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*The National Newsletter of the SONS and DAUGHTERS of PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS, INC.*

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

Winter Edition

## THE 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOR HONORS THOSE WHO PERISHED

*U.S. Navy Memorial Museum located at 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, in Washington, D.C.*

In Washington D.C. a solemn ceremony was held to pay tribute on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7, 2013 at the U.S. Navy Memorial Museum. Two Pearl Harbor survivors, Marine Major Albert Grasseli, who was stationed at Ewa Beach Marine Airfield; and Navy veteran STC (SS) **Howard Snell** who was stationed at the Submarine Base participated in the ceremony. Both men were also present at the Battle of Midway, which later marked the turning point of the War in the Pacific. SDPHS National President, **Lou Large**, delivered the keynote address. Lou Large and Rear Adm. Mark Rich, Commandant of Naval District Washington presented the Memorial Wreath at the Statue of the Lone Sailor, the famous Stanley Bleifeld 1987 bronze sculpture is a tribute to all personnel of the sea services. Child survivor (9 years old) Rear Admiral Edward K. "Ted" Walker Jr., SC, USN (Ret), and several World War II and Korean War veterans were also in attendance. The U.S. Navy Band and Ceremonial

Guard made for a very proud and somber ceremony. Passers-by and tourists stopped and viewed the entire ceremony along with the large turnout of invited guests including veterans, active and retired U.S. Military, U.S. Army Col. Warner and SDPHS members: Asst. 7<sup>th</sup> District Director **Matt Zaborsky**, and friend Steve, **Bob Clark**, 2014 Convention Chairman **Rick Carraway** and wife Teresa, and Virginia State Chair **Ellen Nau** and friend Bretiss Zacek from Norfolk, Virginia. The ceremony moved inside the U.S. Navy Memorial Museum and Lou gave her second and most moving speech of the day. Lou's details of human suffering brought the reality of the attack to everyone present. Paul Haley, Mark Weber, and the entire staff of the U.S. Navy Memorial presented an inspiring remembrance ceremony. Special thanks to them and Jeff Malet U.S. Navy Memorial Photographer for posting more incredible pictures of the day on his website.



**SDPHS PRESIDENT LOU LARGE WITH PH SURVIVOR HOWARD SNELL**

### Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.



*Guests boarding the U.S.S. Yorktown for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Memorial Service*



*Reported by Deidre Kelley, 6th District Director*

A December 7, 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Service was held aboard the **U.S.S. Yorktown** anchored at Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Approximately 200 Veterans, SDPHS members guests and four Pearl Harbor survivors: Ed Crews, Buck Morris, Tom Ryan and Jack Cornelison were in attendance. Representing the SDPHS were 6<sup>th</sup> District Director **Deidre Kelley**, her husband **Chuck Kelley**, son **Charles Tompkins**, granddaughter Ryoko and grandson Gaius. Also attending were SDPHS National Treasurer **Carolyn Sparks** and husband **Gordon Sparks**, 2014 Asst, Convention Chairman, **Vickie Cornelison-Grant** accompanied by her father, Jack. The memorial service was organized by Eleanor Meunier of VFW Post 10624, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. and included a wreath tossing by the survivors, Deidre Kelley and local veterans organizations. The ceremony was very touching and memorable. The 2014 convention committee will be working with Eleanor to plan the ceremony for December 7, 2014 which will also be aboard the **U.S.S. Yorktown**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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information inside each issue of *Offspring*)

**April 25-27** - National Executive Board Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio

**May 17** - Armed Forces Day ~ Honor our Military

**May 26** - Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, SDPHS Wreath presentation at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. ~ National Memorial Day Parade, Washington D. C.

**December 4-8** SDPHS National Convention, Charleston, SC at the Holiday Inn.

Let us know the activities planned in your District, State or Chapter so it can be posted on our Calendar of Events. Other members may want to attend - this is one way to keep our communication lines open and be able to interact with each other.

**CHECK THIS SITE OUT...**

A man by the name of Scott Freund produced "Pearl Harbor...The Real Story", a two disk DVD. It shows on Facebook that the DVD can be purchased from the Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum in Hawaii, but it also has clips you can view with lots of information. This particular DVD has survivors: Cecil Malmin, John Finn, Merl Resler, John R, Clare Hedrick (USS Arizona), Jake Jaekel, Jack Hammett, Frank Karas, George Larsen, Frank Zwolinski (my dad), and historian Daniel Martinez, and several others I didn't know personally. This DVD was done in Jan-Feb 2000 and recording lots of Survivors in their own homes. It is excellent.

[www.facebook.com/SFRProductions](http://www.facebook.com/SFRProductions) and [www.youtube.com/sclicschede](http://www.youtube.com/sclicschede)

***Convention Schedule of Events ~ December 4 - 8, 2014***

12/04	1 - 5 PM	Registration & Small Stores
	6:00 PM	Dinner cruise - Leaving from Patriot's Point
12/05	9 - 5 PM	Registration & Small Stores
	1:00 PM	Bus Tour: Historic Charleston, Battery Park, Fort Sumter, Lone Sailor Memorial, H.L. Hunley submarine (4 hours)
	7:00 PM	SDPHS Board Meeting
12/06	9 - 11 AM	Registration & Small Stores
	9:30 AM	Child Survivor Meeting
	11 - 2 PM	Membership Luncheon
	3 - 5 PM	General Membership Business Meeting
12/07	TBA	Bus to Pearl Harbor memorial ceremonies aboard the <i>USS Yorktown</i>
	6 - 11 PM	Banquet
12/08	9 AM	(NEW) Board Meeting



**Note:** All locations for events will be shown in your packet you receive upon registration)

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**FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT . . . . Louella Large**



We finished 2013 attending Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremonies across the United States with many of our members participating in them with our survivors who were still able to attend. More and more of our members have become involved in honoring our survivors by speaking to organizations, talking to school students, participating in Memorial Ceremonies, radio and television interviews and keeping in touch with our survivors. The SDPHS has become widely known now as the ones that will always carry on the legacy left to them. But we have not saturated the U.S. with this information yet so we MUST continue to spread the word and keep the memories of December 7, 1941 alive. Membership in the

SDPHS aids our growth and commitment to reach our goals. I was honored to have been invited by the U.S. Navy Memorial Museum to speak on December 7, 2013, as I am sure **Deidre Kelley** felt the same when asked to speak on the USS Yorktown for the ceremonies held there. The heart-warming words of encouragement and appreciation can bring tears to your eyes when you volunteer your time keeping the memory alive of our Pearl Harbor survivors. Just to know that you have told any part of that day's events to others and it is appreciated by those hearing you speak is a feeling you will never forget. Respect and honor is given to those who truly deserve it - our Pearl Harbor survivors.

Work continues on making our National Convention in Charleston, S.C. the best convention yet. You will be surprised to see what we have offered during the 4 days of convention. Please support the SDPHS and the Pearl Harbor survivors by attending this year. It is a milestone year once more. Last convention was our very first to host entirely by ourselves and this convention is the first for the East Coast. This is my last year as your National President and I hope to meet more members to add to my special memories while in office.

This is an election year. If you are interested in running for a National office - President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, please notify our office as soon as possible. We have offices that will be vacant and need a dedicated member willing to learn the duties and support our organization and aid in keeping the memory of our Pearl Harbor survivors alive.

*Louella "Lou" Large*

**FROM YOUR NATIONAL SECRETARY . . . . Carol Gladys**



**SDPHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT *period ending 12/31/2013***

**NEW MEMBERS**

- Kathleen Ann Haines-Dailey South Haven, MI
- Gordon Scott Haines Tucson, AZ

**NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- Diana L Phelps Greenfield, IN
- Clara A. Lacy Ridgefield, WA
- Margaret B. Johnson Vancouver, WA
- Adeline Bailey Vancouver, WA
- DallasA. Dalton Indianapolis, IN

**NEW (PHS) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- George V. Martin Westminister, MD
- Paul C. Johnson Vancouver, WA
- Gebhard L. DeGrave Vancouver, WA
- Paul I. Kennedy Indianapolis, IN
- Joseph Bailey Vancouver, WA



*We welcome our new members aboard and look forward to seeing you at convention this year!*



**FROM YOUR NATIONAL TREASURER . . . . Carolyn Sparks**

**YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT  
1/01/2013 - 12/31/2013**

**PROPOSED BUDGET  
FOR FY 2014**

**BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/13.....\$7500.30**

**Income**

Annual Dues	\$ 6,585.00
Donations to General Fund	765.00
New Member Fees	720.00
New Chapter Fees	0
Small Stores	2,469.33
Offspring Ads	334.00
Miscellaneous	71.86
Audit Adjustment	406.20
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,351.39</b>

**Expenses**

Florida Dept. of State	70.00
Indiana Sec of State	7.14
National President Handbook	175.20
National Secretary	372.70
National Treasurer	62.97
National Vice-President	600.75
District 2	30.85
Memorial Wreaths	490.00
Offspring Printing/Postage	2,650.88
Small Stores Inventory	716.89
New Chapter Start-up	50.00
Chapter Membership Awards	500.00
Stamp, Postage, Office Supplies	127.34
Bank Fees	23.95
Miscellaneous	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,919.83</b>

**ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/13.....\$12,931.86**

**MEMORIAL FUND REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance, 1/01/13</b>	<b>\$3,075.00</b>
Income: Donations	145.00
less Expense: Memorial Plaque	3,000.00
<b>Ending Balance, 12/31/13</b>	<b>\$ 220.00</b>

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance, 1/01/13</b>	<b>\$409.34</b>
Income: Donations	365.00
less Expenses:	0
<b>Ending Balance, 12/31/13</b>	<b>\$774.34</b>

**CONVENTION FUND REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance, 1/01/13</b>	<b>\$1,894.80</b>
Income: Donations	1,650.94
less Expenses:	130.00
<b>Ending Balance, 12/31/13</b>	<b>\$3,415.74</b>

**Book ending balance as of 12/31/13.....\$17,341.94**

Outstanding expenses	
Offspring #4	\$629.78
Small Stores	21.40

**Bank Statement Ending Balance 6/30/2013.....\$17,993.12**

**Proposed Income**

Carry over from 2013	<b>17,341.94</b>
Annual Dues	\$ 7,000.00
Donations to General Fund	765.00
New Member Fees	950.00
New Chapter Fees	50
Small Stores	2,800.00
Offspring Ads	400.00
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME</b>	<b>\$28,541.94</b>

**Proposed Expenses**

**Government Filings:**

Florida Sec. of State	70.00
Indiana Sec of State	30.00
Ohio Sec. of State	125.00

**Other Expenses:**

National President Handbook	25.00
National Secretary Handbook	200.00
National Treasurer Handbook	400.00
National Registrar	200.00
National Registrar	45.00
Convention Chair	200.00
Memorial Wreaths	550.00
Offspring Printing/Postage	2,800.00
Small Stores Inventory	800.00
New Chapter Start-up	50.00
Chapter Membership Awards	600.00
Postage, Office Supplies	325.00
Bank Fees	25.00

**Miscellaneous**

Memorial Wreath Presentations	300.00
1st E-Board Meeting	5,000.00
2nd E-Board Meeting	4,500.00

**TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES \$16,245.00**

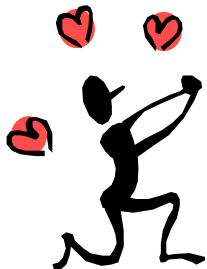
*If you would like to make a donation to support this organization please see page 11 (Dues Renewal Page). Just check the box that represents the fund of your choice, and make your check out for just a few more dollars.*

*Every little bit helps!*



# We thank our donors for their kindness and generosity!

The SDPHS Executive Board meets the end of April and will decide what our next Memorial Fund will go toward. Several suggestions have been submitted. Dues are the only means of receiving funds for our Operating Expenses. Without your donation we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. It is greatly appreciated.



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| Myrna L. Allen           | Richard & Suzanne Duran | Paul Kennedy         |
| Gary C. Baker            | Diane Walker Emick      | Ruth Kessinger       |
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| Wayne W. Carson          | Paul W. Harmon          | George L. Murray     |
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| Harold "Keith" Cavallero | C. Michael Hoffman      | Barbara Pendergast   |
| Patricia Cordy           | Jill Diane Howe         | Michael J. Poirier   |
| Allen Crow               | Donald Lee Jensen       | Toni L. Strickland   |
| Douglas & Helen Didyoung | Michael Lee Karas       | Laura M. Thayer      |

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

Brooks Webster	USS Detroit	09/22/2012
Sam F. Maynor	USS Reid	11/29/2012
Carlton L. Arnette	USS Ramapo	04/12/2013
George W. Denton	Fort DeRussy	04/12/2013
Milfred Howard	Schofield Barraks	05/28/2013
James C. Covington, Jr.	Schofield Barraks	07/29/2013
Floyd Tagliaferri	USS St. Louis	09/25/2013
Martin G. Giope, Sr.	USS Nevada	10/04/2013
Lawrence Lyle Nelson	USS Enterprise	11/18/2013
Isaac David Breedlove	Schofield Barraks	12/01/2013
William T. Ferguson, Jr.	USS Detroit	12/08/2013
Orthel R. Abstance	USS California	12/25/2013
Quay Pleasant Collicott	Ford Island	2013
Howard Snell	Submarine Base	01/14/2014
Cecil Malmin	Kaneohe NAS	01/22/2014
Eugene Tarrant	USS San Francisco	01/13/2014
Herbert Russell Jorgensen	USS Honolulu	02/16/2014
John "Jack" Wilson O'Neil	USS West Virginia	03/-2/2014
Robert E. Wood	USS Tangier	03/17/2014
Kenneth Keith Little	Camp Malakole, 251st C/A	03/26/2014
Warren J. Schieser	Schofield Barraks	04/10/2014

*Our Fathers, Our Heroes...  
may they rest in peace.*

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of my Father, Benjamin Bossi  
Oct. 30, 1920 ~ Nov. 19, 2005 Hickam Field 12/7/41  
Dennis Bossi

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of John H. "Jack" McCarron, USS  
Arizona, Gunners Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class; 5"/25AA MS# 7  
Eileen Sampson, Daughter; Grandchildren  
Adam & Teri; GG' Children Alexis & Katelyn

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of my dad, Wilbert (Tex)  
Dettmann, who passed away on 9/25/11 at the age of 92.  
We miss you! Daughter Cheryl Hurle and Family

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of my father, David H. Shoup  
(Schofield Barracks, HI) who passed away 8/13/2012.  
Daughter Mary Sue Shoup

**IN MEMORY OF BILL ECKEL**  
Howard Snell

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of our Dad, James E. Sinnott, USS  
Tennessee, USS Arizona, Radioman Ford Island.  
Linda Yates, Larry Sinnott & Dianne McNeal

**LOVE OUR SURVIVORS!!**  
To those we're lucky enough to still have around  
and to those we've lost...we honor YOU!  
SDPHS Pearl of Indy (IN Chapter 1)

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of my dad, Jack Brown, USMC,  
Marine Barracks.  
Janis & David Elliston



## SDPHS National Convention December 4 - 8, 2014 ~ Charleston, South Carolina

**Holiday Inn Charleston - Mt. Pleasant Hotel**  
250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464



For hotel reservation you **MUST** call:

**1-843-884-6000**

Use Code **PHS**

Reservation Deadline is

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

*For those driving Complimentary Parking is available*

Room Rates: \$109/night + tax (includes airport transportation, arrival & departure as well as transportation to the USS Yorktown on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Service aboard ship. We have accommodations that include King Beds, 2 Double Beds, Queen, Twin, Whirlpool Studio Suites, Handicap Accessible rooms & more.

**Important if you are flying:** After October 15 and After you make your flight reservation and know your arrival time, contact Cheryl Tobias to set up your free transportation from the airport to the Holiday Inn - Mt. Pleasant Hotel. Her contact information is: **Cheryl Tobias, Senior Sales manager. Phone: 843-416-3106, email: Cheryl.Tobias@pillarhotels.com**



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**Fort Sumter**



**USS Yorktown**



SDPHA NATIONAL CONVENTION
December 4 - 8, 2014, Charleston~Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

Registration Deadline: October 20, 2014

Mail registration form and check to:

Carol L. Gladys, SDPHS National Secretary, 36675 Giles Road, Grafton, OH 44044-9124

(Please Print) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SDPHS # \_\_\_\_\_ PHSA # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Position in SDPHS \_\_\_\_\_

Your Survivor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. 7, 1941 Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of guests attending: (Please note any person with special needs. PRINT.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Convention arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ Please check if you are flying \_\_\_\_\_ or driving \_\_\_\_\_ to convention

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone including children seven (7) must be registered and wear their name badges to attend all convention events including the SDPHS General Business Meeting. The registration fee for Pearl Harbor Survivors is waived.

- Registration Fee: ..... \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
• Breakfast Daily in Hospitality Room: ..... \$12.0 x # of days = \_\_\_\_\_ x # of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Breakfast consists of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Breakfast Potato, Oatmeal, Juice & Coffee
Circle which days you will want breakfast: 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th
• Dec. 4 Thursday - 6:00PM Dinner Cruise (leaving from Patriot's Point): ..... \$65 x # of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
This price includes transportation, Cruise, Dinner, Entertainment & Comradeship
• Dec. 5 Friday - 1:00 PM (Tentative) \$22 x # of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Bus tour of Historic Charleston, Battery Park, Fort Sumter, Lone Sailor Memorial,
H. L. Hunley (A Confederate submarine). This is a 4 hour tour and stops at several places
• Dec. 6 Saturday - Luncheon open to all \$25 x # of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
(1) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad ..... How Many \_\_\_\_\_
(2) Sliced Roast Beef in brandied gravy ..... How Many \_\_\_\_\_
(3) Baked Lasagna ..... How Many \_\_\_\_\_
• Dec. 7 Sunday - Number of people needing transportation to Memorial Service on USS Yorktown \_\_\_\_\_
• Dec 7 Sunday Banquet \$50 x # of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Choice of Meal (Starch, vegetable, coffee, tea & dessert included in meal)
(1) Grilled Angus Sirloin ..... How Many \_\_\_\_\_
(2) Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes w/Lobster Remoulade ..... How Many \_\_\_\_\_
(3) Sauteed Chicken Breast ..... How Many \_\_\_\_\_
• Convention Program Book Ad: (Attach a separate sheet with information for your ad).
Full Page ..... \$ 100.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Half Page ..... \$60.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Qtr. Page ..... \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
In Memory of or Business Card (4 lines) ..... \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Patron Ad (Name only) ..... \$12.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## DISTRICT, STATE & CHAPTER REPORTS

### MASSACHUSETTS - Submitted by Rus Grogan

December 7, 2013 - Pictured below is Don Tabbut, the last man of a group of 40 Pearl Harbor Survivors of which my dad also was a proud member. Each year a ceremony is held on board the USS Caisson Young in Boston Navy yard. "OLD IRONSIDE" is docked right next to this WWII destroyer and I have been going to this ceremony for 10 years. Today's turnout to listen to Don talk and honor the memory of the departed was quite large. I think I may be the only SDPHS member in Massachusetts so I'll carry on tradition and go to this every year they have it.



### DISTRICT 8 - Kathy Schwarz, District Director

On Dec 7, 2013 PHS and SDPHS met at Arthur Moran Post #66 American Legion in Camden New York for the 72<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Present were Pearl Harbor Survivor Larry Parry, Edward Stone, **Kathryn Schwarz** 8<sup>th</sup> district Director, **Cynthia Williams**, New York State chair & **Bethany Cheever** plus family and friends of PHSA Chapter 7, Central New York. Larry Parry was guest speaker and spoke on his experience on Dec. 7, 1941, Edward Stone also spoke about what he was doing on Dec. 7, 1941. We honored five of our PHSA that passed away this past year. I spoke about the SDPHS and stated that we needed to get a chapter started so we could continue to keep the memory of Pearl Harbor Survivors alive and never let them be forgotten.

### TEXAS

#### Houston Bluebonnet Ch. 3 - Sharon Lawrence, Chapter President

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 aboard the **USS Texas** anchored at the San Jacinto Battleground in La Porte, Texas. Pictured are Mr. Lewis E. LaGesse who was on the **USS West Virginia** and on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, **Jill Allen**, Child Survivor and Vice President of Houston Bluebonnet Ch. 3.



### CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 5 by Kathleen Farley, CA State Chair

#### Annual Lighting Event for Pearl Harbor Survivors

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. On Dec. 8, 1941 a beacon which was erected in 1928 by Standard Oil used for navigational purposes on top of Mount Diablo State Park (San Francisco Bay Area) was ordered to turn the beacon light off. This beacon remained off until 1964 when ADM. Chester Nimitz came out to Mount Diablo State Park, turned the beacon back on and requested that this beacon is only turned on once a year, on each Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, to honor all those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor. The beacon is then turned off on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. This past Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, SDPHS CA Ch. 5 along with Save Mount Diablo, co-sponsored our annual event with 7 Pearl Harbor Survivors in attendance. A change in location due to snow and ice on the mountain, didn't deter more than 350 people from attending our ceremony at a local college campus. Before the survivors made their way to the college campus, three stops at local schools were made. Survivors were able to meet and greet school children from elementary to high school. Many teachers and parents were also in attendance.

This year, since the beacon has just been refurbished to the tune of well over \$100,000 a community came together to honor our survivors in making sure this beacon would shine on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Once the survivors reached the college campus, they were greeted by City, County & State dignitaries. After the ceremony, we stepped outside, in clear view of Mount Diablo, in radio contact to give the word to a State Park Ranger to turn the beacon light on. All members of SDPHS CA Ch 5 were in attendance. After the ceremony, all Pearl Harbor Survivors were our guest for dinner at a local restaurant.



L to R - John Egan, (USS San Francisco), BJ Smith (USS California), Henry Fries (USS Detroit), Carl Marble (Ford Island), John Tait (USS St. Louis) Earl "Chuck" Kohler, (Ford Island) in the back row: Michael Obradovich (USS Antares)

### OHIO

#### Lake Erie Chapter 2 - by Don Pavlic, Chapter Trustee

Our members were joined by Pearl Harbor survivor **Jack Fickel** in a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony held on the deck of the WWII submarine **U.S.S. Cod**. Jack and **Carol Gladys**, National Secretary, cast a wreath into the frigid waters of Lake Erie as his daughter, **Joyce Ruminski** and her husband Larry looked on. Following the ceremony our chapter members were special guests at a luncheon hosted by the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission. World War II Veterans in attendance were presented with plaques and Jack received a special medal honoring his service at Pearl Harbor.



At left: **Dave Gladys**, **Larry Ruminski**, **Carol Gladys**, **Fred Reimer**, **Janet and Don Pavlic**, **Joyce Ruminski**. Seated is PH survivor **Jack Fickel**



**Carol Gladys & Jack Fickel** cast the wreath

## SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION

Check out the many different ways you can support the SDPHS on the Dues Renewal Form on Page 11. Every little bit helps!!!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

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**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

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**If you did not** send in your favorite recipes for the 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 - also send recipes from WWII, parent's favorites & yours to Carol Gladys, National Secretary.



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## A note from your Editor...

**AS WE GO TO PRESS WITH THIS ISSUE** I want to send heart felt condolences to our National President, Lou Large on the sudden loss of her son-in-law. I also want to recognize our National Secretary, Carol Gladys, for her ability and willingness to carry on at the National e-board Meeting in Lou's absence. Without strong leadership we would not be a viable or effective organization. Thankfully, we have that. And as I sit here at my computer typing, that meeting is now taking place in Cleveland, Ohio. Next issue will bring you all of the updates.... And speaking of "next issue"..... I need to say to all of you who receive the *Offspring*, that I came very close to resigning this time. I have precious little time, and putting this together requires time and effort. So, I am making a plea for those of you who send me (or Lou) articles, **PLEASE send completed articles written by you. I do not write the articles.** Many of you send me newspaper articles & links to Facebook. I do not have the time or energy to be writing the articles for you. If you reference a link in your article, that is fine, just don't make me go there for that information. That being said, I also need ALL emails to include your name as the sender (*not just your email address*), and what CHAPTER or AREA you represent. Many times I have to call Carol or Lou to ask "Who is this person?" I need to give credit to whoever is submitting the article AND what your position is in SDPHS... are you a Chapter President, Secretary, Trustee, Member? So, I thank you in advance for helping with this!...

Now... with Memorial Day coming soon, I trust that what I receive from you will have all the data that I will need to help me with juggling **this job** along with **my own household chores** and those of **my parents**.



Thank you so much (Mahalo nui),

*Carnew*

## INTERESTING READING...

"The Trident Deception" written by Rick Campbell, a Navy commander who retired last year after thirty-two years of service. As he approached retirement, he decided to try his hand at writing novels and ended up with a book deal with Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, one of the biggest publishers in the country. His book hits the book shelves on March 11, 2014. A lot of the book occurs at the submarine base in Pearl Harbor, and one of the chapters begins on Ford Island, with a short discussion of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He received many reviews - below is just one:

"A terrific thriller debut. Campbell does an amazing job, balancing character interaction with high-octane action, all the while keeping the technical jargon to a level understandable by nonmilitary readers. This is the best novel about a submarine since Tom Clancy's classic *The Hunt For Red October* (1984)."

~ Jeff Ayers, *Booklist* starred review



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## A Child Survivor Remembers ~ by *Bill Williamson, Prescott, AZ State Chair*

Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors group aims to keep memories alive...

Veteran U.S. Navy Radioman 3<sup>rd</sup> class George Hauk and U.S. Navy Radioman 2<sup>nd</sup> class Ed Sowman, Prescott's last two surviving veterans of the attack, were honored on Dec. 7 as grand marshals for the Prescott Christmas Parade. Connie Lyon, who volunteers for the former local Pearl Harbor Survivors chapter, said the group joined the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Inc. organization when their national association disbanded in December of 2011. Her husband, William C. Lyon, helped form the Prescott branch as a charter member in 1992. Fifteen survivors of Pearl Harbor signed the local charter in all, Lyon said.

William Lyon, who passed away in 2010, served on the **USS Detroit** during the attack and had just turned 18 when the attack occurred. "He stood guard, without bullets in his rifle, on the officer's quarters. That's how ill-prepared they were," Lyon said.

With only two surviving Pearl Harbor members remaining in the group, Lyon said she hopes the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors will help keep everything going in order to keep the memory of Dec. 7, 1941, alive. **Bill Williamson**, Chapter President and Child Survivor, was eight years old when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. At the time, he lived seven miles away. "The attack was at 7:55 in the morning. Just a few minutes before 8 AM, I was getting on the phone to call a friend and was told to get off the phone because there was a war on. My dad and I went out on the front porch. We were on a little hill and could see what was going on.

"My dad then ran off to his station on board the **USS Pennsylvania**. At about 9:15 the high-level bombers came in and we all hid under the bed," Williamson said.

Williamson later snuck out to assess the damage and collected shell casings from American gunners, which he found in the school yard near his home.

"A soldier came up out of a trench and told me to get out of there and go home. There were five kids who were there from the age of 3 to about nine or 10. Five of us lived about one mile from each other in Honolulu and we all live in Prescott now. It's really weird when you consider the size of Prescott," Williamson said. "They're all part of the SDPHS."