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ETERNAL FLAME LIGHTED

One of two goals set by the Greater Bakersfield Area Chapter 5 for the year 1967 was reached on May 30, Memorial Day.

An idea was conceived last September (1966) to give to the people of Bakersfield an Eternal Flame by which they could forever be reminded of Pearl Harbor or other more gentle memories of loved ones who made sacrifices in an effort to reach an unattainable star or preserve the unattainable freedoms. In October 1966, Walt Willison (USS Case DD370), then President of Chapter 5, presented to the Kern County Veterans Affairs Council a plan for such a lighting hoping it to be completed for the 25th anniversary of the December 7th bombing. The Flame was to be erected by the Bakersfield Chapter 5 to be dedicated to all Veterans who have been lost in all the wars or expeditions since the founding of these United States and to those revolutionary forces before its founding.

The project was too large an undertaking and the time too short for fruition by December 7th. However, this was received so enthusiastically by other Veteran groups that the Memorial Day Committees adopted the plan and made it the highlight of this year’s Memorial Day services.

Little seven year old Teresa Pierce, of Wasco, Calif., daughter of the late SGT. Larry F. Pierce, Medal of Honor winner, who died in Vietnam, lighted the 20-foot tower with flame at 10:55 A.M. in the Veterans’ section of Union Cemetery before a gathering of over 500. Dedication remarks were made by ministerial representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. The Memorial Day address was offered by Captain H. J. Hartman, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California.

This gift to the people was conceived by one Survivor and pursued by a PHSA Chapter representing one veteran group but it took fifty Veteran groups & their auxiliaries, individual work by many, combined help by others, participating by young and old who belonged to no organization in particular to bring this to a meaningful, tangible, emblematic monument. So the Veterans of Kern County, Calif., in giving a gift to the people gave themselves much more. It brought them understanding, brotherhood and the meaning of cooperation.

Now under the leadership of Phil Anderson, Chapter 5 will continue with State Chairman Henry Lidgett’s project of establishing an “Arlington of the West”, a National Cemetery for Veterans. Presently a bill is being prepared by the California 18th Congressional District Representative Robert Mathias which will present to Congress.

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.

PRESIDENT SHANE REVIEWING OFFICER AT NAVY RECRUIT GRADUATION

“Well done” describes the impressive recruit graduation ceremonies held June 23rd at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Your President, Henry Shane, was the reviewing official and presented awards to recruit honormen and Purple Heart to three Marine Corps Vietnam veterans. Other guests of honor in the reviewing stand included your national vice-president, secretary-treasurer, two district directors, several state chairmen, and Northern Illinois Chapter One officials. In addition, some thirty-five Survivors and their families were special guests at this graduation in which thirteen companies comprising more than one thousand recruits bade farewell to “boot camp”. While many of us understandably like to reminisce of the “old navy”, it is comforting to know that the fleet, shore stations and service schools have never received better qualified men than today’s graduates of the Recruit Training Command.

In the evening the Survivors, along with Navy and Marine Corps officials and Waukegan civic officials retired to the Waukegan Knights of Columbus Club for dinner and fellowship.

PH SURVIVOR IS FIRST MCP0 OF NAVY

On December 7, 1941, at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was attached to the First Division and Mess Cooking, but when QQ was sounded, he manned his battle station in the number one turret. After the attack subsided, he assisted in recovery of personnel from the Oklahoma. This Pearl Harbor Survivor is the first newly selected “The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy” and recently assumed his new office in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C. This Survivor is Delbert D. BLACK — a Survivor from the USS Maryland (BB46) and a member of PHSA.


The Black’s (Delbert, Irma, and son, Donny) address is 6802 Front Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151.

July, 1967
A NOTICE FROM NATIONAL

This issue of the Gram has the appointed National Committees for your information and references. These committees were appointed to assist with the increasing workload on the National Office. When you require information, need assistance, have recommendations or suggestions — contact your particular committee member from your district for fast action, in the absence of a committee member from your district contact the committee chairman. Please save the list of National Committees and add the new members as they appear in the future issues of the Gram.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The October issue of the Gram will have the complete details of a membership contest which will begin October 1, 1967, and expire September 30, 1968. Get your prospects lined-up (not renewals), have an ample supply of membership applications so when the official rules are printed in the Gram, you can start off with a big bang. All members of PHSA are eligible to participate in the contest EXCEPT national officers, national officers holding appointive position and members of the membership committee. Watch for the October issue for the complete details and prizes to be won.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

Plans are afoot for a big off-year convention to be sponsored by the New York State Pearl Harbor Survivors — and for neighboring Eastern Seaboard States. To be held at GROSSINGER’S RESORT, Grossinger, New York, December 8 - 10. Please contact the Convention Chairman: Manny Siegel, 21 Isabel Drive, Cortland, New York 13045, for additional information - costs - events and programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANUALS

At the present time, Administrative Manuals are not available. Soon as the new edition is completed, they will be mailed to all chapters.

ATTENTION TO ALL OFFICERS

Please complete and return the biographical questionnaire along with a picture of yourself to the National Office.

PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED FOR ALBUMS

The National Vice-President wants you to send him photographs (official and incidental) pertaining to PHSA members, events, etc., for insertion in the National Office’s albums. These albums will be on display at national reunions. If at all possible, please send the names and/or descriptions of whatever the photos show.

MICHIGAN’S FIRST STATE CONVENTION

Many old acquaintances were renewed over the weekend, April 29-30, in Lansing when the Survivors of the State of Michigan met for their first state convention. A dinner followed by cocktails and dancing was held Saturday evening with a business meeting and showing of the Pearl Harbor film on Sunday. The attendance mark hit 127.

Officers elected were:

President: John R. Reberg, 1849 Cherry St., Muskegon, Mich. 49441.
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Out of state members attending were National Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. John C. Berlier of Indianapolis, Ind.; National District Director, District 7, and Mrs. Joseph Tokar of Painesville, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Speelman and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Dettinger of Toledo, Ohio; and, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Charvat of Cary, Illinois.

Frank Frucci, Jr., 1414 N. 11th St., Niles, Mich. 49120, is the Michigan State Chairman.

STATE CHAIRMAN NEEDED

FOR ARIZONA

Cecil Smith (Kaneohe Bay), with a long and successful tenure as State Chairman of Arizona, is about ready to relinquish his honorable position. National Office would like a volunteer to take over. Anyone interested, please contact the District Director, Ralph O. Lassman, or the National Office.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

We have nine Survivor Members from the USS BUCK (Unit 008) and three of them are area State Chairmen: Harold F. Beebe — Idaho State Chairman; James J. Downs — Hawaii State Chairman; James L. Joppe — Wisconsin State Chairman.
“HAWAIIAN FUN IN ‘71”

30th Anniversary Reunion and Convention planned for December, 1971. Anyone interested please fill out below form and mail direct to: Henry Shane, National President, 6488 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33707.

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COMMENTS:

This is open to all members — Their families and Their friends — All of whom must be registered through the Survivor Member.

NINETY EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

From March 16 through June 30, 1967, ninety-eight new members have been added to our national membership roster. Here is a breakdown:

By Services:
    Army ... 28  Navy ... 66  Marine ... 4

By Districts:
    District No. 1 ... 12  District No. 5 ... 21
    District No. 2 ...  5  District No. 6 ... 10
    District No. 3 ...  7  District No. 7 ... 32
    District No. 4 ...  2  District No. 8 ... 9

By States:
    Mich. ... 18  Hawaii ... 2
    Minn. ... 12  Ind. ... 2
    Calif. ... 10  Mo. ... 2
    N.J. ...  9  Ohio ... 2
    Fla. ...  9  Pa. ... 2
    N.Y. ...  8  Va. ... 2
    Ill. ...  6  Kans. ... 1
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Minneapolis, Minnesota
U. S. Marine Corps
CHAPTER MEETINGS
AND STATE MEETINGS

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER ONE
Illinois Chapter One held a meeting at Morton Grove April 22 at which thirty-three Survivors and their guests were treated to a delicious buffet dinner and an interesting talk by Commander David Crist of the Training Command, U.S. Naval Air Station, Glenview.

Armed Forces Day was observed by the Chapter with a dinner and meeting at the American Legion Post, Rock Falls, May 20. Clarence (Eddie) Renner (USS Maryland), Chairman of the meeting, invited the chapter to participate in the Rock Falls Centennial Veterans Parade on August 5.

ANNOUNCES ANNUAL PICNIC
Binghamton (N.Y.) Chapter One announces its annual picnic at Dwyer Park, Little York, N.Y., Route 281, to be held at 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., August 13th. Eat all you desire — games for everyone. Swimming pool! Prices: children (6-16) is $1.00 — children over 16 and adults is $2.50 per person.

All Survivors are cordially invited to attend and should mail their reservations immediately to:
Stewart S. Allen, Secretary, 706 N. Tioga St., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. Three hundred is all that can be accommodated.

TOPEKA CHAPTER HAS DINNER-DANCE
The Topeka Chapter of Kansas met April 29 for a business meeting, dinner and dance at the American Legion Post No. 1 in Topeka.

Third District Director Ral O. Lassman of Topeka and Kansas State Chairman Ernie Simmelink gave their reports. Chapter President William R. Brown conducted the business meeting and Dr. Howard P. Killough gave the invocation.

Survivors who made the trip to the 25th Reunion in Hawaii brought their pictures and film to share with the thirty-eight Survivors and guests.

TRYING HARD AND SUCCEEDING
A picture of a successful and well-oriented chapter is the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Two of California.

On April 8 the chapter met for a noon luncheon and business session at The Kings Bowl In Millbrae. Then cocktails were served at the home of Hayne L. Moyer, 1st District Director. At 6:30 P.M. the members traveled in a caravan to Treasure Island (remember that land of enchantment, Easterners?) for dinner and dancing at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The chapter plans for their next excursion to take them to Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada state line.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER TWO
A dinner was held May 6 at the U.S. Grant Motor Inn, Mattoon, III., by Illinois Chapter Two. Mayor Morgan Phipps gave the welcoming speech. Following dinner, the Survivors were invited and attended an evening of dancing and entertainment at Moose Lodge No. 803 where everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Carl Browning (USS Phelps), a trustee of the chapter, was chairman of the meeting.

ANOTHER CHAPTER FORMED!
Central Florida Chapter No. 2 was established May 24 at the NCO Club, McCoy Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida. National President Shane was present and installed the newly elected officers. National District Director, District 6, Bill Collins; National General Counsel Edward Mroevka, and, John Andrews, member of the National Convention Committee were present at the installation.

The chapter will meet on the third Thursday of each month, NCO Club, McCoy AFB, Orlando. All Survivors in this area seeking information of this chapter should contact the Chapter's secretary - F. Clyde Schofield (Hickam Field), 737 Springview Drive, Orlando, Florida 32803.

USS MARYLAND SURVIVOR IS NEW STATE CHAIRMAN FOR IOWA
Robert H. Jensen, of 720 Fifth Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, 50112, has been appointed State Chairman for Iowa, replacing Vernon A. Bischoff. Good luck to you Bob on your appointment and we are hoping to hear about Iowa’s first chapter in the near future.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS
The Wisconsin State Chapter held a meeting at the American Legion Post, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Sunday, May 28, 1967, and the following officers were elected:

President: Stanley Janny (USS Nevada) of Delafield, Wis.
Vice President: William Evans (USS Sicard) of Menomonee Falls, Wis.
Sec.-Treas.: Harford Moulton (Hickam Field) of Brookfield, Wis.
Trustee: Raymond Krohelski (Hickam Field) of Glendale, Wis.
Trustee: Julius Fennern (USS Monaghan) of Menomonee Falls, Wis.
Trustee: H. Youngbauer (USS Tennessee) of Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Our congratulations to the newly elected officers and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year.

STATUE OF LIBERTY CHAPTE NO. 4
Members of the Statue of Liberty Chapter (New York) and their guests met April 30. After a brief business meeting, District Director Joseph Hydrusko welcomed everyone and presented ideas pertaining to the New York State Convention. A movie was presented showing the Navy’s recovery after the attack on “The Seventh”. Then there was dancing and entertainment followed with a great buffet.

As a climax, a Benrus watch was raffled and won by N. Y. State Chairman John Kuzma.

Our attendance — 90 (members and guests). Four Survivors became members. We are progressing rapidly to being the largest chapter.

See you in New York in 1970.
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In our own country this truth has been exemplified by the fact that the greatest patriots of our national history have been good men.

(From a message I preached aboard U.S.S. Maryland December 14, 1941)

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TWO SETS OF BROTHERS

Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, found two sets of brothers from the small town of Holland, Missouri (population about 400 at that time), serving their country at Pearl Harbor.

J. T. Allison and his brother, Andrew, were on duty aboard the U.S.S. Arizona along with James William Harris, while Marcus G. Harris was aboard the U.S.S. Vega for duty. Saturday evening, December 6, 1941, Marcus went aboard the Arizona to visit his brother, James, and their friends. The visit ended with the Harris brothers making plans on going ashore Sunday, December 7, 1941. Today, J. T. Allison, Andrew Allison, and James W. Harris are entombed aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.

Marcus G. Harris is a member of Missouri Chapter One, PHSA, and is the owner and operator of the Harris Distributing Company, Holland, Missouri.

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