Pearl Harbor Commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the December 7th Attack on the Military Bases on the Island of Oahu

... As the Survivors Call It a Day

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. will close down its national organization on December, 31, 2011.

This action will in no way restrict the local chapter’s informal and social activities which have been such an important part of our association’s history.

The local chapters are encouraged to continue to meet regularly in a manner that is consistent with the camaraderie that sustained the organization since its beginning.
Chapter 14 Enters Float In Huntington Beach July 4th Parade

Orange County Chapter 14 entered its own float in the July 4th, 2011 Huntington Beach, California Parade. The parade is touted as the largest July 4th parade west of the Mississippi. It's an outstanding parade that continues to grow in units and attendance. The Pearl Harbor Survivors draw a great ovation from the start to the finish of this outstanding Independence Day event. Eleven PHSA members rode on the chapter's float. Sweethearts and Honorary Members rode in jeeps that followed the float. After the parade, Survivors, Sweethearts, Honorary Members, and friends were again invited guests at the July 4th luncheon at the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge.

Left, front: Chapter 14 President, Jack Hammett poses for a quick photo in front of the chapter’s well-decorated float. Cherrie Danks put the float deal together.

"The Girls Next Door" sang '40's music from the float the length of the parade.

Bottom row: John Iantorno, Trustee, Art Gregory, Tony Iantorno (now deceased), Past Vice President, Dick Gallup and Neal "Bud" Jones. Top left: 3 Elks Club hosts, Chapter Vice President, Dick Higgins, Chapter President Jack Hammett, and Gery Porter, National Treasurer and Chapter 14 Trustee.

Honorary Member Rick Crawford and his sweetheart, Peggy Street, rode in a Jeep.
The President's Message

Fellow Survivors:
This message to the membership is not one I looked forward to making. The inevitable has arrived. I have called a special meeting of the Executive Board for a discussion concerning the future of our organization. In consideration of the ages of our membership, health problems, and the difficulty in finding, National, State, and Chapter Officers to fill the required offices such a meeting was necessary. We must meet the requirements of being a public benefit corporation and comply with IRS regulations. You currently have a strong Executive Board representing your interests. Now was the time to make decisions that would recognize our current situation.

The results of the meeting were:

1. The Executive Board voted unanimously to Dissolve the State of Missouri Corporation, known as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2011.

2. The Executive Board also voted, as part of the dissolution process, to transfer the Association’s financial, historical, and physical assets to Pacific Historic Parks, a non-profit cooperating association working with the National Park Service (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.)

There will not be a PHSA convention in Fredericksburg, Texas in 2012.

There are still details to be addressed in the time remaining for the shut down. The next issue of the Gram will address those items remaining which are necessary to complete our formal closing of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.

These actions will in no way impact the informal social activities which remain an important part of our histories. Our local chapters are encouraged to continue to meet regularly in a manner of their choosing.

We have been in business since 1958. How many of us thought we would still be here in 2011? It’s been a long and distinguished run. We leave an enduring legacy to those who follow.

Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert

Pearl Harbor Gram To Continue After Association Shut Down

As previously announced in the August, 2011 issue, the Pearl Harbor Gram will continue to be published by the talented publication department of the Pacific Historic Parks in Pearl Harbor. It will be a part of the PHP’s outstanding quarterly publication Remembrance. Your Gram subscription will be added to the Remembrance mailing list starting with the May, 2012 issue. The Gram has been published without interruption since October 1964.

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Deadline for the February, 2012 Gram: The final deadline for all articles, photographs, and information relating to the February, 2012 Pearl Harbor Gram is December 1, 2011.
Prayer for the Dead

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

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Reno NV

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70th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack: The Enduring Legacy
Pearl Harbor 1941 – 2011

PUBLIC EVENT CALENDAR

As the generation of Pearl Harbor Survivors, WWII Veterans, and home front civilians pass away, the guardians of WWII history pass on to the next generations the hope and the promise to remember and cherish those events that altered their lives and America's history.

A multitude of special events have been planned to commemorate this historic milestone. We hope you will join us in this week of remembrance. Listed below is general information on each of the events and activities.

Public Events Descriptions

70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Attack Symposium
December 2 – 5, 2011 WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center

Join nationally acclaimed authors, historians and actual Pearl Harbor Survivors as they recount and analyze the events that led America into World War II.

Hosted by the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks, the 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Attack Symposium will include panels, lectures, receptions, a Pearl Harbor Historic boat tour and a special narrated bus tour to actual attack sites throughout Oahu.

Cost is $150 per person. Registration is limited, please register early. For more information or to register go to: www.PacificHistoricParks.org.

Jukebox Saturday Night: A USO Tribute Saturday,
December 3, 2011, 6:30 PM WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center - Back lawn

Special 1940’s-era musical tribute and concert in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Bring your picnic dinner, watch the sunset and enjoy the uplifting music and dance of a high energy USO style concert! Admission: Free

Military Day Sunday, December 4, 2011,
8 AM – 1 PM WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center

Military Appreciation Day will begin with a historic flag-raising ceremony featuring the National Park Service Ceremonial Honor Guard and Pearl Harbor Survivors. The day will continue with entertainment by special performances by bands, dance troupes, and historical displays.

Historical Arms and Vehicle Displays
Book Signings by Authors and Pearl Harbor Survivors
Sale of 70th Pearl Harbor Anniversary Commemorative gift items at the Visitor Center bookstore
A great day at the Visitor Center for retired & active military.

Narrated Historic Pearl Harbor Boat Tours Sunday,
December 4, 2011, 11 AM and 1 PM

Pearl Harbor boat tours narrated by National Park Service rangers will take visitors around the historic Ford Island. The one-hour tours will give visitors an opportunity to witness many of the notable sites of the 1941 Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor.

Boat tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and the program is offered separate from the normal park program. There will be no stop at the USS Arizona Memorial. Seating is limited, advance reservations recommended by calling 808-954-8721.

World Premiere of Tora! Tora! Tora! on Blu-Ray
Sunday, December 4, 2011, 6:30 PM
Pearl Harbor Visitor Center - Movie Theaters

Be one of the first to see Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment’s momentous Blu-Ray release of Tora! Tora! Tora! Scheduled for official release on December 6th, in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the special Blu-Ray version of the historic film Tora! Tora! Tora! will be shown admission free with seating on the first-come, first-served basis.

USS Utah Sunset Ceremony Dec 6, 2011 5 PM
USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island

Pearl Harbor Survivors, military personnel, and their families and friends are invited to attend a sunset ceremony honoring those lost aboard the USS Utah at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. Base access is required.

A Pacific War in a Miniature Exhibit
Pearl Harbor Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration
“The Enduring Legacy”
December 7, 2011, 7:40 AM – 9:30 AM
WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument
Pearl Harbor Visitor Center

The National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii will host the 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration on December 7, 2011, 7:40 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., on the back lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The venue looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

Pearl Harbor Survivors and World War II Veterans their families and friends from around the nation will join more than 3,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Highlights of the ceremony will include military band music, morning colors, a traditional Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the armed services, wreath presentations, echo taps and recognition of the men and women who survived that December 7, 1941 and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 70 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. A U.S. Navy ship will render honors to the USS Arizona followed by a fly over the memorial in a “missing man” formation.

**Special Seating and Parking For Survivors**

Special Seating and Parking for Pearl Harbor Survivors and World War II Veterans will be available. If you are a Pearl Harbor Survivor or World War II veteran who would like to attend this ceremony, please contact the Public Affairs Office at Navy Region Hawaii at 808-473-2926 or email crrh.pao@navy.mil for special seating and parking arrangements.

The commemoration is free of charge and seats are open to the general public on a first come, first-served basis. The Visitor Center will open early at 6:30 a.m. Seating for the public will begin at 7:15 a.m. Ceremony parking for the public will be limited. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the Visitor Center.

**Dress Code for Ceremony**

Military dress is summer whites or service equivalent. The civilian dress code for the commemoration is Aloha attire, long pants, and collared shirts.

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For More Information

For more information about the Pearl Harbor Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration and Dedication Ceremony and special events, call the National Park Service at 808-422-3300 or visit www.nps.gov/valr/ or www.pacifichistoricparks.org.

There are also the regularly scheduled daily USS Arizona Memorial public tours — tickets are free, and available on a first-come, first-served basis each day at the Visitor Center with ticket distribution beginning at 7 a.m.

Tours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and begin every 15 minutes. Each tour is 1 hour and 15 minutes long and includes a documentary film and boat ride out to the USS Arizona Memorial.*

*See Special Notice below for Survivors and family!

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** There will be tickets set aside for Pearl Harbor Survivors and family members to tour the Arizona Memorial at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. each day from Saturday, December 3rd through Saturday, December 10th.

These tickets can be obtained at the USS Arizona Memorial tour desk directly past the main entrance as you enter. Be sure to be there an hour in advance of the start of your tour. The tour will begin at the theater at the time designated on your ticket.

We suggest you do not plan to get on the Arizona Memorial on December 7th.

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**USS Oklahoma Memorial Commemoration**

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM*  
**Ford Island**

The public is invited to attend a special ceremony hosted by the National Park Service in honor of those who served on the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The USS Oklahoma (BB-37) Memorial was officially dedicated on December 7, 2007.

The Memorial is located on Ford Island, near Fox-5 Pier next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The Battleship Oklahoma was berthed along Ford Island on Dec. 7, 1941, and suffered the second greatest loss of life during the attack.

The Memorial includes 429 marble columns symbolizing each of the crewmembers who lost his life on that fateful day. Public wishing to attend the ceremony may catch a free shuttle departing every 15 minutes from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park which is adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.
Pearl Harbor 70th Anniversary Symposium
The Enduring Legacy of Pearl Harbor
WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument
Pearl Harbor Visitor Center
December 2-5, 2011

An educational symposium on the Pearl Harbor attack
presented by the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks

Please type or print clearly - use a separate form for each attendee

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** Early registration encouraged due to limited seating **

Conference Costs:

Seminar Series: $150.00 to include: $ ____________

December 2, 2011 Opening Reception 5:00pm - 7:00pm

December 3, 2011 Morning and afternoon sessions: Pearl Harbor Historic Boat Tour

December 4, 2011 Attack Sites Bus Tour - Includes lunch (vegetarian upon request)

December 5, 2011 Morning and afternoon sessions

Optional Event: Meet the Speakers Reception: Pearl Harbor Visitor Center $35.00

December 5, 2011 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED $ ____________

Registered guests also receive VIP seating at USO Tribute Concert December 3, 2011 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

and an invitation to the December 7th Commemoration Ceremony

For more information, please call Amanda Carona at 808-423-7300 + 7048 or email amanda_carona@nps.gov

Registration will be processed only when signed form and payment is received.

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RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUNDS: If you must cancel, please do so in writing via mail, email, or fax by November 1, 2011. No refunds will be made after November 1, 2011.

Signature ______________________________________ Date ______________________
Survivors To Join Authors And Historians At Symposium

Five Pearl Harbor Survivor Association members have been selected to participate with nationally acclaimed authors and historians in the Pearl Harbor 70th Anniversary Symposium. The Survivors include Ray Emory, Honolulu, HI; Jack Evans, Chula Vista, CA; Jack Hammett, Costa Mesa, CA; Adolph Kuhn, Oceanside, CA; and Mal Middlesworth, from Upland, CA. They are scheduled to participate on Monday, December 5th.

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A number of stateside groups have already signed up for the Symposium, so if you want to attend, register as soon as possible. Seating is limited at the Visitor Center theater.

An optional “Meet the Speakers” Reception will be held at the Visitor Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on December 5th. A great time to meet the speakers, authors, and historians who are participating in the 70th Anniversary Symposium.

Charles Allen Grand Marshall Of Indiana July 4th Parade

PHSA’s Indiana Chapter 1’s Charles Allen was selected as the Grand Marshall of the Brownsburg, Indiana parade held on the 4th of July, 2011. His bride, Betty, on his right, protects him from the elements of a July day in Indiana.

Since 1966 the Brownsburg Lions Club has organized, directed, and sponsored the Extravaganza, a multi-day event featuring a carnival, parade, and fireworks on the 4th of July. The carnival runs from June 29 through July 4th.

Charles Allen, the last living Pearl Harbor Survivor in Brownsburg, was the Grand Marshall of the parade in 2011. In May, 1939 Charles joined the Navy and was one of 300 who mustered at the Navy Yard in Indianapolis and traveled to Chicago to board the USS Sacramento. He was to become a gunnernate.

The “Galloping Ghost of the China Coast” served as a training ship for 9th Naval District Reservists on the Great Lakes, from 20 November 1939 into 1940. Returning to the Boston Navy Yard for refitting, she subsequently departed the Norfolk Navy Yard en route to her next assignment in the Hawaiian Islands.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Sacramento once again assumed the role of the hunter with patrol duty around the Island of Hawaii, the largest of the Hawaiian Islands. In 1942, Charles was sent to gunnery school and became a crew member of the USS Pennywill which was sent to Brazil to aid in the war effort. In 1944 Charles married Bonnie Nickel, a WAVE from Washington. They met during a training session and enjoyed a few weeks together before he went to his next assignment in San Diego and she returned to her administrative duties in Washington. They remained happily married for 53 years.
Harold B. O’Connor Recounts
A New Years Eve to Remember

One of the few surviving crew members of the USS Thornton, Harold O’Connor built a model of the ship, with his own modifications, and sent us the story below.

Very few people have lived to see four torpedoes coming right at them and live to tell about it! It was New Years Eve, 1942. I had the 2000 to midnight watch in the forward engine room. It had been very hot in the engine room. When relieved I came up on deck, and the moon was very low on the horizon. I was taking in deep breaths of fresh air while leaning on the life lines. As I was looking out, suddenly I saw TWO TORPEDO WAKES coming straight at where I was standing, which was right about in the middle of the ship. I said a prayer and hit the deck thinking "goodbye beautiful world, this is it!"

To my surprise nothing happened, I got up and started up the ladder to head for the bridge to warn them. About half way up the ladder I looked out and again there were TWO MORE TORPEDO WAVES heading right at me. I dropped back down and hit the deck again, but again nothing happened. I started hearing other crew members running about the decks, then I heard two explosions and then two more, as the torpedoes exploded at the end of their run. The ship we were escorting signaled asking if we were dropping depth charges. We signaled back "NO, those were torpedoes, get out of here FULL SPEED!"

Life and events can take strange turns. Had we not run aground while offloading Marines on the islands the enemy sub would not have set the torpedo depth too low, mistaking us for a cruiser instead of a destroyer and I wouldn’t be here to tell you about it!

Executive Board Directives

EBD 01-2011 Transfer of Original Membership PHSA Applications:
The original PHSA Membership Applications and Survivors stories of their December 7th, 1941 accounts on the back of these applications should be stored as historical documents in an archival repository. The National Park Service in Pearl Harbor has requested that the original applications now stored in the National Treasurer’s garage be transferred to its Pearl Harbor facility so they can be preserved as “primary sources” for historians and scholars.

Cost of assembly, packaging, and shipping of these applications and storage in Pearl Harbor will be paid for by Pacific Historic Parks in behalf of the National Park Service.

The National President requests the National Secretary send this information to the Executive Board Members in the form of Executive Board Directive EBD-1-2011 to approve the transfer of the original membership applications to the National Park Service as soon as practical.

Voting Results: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1st DD, 2nd DD, 3rd DD and 4th DD all voted Yes for this EBD.

This book is a must for every Pearl Harbor Survivor and Survivor Family.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Is a reprint of the reports detailing the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that was submitted to the Secretary of the Navy by the Commander-In Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz.

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George Bennett & Jim Taylor
Attend Battleship Missouri Event

George Bennett, the current National PHSA Secretary, has been returning to Pearl Harbor each year for the last 8 years with his daughter, Jane Higgins. This year they attended the Battleship Missouri’s annual commemoration of the signing of the Peace Treaty.

On December 7, 1941 George was stationed on Ford Island NAS, attached to VP-21 and working in Hanger 6. In 1942 VP-21 was the first Navy Squadron to fly and maintain B-24’s. In November of ‘42 they operated out of New Hebrides and moved to Guadalcanal in 1943.

Jim Taylor joined the Navy on October 17, 1956 and retired on July 1, 1989 after 33 years of active service. He served on six destroyers, one submarine tender, one patrol squadron, and five shore commands.

After retirement from the Navy, he worked for 18 more years at Pearl Harbor at the Naval Brig and was the Navy Region Hawaii’s Funeral Honors Coordinator as a collateral duty. This is how he became associated with the Pearl Harbor Survivors. Jim Taylor has personally coordinated scattering-of-ashes ceremonies for over 260 of our Survivors. Many families have brought their loved ones back to Pearl Harbor and witnessed a beautiful service which includes full military honors. Jim also volunteers with the Region’s Public Affairs Office and now serves as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Liaison.

Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station Honors Donald Dill

L. to R.: Navy Councilor First Class Anthony Artau, Navy Munitions Command CONUS West Coast Exec. Officer CDR Douglas Harold, Daughter Donna Fountain, and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach CO CAPT Terry Auberry.

When friends of Donald Dill heard he would soon need a flag, they contacted the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station in California and secured a very special flag for him. The flag flew over the USS Arizona, the USS Missouri, and the U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters before its presentation. Included was the documentation and pictures of each location and included the date and time of each raising of the colors plus a collection of coins. The flag would soon be used as he passed away on September 4th, 2011.

Don joined the Navy when he was 20 in 1938 and took his recruit training at Great Lakes NTC and was sent to Communications School in San Diego. He married Helen Green in October, 1940 and received orders to join the crew of the USS Detroit the next day. In July, 1941 he was transferred to the U.S. Naval Radio Station Wailupe.

He finished his WWII duty on a ship that was at the Japanese port of Ominato after the treaty signing on the USS Missouri. He was selected to go ashore with a small party. The crew was concerned about the reception they would receive onshore. They went to a local school and visited some classrooms and were served tea. Everything went well and they were treated warmly. Donald served through the Korean War and the beginning of the Cold War retiring May 31, 1958. He also served on the USS Dixie AD-14, USS Concord CL-10, USS Dobbin AD-3, USS Cabot CVL-28, and USS Chester CA-27.
Utah Chapter #1 Holds Summer Picnic On VA Grounds

From L. to R.: Marion Kesler, USS Hulbert, Max Burggraaf, USS Nevada, Ken Potts, USS Arizona, Ernal Underwood, USS Helena at the Utah Chapter #1 summer picnic.

The Salt Lake City Veterans Hospital Administration graciously granted the chapter permission to use their Gem Court Garden Area for their annual picnic. It is a private therapeutic garden which is maintained by veterans and employees at the hospital. It has flowers, waterfalls, ponds, fountains, a vegetable garden, and a well-shaded picnic area. There were a total of 40 in attendance including 4 survivors and their spouses. The remaining numbers were made up of Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The survivors always look forward to playing Bingo at the picnic. The sons and daughters were put in charge of getting the Bingo game together. They also gathered prizes from local businesses who, when informed of the event, generously donated various merchandise and gift certificates. Everyone in attendance was able to take home a prize. Two of the grandsons were able to take care of the bar-b-queuing. Marinated steaks, chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, rolls and butter made up the menu. Each family brought a favorite dessert to share. Local media TV and newspapers came to take pictures and interview the survivors.

God Bless all the survivors and their families. Pearl Harbor Survivors are indeed an important part of our country’s history. They will always be remembered as the Greatest Generation. Article by Cathy Kitterman Utah Chairman SDPHS. Photos by John Kitterman

California Chapter #13 Participates In Area Events

Survivor Bing Walenter, a member of Walnut Creek Chapter 13 and former California State Chairman, rides shotgun in a jeep in the Danville 4th of July parade.

Once again, the Pearl Harbor Survivors from Ch. 13 in Walnut Creek took center stage in the Danville CA 4th of July parade. Assisting the survivors were members from SDPHS CA Chapter 5.

With over 60,000 people in attendance, Pearl Harbor Survivors from Ch. 13 were greeted with cheers and salutes from the crowd. PHSA Ch. 13 was awarded the Community Service Award. July 17th marked the 67th Anniversary of the explosion at Port Chicago where 320 military and civilian men were killed when a munition ship blew up. Ch. 13 attended a local memorial activity.

Chuck Kohler and BJ Smith also attended the 67th Anniversary Memorial Event of the Port Chicago explosion with Martha Lee, NPS Regional Deputy Director.
Sacramento Chapter 6 Members Honored At Capitol Air Show

L. to R.: Chapter 6 members Bob Addobati, Bill Littlejohn, Sam Clower, Sr. and Merle Whitten.

Story and Photos by Donna Madeira

Sacramento Chapter 6 members were honored guests at the 2011 California Capitol Air Show on September 10 and 11. Seven Survivors were honored for their service and sacrifice with free admission, VIP seating, and lunch.

This year’s show featured a very realistic reenactment of the battle on Pearl Harbor, in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the attack this coming December 7th. The event also honored the Centennial of Naval Aviation and the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.

Survivors attending included President Sam Clower Sr., Bob Addobati, Merle Whitten, Bill Littlejohn, Bob Castle, Merle Resler, and Bob Hodenson. Also attending were spouses, members of Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, and other family members. Survivors were able to share their stories with air show attendees and received many handshakes.

Thousands watched as the air show opened with a skydiver delivering a huge American flag into a group of Air Cadets on the ground during the National Anthem. A special tribute to 9/11 where flower petals were dropped from the sky closed the event on Sunday.

Survivor Bob Castle enjoys the air show with his daughter, Barbara Castle.

Pictured above are air show pilot, Peggy Wagstaff, and Bob Hodenson and Merle Resler.

In Memory of my Husband
Ralph W. Landreth
USS Arizona
With Love, Ginny

In Memory Of My Dad
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USS Raleigh
With Love, Donna

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Ralph & Claire Jeffers
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N.J. State Chairman
Support the Gram

In Memory Of
Virgil Watts
Honolulu CL 48
I Support The Gram
Evelyn Watts
Above is just one of many loads of PHSA plaques and blue boxes carried to the Upland, California Post Office from the Gram office in Jo Jean’s mini-van.

By Mal Middlesworth
Editor/Publisher The Pearl Harbor Gram

The subject of bronze plaques was addressed in the November 2010 Gram by then Secretary/Treasurer Gery Porter. Gery had just distributed a number of plaques primarily to widows and paid replacements. The plaque distribution news continued in the May and August Grams with a coupon and pictures.

Because most Life Members had already received their plaques, emphasis shifted to Annual members who were not part of previous distributions until they had died. The new program also supplied chapters with an inventory for future funerals and families.

Over 200 plaques and boxes have been packaged and shipped by the Gram office—mostly to chapters for future use, widows and family members, and life members who had not received their plaques. While the death report (see page 18) contains 2 lines regarding the Memorial Plaque, many chapters, widows, and family members had no idea what the plaques looked like or if their survivor had one. We hope that recent plaque distribution will answer any questions members, widows, and families may have.

Our hat model, Arthur A. Kowalski
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NAME ____________________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________ STATE _______ ZIP ________

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NEXT OF KIN ________________________________ RELATIONSHIP __________________

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PHSA Form 15
The Children of Battleship Row
Pearl Harbor 1940-1941

This historically accurate book documents the story of the Japanese attack on the Island of Oahu from the perspective of a survivor whose home was less than 500 feet from the Arizona when it exploded. She was nine years old. Later in the day, she and her older sister would respond to the attack by loading belts of machine gun bullets.

In October of 1940, Joan Zuber Earle and her sister moved with their parents to Ford Island, in the middle of Pearl Harbor. While her father, the commander of the Naval Air Station Marine barracks, and mother set up housekeeping, the Zuber girls and their friends explored their island paradise. They danced in the Lei Day Festival dressed as flowers.

The book is well written with the precision of a marksman. The author has a special talent, to write simply and clearly about her childhood in a time and location that would change the world forever. Excellent photos. It's must reading for all Pearl Harbor Survivors, their children and grandchildren. A great gift for both young and old!

Price: $16.95 plus $3. for S/H. Send check or M.O. to: Joan Zuber Earle, 106 Lexford Road, Piedmont, CA 94611
Telephone: 510-547-4109   Email: joanzearle@aol.com

Congratulations on reaching the 70th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Hope to see you there!

MAILING NOTICE:

Since the National Secretary maintains the address listings for all members of the Association plus all other individuals who have subscribed to the Pearl Harbor GRAM, it is imperative that when you move or change your address, that you notify the National Secretary at 513 SE Clark Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98620-8902.

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Aloha Pearl Harbor Survivors,

We would like to cordially invite you and your families to be the guests of honor at the 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Mass Band Performance on the pier of the Battleship Missouri on December 7, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.

The performance will feature 800 high school band students from all across America performing The Star Spangled Banner, Salute to America's Finest, Amazing Grace, America the Beautiful, Stars and Stripes Forever - and a featured performance by the Kilgore Rangerettes of I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy!

Only once will there be a 70th Anniversary of one of our nation's most horrific days, “a date which will live in infamy,” December 7th and the attacks on Pearl Harbor and the other military bases on Oahu. Please join America's youth in honoring all military personnel past and present who have sacrificed for our freedoms.

Round trip transportation from the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center to the Battleship Missouri and a deli-style lunch will be provided for all that wish to attend.

Please RSVP via email to: dadkins@emihawaii.com or call 1-866-693-4723. Mahalo Nui Loa, David Adkins EMI Hawaii