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DEDICATION

This SDPHS Handbook is dedicated in memory of the U.S. Armed Forces who perished as a result of the Japanese Naval Attack on December 7, 1941, stationed on the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii belonging to the United States of America and to the survivors who have carried the remembrance of that day forward.

OUR PRAYER

Oh, Almighty and most merciful God. We, the Sons and Daughters of the heroes and heroines of Pearl Harbor, humbly beseech thee to grant for our parents who still remain with long and happy lives and for those whom you have called to Yourself eternal happiness and peace in Your most loving care.

Our Heavenly Father, we pray for all our fellow American citizens that they may ever keep in mind our motto: "December 7, 1941 - Lest We Forget", and the Pearl Harbor Survivors motto: "Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert".

Most kind and loving Father of all mankind, we, the Sons and Daughters humbly pray that the world may never again experience the horrors that our fathers and mothers underwent on that Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. **Amen.**

Father Valenti

THE BENEDICTION

"Heavenly Father, as we leave this gathering, we ask for Your blessing upon all who are here. Provide us the wisdom to understand Your will and grant us the courage and strength to live and act accordingly. See us safely home until we meet again. **Amen.**"

OUR MOTTO

Pearl Harbor - December 7, 1941 - *Lest We Forget*

PREAMBLE

We, Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, and Children of Sons and Daughters, in perpetuity, band ourselves together for the purpose of keeping alive the memory of our Survivor parent(s) who perished or persevered during the attack on Pearl Harbor and other Oahu Installations on December 7, 1941; to promoting and promulgating the obligations of citizenship and patriotism; and to aid in protecting our Nation, as laypersons, from all her enemies whether from within or without.

MISSION

It is the mission of the SDPHS to create programs that inspire youth and adults to learn and document the history of the beginning of WWII and the days that followed from people who experienced it and from their ancestors. Our programs help youth and adults to expand their skills in journalism pertaining to the history of WWII and the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Our programs will teach about events leading up to and following the "Day of Infamy" through documentation and films recorded by military survivors, child survivors, and the descendants of survivors.

BLAZON

Logo approved December 1982

The Blazon shall consist of a circular disc with "Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors" on the outer edge with lettering in red color, bordered on each side by blue in white background. "Sons and Daughters" shall be separated by two black stars. The small inner circle shall be a red background with a white eagle, outlined in black, with a black eye, emblazoned over the red circle. Included in the inner circle shall be four gold stars. The words "December 7, 1941 - Lest We Forget" in black lettering shall be placed around the outer edge of the inner circle.

The two black stars represent those who perished at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The four gold stars represent the four military branches on Oahu during the attack. The red circle stands for the rising sun of Japan and the white eagle represents the United States of America. The white eagle emblazoned over the red circle shall show that the United States triumphed over Japan, despite the sneak attack.

PREFACE

This handbook contains the implementation of the National Constitution and By-laws (NCBL) of the Sons and Daughters, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Inc. and forms the standing rules of the organization. In cases where this handbook is in conflict with the NCBL, the NCBL shall take precedence.

Distribution shall be made on the basis of one (1) for each National Officer, one (1) for each State Chair, three (3) to each of the State Chapters and others as designated by the National President at "no cost".

All copies of the Handbook shall be treated as a controlled item including changes. It shall remain the property of SDPHS, Inc. Each person, provided with a Handbook on a "no cost" basis, is responsible for its care, safekeeping, and updating as revisions are received or are published in the *Offspring*. It is also a duty to transfer the Handbook to the next duly elected or properly appointed successor to that office.

Members are encouraged to offer their ideas and suggestions for the improvement of the Handbook to the National President.

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