Anniversary Reunion to the PHSA, Inc. 2004 Convention Fund.

Approved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 1st DD, 2nd DD, 4th DD, 5th DD, 6th DD, 7th DD. Disapproved: 8th DD. No response: 3rd DD.

EBD 6-03
A request for the PHSA, Inc. to reimburse a non-refundable air line ticket was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Approved: 7th DD. Disapproved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 4th DD, 5th DD, 6th DD, 8th DD. No response: 1st DD, 2nd DD, 3rd DD.

EBD 7-03
Article VII, Membership, para. 5.h. states: “The PHSA Memorial Plaque will be issued at no cost to a deceased member who has maintained good standing for ten (10) years............”

The memorial plaque has been issued to all life members by a motion from a previous Executive Board. At the present time we have a total of 1,940 annual members without the required memorial plaques. The Administrative Office is receiving death notices and finding the deceased survivors Applications for Membership in the lapsed and inactive files. Some of the survivors in the lapsed file meet the requirement of 10 years in good standing, others do not.

These files contain approximately 3,000 lapsed Pearl Harbor Survivors and there is no way the status of these survivors can be made known. It is believed the major portion are deceased.

Authority is requested from the Executive Board to purchase sufficient memorial plaques to meet the requirement of our Constitution and By-Laws.

Funding for this purchase to be provided by the Memorial Fund.

Approved: Foster, Swanson, Finnern, Eckel, 4th DD, 5th DD, 6th DD, 8th DD. Disapproved: 1st DD, 7th DD. No response: 2nd DD, 3rd DD.

EBD 8-03
Funding for travel, lodging and three (3) days per diem is requested for the PHSA National President to inspect and approve facilities and to sign hotel contracts for the 2004 National Convention in Ontario, CA 2004.


EBD 9-03
Funding for travel, lodging and three (3) days per diem is requested for the PHSA National Treasurer to inspect and approve facilities and to sign hotel contracts for the 2004 National Convention in Ontario, CA 2004.


Respectfully submitted,

Julius A. Finnern
PHSA National Secretary
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 list the 65th, 60th, 55th, and 50th anniversaries only. You should send the information to the GRAM Editor six months in advance.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

LA VACK, Lloyd F. (USS Vestal) and Marie, 1320 Sweet Bay Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401—May 4, 2003.

LUCIUS, W.R. “Bill” (Ewa Air Base, 2nd Marine Air Group) and May (a PH Survivor) 201 Prune Tree Dr., Healdsburg, CA 95448—September 17, 2003.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

BATES, Tom (USS Ramsay) and Florence, 1423 Monterey Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405—August 31, 2003.

BLOOMFIELD, Donald L. (Hickam Field, 5th Bomb Group) and Audrie D., 1121 Alfredo Ave., The Villages, FL 32159—November 5, 2003.

BOSSI, Ben (Hickam Field, 23rd Bomb Sqd.) and Ginny, 9704 Amanita Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042-2915, August 11, 2003.

BURTON, James Utra (J.U.) (USS Case) and Francis, 1775 Emerald Lane, Middleburg FL 32068—November 5, 2003.


COULSON, Scott E. (USS West Virginia) and Lenora E., 10210 Baseline SP105, Alta Loma, CA 91701—October 17, 2003.

COY, William H. ( Schofield Brks. 98th CA/AAA) and Josephine, 525 Weesner Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168-1270—June 8, 2003.

DEFOREST, Ary (USS Helena) and Mary Evelyn, 4615 Pollack Ave., Evansville, IN 47714—September 15, 2004.


FERGUSON, Leon J. (USS Detroit) and Mildred B., 3926 Standford Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056—March 7, 2003.


HART, Vernon (USS St. Louis Plank Owner) and Carrie (Bettie) 704 Alice St., Boyne City, MI 49712—August 29, 2003.


KLEPPS, Edmund G. (USS Helena) and Alma, 7 Ridgeville St., Terryville, CT 06786—August 28, 2003.

LARSEN, Frank (USS Aylwin) and Klara M, 12 Salvatore Drive, Ignacio, CA 94949-6016—September 17, 2003.


LUNDE, Raymond C. (Naval Base PH Hospital) and Audrey, 3765 Grass Valley Hwy., #271 Auburn, CA 95602-2033—October 6, 2003.

OBERTO, James E. (USS Utah) and Carolyn M., 2523 E. Contention Mine Road, Site No. 27 - South, Phoenix, AZ 85032-1826—October 15, 2003.

PERUCCI, Alfred D. (Kaneohe NAS VP-14) and Irene, 1655 Primera St., Lemon Grove, CA 91945-4333—September 18, 2003.

TOWNSEND, Paul F. (Naval Hospital Patient) and Ruth L., HEC Box 1045F, Payson, AZ 85541—September 13, 2003.
WEIHER, Victor (USS Detroit) and Mildred, 2510 32nd Ave., Sacramento, CA 95822—Sept, 25, 2003.


55TH ANNIVERSARY


KRONBERGER, Robert S. (USS West Virginia) and Marion A., P.O. Box 442, Big Bear City 92314-0442—November 23, 2003.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

BOGGS, William A. (USS Honolulu) and Barbara A., 601 N. Main St., Fountain Inn, SC 29644-1609—June 12, 2003.

HUTCHENS, Warren H. (Camp Malakole 251st C/A) and Fay, 14316 Suffolk St., Westminster, CA 92683—September 18, 2003.

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Chapter 2 Hosts California State Convention

On the left: Mickey and Barbara Ganitch. They were the Chairpersons of the successful 2003 State Convention May 15-17 in Oakland. They were everywhere—tending bar in the hospitality room, making the banquet name cards, drawing raffle tickets, etc. Wherever something had to be done, they were there, doing it! The convention was held in the Hilton Airport Hotel.

(Left) Linda LaTouche, a member of SDPHS from Anaheim, CA takes over the bar in the hospitality room. She is an outstanding worker at many PHSA events. (below) Linda's husband, Jim, takes a poker lesson from one of the several card games.

Registration was efficiently handled by Sons and Daughters member Alva Barbee (left) and her friend, Joyce Nelson. Above, they check-in Emery and Nancy Fogg from San Leandro. Alva also donated four $250.00 prizes in memory of her parents, Elizabeth and George Saunders.

(Below) Founding Father, Bob Kronberger, (left) pauses long enough to clear his throat as Bruce Klein, Joe Kinnaman, and Bing Walenter provide Bob with an audience for his military knowledge, wit and sea stories. He loves a captive audience.

State Chairman, Jim Evans, conducted the business meeting. It was great to see Jim looking so well with Jeanne at his side, after their auto accident,
Total registration for the state convention—190 people. Sixty-eight Survivors plus spouses, Sons and Daughters, and guests. Sixty members and 8 SDPHS attended the business meeting. A full bus load of 47 took the bus tour of the San Francisco area. Banquet attendance was 160.

First District Director, Arthur Herriford (Left) presents the award for Best Chapter Attendance based on percentage of total members to Bill Davis, Vice State Chairman-South. The winning chapter was Bill’s Chapter 29.

Queenie Walenter reacts to some of the conversation in the hospitality room.

Former National President, Bill Aupperlee, will soon be heading for the Michigan State Convention to see his twin brother.

Ann Dixon, widow of Rolfe Dixon, has been a valuable asset to Northern California PHSAs activities for many years.

Illinois Chapter #2 Dec. 7th Memorial Services

By David Montgomery
Illinois State Chairman

At the Chillicothe VFW Memorial Service. Back row, L to R: Jim Duncan, Peoria Heights, Hickam Field; Finch Stowell, Princeville, USS Oklahoma; Henry Kirkham, Mossville, Fort Ruger; John Kelly, Jacksonville, USS Mugford. Seated, L to R: Dave Montgomery, Petersburg, PW2 Flag, Ford Island NAS; Jim Triplett Sr., Springfield, Boathouse Ford Island NAS; Grover Walkup Peoria, USS Tennessee; and “Pete” Isaac Clinton, Hickam Field.

The VFW held a PHSA Memorial Service on December 8, 2002 in Chillicothe, Illinois with several Veterans groups in attendance and included the Survivors shown in picture above. Also, the Veterans Administration from the State of Illinois held a PHSA Memorial Service at the DAV Club, Lake Springfield on December 7, 2002 with several Survivors and other Veterans Groups represented.

John Kelly USS Mugford, Jacksonville, was appointed as our Pearl Harbor representative to the advisory council for the Veterans Home, Quincy, Illinois. Finch Stowell USS Oklahoma, Princeville appointed as alternate.

Illinois changed its Pearl Harbor Survivor license plates to include a replica of the Arizona Memorial on them.
USS San Francisco Monument Remembrance May 25, 2003

(L. to R.) Speaker, General Mike Myatt, President and CEO of Marine Memorial Association; John Egan & Bob Dunn, SFA; SF City Supervisor, Fiona Ma; Captain Stan Ellerson, the Navy League and Naval Order; CA State Assemblyman, Leland Lee, Johnny Johnson, SFA, Program Chairman; Colonel Bruce Barnes, Marine Group, SF; and Glen Adams, Commandant, Marine Corps League, San Francisco. (See story on page 25.)

(L. to R.) USS San Francisco veterans Johnny Johnson, Don Gritz, John Egner, John Egan, Cecil Cran, Valentine Pena, Bob Dunn, Gene Tarrant, Ed Silveria, Marvin Recknor, Cliff Spencer, and Heber Holbrook. The unique memorial is near the southern entrance from the Pacific Ocean to the San Francisco Bay.

The Memorial is located just north of the Cliff House restaurant, so stop in and see it when you’re in San Francisco.

Deceit At Pearl Harbor
by Lt. Cmdr. Ken Landis USNR (ret.)

From the last survivor of Admiral Kimmel’s staff, this new book reveals the astonishing transcript of a telephone warning between Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt eleven days before Pearl Harbor, showing that the British and even Hitler knew of the oncoming disaster, but Admiral Kimmel did not.

FDR’s almost daily conversations with Churchill on the scrambler telephone were being monitored by Hitler’s Gestapo, and Churchill warned that a large Japanese Task Force consisting of six aircraft carriers had left Japan and was heading East. The fact that the Nazis were able to unscramble (decode) the conversation was never considered possible.

Aided by Rex Gunn, a member of the early warning radar and Lawrence McNabb, a crew member of the USS Pennsylvania, Landis tells how this team reveals a host of facts covered up by over 60 years of obfuscation and denial in the name of National Security.

Lt. Cmdr. Landis tells the story of FDR’s madcap scheme of sending out three small ships (now known as The Tethered Goats) as Pickets from Manila, to intercept the oncoming Task Force and be sunk, thereby accepting the first blow and igniting WWII. Pearl Harbor occurred before that happened and the story of the Tethered Goats faded in the dustbin of history. This is not the usual Pearl Harbor book since it was written by three survivors and much of the known facts are not rehearsed as the multitude of other books do.

The war’s major players, Roosevelt, Churchill and even Hitler, all knew well in advance of the oncoming disaster in Pearl Harbor. It is time the public learned the true story of how America’s worst military disaster could have been avoided.

Book includes 39 never-before published WWII photos taken by the author, including the ruins of Tokyo after the fire raids as well as the last remaining Japanese battleship burning in Tokyo Bay.

Price: $18.95 plus $4 for S/H. Send Check or M.O. to: Ken Landis-78020 Calle Norte, Dept G, La Quinta, CA 92253.
Tel: (760) 564-0808. First 100 books autographed by author.
May 2003 Gram Article On Wheeler Field Memorial
draws reader response

Dear Mr. Middleworth:

“I just received my May, 2002 Pearl Harbor Gram. I could not believe my eyes when I turned to Page 30. There was a picture of the Memorial that is placed at the entrance of Wheeler Field. I was stationed at Wheeler Field on December 7th, 1941. I was an aircraft mechanic and responsible for the proper care and maintenance of Lt. George Welch’s plane.

I want the people to know that “Wheeler Field caught hell, too.”

—Frank V. Puglia, Rockville, MD

“Dear Mal:

In reference to the article on Page 30 of the May 2003 Gram. Those pilots that were mentioned on the plaque were members of the 46th & 47th Pursuit Squadrons. They did not take off from Wheeler Field, which was completely destroyed. All the aircraft were lined up in a neat row and all ammo was removed from the planes.

Those 6 planes came from a secret airstrip that my company “C” of the 804th Engineers (Avn) built prior to the attack. We had built an experimental airstrip (Marsten Mat) on Halewa Beach that was laid on the sand of the beach. We completely camouflaged the aircraft. The Japanese were unaware of this secret airstrip. They flew right over it at 1,000 ft. elevation. This was the attack on Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Field, including our new barracks across from Wheeler Field. They tried to set our wooden barracks on fire with tracer ammo, which they were armed with. Their intent was to destroy all defensive aircraft over the island.

We witnessed two air kills over Schofield Barracks. The planes that attacked the airfields were bombers. Second Lt. Gordon H. Sterling was apparently flying a P-36, which had 30 caliber guns. The P-40’s had 50 caliber guns and were much faster and more maneuverable. Lt. Sterling had one kill, I think a bomber. He was in pursuit of another bomber returning to its carrier to refuel when he was shot down over the ocean. His body and plane were never found. He was the only (American) pilot shot down during the first attack. Our Battalion was disbursed to various airfields. My Company “C” was sent to Hickam Field. One of my first jobs was pushing off the burning aircraft and filling bomb craters on the run ways with my bull dozer. I appreciated the article about Major Anne Marsh and the restoring of the Memorial to those fighter pilots, but I felt being a survivor of the attack, I should set the record straight where those pursuit planes were located.”

—William R. Renwick, Burns, Oregon

Dear Mal:

Just a note from another old member (86 years old) about the article on Page 30 of the May 2003 Gram. I was at Wheeler 1939-40, Ford Island 1940-41, and Hickam 1941-1942. I know all the planes at Wheeler and Hickam. P-36’s were never in Hawaii. I have pictures of all the planes at these fields during this period. P-26’s and P-40’s were the only fighters in Hawaii until Pearl Harbor. I’ve got $$$ to prove it.

—Joe Lewin, Scottsdale, Arizona

Editors’s Note: The only reference, in the subject article, to the types of planes appears on the new brass plate on the Memorial at the entrance to Wheeler Field.

Attention Pearl Harbor
Marines and Members of the
3rd & 4th Defense Battalions

Pearl Harbor Marines and members of the 3rd and 4th Defense Battalions are holding a second Joint-Reunion in Ogden, Utah September 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2003.

All Marines from the 2nd Division, Ewa, Naval Ammunition Depot and Kaneohe Bay and the various ship’s detachments are also welcome. We will be staying at the Comfort Suites Motel in Ogden, located at 2250 So. 1200 West. The rate is $59.00 a night. A complimentary breakfast is included. When making your reservations, please ask for Marine Reunion #2 to get this rate. The telephone number is 1-800-462-9925. For more details, write or call Milly Hendrickson, 22100 Rosary Ave., Nuevo, CA 92567. Phone (909) 928-2208.
(Continued from Page 11, Column 2)

Eighth District News

NEW HAMPSHIRE: William Lefabvre, State Chairman.

The Granite State Chapter met on April 16th at the Cat n Fiddle Restaurant in Concord, State Chairman Bill Lefabvre presiding.

Items discussed were the war in Iraq, patriotism, the October District Convention and the need for an organization to Remember Pearl Harbor when all of the Survivors are gone. Members agreed to keep the Granite State Chapter active as long as possible. Currently there are 31 active members in the Chapter. The next meeting will be October 15th at the Cat n Fiddle.

NEW YORK: Daniel S. Fruchter, State Chairman. Central New York Chapter 7: Anthony Marra, President.

The May 4th meeting was held at the C-Way Restaurant in Clayton, NY. 27 members and guests were in attendance. Members voted to submit a resolution for action at the 2004 National Convention. This resolution would rescind Article 7, paragraph 6, sub paragraph ‘h’ of the National Constitution.

Members of the Chapter were invited to be the honored guests at an authentic World War II era USO show. This performance recalled key events of that time and memorable songs of those years. This May event was put on by students of the Ft. Stanwix Elementary School and the Rome Free Academy.

The June 22nd meeting at Moran Post 66 was preceded by a memorial service for deceased member, Herb Ishis, held at St. Mary’s Church.

Long Island Chapter 8, Ted Tupper, President.

After the winter hiatus the Long Island Chapter resumed meetings in March at the Marjorie Post Park Community Room.

On March 30th, Chapter 8 was represented at the United Veteran’s Organization Legislative Breakfast held at the Marine Corps Hall in Garden City.

On May 25th, members attended the annual Memorial Day Service at Eisenhower Park.

On May 26th, the Chapter participated in the Freeport Memorial Day Parade and Services.

The Chapter held its annual Luncheon Meeting on June 17th at Majors Steak House on Jericho Tpk. in Woodbury.

Our last activity for the summer was the July 4th parade and service in the Village of Oyster Bay.

An Amazing Story
By Joe Engle
NAS Kaneohe Bay

Joseph C. and Angie Engle of Pensacola, Florida both survived the attack on Pearl Harbor as they and son, Joe, Jr., lived on the NAS Kaneohe base in December, 1941

Before Angie and I moved to NAS Kaneohe Bay, we lived in Pearl City from August 1939 to April 1941. In Pearl City we rented an apartment from a Japanese landlord. The landlord’s five-year old grandson visited us occasionally. On one visit he brought a Japanese comic book with him. The book portrayed aircraft dropping bombs on the people below. He pointed to the aircraft and said these are Japanese and pointed to the people below and said that these are American. This was about a year before the Pearl Harbor Attack.

Joe was an enlisted pilot, a AMM1/CNAP at the time. On December 7th, Angelina and Joe were coming out of church, just outside the main gate, when they could see the bombing and strafing of the hangers on the base. Joe reported to the armory and Angie took off for the beach with food and a blanket. After three weeks of patrol duty at Pearl, he returned to his family.
USS Pearl Harbor (ISD-52) Returning To San Diego From Mideast Deployment
Over Night Mini-Tiger Cruise From Camp Pendleton To San Diego Held On July 25-26

On Sunday, June 2nd at 3:57 a.m., the message we were waiting for was sent from an unknown location—our ship is heading home with its Sailors and Marines. We had already placed the photo we received from the USS Nevada's Woody Derby on the front page of this Gram issue in anticipation of the good news.

The message included information on a one day/one night Mini-Tiger Cruise. The Mini-Tigers embarked the ship via LCU from Del Mar Boat Basin near Camp Pendleton on July 25th, 2003, and debarked in San Diego upon arrival on July 26th.

It's standard practice to drop the Marines and their equipment off at Camp Pendleton and then head down to homeport, San Diego.

Tiger Cruises are primarily dependents' events for family members. The CO has been gracious enough to extend this opportunity to members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. However, regulations dictate that wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, and married or engaged couples cannot participate. No frigging in the rigging. Children age 8 or above are welcome. Anyone under 18 must have a signed authorization form.

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USS Carl Vinson, one of the Navy's nuclear-powered carriers, in Pearl Harbor. She has a crew of 5,000, many of whom are shown manning the rail. Note the Arizona Memorial off the Port Bow and the battleship Missouri off Port Side.