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“Pearl Harbor ~ December 7, 1941 ~ Lest We Forget”

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SDPHS Convention 2012

San Diego, California
2012



2012 Election Results ~ Ballots returned: 160

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		<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>
National President	Louella Large	157	1	2
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National Treasurer	Kyle Wehr	159	0	1

RESOLUTIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE SDPHS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Resolution #1:	153	3	2
Resolution #2:	155	1	2
Resolution #3:	154	1	2
Resolution #4:	151	2	5



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION - CHARLESTON, SC

After the Executive Board approved to hold convention in 2014, they picked several sites from which the membership could decide at their general meeting. The members at the National SDPHS Convention in San Diego, CA. voted to hold the 2014 convention in Charleston, SC. As the newly appointed Convention Chair, I will be looking for hotels, particular sites to see, and suggestions on any other activities. The USS Yorktown is located in Charleston and we hope to conduct our December 7th ceremony aboard ship. We are also looking for our members to lend a hand in making arrangements. Please feel free to contact me by calling (904) 225-0013 or email sdphs6dist@comcast.net. The San Diego convention was great and we would like to make Charleston even greater. With the 2014 convention being held on the East Coast, we hope that many more survivors and members will be able to attend.

2014 National Convention Chairman - Dee Kelley (6th DD)

SPEAKERS CORNER

Let us know if you have spoken to an organization or school students. Speaking about Child Survivor memories or the memories of our Pearl Harbor survivors spreads the word about the SDPHS organization. History books in schools have so very little about December 7, 1941. Tell our Pearl Harbor survivor's stories to others so they will always be remembered.

DONORS TO SDPHS FUNDS

MAHALO to those who donated to the SDPHS funds this quarter:

Jack Saxton	Memorial Fund
Steven Stockett	Convention Fund
George Murray	Convention Fund
Marilyn Nicholson	Convention Fund
Betsy Crossley	Photo Gallery Frames
M/M Howard Snell	Convention Fund
Elaine French	Convention Fund

GOOD READING/RESOURCE MATERIAL

Have you ever wondered about your Pearl Harbor Survivor's ship? You may want to read this very interesting book, **Daughters of Infamy**, The Stories of the Ships that survived Pearl Harbor, by David Kilmer. Mr. Kilmer says in his preface,

"I discovered that with the exception of three ships, ARIZONA, OKLAHOMA and UTAH, all the ships that were sunk that day were refloated, repaired, refurbished and ultimately entered the war to avenge themselves against the Imperial Japanese Navy. Finally I ran across the ultimate fact. Two ships at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, one of which was sunk, were also present at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. This intrigued me and of course prompted the next question; If these two ships survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, survived the war and made it all the way to the surrender, what happened to the other ships of Pearly Harbor? When I attempted to find the book that would answer that question I discovered a new fact. There wasn't one. So the reason this book exists is that I wanted to read it an no one had yet written it."

This volume's purpose is to help bring to life the stories of these ships and to be a compact single reference source for all the major ships at Pearl Harbor and what happened to them during and after the war. It will hopefully stimulate a curiosity and desire to learn more aabout one, some, or all of thse "Daughters of Infamy". Available on amazon.com

IMPORTANT... PLEASE READ THIS!

Many people are using OLD email addresses and other information that is no longer valid. Please use the enclosed roster for correct information!!

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT Lou Large



We had a fantastic Convention in San Diego thanks to **Kathleen Farley, Carol Gladys, Carmen Harding, Joedy Adams, Tom & Kyle Wehr**, PH survivors Howard Snell, Mal Middlesworth, Stu Hedley, Bob Ruffato, & the rest of the our board & members who were able to attend and help. We learned a lot about National Conventions - we made some mistakes but that is how you learn. All in all everything turned out great. **Deidre Kelley**, our 2014 Convention Chair, tells me that the next convention will be even better and will be in Charleston, SC! We will continue to honor our Pearl Harbor Survivors! The Wall of Honor displaying the pictures & stories of them was great. If you have not sent information on your survivor, I would like to hear from you. Also, we have been receiving memorabilia that belonged to survivors for our display. If anyone wants to have memorabilia displayed with their survivor's name, duty station and donor's name, please send everything to me. You can be assured that it will be preserved for display and proper recognition given.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER - The PACIFIC NORTHWEST Chapter of Vancouver, Washington. We are very proud of the members who were able to get their Chapter organized and Chartered! I look forward to working with all of them.

Entering a new year is going to be exciting with many important items on my 2013 Agenda:

- Our goal of 501 C3 non-profit status will allow our donors to deduct their donations, thus enabling us to receive more donors, hence more financial health!
- Finish Duties Manuals for all national officers, district directors, state chairs & chapter officers.
- Having hosted our first Natitonal Convention, we will now have a Convention Chairman Duties Manual, which I am currently working on.
- All Appointed Committees will also get a Duties Manual.
- Included in all manuals will be a section on "Ideas to Get the Word Out" which will help in promoting the SDPHS locally as well as nationally.
- The Revised NCBL should be out soon and will be sent to Executive Board Members who will be sending them to State Chairs, who in turn will send a copy to chapters in their district. The NCBL will also be posted on our website by Barbara Ford.
- The SDPHS 2014 National Convention, already in early planning stages by Deidre Kelly and the Executive Board.

COMING UP: Memorial Day, when our Memorial Wreath will be presented at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. If you are planning to attend the ceremony, please let me know.

Thanks to everyone for your continuous support. We cannot continue to grow & improve without you, the members, who are the core of our organization. Without you, we could not keep the memory alive of those, who without any thought of themselves, fought for their country and our freedom on that infamous day in history.

Mahalo,

Louella "Lou" Large



SDPHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT As of 3/15/2013
Carol Gladys, National Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sandra Lou Einspahr	Kearney, NE
Ruth Ann Earnshaw	Missouri City, TX
Marion Peggy Cassidy	Union City, CA
Peg Murphy	Omaha, NE
Mary Kathleen Murray August	Henderson, NV
Lisa Louise Nielsen DuPere	Las Vegas, NV
Linda Anne Murray Johnson	Steamboat Springs, CO
Maureen Lynne Murray Young	West Des Moines, IA
Michael Wayne Murray	Denver, CO
Frank Anthony Huff	Harrodsburg, KY
Judy Melinda Kelley Nelson	Idaho Falls, ID
Carol Ann Wiggins Johnston	Seattle, WA
Kimberly Renee Blackwell	Iva, SC

WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!

Louise J. Arsenault	South Weymouth, MA
Richard H. Maitland	New York, NY
Robert G. Nelson	Colorado Springs, CO
Larry S. Barton	Concord, CA
Paul A. Steelhammer	Clyde, CA

WELCOME PHS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Al B. Cory	Jacksonville, FL
George Bennett	Battle Ground, WA
James Pauls	Richard Greenwood, IN

FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER, Kyle Wehr



As your new treasurer, I'd like to thank you for your votes and hope that I can do the job proud. Since I had a chance to get my feet damp as the Assistant Treasurer, it was great being able to put names with faces at our national convention!

During the processing of renewal forms I saw that some of you even put little blurbs on your forms, about your parent or about you being a survivor yourself, and I loved it! One of my first official duties was to go to Vancouver, WA to present a charter to the new Pacific Northwest Chapter! What a beautiful countryside.

Together with Lou and our executive board, we will be working really hard on getting that 501-C3 brought to reality so we can become a tax deductible non-profit organization, enabling us to get those sponsors! I will also be working on the finances so our 2nd National Convention in SC can be even more fantastic than our first (though I have to say...hat's off to the Convention Chair, **Kathleen Farley, Lou, Carol** and all the others that pulled that one off! I, for one, thought it was GREAT!)

Let's all work together to get our chapters active! Get involved! Make our folks as proud of us as we are of them! And don't forget, if you have not paid your dues for 2013, cut the form out in this issue and send to me right away. Let's show our support by keeping our dues current.



*Some of Our Pearl Harbor Survivors
who have recently passed away*

Elmo Assante	USS Honolulu	06/17/12
William Boyd	USS Vestal	08/28/12
Randolph Klippel	USS Raleigh	10/18/12
Thomas Anelli	Ford Island	10/20/12
Robert Hodenson	USS Whitney	11/14/12
Clarence Boner	USS Tennessee	11/21/12
Bernard Walenter	USS Medusa	12/04/12
Donald Blair	USS Nevada	12/08/12
James Hourigan	USS Pelias	12/22/12
Thomas Malmin	Ford Island	01/22/13
Robert McCullough	USS Medusa	01/27/13

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/12.....	\$11,608.21
Income	
Annual Dues	\$12,200.00
New Member Fees	1,165.00
New Chapter Fees	50.00
Small Stores	3,272.25
Offspring Ads	691.00
Miscellaneous	144.08
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,522.33
Expenses	
Florida Dept. of State	70.00
CA Secretary of State	0
Indiana Sec of State	7.14
E-Board meetings	0
National President	17.45
National Secretary	240.88
National Treasurer	259.95
National Registrar	0
Executive Travel	
National President	1,318.04
National VP	490.74
National Secretary	1,545.82
National Treasurer	1,161.17
District Directors Travel	
District 1	334.26
District 2	585.34
District 4	506.73
District 5	630.08
District 6	614.78
District 7	615.48
Trustees	1,022.49
Memorial Wreaths	490.00
Offspring Printing/Postage	3,798.74
Small Stores Inventory	5,629.72
New Chapter Start-up	50.00
Chapter Membership Awards	800.00
Stamps & Postage	1,179.36
PO Box Rent	96.00
Bank Fees	100.80
Miscellaneous	65.27
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$21,630.24
ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/12.....	\$1,894.80

MEMORIAL FUND REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE, 9/30/12	\$3,055.00
Income: Donation	20.00
less Expense	0.00
ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/12	\$3,075.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE, 9/30/12	\$409.34
Income: Donations	1409.35
less Expenses:	1000.00
ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/12	\$409.34
CONVENTION FUND REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE, 9/30/12	\$2,956.61
Income: Donations	360.00
Registration & fees	10,304.39
less Expenses:	11,726.20
ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/12	\$1,894.80
TOTAL FUNDS 12/31/12.....	\$12,879.44

DISTRICT/STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

DISTRICT 3 *Linda Johnson, District Director, NM State Chair, ZIA Chapter VP*

New Mexico's ZIA Chapter met on October 1, as one of our two required annual meetings. The ZIA chapter will be keeping up the tradition of the Albuquerque PHSA chapter which has now closed. We discussed having a brief memorial service at the City of Albuquerque's Veterans Park. Several years ago, the PHSA chapter placed a beautiful monument on the Park grounds. Our chapter President, **Bob Scott**, goes there weekly to care for the beautiful red roses that surround the monument. After the memorial service, the survivors, their wives and widows will join our chapter for a steak dinner at one of the local restaurants.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of District 3's members and welcome all of the newest members. I would love to hear from you. Send me a postcard.. I love getting mail up here on the mountain.

DISTRICT 5 *by Bette Sue Rowe, District Director*

Several of our Indiana members were proud to participate in the December 7, 2012 convention in San Diego, CA. The meetings were to the point, chaired by our president, **Lou Large**, recognizing all of the National Officers. Pearl Harbor Day was memorable aboard the **USS Midway**. As a Child Survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, I was privileged to meet 7 other Child Survivors in attendance. Some had sailed together back to the mainland from Hawaii on the same ship, the SS Lurline, in February, 1942.

Indianapolis Chapter President, **John Haessig** has lead all of our meetings, making sure that we have speakers and recognizing our guests. We are proud of our former District Director, **Kyle Wehr**, who is now our new National Treasurer and who recently had the privilege of presenting a charter to our newest chapter in the state of Washington.



Harold Dove, USS Sacramento

The speaker for our February meeting was Norris Archer, author of "Where are You Going Soldier?"

We have also recently lost our beloved survivor, Harold Dove.

DISTRICT 6 *Deidre Kelley, 6th District Director*

SDPHS members at the National SDPHS Convention in San Diego voted to hold the 2014 convention in Charleston, SC. As the Convention Chair, I will be looking for hotels, particular sites to see, and suggestions on any other activities. The USS Yorktown is located in Charleston and we plan to conduct our December 7th ceremony aboard ship. We are also looking for SDPHS members to lend a hand in making arrangements. Please feel free to contact me by calling (904) 225-0013 or email sdphs6dist@comcast.net. San Diego convention was great and we would like to make Charleston even greater.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our Dad, MSgt. Carrol Halcomb, Schofield Barracks, 11th Field Artillery, 24th Infantry.
Greg and Vickie Halcomb

IN LOVING MEMORY of PVT. James R Glenn, USMC, Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (1922-2003).
Gary Glenn

IN LOVING MEMORY of our Dad, Major Billie J. Smith, Hickam field - 23rd Bomb Squad.
Bob, Anita, Sheila, Donna & George

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dad, Lt. Joy W. Beezley, USN Retired, USS Medusa (AR1).
Carol and Dave Gladys

IN MEMORY OF Mary B. Kerr, wife of H.R. (Bob) Kerr
Hickam Field (Dec. 7th, 1941)

IN MEMORY OF my dad, Cpl. Michael J. Pavlic, Schofield Barracks, Battery D, 97th CA (AA)
Donald and Janet Pavlic

IN LOVING MEMORY my father, Dr. George H. Carpenter, Jr., Fort Derussy. Passed away 9/29/2000.
Bette Sue Rowe

IN MEMORY OF BILL ECKEL
USS New Orleans (CA32)

Howard Snell

NJ PHSA supports SDPHS

DISTRICT/STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

On December 7th Sacramento's Chapter 4 hosted a breakfast and memorial program in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor. President **Sam Clower Jr.** spoke of the events of 1941. He named the three survivors lost this year from Chapter 6 and held a moment of silence in their memory, followed by playing of Taps. There were five survivors and seven SDPHS members in attendance, as well as family & friends.

Sam Clower Jr. coordinated a trip for the Survivors to Sacramento Kings' basketball game, where they were treated to VIP seating and gifted with autographed basketballs.



Back row: Survivors Bob Addobati, Bill Littlejohn, John Sabo, Merl Resler, Lee Dugan, **Charlie Ide**
Front row: George Clower, George West, Sam Clower Jr., James Zupo, Robert Zupo, George Gorohoff

OHIO by Carol Gladys, Chapter President

The members of Lake Erie Chapter 2, were successful in surprising their member, Pearl Harbor survivor **Jack Fickel**, with a birthday celebration February 1st on his 90th birthday. Jack is a strong supporter of the Sons and Daughters and readily participates in the chapters functions. On December 7th he was once again braving the winter weather to cast the memorial wreath from the deck of the **USS Cod** on the shores of Lake Erie. With Jack were his son-in-law Larry Ruminski and SDPHS members **Fred Reimer** and **Anne Shambaugh**.



VIRGINIA submitted by Eloise Myers

Eloise B. Myers and Preston Parham, a Navy PHS survivor participated in the wreath laying at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek, Fort Story, Virginia Beach on December 7, 2012. It was a beautiful ceremony by Capt. Charles Stuppard Commander of the Base. Our Cadet Speaker was First Sergeant Joseph Crowther, MCJROTC, Churchland High School, Churchland, Va. Guest speaker was Lt. General John M. Paxton, Jr., Commander, US Marine Corps Forces; Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Atlantic; Commander US Marine Corps Bases Atlantic; Commander, US Marine Corps Forces Europe.

Eloise was a 15 year old dependent child living with her family just outside the main gate on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. Currently she is an SDPHS member of the PHS Social Club in her area.



Preston Parham and Eloise B. Myers

FLORIDA by Mary Purifoy, First Coast Chapter 2 Veterans Day, 2012

I went to Waverly Academy, in Jacksonville for Veterans Day - there were 20 young ladies who answered question such as "how Veterans Day started", "how many wars the United States had been in since World War I". They were asked about December 7th, 1941, and I told them the story of my father Leonard Purifoy's experience at Pearl Harbor. They met a Veteran, received pencils and a poppy & enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers.

INDIANA Chapter 1



Pictured above: Shown with **USS Arizona** replica at Veterans Day Parade in downtown Indianapolis: **John Haessig**, President; **Bette Sue Rowe**, SDD; **Paul Kennedy**, Survivor; **Kyle Wehr**, National Treasurer; **Steve Phelps**, Trustee

DISTRICT/STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

ILLINOIS - by Rick Miller

On December 7, 2012 a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony was held at The Oakton Place in Des Plaines Illinois. It was organized by **Bob & Rick Miller** (sons of survivor Clarence J. Miller, 1921-2000), Mike Lake, Kevin O'Connell, Jay Lewkowitz and Don Meseth. In attendance from the Illinois Chapter One PHSA were survivors Ed Block - **USS MEDUSA**, Joe Triolo - **USS TANGIER** and James Hancock - **US NAVY DISPENSARY**. Widows, sons, daughters & grandsons of survivors were present in the crowd of 150 people. **Bob Miller** was the emcee for the event. Participation from Navy Station Great Lakes included Captain Randy Lynch, keynote speaker, Color Guard from Capt. James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, Brass Navy Band and the Great Lakes Firing Battery. The ceremony lasted 45 minutes and ended with a 4 minute slide show presentation honoring the PHSA Chapter One members, a 3 volley salute and the playing of echo Taps. Following the ceremony was a lunch provided by **Rory Hancock**, son of survivor James Hancock. A Pearl Harbor display room was open to the public. The Miller family display included a 36" model of the Arizona along with graphics telling the story of the events of December 7, 1941. A local Korean War Veteran, Art Carlson, displayed his 8' scratch built WWII destroyer models. Other SDPHS members in attendance were **Wanda Hagerty, Keith Hancock, and Matt Brown.**

It was a successful event that helped honor and keep the memory of local PHSA members alive. ABC & WGN Chicago covered this emotional day.



MARYLAND by Carmen Harding

Maryland Chapter 1 is gearing up for hosting the Seventh District Convention later this year. At our last district convention in Ohio, we voted to have our conventions fall on an "odd year" as the National Convention always falls on an "even year", thus avoiding any conflict of time and money. We met in February to begin organizing tasks. 7th District Director, **Elaine McCann** and Chapter Vice-President **Matt Zaborsky** will be checking out hotels in various cities. Being in close proximity to Washington D. C. leaves open different areas. The month will be October with the exact date still to be determined. We will keep you posted.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our father, Leonide (Lee) Soucy, USS Utah, Pharmacist Mate 2/C.
Mary McCormick and Margaret Soucy

IN LOVING MEMORY of Richard "Dick" Brown, USS Solace.
Beverly Cummings, Daughter
Heidi Tucker & Michelle Pauly, Granddaughters

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dad, Solomon F. Oden, USS Pennsylvania BB38, LCDR Asst. Gunnery Officer
Thomas Oden

THAT DECEMBER MORN

To those who died and those who survived the attack

As every day in the past the sun rose over Diamond Head Men arose from sleep onboard ships berthed side by side Navy bands on board ships prepared to play the National Anthem Unaware that enemy planes were heading their way to attack them

While at Hickam Army Airfield our planes wing tip to wing tip Under guard to prevent any type of a sabotage attempt While Airmen ate breakfast in the main mess hall Enemy aircraft arrived and started to attack causing men to fall

Planes on Ford Island and Hickam Field began to incinerate Leaving only a few aircraft that could take off and fight Naval craft were heavily damaged and some sank right away The USS Shaw exploded when a bomb destroyed her magazine bay

USS Oklahoma turned upside down trapping many of her crew The harbor now covered in burning diesel fuel was no longer blue Some of the injured were taken to Tripler Army Hospital Doctors and nurses tried to save them all

The USS Arizona sank with over 1300 of her crew now entombed Oil still bubble to the surface as if she is crying for her crew Now a Memorial her crew listed on white marble To remind us of the attack on Pearl Harbor

by MSgt Merrill A. Vaughan, USAF (Ret)
©Merrill Vaughan, December 7, 2001

NORTH CAROLINA submitted by Ashley Baker
December 7th Ceremony in Wilmington



Pictured left to right: Everette Mays, USS Pennsylvania; Harold Garrish, USS St Louis; Gordon Idom, USS West Virginia; Edd Clay, USS Minneapolis; Leslie "Bud" Hollenback, USS Pennsylvania; Ronald Skinner, USS Helena

A NEW CHAPTER IS FORMED!!!

VANCOUVER WASHINGTON GETS NEW CHAPTER

A Charter was presented to the Pacific Northwest Chapter in Vancouver, WA on January, 11, 2013 by National Treasurer, **Kyle Wehr**. "I was met at the Portland, OR airport by **Rick and Shelley Kincaid** who then drove me to Vancouver, WA. Wow, what beautiful country! We went on to a meeting where I was made to feel like one of the family. I've never felt more at home with people I've just met! After a meal was served, I presented them with a letter from National President **Lou Large** and then their Charter. **Penny Ross** donated a book of her father's which will be put into our SDPHS library. Thank you so much, Penny! We will take care of it! Afterward, Rick, Shelley and her mother, Joan took me on a tour of the Falls and other gorgeous sites. Beautiful country, beautiful people...go for a visit sometime; I know they will make you feel right at home!"



Front Row: Kyle Wehr; Shelley Kincaid; Penny Ross; Joan Harshberger; and Ferne Laedtke
 Back Row: Paula Lacy; Ralph Laedtke; Marc Lacy; George Bennett; and Rick Kincaid

Officers include:

Marc Lacy, President; **Shelley Kincaid**, Vice-President; **Penny Ross**, Secretary; **Rick Kincaid**, Treasurer The other individuals are Trustees. One remaining Trustee not in the picture: **Eric Kincaid**

Notification of Change of Contact Information

My _____ has changed. I have included my new information below.

Name _____

Member No. _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____

SEND FORM TO:
 Carol Gladys, National Secretary
 36675 Giles Road, Grafton, Ohio 44044-9124

PHSA Death Notice

Deceased Survivor Name: _____ Date of death _____

Duty Station: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

SDPHS Relative _____

SEND FORM TO:
 Louella Large, National President
 7514 Lincoln St. S. E. East Canton, OH 44730-9564

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: I am looking for members to become a State Chair in the following states:

Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Washington, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Alabama, South Carolina, Delaware, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

If any of these states are in your district or you know a member in one of these states, willing to take the State Chair position or you have a suggestion of a member for me to contact, please let me know. If there is a District Director looking for someone in their own state of which you are the State Chair of & you would like me to contact someone in your state to see if they would be interested - please contact me. I will ask the District Director about anyone suggested before I contact anyone to see if they know this person or not. I would appreciate any assistance that a DD could give me in finding more state chairs. Starting a chapter in more states is important to our growth. All help is appreciated., we need members to volunteer - we will help you!

SDPHS HISTORY PROJECT Past Offspring, Records, etc. (National, District, State or Chapters, copies of reports, etc.) and early history of SDPHS data send to National Historian: **Marjorie C. Edwards**, 248 Taylor Lane, Winterville, GA 30683

CHILD SURVIVOR HISTORY PROJECT Send articles and photos to: **Joedy Adams**, 4065 Paducah Drive, San Diego, CA 92117-5321. (858) 273-1036 or e-mail: joedy@san.rr.com

SDPHS IN RECEIPT OF 1000 PHSA MEDALLIONS!

The PHSA, upon dissolution, gave the SDPHS over 1,000 heavy bronze medallions. These medallions are round and have the PHSA emblem in the middle with "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association" embossed around it. They had previously been given out to PHSA members to be used on their gravestones. They are now available through our Small Stores for \$25.00 each, plus postage. If you know of a Pearl Harbor Survivor who didn't receive one and would like to have one, they are free to the survivor. They make great paper weights and conversation pieces!

You might be interested in just HOW we got these. **Joedy Adams**, our National Registrar and her son-in-law each drove to former PHSA National Treasurer Gery Porter's house (a 200 mile round trip!) and they were loaded into their cars! There were over 250 lbs. of medallions in each car!! They were available at our National Convention in San Diego, and now **Jack Saxton**, our Small Stores Manager, has them available for purchase.

Send ad info and check to Assistant National Treasurer, **Kyle Wehr**. Check should be clearly marked - *Offspring Ad*.

Up to 4 lines: 1 issue - \$ 8.00 / 4 issues - \$25.00

"In Memory of" ads: Include survivor's name & duty station on Dec. 7, 1941 & name/ relationship to survivor of person placing ad.

"In Support of" ads: Include SDPHS supporter, your name, title (if an officer), Chapter, City & State.

GUIDELINES FOR OFFSPRING REPORTS Send all content for articles to: **OffspringEditor@gmail.com**. Any questions? I am a phone call away. 301-774-5577/ 240-997-4327 Final content deadline for the next issue is **MAY 15**.

I AM A CHILD SURVIVOR If you are a child survivor of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, contact **Mary Ellen Smith** and be recognized. Also, send an account of your memories leading up to, during & after the attack. If you would like the patch, "I am a Survivor", please send \$6 payable to: **Mary Ellen Smith**, 5903 Arbor Road, Lakewood, CA 90713 or email her at sdphs@earthlink.net

4 NEW SMALL STORE ITEMS

- **SDPHS Cookbooks (\$15)** now available! Loads of great recipes as well as a "Remembrance" section of Pearl Harbor Survivors. The three ring binder cookbooks will allow for future additions.
- **"Remember Pearl Harbor" Pin (\$3)** Well design pin of a limited collection. Great for giving out at parades or other public functions.
- **New 71st Anniversary Pin (\$3.50)** Just released at the 2012 Convention in San Diego. These are a limited edition so order them early before they are gone.
- **Bronze PHS Medallions (\$25)** Given to the SDPHS by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association upon their dissolution and now available for purchase. Heavy bronze round medallions.



THE SDPHS COOKBOOK, Recipes & Remembrances, made its debut in San Diego at our National Convention and is now available at the SDPHS Small Stores. Our binder style cookbook contains 193 recipes and 30 remembrances of our Pearl Harbor Survivors. For the price of \$15.00 (plus postage) you not only receive this great cookbook, but you also receive one e-book of the recipes to download to your e-reader.

Have you checked out SDPHS on Facebook: Post by SDPHS member Mary Haessig Schiano. "I got my cookbook today and I am so excited to make some of the recipes in this book. Haven't read all the remembrances, but this is a MUST HAVE". So if you have not ordered yours ~ do so! It is so worth it!"

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Heard of the death of a Pearl Harbor survivor?? Please notify our National President. With no prior records, it is important that you send this information to us. We would like to keep our records with as much information as possible on those who fought on December 7, 1941. Please send any information you have to us. (see form Page 8)

If you did not send in your favorite recipes for this first printing, you can still do so along with your survivors photo and his/her story. Carol Gladys will be updating future editions. The new SDPHS Cookbook is now listed in our Small Stores items for only \$15. An addition to the cookbook will be added for our 2014 convention. Remember - send recipes from WWII, parent's favorites & yours to Carol Gladys, National Secretary.

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They Remember... We Won't Forget - a true act of heroism SF3C SYLVESTER PUCCIO

The December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor concentrated on "Battleship Row". Three battleships bore the brunt of this attack, the **USS Arizona**, **USS West Virginia**, & **USS Oklahoma**. **USS West Virginia's** fight for survival ranks among the finest in naval lore, as it should have capsized. **USS West Virginia**, similar to **USS Oklahoma**, had her port side obliterated by seven or eight torpedoes and both vessels quickly rolled to port. Tragically, **USS Oklahoma** never stopped rolling, but prompt counter flooding halted **USS West Virginia's** list at 28°, a severe angle, and moments from no return! To a man, survivors of this ship forever hailed counter flooding as the action that saved their lives. Now evidence points to one man who made this success possible, sf3c Sylvester Puccio. Contrary to current record, Lt. Claude Ricketts did not start, nor command BB48 counter flooding because it had already commenced when he went below to query shipfitters (Action Report, Lt. Claude Ricketts 12/7/41). The record now shows sf3c Puccio ensured counter flooding when it was discovered sf1c Rucker forgot to bring equipment locker keys in Main Repair 3. Puccio demonstrated highest devotion to duty by leaving his secured battle station to initiate counter flooding. Further action and bravery was demonstrated when, among a group of indecisive shipfitters, he alone had the presence of mind to quickly grab a heavy steel bar, push all aside and bash open said locker with sudden great strength. In the dark, on a severely angled deck, his fast action gained needed equipment to enable counter flooding in the nick of time. All subsequent bravery and firefighting aboard this ship would have been moot had it capsized. Considering the cruel drowning of 400 sailors aboard neighboring capsized **USS Oklahoma**, it's estimated that Puccio's action saved an equal number of **USS West Virginia** men from a similar fate. His recent Navy and Marine Corps Medal of Commendation is the first and only recognition of his crucial contribution that day. He is certainly entitled to the upgrade ordered by Congress for single awards from WW2. In addition, a significant upgrade is merited considering the number of men saved and scope of the result. "Syl" Puccio, now 91, never considered publicizing his heroism. It took historians to find him. This alone stands with the finest of naval traditions and combined with initiative and bravery well above his assigned battle station, he qualifies for the Navy Cross. On behalf of thousands of family members of **USS West Virginia** survivors, this award is well justified and long overdue.

Respectfully Submitted, Roger Hare
(Son of Mus1c, Howard Hare-who was trapped on #3 deck)