2004 National Convention Set For Southern California

For the first time in 30 years, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will hold its National Convention in the State of California. The 2004 National Convention will be held in the inland valley where the Association began in the 1950's.

The convention dates are Friday, December 3rd through Wednesday, December 8th. The host hotel will be the Ontario Airport Marriott adjacent to the passenger-friendly Ontario International Airport, the Gateway to Southern California. Chapter 9 will be the 2004 Convention’s host chapter.

Airlines serving the airport include Alaska, America West, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian Airlines, jetBlue, Northwest, Southwest, United, United Express, and United’s new low-fare service, TED, direct from Denver and with one stop from Washington Dulles.

The December 7th Memorial Service will be conducted at the new Ontario Convention Center just across the street from the host hotel, eliminating transportation to and from the remembrance event.

The convention program includes a reception with music, ladies luncheon, a tour of nearby Ontario Mills with over 200 retail, outlet, entertainment, and specialty stores under one roof, and the Planes of Fame Flying Museum—one of the best flying museums in the nation. See schedule of events on Page 13.
The President’s Message

Tribute to a Generation
A memorial will be dedicated to America’s World War II generation in Washington, D.C. May 27-30, 2004. (Over the Memorial Day weekend.)

The Memorial dedication will recognize and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the World War II Generation.

The Memorial is a long overdue tribute to the individual Americans who helped win World War II—the longest war of all time and the defining event of the Twentieth Century.

The Memorial honors the veterans who bravely fought to defend the freedoms all Americans enjoy.

Thomas Jefferson once said, “How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of; and which no other people on earth enjoy, but will they keep it, or will they, in the enjoyment of plenty, lose their memory of freedom?”

What’s ahead for the PHSA???

Bill Foster
President

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A Message From George Blake

In recent issues of the Gram there has been published a listing of “Executive Board Directives” (EBD) and how they were voted upon. In several places my vote was reported as “Third District, No Answer.” This might indicate to the members that I was not performing my duty in representing my district.

Let me assure all, that I HAD answered, that there is correspondence on file stating that, since briefly worded EBD’s do not explain their reason for the vote, nor do they allow for discussion of the issue, I would abstain from voting. Since the pros and cons of the issue are not readily available, I felt that if I could not vote intelligently, then I would abstain, until such time as complete information is forthcoming.

I am in the 6th year of serving as Director of The Third District, and I would like to assure my members that I do actively participate in representing them at the national level.

—George Blake, PHSA, Director, Third District

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Deadline for August 2004 Gram:
The final deadline for receiving all articles, photographs and information relating to the August 2004 Pearl Harbor Gram is June 1, 2004.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. is not responsible for any items or services advertised in the Pearl Harbor Gram.
Jim Evans Announces Candidacy For PHSA National Secretary

I, James L. “Jim” Evans, hereby announce my candidacy for the office of National Secretary of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., at the election to take place during the National Convention to be held in Ontario, California, December 2004.

On December 7, 1941, I was in the Marine Barracks, NAS Kaneohe Bay. I left Kaneohe in July 1942. I joined the Second Marine Division, FMF, and served in combat with that unit through Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and Saipan.

After Korea and 20 years of honorable service, I retired from the USMC with the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. My second career was with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring after 20 years as a Manager. I am a Life Member of the PHSA and the Founding Member and Past President of Tri-City Chapter 31. I have served as the California Parliamentarian and Vice State Chairman (S). I am currently serving as California State Chairman.

I am the Commander of Chapter 493, Military Order of the Purple Heart, a Life Member of the American Legion and the VFW. I announce my candidacy with the full support of my loving family.

—James L. “Jim” Evans

Robert Kronberger To Receive International Founders Award

Robert S. Kronberger, one of the three remaining Founding Fathers of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., will receive the International Founders Award from High Twelve for 2004. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet on Sunday, June 27, 2004, at the group’s annual convention at the Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel, Costa Mesa, California.

The International Founders award is granted based on outstanding service to Free and Accepted Masonry and outstanding service to the nation. Some previous recipients include President Gerald Ford, Senator Barry Goldwater, Ernest Borgnine, Red Skelton, and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin. Congratulations, Bob Kronberger.

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.
Arthur G. Herriford, Candidate for Reelection as First District Director

My fellow Survivors, currently I am the First District Director. During my term of office I have striven to point up deficiencies in our organization with efforts to correct such deficiencies. The object of making the general membership cognizant of what transpires at the National level has been one of my primary missions. As first District Director, I represent the largest block of Survivors in our Organization. Therefore, it is to the benefit of our membership to be apprised of operations by the National Administration in order to make logical decisions when conducting business during conventions.

One term has given me sufficient insight with respect to what transpires at the National level. Therefore, I feel I can be far more effective during a second term. My sole interest as First District Director is Good of The Order. PHSA is my extended family and for that reason, I want what is best for My Family.

Respectfully, Art Herriford

In Memory Of
Arthur (Sonny) Delor
A Btry 98th AAA
Red & Moose

In Memory Of
Louis (MeGee) Scholl
A- Battery 98th C/A
Joe “Red” Dorman

Nurse Anna Busby Invited To Dec. 7th Proclamation Signing

Norman Parker, Past Alabama State Chairman, and Anna Busby, Chairperson of the PHSA White Caps, were invited to attend the signing of Governor Bob Riley’s Proclamation of December 7th, 2003 as a Day of Remembrance.

Anna Busby, noted nurse, teacher, author, and lecturer on the subject of Pearl Harbor, attended the Proclamation signing by Alabama Governor Bob Riley proclaiming December 7th, 2003 as a Day of Remembrance. Ms. Busby was accompanied by Norman Parker, a Past Alabama State Chairman. Anna was a nurse at Tripler Hospital on December 7th, 1941. She has been the Chairperson of the PHSA “White Caps” for many years and has served the Association with distinction. She indicates that there were more than 200 military nurses on the Island Of Oahu at the time of the attack and that approximately 18 are still with us. We salute those 18 nurses and deceased peers who helped the wounded and dying!

43rd Annual California State PHSA Convention & First District Convention
May 20th-May 23rd - Burbank Hilton Hotel

Please make your room reservations with Burbank Hilton Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA. Phone 1-800-840-6450. Be sure to mention PHSA to get special rate of $79. plus tax per night. Hotel Reservations close May 5, 2004. For more information contact Arthur Herriford, 14948 Martha St., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3222. Phone 818-785-9365. E-mail: aherriford@aol.com
Mal Middlesworth
Candidate For PHSA
National Vice-President

I formally announce my bid to become the next National Vice-President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. Serving as Gram Editor for four years has provided me with the unique opportunity to talk to our members across the nation almost daily. It has also given me first-hand knowledge as to how the national administration functions, as the Editor attends all national Executive Board Meetings, conventions, and reunions.

I am currently President of my local chapter for a third time. For years, I served as Chapter Secretary and published the chapter newsletter. I also served as Assistant State Secretary and was the Chairman of the successful State Convention in 1999. I received the California State Survivor of the Year Award in 1997. On December 7th, 1941, I was a Marine on the USS San Francisco and spent 27+ months on the ship during the fierce naval battles of 1942-43. Later, I landed on the beach with the First Marine Division in the battle for the Island of Peleliu. I seek your vote so that I can use my good health and management skills to serve our great association in yet another role. I am dedicated to serving the membership during a period when our ranks are rapidly diminishing. These are critical times for our association requiring proven leadership. Mahalo, Mal Middlesworth

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 Maryland (BB-46) 30th Annual Reunion will take place at the Airport Double Tree Hotel, Seattle, Washington, from Thursday, September 16th through Monday, September 20th, 2004. We return to the West Coast and encourage absent shipmates to rejoin us. For additional information, contact R.W. “Dick” Beaman, USS Maryland BB-46 Vet’s Association, 471 Vivienne Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076-3652. Phone (831) 722-4966. E-mail: pdgdick@aol.com.

USS New Orleans (CA-32) 18th Reunion will be held in Mobile, Alabama September 18-22, 2004. Contact Carl Hartzell (904) 382-1238 for more information.

USS San Francisco (CA-38) Reunion will be held September 14-20, 2004 at the Red Lion Hotel, Sacramento, CA. You can now make your reservation by calling the hotel at either (916) 922-8041 or Toll Free: (800) REDLION. Heber A. Holbrook, Pres. SFA Phone (707) 678-9348. E-mail: hholbrook@pacshiprev.com.

USS Selfridge (DD-357) Reunion will be in Reno, Nevada September 27th to 31st, 2004. Contact Leslie I. Johnson, 12727 W. Dodge Rd. #119B, Omaha, NE 68154 for details. E-mail: patnles357@cox.net.

USS Solace (AH-5) Reunion will be held October 15-17, 2004 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more information, contact Anita Gaydos, 958 Wexford Way, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Phone: (248) 652-0091.


United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Association
Annual Convention - 30 May—4 June, 2004 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center/Coliseum, Charleston, South Carolina. For information, contact Edward August, 21 Colonial Way, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769. Phone (508) 252-3524. E-mail: usncsa@aol.com.
Prayer for the Dead

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

Applegate, John C.
Naval Base Mobile Hosp #2
Mooresville IN

Aslanian, Charles
Schofield Brks 38th C/A
Port Richey FL

Aupperlee, John G.
USS Ralph Talbot
Irons MI

Berg, Lex J.
Schofield Brks 63rd F/A
San Bernardino CA

Bigelow, Earl L.
Bellows Fld 86th Obs Sqn
Tulsa OK

Brauer, Albert G.
Schofield Brks 19th Inf Reg
Hudson OH

Bright, Harold W.
Marine 3rd Def Battn
Palmdale CA

Bruns, Ralph D.
Hickam Fld 72nd Bomb Sqn
Lampasas TX

Burke, Gerald
USS Tennessee
Idyllwild CA

Burr, Roland
USS Oklahoma
Albuquerque NM

Carson, Byrl D., Sr.
USS Utah
Waseca MN

Catanese, William N.
Fort Shafter 64th C/A
Euclid OH

Clarke, Harry
USS Nevada
Seal Beach CA

Cloud, John L.
Schofield Brks 33rd Qtrmstr
Dallas TX

Coleman, Joseph C.
Schofield Brks 35th Inf Reg
Manchester GA

Duch, Harold F.
Kaneohe NAS Ship’s Co.
Crivitz WI

Edwards, Ira C.
USS Phelps
Mountain Home AR

Elliott, George E. Jr.
Fort Shafter
Port Charlotte FL

Elliott, Glen P.
Pt. Kamehameha 15th C/A
Santa Rosa CA

Elliott, James C.
USCG Tiger
Tinley Park IL

Ernst, Clyde E.
Ford Island NAS Admin
Palm Desert CA

Eshinsky, Charles J.
Schofield Brks 24th Inf Div
Edgewood MD

Frost, Donald
USS Honolulu
Stony Ridge OH

Goode, John H.
USS Medusa
Mt. Vernon TX

Green, Virgil A.
Hickam Fld 31st Bomb Sgd
Jacksonville FL

Grand Pre, John D.
USS Oklahoma
Stratford CT

Grodecki, Joseph A.
USS St Louis
Seven Hills OH

Grove, Paul E.
Schofield Brks 98th C/A
Fostoria OH

Harber, Stanley B.
USS Antioch
Sun River OR

Hart, James E.
Fort Shafter 64th C/A
Mt. Gilead OH

Hartvigson, Arnold P.
USS California
Kirkland WA

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Belmont CA

Hubbard, Luther L.
USS St Louis
Daly City CA

Humphrey, Eugene E.
USS Tennessee
Pt. Bragg CA

Humphreys, Edward R.
USS Helena
Yucca Valley CA

Hunt, Harold F.
USS Oklahoma
Quincy IL

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San Diego Chapter 3

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3rd Def. Battn. Marines
ANNIE M. BROWN
(Deceased)
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Marine Barracks
NAD Lualualei
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Schofield Barracks
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USS Tangier
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USS Nevada
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USS Rail
Colorado Springs CO

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Wheeler Fld 47th Purs Sqn
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Madera CA

Johnston, Robert G. 
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Waveland MS

Kassel, Marvin 
USS Tern
Delray Beach FL

Kennedy, Irwin G. 
USS Medusa
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USS St. Louis
San Jose CA

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Yardcraft Sotoyomo (YT-9)
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Mesa AZ

Mello, Manuel C. 
USS Hulbert
Brentwood CA

Mochenhaupt, Arthur W. 
Schofield Brks 34th Engineers
Santa Rosa CA

Moorer, Thomas H. 
Ford Island VP 22
Bethesda MD

Moore, Herbert W. 
USS Medusa
Windsor MO

Morgan, David J. 
USS Ward
Imperial Beach CA

Nathan, George W. 
Hickam Field HQ Haw. A/F
San Antonio TX

Nohowec, Milton J. 
USS Wasmuth
Sayville NY

Norris, Carl S. 
Schofield Brks 27th Inf Reg
Oxnard CA

Orebaugh, Louis E. 
Fort Shafter 64th C/A
Sebring FL

Panatone, Donald J. 
USS St Louis
Steilcomb WA

Patten, Allen M. 
USS Nevada
Anchorage AK

Perez, Nicholas M. 
Wheeler Field 24th Mat Sqn
Phoenix AZ

Perkins, Floyd M. 
Marine 1st Def Battn
Tustin CA

Perry, Homer L. 
USS Phoenix
Baltimore MD

Prather, L. E. 
Marine 3rd Def Battn
Newberry SC

Reed, Ira S. 
USS Tangier
El Dorado CA

Reep, William S. 
Camp Malakole 251st C/A
Temecula CA

Rees, Riley K. 
USS Vestal
Alameda CA

Robertson, Gerald A. 
USS Maryland
Sullivan MO

Roe, James A. 
USS Dobbins
Brooks KY

Russell, Warren A. 
USS Henley
Apache Junction AZ

Thys, Charles L. 
USS Utah
Rogers AR

Schubach, Uluse 
Camp Malakole 251st C/A
Rancho Palos Verdes CA

Slaughter, Reginald S. 
USS Medusa
Anaheim CA

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Janet Garbuschewski

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Anne Tiskus

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His Loving Wife
Barbara

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Stanley Niemara
USS Arizona
Alice Niemara

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My Husband
Norwood Mac McGill
Torpedo Boa PT-26
Betty McGill
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CL 49
Loving Wife
Virginia and family

Wenger, James E.
USS Rigel
Albuquerque NM

In Memory Of My Husband

James C. Elliott
USCG Tiger
Gladys E. Elliott

Wiley, James M.
Fort Kamehameha 97th C/A
Vevay IN

In Memory Of

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December 7th, 2003 Memorial Service In Phoenix, AZ


Arizona Chapter #1 Also Attends Navy League Dec. 7th Event

The Navy League invited five members and wives to the annual December 7th Dinner honoring the Phoenix, AZ area Pearl Harbor Survivors and the USS Stethem (DDG-63) Sailors of the Year.

Five Arizona Chapter #1 members and wives were invited to the Navy League’s annual 7 December Dinner in 2003. (L. to R.) Bill Rey, Ray Perry, Special Guest and Speaker, Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern Clark, USN, Milton Krout, Stan Blaker, and Len O’Brien.

We miss all of our buddies who have passed away over the years since we all met at Schofield Barracks July 11, 1941.

Mele Milosovich-Al Karakota-Al Stillwagon-and Joe Dorman—
Clyde Get's D.C.'s Attention On Way To Arlington Cemetery

Cmdr. Clyde Leland Ernst, USN (Ret.) was 97 when he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on January 7, 2004. He went to the cemetery in style, like he did everything else in his career. Clyde was formally dressed in full uniform with several pounds of medals on both sides of his uniform. His casket was carried in a horse-drawn caisson drawn by four palominos. Leading the caisson was a 52 piece Navy band as they do for heads of state and other dignitaries. The band marched him to his final resting place after his unique Navy career that started in 1926.

Secretary’s Message

The Administrative Office wishes to apologize for the labels indicating GRAM expires December 31st, 2003. The problem was in our computer. All of your dues have been posted with the proper expiration date.

We also wish to send KUDOS to everyone who have placed their membership and type (A, L, LQ or LQB) on their renewal check as it is time consuming to check the roster for this information.

We have mailed out 120 Pearl Harbor GRAMS with “Return Service Requested” addresses which the post office supplied. We have 59 Pearl Harbor GRAMS where the subscribers failed to inform the post office or the PHSA Administrative Office of their address change. If you did not receive your February GRAM, please send your correct address to: PHSA, Inc., P.O. Box 701, Menomonee Falls WI 53052-0701. We will send you your original mailed GRAM or a new 2004 GRAM.

Mahalo and Aloha.

—Julius A. Finnern, National Secretary

Kansas Metro Chapter 3 Breaks Ground For Memorial Park

On December 7th, 2003, Eastern Kansas Chapter 3 broke ground for a Pearl Harbor Memorial Park in Mission, Kansas. Dedication of the park will be in late Spring, 2004. The chapter will provide two black granite benches for the park. The benches will include the names of Pearl Harbor Survivors, past and present. Survivors participating in the ground-breaking ceremony included, Left to Right: Charles Hines, Harry Helmsing, Dorwin Lamkin, Fritz Kroph, John Cockburn, Joe Brant, Jess Dunagan, and the Mayor of Mission, Laura McConwell.
Wooster, Ohio Honors Those Who Were Lost

Pearl Harbor Survivor, Bernard Comito, is escorted by Marine Corporal Mark Sheppard in placing a wreath at the foot of the Veterans Memorial Shrine in the Wooster Cemetery in Wooster, Ohio on December 7, 2003. The Memorial Service honored those who were killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Following Comito is Pearl Harbor Survivor, Joe Palermo, with Mrs. Betty Gantz, wife of deceased member, Russell Gantz. Behind Palermo is Survivor Gene McKelvey, one of the last three remaining Pearl Harbor Survivor Association members in Wayne County, Ohio.

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 rehashed 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.
Support the 2004 National Convention by ordering a Booster Ad for $7.50 or Business Card Ads at $15. each in the Convention Program. Ask your Chapter and Business Friends to order ads at low Pearl Harbor Gram prices! See Gram ad price schedules on pages 27 and 29.

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December 4th-7th, 2004

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Ladies Luncheon ................................. $22.50 x _________ = ..............................

Ontario Mills Tour .............................. $12.00 x _________ = ..............................

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Arizona Chapter #4 Service

On December 7th, 2003, local Pearl Harbor Survivors gathered at the USS Arizona Memorial Plaza in Bullhead City to remember the 62nd Anniversary of the attack on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. They included Leo Stewart, Ken Day, Bill Colgrove, Ed Ralston, Bob Reed, Max Rood, and Arizona State Chairman, Milt Astley.

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North Carolina Chapter One—

North Carolina Chapter One held a meeting Saturday, December 6th, 2003 in Rockingham to remember those who paid the ultimate price on December 7, 1941. (Front row, L. to R.) Robert Whistnant, Schofield Barracks; Lawrence Henderson, USS California; Herbert Cruse, USS Phoenix; James Durham, Schofield Barracks, and North Carolina State Chairman, Leo Sienkiewicz. (Back row) Frank Davis, Marines, 3rd Def. Battn.; Manly Yow, Jr., Schofield Barracks; P. John Fulton, USS St. Louis; Albert Hawes, Marines, 4th Def. Battn.; Sixth District Director, Billy J. Zachary, USS California; Hubert Pethel, USS Helm. The lovely lady is Ann Durham.

Florida Suncoast Chapter One—

Florida Suncoast Chapter One held its annual picnic on Sunday, October 19, 2003. The picnic was attended by the Florida State Chairman, Duane Reyelts (Right); Billy J. Zachary, 6th District Director (Center). That’s the Host Chapter President, Cecil (Wig) F. Wigmore on the left.

St. Johns County, Florida—

Sixth District Activities
South Carolina Chapter One—

Survivors included in the Fort Jackson Ceremony were (L. to R.) Clarence (Buck) Wiley, Schofield Barracks; Russ Meyne, Fort Kamehameha; Tom Ryan, USS Pyro; Jesse J. Turner, Schofield Barracks; Frank Winneman, Hawaiian Div. Hq.; James C. Covington, Schofield Barracks; and Salvatore Galante, Schofield Barracks; and Sixth District Director, Billy J. Zachary.

South Carolina Chapter One’s Meeting was hosted by an Infantry Brigade at Fort Jackson, SC on Sunday, December 7th, 2003. The Survivors had dinner in the mess hall with the troops. After dinner they retired to an auditorium where the Brigade Commander gave a speech. After the main speaker, a question and answer session between the troops and the Pearl Harbor Survivors was held.

(L. to R.) Russ Meyne, Chapter One Vice-President, Fort Kamehameha; Tom Ryan, Chapter One President, USS Pyro; Billy Zachary, and Donald L. Ralph, State Chairman.

On December 7, 2003—
Two Out Of Six Showed Up

Fred Russell, Jr. (left) and Richard F. Ferguson were the only two out of 6 survivors that made it to their annual coffee meeting in Carthage, Missouri on December 7th, 2003.

In 1958, six Pearl Harbor Survivors decided to get together for coffee each year on December 7th. Since the Big War’s ending, their paths finally crossed in Southwest Missouri. On every December 7th since then, in spite of rain, sleet, ice and snow, the event that brought them together in the first place became a tradition here in Carthage, Missouri.

The original group included Paul Platner and Leo Stiles from Schofield Barracks; Jim Neely, Pearl Harbor Marine Barracks; Nelson Glidewell, USS Oklahoma; Fred Russell, Jr., USS Conyngham; and Richard Ferguson from Fort Shafter. Survivors Platner, Stiles, and Neely are deceased. At the 12/7/03 get-together, only Russell and Ferguson showed up. Perhaps 45 years is a friendship record, perhaps not, but every December 7th the dead and wounded of our friends from our ships and stations are remembered. Admiral Kimmel and our General, Walter Short, are likewise so remembered even though they went to their graves without having been awarded their highest wartime ranks. Mahalo nui.

—Richard F. Ferguson

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Pearl Harbor Survivors Witness Re-enlistment
By Ralph Lindenmeyer, NAS Ford Island

A most unforgettable and unusual re-enlistment ceremony was witnessed by more than 50 PHSA members, many of them dressed in white slacks and Aloha shirts. An additional 150 members of the United States Navy—most of them currently attached to the USS Pearl Harbor—added their smiles to this occasion.

This huge event took place on Wednesday, January 28th, at the home museum of PHSA Honorary Member, Jesse Thompson, in Bonita, CA.

The re-enlistees were: Command Master Chief Kathy Hansen; YN2(sw) Jamie McIlvane (both from the USS Pearl Harbor) and Chris Johnson, Chief Fire Controlman, from the 32nd Street Naval Station. Johnson had previously served as a USS Pearl Harbor crew member.

The Pearl Harbor Training Officer, Lt. Michael Wall, administered the oath of enlistment to YN2 McIlvane and read many of her citations.

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, John Finn, and fellow shipmate, Gordon Jones, from Squadron VP-14, based at Kaneohe Naval Air Station on December 7, 1941, presided over the re-enlistment of Command Master Chief Hansen and Chief Petty Officer Johnson. In speaking about her new four-year enlistment and her forthcoming transfer to the new aircraft carrier, the USS Ronald Reagan, Hansen said to her many shipmates in attendance, “See these men in whites and Aloha shirts? They are Pearl Harbor Survivors and are responsible for our ship being named the USS Pearl Harbor. We need to continue reminding ourselves and thanking them for leaving us with such a legacy.”

Among the nearly two-hundred people gathered in the outdoor museum area of Thompson’s home was a very special guest, Julio “Jay” Ereneta. Jay is 102 years old and served in both World War I and World War II. He started his brilliant career in February 1919 and retired from active duty on May 1, 1949 as a Chief Warrant Officer. Ereneta was introduced by his son, Frank.

In 1932, “Jay” served aboard the U.S. Navy’s first aircraft carrier, the USS Langley, as a Radioman/Gunner 1st Class. He flew hundreds of hours in air squadrons on both the Langley (Continued on top of next page)
Ceremony For USS Pearl Harbor Crew Members

(CV-I) and the USS Lexington (CV-2). On December 7, 1941, he was stationed at the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego in the Flight Operations department. He was a Chief Aviation Radioman (ACRM). Ereneta, born in the Philippines, is very patriotic about the country he had the opportunity to serve. “I break down and cry every time I hear the National Anthem,” he said.

Besides family members and friends, another important visitor in attendance at the ceremony was Robert Von Maier, editor and publisher of Pacific War, a bimonthly publication for historians and collectors.

Following the ceremonies, the large crowd was served ice cream and cake, compliments of the USS Pearl Harbor.

A group of PHSA members gather around 94-year-old John Finn and 102-year-old Jay Ereneta after celebrating the reenlistment of members of the generations that will carry the torch as survivors after we are gone.

Texas Survivors Pay Tribute To Fallen Comrades On Dec. 7th

Great-grandfathers now, and long retired, a handful of Pearl Harbor Survivors stood tall on Saturday, December 6th, 2003, to salute their flag and honor their fallen shipmates and fellow soldiers. As taps blew on the decks of the USS Texas, in La Porte, their eyes seemed to look back to that day 62 years ago when their peaceful world erupted into war.

Of those veterans on the Texas that Saturday, Lewis LaGesse was the closest to the action, but saw the least. He was 19 and was on the battleship USS West Virginia. “We got hit by seven torpedoes, but I only remember two,” he said with a grin. Knocked out by the explosions, corpsmen placed him with the dead. A sailor picked him up to be taken for burial and noticed one eyelid twitch. He woke up two days later on a hospital ship. Meantime, the Navy telegraphed his parents he had been killed. After a memorial service in Waco, his family got word he was alive.

George Hemingway was 18 and had duty at a patrol plane hanger on Ford Island. He was trying to get a fuel truck out of a hanger when two bombs struck it. All of his squadron’s planes were destroyed. “Buttsy” Vaughn was 19 in a squadron of ancient patrol planes almost ignored by the Japanese. A year later he was in a plane that went down in the Pacific. The nine-man crew took turns swimming or resting in a five-man raft. A plane picked them up about a half-day later. Vaughn remained in the Navy, retiring in 1959 as a Chief Petty Officer. The above story was condensed from a story in the Houston Chronicle December 7, '03, written by Richard Stewart.
National Guard Unit Called Up September 16th, 1940

Tony Iantorno, left, joined the California National Guard in 1939 and Warren Hutchens joined in 1940. Each joined to earn a few extra bucks in the latter days of the depression.

On September 16th, 1940 President Roosevelt activated a Southern California Army unit as the 251st Coast Artillery. Included were Warren Hutchens, an apprentice piano tuner, just out of high school and Tony Iantorno who had joined the Guard the previous year. In November they were shipped to Hawaii unaware that in about a year they would have a date with destiny.

These pre-war days in Hawaii were good duty. They first moved into Fort Shafter, General Short’s headquarters, but they soon moved to a new post, Camp Malakole, near Barbers Point on Oahu’s southwest corner.

On Dec. 7th Tony was carrying his breakfast from the mess hall when he heard the roar of the enemy planes. Trained to identify aircraft, he quickly identified one about 20 feet off the ground as a 3-seater torpedo plane the Americans called Kate. “Man, I headed for the barracks,” says Iantorno. “I was a Sargent then and told the guys inside the Japs were attacking, but they didn’t believe me until a slug came through the roof and hit a guy. Then they believed me.”

Hutchens was a bugler who was used also as a messenger. “While running one message, nature called, and I went to a latrine. A plane shot right through the roof and cut the bowl next to me in half.” At the Pearl Harbor Survivor Reunions, they still kid me about that one,” says Warren. Scheduled to serve a year when Roosevelt activated the unit, the men had been in the Pacific 47 months by the time they were returned to the states. Many, like Hutchens, later served in Europe. —Excerpts from a Tom Hennessy article in the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

Shreveport Mardi Gras Honors Philip B. Serio

Philip B. Serio, who was on the USS Curtis on December 7th, 1941, stands by the stern of the float that included his photo and plaque that honored his military service.

Pearl Harbor Survivor, Philip B. Serio of Bossier City, Louisiana, was recognized with a plaque and photos by the Krewe of Centaur during the Shreveport, Louisiana Mardi Gras Parade. Each float recognized different local heroes in sports, community and military service.

This float depicted the PT 109 of World War II fame. The Shreveport parade was held on February 14, 2004 during the Mardi Gras season in Louisiana.

The Marshals of the Parade were Spc. Shoshana Johnson, Spc. Joseph Hudson, and Pfc. Patrick Miller from the Army’s 507th Maintenance Company when their convoy was captured by the Iraqis. The POW’s were later rescued by Marines and returned home.
San Jacinto California Mayor Shows Signs Of Supporting Veterans

(L. to R.) Bill Glaw, President PHSA Chapter 27, Hemet, California and Jim Ayres, Mayor of San Jacinto, California.

After the December 7th, 2003 Memorial Service, San Jacinto, California, Mayor Jim Ayres made a surprise presentation to Chapter 27. It was a large facsimile of a street sign. The words "PSHA Way" are on one side and on the other is "December 7, 1941," with the City's logo. Through the Mayor's efforts, his city obtained a surplus U.S. Army tank. Veterans' names are inscribed on a small wall and border near the tank. He was instrumental in having the "Moving Wall" visit the city. He is a patriot through and through.

—Bill Glaw, President, Chapter 27

Wilmington, SC Site Of December 7th Memorial Service In Battleship Park

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, 2003, at 1:25 P.M., six of the local area Pearl Harbor Survivors held a memorial service to honor the personnel who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The service was held at the Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial located at the USS North Carolina Battleship Park. There were about 50 people in attendance. Color guards from Hoggard and Ashley High Schools ROTC units presented the colors and a red, white and blue wreath was laid at the base of the memorial.

Survivor George Hollenbeck (USS Pennsylvania) gave a brief review of the attack including the damages sustained by all the battleships. This was followed by a prayer for those whose lives were taken in the attack. There was good coverage by the local newspaper and the television stations.

From left to right, Harold Garrish (Ford Island), Fred Crane (Hickam Field), George Hollenbeck (USS Pennsylvania), Norman Frederick (USS Phoenix), Homer Henderson (USS California) and Al Hawes (Marine-4th Defense Battn.).

A Grateful Nation Must Find More Burial Ground For Vets

Five new cemeteries for veterans, their spouses and minor children will be opened next year, as the increasing numbers of burials have forced the Department of Veterans Affairs to restrict internments in half of the existing cemeteries. To maintain the tradition that honorably discharged veterans, their spouses, and minor children have the right to free burial in a national cemetery, President Bush's fiscal 2005 budget includes a $455-million request to undertake the largest expansion since the Civil War. The additional money is designed to increase the VA's internment capacity by 85% and to have burial grounds within 75 miles of the largest groups of veterans.
7th District News
by Bill Muehleib, 7th District Director

The October, November and December months are busy times for all Pearl Harbor Survivor Chapters, and this is particularly true for the Virginia/DC Chapters. Chapter 1 represents the PHSA at the ceremonies held in the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. Our National President, O.W. “Bill” Foster joined other Veterans organizations presidents at a buffet breakfast held in the White House prior to the ceremonies at the National Cemetery. On December 7th, Chapter 1 joined with the AMVETS in the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington. After each of the ceremonies the PHSA participants shared time together at a no host brunch.

Members of Chapter 2 of the Tidewater area, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, participated in a Veteran’s Day parade at the request of the City of Virginia Beach Veteran’s Memorial committee. The marchers received a thumbs up and harrah’s from spectators who were along the line of march. The parade terminated at the Veteran’s Memorial where Clarence Sasse dedicated a bronze plaque which was donated by the Chapter, honoring all who were at Pearl Harbor.

Honored were Sybil Stankavitch, Josie Baer, Carin Korb, Edith Moore, Jessie Radford, Evelyn Daniels, Lee Shepard and Jessie Davenport.

Chapter 2 held its December 7th memorial services at the Pearl Harbor Survivor’s monument on the Little Creek Naval Base starting at 12:55 pm coinciding with 7:55 am Honolulu time. The program was opened by Frank Chebetar, the President of Chapter 2, with a moment of silence in memory of all deceased members of the military who were at Pearl Harbor. Colors were presented by the Base Color Guard and the National anthem was played by the Armed Forces Music School. Bill Temple, the Chapter 2 Chaplain, gave the prayer and invocation and Captain Gary Cooper, the CO of the Base, provided the welcome address and introduced Lt. Col. Wesley Rehorn, the garrison commander of Fort Story, the memorial speaker. The rifle salute was given by the Navy Region Mid Atlantic Honor Guard followed by taps. Rear Admiral David Architzel, Commander of the Operational Test and Evaluation Force Norfolk, attended as the invited guest of Frank Chebetar.

We no longer have a Chapter 3 as an active Virginia Chapter but the members of the former Chapter who were able, were guests at a special December 7th Memorial Ceremony at the Virginia War Museum in Newport News, VA. The Virginia War Museum has always recognized December 7th as a special day but on this day the ceremonies were held at the Pearl Harbor Monument for the first time. The War Museum had four leis, representing the four branches of the services, flown in from Hawaii to be placed at the base of the monument. The leis were presented by a member of the War Museum dressed in the uniform of a WWII Army S/Sgt. Everett Johnston, the Chapter 3 member most responsible for the placement of this monument, was in attendance with his wife and son. Most of the affair was held in the museum with Dick Hoffeditz and Jerry Coggeshall of the museum hosting refreshments after the ceremonies.

(L. to R.) State Chairman, VA/DC, Bill Temple; Clarence Sasse, who dedicated the Memorial Plaque; Wayne Vick; Gus Gostel; Bill Muehleib, 6th District Director; and Frank Chebetar, Chapter 2 President.

Frank Chebetar and Admiral David Architzel
Bill Temple New VA./DC State Chairman

State Chairman, Bill Herron, has asked to be relieved as the VA/DC State Chairman due to ill health. Bill has moved from Virginia Beach to be with his daughter in Northern Virginia until such time that his health improves. Bill Temple, the Chaplain of Chapter 2, has accepted the post of State Chairman VA/DC, finishing the unexpired term of Bill Herron.

California Chapter #12 Celebrates 34th Birthday

Your Editor and wife attended California Chapter #12’s 34th Birthday Party on February 8th at the Burbank VFW. Their meetings are normally pot luck affairs but on special occasions, like this, they do their own cooking. Ken Creese, a past National President, and Mary CEO served up the prime rib cooked by Joe Mariani and George Keene.

Below, Shirley Olinger, cuts the birthday cake. The chapter also has a second past National President, Bill Aupperlee.

USS Arizona Reunion Association Website Updated

The USS Arizona Reunion Association’s website has been updated with more new photos and survivor accounts of December 7, 1941. If you witnessed the attack on Battleship Row, especially the Arizona, Bud Nease, the Association’s Public Relations Chrm., would like to hear from you. Bud wants you to send your memories of that day and your photo, now or then for the site.

This award-winning website has been on-line since 1999. As of December 7, 2003, more than 700,000 people have visited the site. The site receives visitors from around the world. It has received requests for interviews with Arizona Survivors from National Geographic and other national magazines, radio, and TV stations.

This is a family run website. Daughter, Nancy, who lives in Alaska, is the Webmaster who designed and maintains the site. Wife, Carol, does all the computer work. The site address is: http://www.ussarizona.org/.

There are many family or individually owned and operated websites devoted to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7th, 1941. It is in our Association’s best interest that the number continues to increase as the internet is the largest and most easily accessed information source in history. Long after we are gone from this earth, those who follow will be able to research one of the most important events in the 20th Century through the then current information technology.

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FISHER, Marcus L. (Marines 3rd Def. Battn.) and Claire S., 701 Sargeant St., Waycross GA 31501—May 25, 2004

HARPER, Douglas (Bishop’s Point) and Velma, 1353 Post Rd., Carenco LA 70520—May 16, 2004

KERR, Walter E. (USS Raleigh) and Jean L., P.O. Box 243, Kanab, UT 84741—August 5, 2004

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LYBARGER, Bill (Kaneohe NAS, VP-11) and Dorothy, 2249 Sunset Cliffs, Ingleside TX 78362—June 10, 2004

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MILLER, William E. “Bill” (USS Curtiss) and A. Clairre, P.O. Box 3833, Rancho Sante Fe, CA 92037—3833—May 12, 2004

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REYELTS, Duane H. (USS Oklahoma) and Doris, 63 Phoenetia Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086-7729—August, 26, 2004

ROUGEAU, J.L. (USS Medusa) and Vernie, 2629 FM 1136 Rd., Orange, TX 77632-7671—August 18, 2004

TRANSTRUM, Larry (USS Maryland) and Irene, 4661 Oak Glen Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628—May 30, 2004

TROST, Howard J. (USS Antares) and June D., 7556 Goose Meadows Way, Roseville, CA 95674—July 23, 2004

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CARSON, Jack O. (Hickam Field, Tow Target Detach.) 10384 Conser St., Apt. 1H2, Overland Park, KS 66212—June 4, 2004

DORMAN, Joseph J. “Red” (Schofield Brks., 98th C/A-A Battery) and Lena, 84 Eastview Ave. Mahwah, NJ 07430-1268—August, 2004

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MARLOW, Russell E. (USS Phoenix) and Elaine, 12015 Marine Dr., Marysville WA 98271-9304—April 18, 2004

MORSCH, Art (USS New Orleans) and Catherine, 10210 Baseline Road #144, Alta Loma, CA 91701—July 30, 2004

REED, John K. (Bishop's Point) and Martha Ann, 4029 W. Harrison St., Springfield MO 65802-5757—May 28, 2004

SHARRAR, William R. (USS Bagley) and Patricia, 1075 E. College St., Mt. Angel OR 97362—May 7, 2004

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BAILEY, J.B. (USS Farragut) and Sue, 3448 Norton Ave., Modesto CA 95350-1559—March 25, 2004

NICHOLS, Peter (Kaneohe NAS) and Evelyn, 6355 Vineyard Ave., Alta Loma, CA 91701—July 31, 2004

RICCIO, Ed (Hickam Field, HQ 5th Bob Group) and Terry, 6265 Wilshire Pines Circle, Naples, FL 34109—September 15, 2004

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Attorney Representing Survivor’s Children Seeks Information On Warren E. Shupp

An attorney representing the children of Mr. Warren E. Shupp in a wrongful death action is doing background investigation into Mr. Shupp’s time in the Navy. He is trying to pinpoint when he may have been exposed to asbestos during his career. Survivor Shupp served on the following ships: USS Maryland 1938-1943, USS Jacinto 1943-1944, USS Wilkes Barre 1944-1947, and the USS Hancock 1953-1957. He worked as a Fire Controlman and Electrician. If you can remember working with Warren at the same time he did, you may want to contact the attorney working for his children. You can phone him at: Leslie J. Keig, phone (510) 559-9980, ext. 215. E-mail address is: LKeig@phlaw. The firm’s address is: Paul, Hanley & Harley LLP, 1608 Fourth Street, Suite 300, Berkeley, California 94710.

New Massachusetts P. H. Survivor License Plates

Here’s a photo of the new Massachusetts Pearl Harbor Survivor license plates. The photo was sent to us by Joseph Mielczek from the Bay Patriots Chapter. He states that the fee is free to the veteran. He applied for the special plates in February and by luck, the #1 plate was available. He further states that he pulled no strings to get the #1 plate— we believe you, Joseph. Hope you played the lottery that day.


We are all out of the copies of the August, 2000 and November, 2003 Pearl Harbor Grams. We try to maintain several sets of all the 158 issues of the Gram and still fill requests from members for back issues. The cheapest way to send them is via the book rate at your local post office. The Editor’s address is on page 2.

Last Flag Flown Over The Arizona Dec. 7, 2001 Donated To Chapter 6 in Everett, Washington

The last American Flag flown over the Arizona for the 60th Anniversary was donated to Chapter 6 in Everett, Washington by the Northwest Region of Fleet Reserve Association. Herb Dake, then the President of Washington Chapter 6, is on the left while Bonnie Fitch of the Fleet Reserve holds the article of documentation. Nice gesture by Fleet Reserve and Bonnie.

Gram Seeks Confirmation On Two Stories Recently Received From Survivors

The first story involves December 7, 1941 and the USS Dobbin. The letter received came from a sailor on the Dobbin during the attack. He reports that one of the bombs that exploded off the starboard quarter caused the ship to shutter violently and shook loose rust, dead flies, spiders, etc., that caused us to cough, sneeze, and cry. The word was passed to, “Put on gas masks, secure the ventilation blowers and covers.” Soon, the word was passed to uncover the ventilation covers, start the blowers and secure from the “gas attack.” This was never entered in the ship’s log nor published in the Gram. Does anyone out there also remember the “gas attack” on the Dobbin?

The second story concerns 5-inch anti-aircraft shells hand-carried aboard the USS Indianapolis several nights after the attack. When the shells were first used against enemy aircraft off Bougainville, they failed to explode. “After the battle there was a rush to the ammunition locker to check out the shells,” the writer states. “The nose of the shells had a clock mechanism set by the rangefinder to explode at a designated height” he explains. “The Japanese had gotten into the ammunition at Pearl, unscrewed the nose of the shells and poured syrup in the clock mechanism, then reassembled them making them inoperable.” Anyone heard this story before?
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Illinois Chapter Two Has Full Plate With December 7th, ‘03 Memorial Services

By David Montgomery
Illinois Vice-State Chairman

The State Of Illinois Department Of Veterans Affairs held a Memorial Service on December 5, 2003, for those who died on December 7, 1941, during the attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. The service at the DAV Club, Lake Springfield, Illinois, included a wreath laying ceremony on the lake and a presentation of a memorial plaque to the Pearl Harbor Survivors, honoring those that died at Pearl Harbor and other bases on Oahu.

Chapter Two Survivors present were: Jack Doyle-USS Tennessee, Charles Pinnell-USS Maryland, Carl Browning-USS Phelps, Dave Montgomery-PW-2 Flag, Ford Island, Chester Jankowski-USS Oklahoma, John Kelly-USS Mugford, Grover Walkup-USS Tennessee.

On December 7, 2003 Illinois Chapter Two attended a Memorial Service at Chillicothe, Illinois held by the VFW and attended by several military organizations. Survivors attending were John Kelly-USS Mugford, Chesley Isaac-Hickam Field, Grover Walkup-USS Tennessee, Finch Stowell-USS Oklahoma.


Earlier in the year, Illinois Chapter #1 continued its work with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs by donating 400 pairs of white sox to the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. This has been an on-going project for Chapter #1 for years. On October 18th, 2003 Illinois James C Elliott, (recently deceased) Chapter One, and John Berry, Illinois PHSA State Chairman, met with members of the Manteno Advisory Council, including Roy L. Dolgos, Director of Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and Rochelle Crump, Assistant Director of the Department.

East Texas Chapter #8 Holds Service On 62nd Anniversary

It was sunny but cold when East Texas Chapter #8 met on December 7, 2003. Fourteen Survivors, their wives and the two active “Sweethearts” (widows of members of the chapter), as well as many other veterans attended the memorial service at Memorial Park Cemetery, Tyler, Texas. They gathered to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of Japan’s unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor.

Vice President Ben Blackmon served as the Master of Ceremonies, and Sgt. Eddie Clark of the Tyler Police Department was the guest speaker. Other officers from the Force served as Honor Guards.

During Sgt. Clark’s memorial address, he thanked the survivors for their bravery under fire, and spoke of the impact that the attack on Pearl Harbor had on our country. He also thanked the wives and families for their sacrifices during this time of conflict, saying they, too, had served their country well.

He concluded with, “It is the veteran, not the preacher who has given us freedom of religion. It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to assemble. It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.”

We can only add an Amen to that. The service ended with the playing of “Taps” by Jason Taylor of Tyler. You can see why they call these two ladies Chapter #8 Sweethearts. Doris also handles the Chapter’s Public Relations.
Survivors: Today's Students Need to Hear Your Story.
December 7th, 1941: I was there.

Not all of us can write well enough about our experiences on December 7th, 1941, to do justice to the impact of the event, but we can all talk about it with genuine impact because we were witnesses. If you've ever talked to your children or grandchildren of what you witnessed that infamous day, then you know there are people who care and want to hear not just the story, but your story. They may not have realized you had a story. You may not have realized how much they needed to hear it, until you spoke.

We write this GRAM article to encourage you to talk to students about December 7th 1941; about what you saw and what you did that day and afterwards. Further, we have a great way for you do it, assisted by some special people who want to help us tell our stories. You are a unique and important part of America's history and they know it.

Who, What, and How: Who is The USS Arizona Memorial Museum Association, the National Parks Service, the Navy, and Pearl Harbor Survivors. What is a nationwide program, "Witness To History," with members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association like you, speaking to high school students around the nation. How is by live teleconferences set up by the Navy.

Michele Bradley, at the Arizona Memorial Museum in Hawaii, the program coordinator for "Witness to History" says, "With the World War II generation passing away, we are losing a vital link to that era, so we are hoping that by setting up veterans with students, they will make that connection."

Museum officials give the program's aims: tell the story of the attack to students, fuel their interest in World War II, and preserve personal accounts (like yours!) for future generations of Americans.

So far, two PHSA Chapters are participating: The Hawaii Aloha Chapter One, and Chapter 5 in Corpus Christi, Texas. On December 5, 2003, on schedule, these two chapters sent members to teleconference centers in Hawaii and Ingleside, Texas (near Corpus Christi), while students were assembled at the same time in a teleconference center near Houston, Texas. History teachers from Klein Oak High School had prepared the students, and hoped the live teleconference, with Pearl Harbor Survivors, would enhance what they learn when they study World War II in the Spring semester. One student, Senior Megan Shafer, had suggested her school's participation because her grandfather, Leo Vrana of the USS California, is a Corpus Christi survivor. What an honor, and what a message!

Some of the students said they were impressed by the veterans' convictions that the United States was justified in dropping the atomic bombs on Japan. In 1945, especially for those who knew what horrors to expect if Japan had to be invaded to be defeated, there was no doubt and one may wonder why anyone would question Truman's decision. But today, two generations have passed, and students may raise questions about the war out of ignorance or under the influence of teachers with more feelings than knowledge of truth. You are needed to answer those questions.

Please participate. The Navy makes teleconference centers available, or you may be able to find one locally. Additional conferences are planned for schools in Ohio, California, and Hawaii, and elsewhere with the two PHSA Chapters already involved in the program.

A teleconference facility simply has small TV cameras which picture whoever is speaking and TV screens which show images the same way you see them on national news programs with people in different geographic locations participating on the same show. You can participate as a Chapter, enlist a school, or both.

For more information, call "Witness to History" at 808-753-4428, or email witnessstohistory@hawaii.rr.com; or contact Leo Vrana in Corpus Christi: 361-387-2806. We were there on December 7th, 1941, and the five members taking part on December 5th, 2003, will be there again. We ask you to join us as "Witnesses to History."

All Chapter 5 members and the five members taking part in the December, 2003, conference, ask that you join us. This was our first teleconference; other Chapter 5 Survivors will be participating in future conferences.

—Story from Chapter 5 in Corpus Christi, Texas, Leo Vrana, President (361) 387-2806. Article sent by Chapter Secretary, Peter Rabalais (son of survivor) (361) 992-6068
Missouri Chapters Hold Memorial Service
At Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Sixteen Members of St. Louis Chapter #1 and South/Central Missouri Chapter #4 held a Memorial Service on December 7, 2003 at the National Cemetery Chapel of Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. The time was the exact time as the service in Pearl Harbor with flags flying and taps was heard throughout the cemetery. A moment of tearful memory was experienced by all listening to the extraordinary event. —Story by Bill Ellis.

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A request from a District Director to the National President that a full Executive Board Meeting be held in early 2004.

Should the National President call an Executive Board Meeting in February, 2004?

Approved: 1st DD Herriford, 3rd DD Blake, 5th DD Kennedy, 7th DD Muehleib
Disapproved: Vice-President Swanson, Secretary Finnern, Treasurer Eckel, 4th DD Snell, 6th DD Zachary, 8th DD Schreier.
No response: 2nd DD Proteau
National president: not voting.

Directive Disapproved 6-4

SUBJECT: EBD 1-04
The PHSA, Inc., pays out $10,700 per year in “Rent.” This money is nothing more than income and has to be listed as such on individual tax returns.

President Foster requests all payment for “Rent” be suspended as a cost reduction measure.

Approved: President Foster, Vice-President Swanson, Secretary Finnern, 5th District Kennedy, 6th DD Zachary, 8th District Schreier.
Disapproved: Treasurer Eckel, 1st DD Herriford, 7th DD Muehleib.
Abstained: 3rd DD Blake, 4th DD Snell.
No response: 2nd DD Proteau.

Directive Approved 6-3

SUBJECT: EBD 2-04
Arthur G. Herriford, 1st District Director, requests permission to use the PHSA “Logo” without the word “Association” to comply with the Mayor of San Jacinto, CA who wishes to name a street in his city “Pearl Harbor Way.” President Bill Foster concurs with this request and authorizes EBD 2-04.

Approved: 11
Not voting: President Foster

Directive Approved 11-0

SUBJECT: EBD 3-04:
The National Treasurer, William (Bill) Eckel, requests permission from the Executive Board, to reduce the District Directors’ quarterly allowance from $100 to $50, effective April 1, 2004.

This request is designed to reduce operating cost for the Administration.

Approved: Treasurer Eckel, 4th DD Snell, 5th DD Kennedy.
Disapproved: Vice President, Swanson, Secretary Finnern, 1st DD Herriford, 6th DD Zachary, 7th DD Muehleib, 8th District DD Schreier
No response: 2nd DD Proteau, 3rd DD Blake
Not voting: President Foster

Directive Disapproved 6-3

—Julius A. Finnern, National Secretary
The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association's 2004 National Convention will be held in Gateway to Southern California—The City of Ontario. Located in the Inland Empire, 40 miles from downtown Los Angeles, the region has exploded on the economic scene. The area's population and employment growth has been spectacular by providing more for less.