



OFFSPRING

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

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

Summer Edition

Finch Stowell, Pearl Harbor Survivor

5th District Director



Princeville - Finch Stowell, 91, of Princeville died Saturday, July 23, 2011, at Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Finch enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939, becoming Chief Firecontroller on the USS Oklahoma and the USS Mugford. He served in the Pacific Theater and earned seven battle stars. He was discharged from active service in St. Louis in August of 1945.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1949 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering.

In 1948 he and his wife Lida moved to Alexandria, Va., to work for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon. Finch retired after 31 years as a consultant to the director of transportation.

After returning to central Illinois, Finch farmed in rural Edelstein from 1980 until his death.

He was the first president of the Historical Association of Princeville and first president of the Princeville Civic Association. He was Princeville volunteer of the year in 1999. He served as past State Chairman for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association as well as 5th District Director, and was a member of the Navy League, Peoria, Princeville Lodge 360, AF&AM, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Peoria. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Princeville.

Finch was known by many of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors and well loved.... we will miss you, Finch!



Tears From The Deep

Tears are still wept, tho' the heart's made of steel,
For men nigh forgot tho' a Nation should feel.
They died in a war, tho' no battle fought they,
On what became known as an Infamous Day.

Tears from the Deep, tho' the heartbeat is cold,
For valorous men who will never grow old.
Entombed in the dark, by water enshrined,
Stood ready 'gainst all, by Freedom defined.

Tho' many have come, so few shed a tear.
They call to us, now, do the whisper you hear?
They are the reason this Nation stood fast!
The weeping, so soft, do you hear it at last?

Tears are still wept to help us recall,
Tho' few still remember they gave us their all;
From way down below, to the Oceans' safe keep,
Seeping up for reminders are Tears from the Deep.

Author, Pam Sears

Note: Pam Sears is from Bakersfield, CA. She was vacationing with her family in Hawaii and after having paid a visit to the memorials on Oahu was inspired to write this poem which she has dedicated to the veterans of Pearl Harbor.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PHSA/SDPHS National Convention - Fredericksburg, Texas, December 2012
 More information in upcoming issues.

- October 20 ~ 38th Anniversary of SDPHS
- December 7 ~ 53rd Anniversary of PHSA
- December 7 ~ 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor
- Sept. 17-18 ~ The Admiral Nimitz Foundation Annual Symposium
 Strategic Surprise - **Pearl Harbor to 9/11**, Fredericksburg, TX.
 Visit www.PacificWarMuseum.org for more information.

Send us your Upcoming Event information to put on the Calendar. Send Event title, date, time, location of event and contact person's information to: sdphsnp@gmail.com. Make sure you mention that it is for the "Calendar of Events" in the *Offspring*.

IN THE MILITARY

JUSTIN SANDERS son of **Carl Sanders** is in the Army Reserves at Fort Knox, Apache Plot in Iraq now with the 8-229 AV, RI. His grandfather, Charles Arthur Sanders was at Pearl Harbor on the **USS Raleigh** on December 7, 1941.

JOSHUA ERICKSEN, U.S. Navy, 1st Class Petty Officer in the South Pacific; BEN ERICKSEN, Staff Sgt. National Guard, and ANDREW HECKMAN 3rd Class Petty Officer U.S. Navy are in the Atlantic Fleet. These 3 men are the grandsons of Melvin M. Heckman, PHSA Wyoming State Chair and member of PHSA Chapter #1 and are glad to be in the service to serve our country till retirement.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE SERVING IN THE MILITARY SO WE MAY HONOR HIM OR HER IN OUR OFFSPRING.

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.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS



Example

Our current project is to place a plaque in Washington, D.C. at the United States Navy Memorial, the site of the original Lone Sailor statue. The cost of the plaque is \$3000. Your donation may be sent to the National Treasurer. The check should be made to SDPHS, Inc. and clearly marked that it is for the Memorial Fund.

With deep appreciation to our donors
Lake Erie Chapter #2 - Lake Erie, OH

Total donated as of June 30, 2011
\$2,794.34

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have established this fund to carry on what the PHSA had originally wanted to do for the younger generation to further their education. The first scholarship will be given at the 2012 Convention in Fredericksburg, TX. It will be for \$1000.00 Please send donations to the National Treasurer (address on page 2) with your check clearly marked for the **Scholarship Fund**.



FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

As I paid tribute and remembered those who died on 9/11, I thought how our nation came together for the families of those who were lost that day and the days that followed in the War on Terror. It was the same when the Japanese set in motion the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and thousands were lost in a treacherous act of war. Our country pulls together in time of disaster and need. It was that way after December 7, 1941. We have our parents to thank that we are able to continue our ways with the freedom they preserved for us. Remember our Pearl Harbor survivors and all military personnel that have fought for their country and for our ideals and freedom, on Veterans Day and remember always the lives America

has lost in evil acts that have taken us into war. Those special days set aside in America are the days we honor individuals who have died but we should remember them every day - their families never forget and neither should we. It was our loss and a loss for the United States of America. Show our survivors, who we are blessed to still have with us, how important they are in our lives before it is too late. Tell every military person that you see whether in uniform now or was in uniform at one time "thank you" for serving our country and fighting for freedom. Freedom comes at a high cost. Stay vigilant, strong and remember those who have protected us. When I think of our country coming together in times of disaster, I ask that everyone also remember those members and their families who have experienced the flooding and wind damage in the last months in coastal areas as Mother Nature showed her wrath. Our parents stayed strong for their comrades and families when it mattered most - let us continue to carry on the way they did and remember what happened to them and what we still have because of the special people they have always been.

Membership is growing but we still need to reach many more sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, & grandchildren of our survivors. In 2008, 77 applications were mailed; in 2009, 143 were mailed; in 2010, 170 were mailed and in 2011 **Carol Gladys** has mailed out **162 as of the end of August!** Information is being gathered for the District Directors and State Chairs to contact any of them that have not sent their application back. This year we have 34 inactive members who have reinstated their membership to active status. We are once again growing in numbers but we need as many as possible so that all of the survivors can have their stories told for generations to come. If you know of other relatives of the PH survivors who are not members and are interested in becoming members, get their name, address and phone number and send it to **Carol Gladys**.

Mahalo, *Louella Large*



FROM THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Your committees have been hard at work this summer, and we are nearing the finish line on a Scholarship Application. We plan to award a SDPHS \$1,000 scholarship at convention in 2012. Please consider making a contribution toward The Scholarship Fund. Education is so very important, and so very expensive. Any gift you send is greatly appreciated. Teens@Work is also hard at work establishing a set of activities and programs to identify, involve and reward our young people in SDPHS activities. Recruitment & Retention is a challenge for all of us. I'm always excited seeing "Joedy" in my email "In Box." That means another new member for SDPHS.

Many of you know that I care for my mother, who will be 87 years young in 2012. She has indicated to me that if she feels up to it, she wants to attend the 2012 Convention in Fredericksburg with me as a surviving PHSA spouse. Now that's really exciting for me. Mom and Dad attended two PHSA events in Fredericksburg and have nothing but high praise for their treatment and reception from the people of Fredericksburg. I'm looking forward to a great convention.

Mahalo, *Ian MacDonald*



FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Aloha to our new members. We hope you will become an actively involved member of Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors and will make it a family affair. There are memberships available for your spouses as associate members and also for children or grandchildren under the age of 18. As you read thru this issue of the *Offspring*, you will see that we are currently gathering recipes from our members. Plans are to compile a cookbook which we will have printed and available for sale thru our small stores. This will be more than just a

cookbook as we are including information and pictures of our relatives who were Pearl Harbor Survivors. The first recipe that arrived was from member **Ann Summers McKennis** for a cake which has been passed down thru her family for five generations. Then recently recipes arrived from three generations of Pearl Harbor Survivor Marion Kesler's family. Sending in recipes became a family affair for his wife Viola, daughter **Linda Caywood**, and granddaughter **Amy Caywood**. A big THANK YOU to all that have sent in recipes. Please keep the recipes coming, many more are really needed to have a truly great cookbook filled with delicious recipes and memories of our Pearl Harbor Survivors.

Mahalo,
Carol Gladys

Have you mailed your recipes to our Secretary? ???

FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER . . .



Unfortunately, recent and unexpected health issues took me away from SDPHS duties, including the processing of membership renewals; and so your patience as I get things caught up is needed and appreciated. After a rewarding trip to Oahu in December, I have undergone TMJ therapy, ear surgery, and treatment for heart disease. I am doing fine now. My personal situation just highlights our need as an organization to get our youth involved, so that as we age, our children and grandchildren will continue in our paths to honor the Pearl Harbor Survivors and all those who made the supreme sacrifice on December 7th, 1941.

Mahalo,
Linda Nemeth

TREASURER'S REPORT ~ LINDA NEMETH

SDPHS FINANCIAL REPORT - 1/1/11 - 6/30/11

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11..... \$ 9,993.56

Income

Annual Dues	\$3,665.00	
New Member Fees	685.00	
New Chapter Fees	0	
Small Stores	490.10	
Misc - 12/7 sales	3,180.13	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 8,020.23

Expenses

Florida Dept. of State	140.00	
Indiana Sec of State	30.00	
E-Board meetings	762.03	
National President	155.28	
National Secretary	379.25	
National Treasurer	238.29	
National Registrar	38.80	
Executive Travel		
National President	750.74	
National VP	300.00	
National Secretary	586.89	
District Directors Travel		
District 1	300.00	
District 4	300.00	
District 5	525.63	
District 6	300.00	
District 7	47.02	
Memorial Wreaths	287.50	
Offspring Printing	975.30	
Small Stores Inventory	215.72	
New Chapter Start-up	50.00	
Stamps & Postage	446.90	
Bank Fees	105.00	
Miscellaneous (PHSA)	50.00	
CA State Convention ad	50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 7,034.35
ENDING BALANCE, 6/30/11.....		\$ 10,979.44

Have you mailed your recipes to our Secretary? ???

MEMORIAL FUND REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11 \$ 2,524.34

<u>Income:</u> Donations	270.00	
<u>less Expenses:</u>	0.00	
ENDING BALANCE, 6/30/11		\$ 2,794.34

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11 \$ 0.00

<u>Income:</u> Donations	70.00	
<u>less Expenses:</u>	0.00	
ENDING BALANCE, 6/30/11		\$ 70.00

TOTAL FUNDS.....\$ 13,843.78

OTHER INFORMATION & TID BITS.....

Did you know...

Who Mitsuo Fuchida is??? In 2008 at the 7th District/Ohio State Conventions, Bernie Comito (PHSA 7th District Director) gave a fascinating keynote talk on this man. In a nutshell: Fuchida's was the voice that sent his aircraft carrier the message "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!) indicating the success of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Later, he too was surprised when he learned that, of the 70 officers who participated in the raid, he was the only one who returned alive. Learn how Fuchida became a Christian evangelist, spreading a message of peace and forgiveness in his native country and throughout Asian-American communities. Google "Beyond Pearl Harbor - How God caught up with the man who led Japans surprise attack on Pearl Harbor" and read the whole absolutely incredible story.

Carmen Harding, Editor

Facebook

SDPHS is on Facebook. Check all the stories coming in from sons and daughters and grandchildren across the nation - a great way to find new members and get the stories of Pearl Harbor survivors to record for teaching the younger generation and telling the world what happened on December 7, 1941. Lots of pictures, too.

SDPHS, Inc. Cookbook

We continue to gather recipes for our SDPHS Cookbook which will be added to the Small Stores when completed.

NEEDED: Your favorite recipe with complete "How to" instructions. List your full name, Chapter, your Pearl Harbor survivor and their Duty Station on December 7, 1941. You may also include a short paragraph of your PH survivor's memories of that day and his/her picture.

These will make wonderful gifts and will be in honor of those who survived or perished during the attack on Pearl Harbor, will be a "keeper" in every household, and can be used as a fund raiser for local chapters. Mail or e-mail: **Carol Gladys**, National Secretary (Contact info listed on page 2). We are very excited about this project.

Books, etc.

"Courage Before Every Danger" begins in 1930 with the 31st Bomb Squadron's transfer from the mainland to Hawaii. The book follows the 31st through December 7, 1941 and the ensuing four years of the campaign in the Pacific Theatre.

Author, Joanne Emerick, worked 17 years interviewing veterans, reading letters, diaries & official records. You will see WWII in the Pacific through the eyes of the men who fought the war. It is a very moving story and keeps your attention with all the stories woven together in the veterans own words.

My dad, Marion T. Shepherd is in this book. Available at Courage BeforeEveryDanger.com as well as Amazon.com.

Pat Smith, 2nd DD

SDPHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - As of August 24, 2011 - Prepared by Carol Gladys

Lineal Members: 3,990 Associate Members: 134 Minors: 19 Honorary: 3 Total Membership: 4,146

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Robert R. Harmen	Corvallis OR
Robert A. Bentley	Watkinsville GA
Shelley L. Kincaid	Vancouver WA
Eric Brandon Kincaid	Vancouver WA
Diane Marie Emick	Oral ND
Frank DiPietra	Howard Beach NY
Linda Marlene Conley	Tyrone GA
Jerry Farley	Pleasant Hill CA
C. Michael Hoffman	Bowie MD
JoAnn H. Wilson	Duncansville PA

Matthew R. Wilson	Sacramento CA
Marc Alan Lacy	Vancouver WA
Patricia A. Cline	Madera CA
Tom Roach	Schererville, IN

WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER!

Janet M. Pavlic	North Royalton OH
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IN MEMORY

Date of Death

Rev. V. Ralph Conrad	Long Beach CA	9/20/2010
Timothy J. Noble	Rochester NY	5/00/2011

~ May they rest in peace ~

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A big THANK YOU goes to these members who have accepted appointments to serve in the offices named below. We look forward to working with each of you to form chapters and strengthen the SDPHS so that our PH survivors have their stories told for generations to come. We welcome aboard:

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Support your Offspring with an AD

In order to offset the cost of printing the Offspring, the SDPHS will be selling "IN MEMORY OF" and "IN SUPPORT OF" ads rather than increasing our dues. Send ad info and check to the National Treasurer, **Linda Nemeth**. The check should be clearly marked - **Offspring Ad**. The ad will consist of no more than 4 lines.

1 issue - \$ 8.00
 4 issues - \$25.00

"In Memory of" Ads should have the survivor's name & station on Dec. 7, 1941 and name(s)/ relationship to survivor of the person placing the ad.

"In Support of" Ads should have SDPHS Supporter and your name (and title if you are an officer), your Chapter, City & State.

The *Offspring* is our largest expense to budget. Our only income is through the dues or donations for operating expenses. This will ensure we are able to continue publishing it in the manner expected without increasing our dues at this time, which is where the expense of the *Offspring* is covered. Prices are increasing all over our nation. We do not want to increase anything but offer a variety of ways to offset these increases. We hope you will support the SDPHS in this manner. We pay much less for dues than most organizations - let's keep it that way as long as possible.

STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

ARIZONA *Bill Williamson, State Chair*

Prescott, Arizona Chapter 1

On the afternoon of July 4, 2011 the SDPHS Chapter 1, Prescott, Arizona, had a Hootenanny and picnic. The event combined SDPHS members, some hikers from a local hiking club, and associated friends of the SDPHS. All enjoyed good pot luck food, camaraderie and good music for the afternoon and evening.



OKLAHOMA *Bruce Scott, State Chair*

The Son's, Daughter's and family members related to Veterans in NE Oklahoma continue to be closely connected to "The Last Man Standing Club." This club is comprised of Pearl Harbor Survivors who formed it many years ago. 12 of the original 67 members attend as often as they are able: Joe Allsup, Don Baldrachi, Howell Ballard, Arles Cole, Lonnie Cook, Bernard Godde, Jim Jenkins, Jay Jernigan, Everett Lush, Gene Meeker, Robert Norman, & Ed Vesey. We salute the accomplishments of these heroes as they continue to keep the memory alive of the sacrifices made for our enduring freedom in honor of their fallen comrades.

On June 18-20, the **USS Oklahoma** Reunion was held in Oklahoma City. In attendance were friends & family of Paul Goodyear, Bill Hendley, Harold Johnson, & Ed Vesey. A trip to the Muskogee War Memorial Park and Museum was taken on Friday. A piece of the **USS Oklahoma** mast was found during a dredge of the harbor on Oahu and was brought to Oklahoma and put on display at the museum.

COLORADO *Diana Maglischo, State Chair*

Mile High Chapter 1 - We had our Annual Luncheon on August 21, 2011. The PHSA Mile High, Chapter 1 was founded in 1964. Luz Valerio is the only living member of the founders of this chapter in Denver.



SDPHS and PHSA members of Colorado

ILLINOIS *Lynn Shindel, State Chair*

FINCH STOWELL, PHSA ~ *Gone to be with his Comrades* ~ Finch Stowell, **USS Oklahoma** survivor of PHSA Illinois Chapter 2, passed away in July. HE REALLY HELPED GET OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS CHAPTER 1 STARTED IN ILLINOIS. We had 3 survivors that were able to attend the funeral. After lunch the SDPHS members took a tour of the Heritage Museum with which Finch was involved, and made a donation to the museum in his name. Finch's uniform and some of his military items are on display there now.

CONNECTICUT *Janet Welch, State Chair*

Connecticut held their first meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 10:30-11:30 AM at the East Lyme Public Library, Society Road, Niantic, CT. A luncheon followed at the Yankee Clipper in Niantic. Visit us on-line at <http://ctsdphs.com>



PHSA Floyd R. Welch, USS Maryland & daughter, Janet Welch, State Chair

KENTUCKY *Cindy Walton, State Chair*

Our Spring meeting of the Kentucky Thoroughbreds Chapter #1 was held June 10-12 in Corydon, IN. The members and the Survivors enjoyed an outdoor concert on Friday night until thunderstorms forced us back to the motel. Our meeting was conducted Saturday morning, then more delicious homemade food, shopping excursions, and visiting. It was wrapped up with our banquet that evening. We continue to work on our photo albums (HUGE thanks to Chapter President **Peggy Johnson**). She made it her mission to gather tons of photos from the early years of both PHSA and SDPHS, document who was in the photos then assemble them into four albums. We had a blast looking at the photos of our parents in their younger days. Regretfully, one of our much loved survivors, James (Smitty) Smith, passed away in July. Our sympathy goes out to his family who are all an integral part of our chapter.

STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

OHIO *Carol Gladys, Chapter President*

Lake Erie, Chapter 2

During the July meeting of Lake Erie Chapter 2, the winning ticket for the chapters' latest raffle was drawn by a VFW Post 3345 member. The lucky winner of the \$1000.00 was Diane Jones. We wish to thank each of you who purchased tickets from us. August has been a busy month for chapter members. The evening of August 4th found members hosting a "Quarter Mania" evening in Berlin Hts. Not only was it an enjoyable evening, but the chapter was pleased to be able to donate \$500.00 to the Honor Flight from the proceeds it received. Helping at the event were **Anne Shambaugh, Mary McPherson, Don Pavlik, Patricia Rowland, Laura and Jeff King, Bridgit Mowrey and Carol Gladys**. Then on August 14th we were proud to take part in the Concert in the Park given by the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton. Emcee for the day long event was Bob Hope. Yes, you read correctly. Bob is the nephew of comic Bob Hope and resides in the greater Cleveland area. He is the president of the board of directors for the USO of Northern Ohio. The chapter had a display of information about SDPHS and was sponsoring "Wreaths Across America". Their goal is to place a wreath on all graves in National Cemeteries the first week of December. Unfortunately, it rained on and off the entire day creating a lower than expected attendance at the event. Braving the weather were **Mary McPherson, Don and Janet Pavlik, Anne Shambaugh, Patricia Rowland and Carol Gladys**



At Ohio Veterans Memorial Park

MONTANA *Tom Fultz, State Chair*

A lunch social and meeting was held on Sunday, September 4 in Lewistown, MT. The invitation was sent out to the PHSA MT survivors, widows, sons and daughters of PH survivors. The meeting was held to honor the PH survivors and to build the MT Chapter of SDPHS in hopes that more would bring their dues current by paying only \$15.00 to retain active status.

CALIFORNIA *Kathleen Farley, State Chair*

Danville, CA Fourth of July

Once again, the PHS from Ch. 13 Walnut Creek took center stage in the Danville, CA 4th of July parade. Assisting the survivors were members from SDPHS 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. Riding along in the parade was 1st District Director **Barbara Ford**.



Right: Carol Collister, Amber & Sandee Lee carry the PHSA Chapter 13 banner during the 4th of July parade in Danville.

Port Chicago 67th Anniversary

July 17th marked the 67th anniversary of the explosion at Port Chicago. 320 Military & Civilian men gave their lives in service to America when the munition ships they were loading mysteriously blew up. PHSA CA Chapter 13 and SDPHS Chapter 5 were on hand to acknowledge this anniversary.



Judy Kohler, Chuck Kohler, Steve Barton (Associate member), Sandy Kerr (Child Survivor), Park Ranger Veronica Rameriz, survivor BJ Smith, John Emerson, Honorary Member attend the 67th anniversary of Port Chicago explosion.

VIRGINIA *Mary Haessig Schiano*

A Memorial Day program was held for the students, staff and dignitaries at Cosby High School in Central VA. My father, Charlie Haessig who served on the **USS Sacramento** was one of the special guests of honor. He was interviewed by Mike Kirk for a term paper and was also honored as one of the last known Pearl Harbor survivors in the county. We do not have a chapter in Virginia yet but hope to see one soon now that we have a VA State Chair.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 2 *Pat Smith, District Director*

WASHINGTON - New member, **Marc Lacy** is busy trying to get a chapter going in Vancouver, WA. It is really exciting to think we might soon get a chapter in District 2. **MONTANA** State Chair, **Tom Fultz** has sent out letters and hopes to get enough members to form a chapter in his state. **WYOMING** State Chair **Tom Shepherd**, had both knees replaced in July. There seems to be interest in Wyoming also to start a chapter. **IDAHO** - I am *looking for someone* interested in becoming Idaho's State Chair. If you are interested and wish to be considered, please contact our National President, **Lou Large**.

DISTRICT 3 *Linda Jo Johnson, District Director*

I am 3rd District Director, New Mexico State Chair and Vice President of my Chapter. I am on a fixed income but have donated to the Convention Fund in order to do my part so that we can host the National Convention for the PHS and the SDPHS when the time comes for us to step up to the plate. I believe we all need to step up to the plate...pay your annual dues and add a little extra to the check PLEASE. "Pearl Harbor - December 7, 1941 - Lest We Forget". The PHS has continually provided for the SDPHS at conventions, let's show them how much we care and give a little back. Start now donating to the fund so we have what we need for the future and can continue to give the survivors our support and honor them by being able to continue having conventions that they can still attend if they are able to when their organization no longer functions. We may not have them much longer so let's show them now while they are still here.

DISTRICT 5 *Kyle Wehr, District Director*

JULY 4 PARADE IN MADISON

Tom Wehr drove in the Madison 4th of July parade with the **USS Arizona** Memorial float, with dad riding along (that would be PHS Richard Pauls). They were followed by PHS Charles Allen and his wife being driven by Betty's children and I followed along on foot walking with our SDPHS banner.



District 5 Director Kyle Wehr (Middle) holding the SDPHS flag with her dad, survivor Richard Pauls (left) & Charles Allen (right)

DISTRICT 5 cont.

THE BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL IN PLYMOUTH, IN is a 3 day festival and one of the largest in the state. We had the booth for only 1 day, but the response was better than last year and Dad (Richard Pauls, **USS Medusa**) was having a heyday! Jim (PHS James DeWitt, **USS Antares**) was a little bit quieter, but once he got going, they were quite a duo.



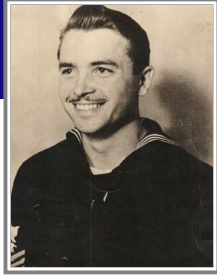
Interested onlookers at the Pearl Harbor booth where Survivors Richard Pauls and James DeWitt point out ships locations during the attack on Pearl Harbor

IOWA WANTS A CHAPTER!

Fred L. Wise, SDPHS member from Osceola, Iowa and descendant of Kendrick (Bud) Wise, **USS Pennsylvania**, attended the state's summer Pearl Harbor Survivors meeting on June 11, 2011. At that meeting he was asked to research what it would take to organize an SDPHS Chapter. Iowa now has several active members with more individuals filling out the official application. If there are any members in or near Osceola, Iowa interested in being part of a chapter, please contact **Fred Wise** at: flwiseme@yahoo.com or contact **Kyle Wehr**, 5th District Director. It would be great to get a chapter organized in Iowa. Iowans.... please send one of us an e-mail & help keep the memory alive of our Pearl Harbor Survivors!

IN MEMORY OF *Reber Wilson Short, stationed at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, died March 7, 2011. Father of daughters Janice Link and Karen Hamilton.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *my dad, Harry M. Cross, Schofield Barracks, Btry D, 754th AAA Gun Battalion. Louella (Lou) and Skip Large*



THEY REMEMBER...WE WON'T FORGET! Robert H. Van Druff - in his own words

Submitted by *Carmen Harding*,
his daughter & Offspring Editor

I was just 22 years of age on December 7, 1941. I had been in the navy for 4 years as a Firecontrolman. Firecontrol is the operation & upkeep of firecontrol equipment such as firecontrol directors, computers, and later radar, which control the guns and torpedoes & under water weapons utilizing depth charges. I had the 0400-0800 quarterdeck watch which ended at 0745. After completing my watch I went below deck and started to read the Honolulu Advertiser. Then at 0755 general alarm was sounded and word passed for "fire and rescue" as the **USS Utah**, a battle ship, had had an explosion. Fire and Rescue was quickly changed to General Quarters (Battle Stations). We soon found that Pearl Harbor was under an air attack. Japanese planes were many, and were discharging bombs and torpedoes on our ships. My ship, the **USS Aylwin DD-355** (a Navy Destroyer), was moored along with 3 other destroyers, the **USS Monohan**, **USS Dale** and **USS Faragut**. The **Dale**, **Faragut** and **Aylwin's** power plant had been shut down as of Friday and these 3 ships were receiving power from the **Monohan** who had the "ready duty" which means all officers and men were onboard ship, and the ship was ready to get underway on a moments notice to cope with any emergencies outside the harbor.

Within minutes **Monohan** cut all connections to the ships receiving power from her and got underway and headed for sea. It was found that the **Monohan** sank a miniature Japanese submarine on her way out.

When the **Monohan** removed all power connections to the ships along side her, we had no power. Quickly our emergency generator was started, furnishing emergency power, which enabled use of our armament, but nothing else. It took about an hour to get the main plant ready to furnish enough power to run the ship.

During this hour, Pearl Harbor was under intense Japanese bombing and torpedo attacks. My battle station was on the Firecontrol Director, which is located one deck above the bridge, (the highest manned point on the ship). From the director I controlled five 5 inch anti-aircraft guns including the firing of these guns by remote control.

At 0754, prior to the beginning of the Japanese attack, Pearl Harbor was very calm, the sun was up and the water was practically motionless. It was Sunday, and the fleet was observing Holiday Routine. This calm scene very quickly vanished after 0755. The sky was full of exploding anti-aircraft shells and machine gun tracers. The water became rough and choppy. At my station, on the director, having a bird's eye view of the Harbor through my director control telescope, I witnessed many of our ships being destroyed. I remember tracking one plane, but was unable to fire because it was so low that if we had fired we would have hit our own ships. That plane dropped a bomb on the **USS Arizona**. The bomb pierced the decks and exploded in the ships magazine. The magazine with much of the ships munitions blew up and completely destroyed the Arizona. That one hour of Japanese attack resulted in 8 battleships being sunk. I might add there were many other ships sunk that morning. I recall one plane coming toward us firing machine guns... we opened fire and the plane burst into flames and crashed into the water about 50 feet off the starboard quarter of the **USS Curtis**, the plane quickly sank and the flames went out.

The Aylwin successfully left Pearl Harbor and stayed outside until the next day, December 8. We re-entered the harbor and witnessed a basically destroyed Pacific fleet. The Japanese had been very successful. They had attacked a sleeping target using 350 war planes and had eliminated all the Pacific Fleet battleships. Their loss was 26 planes! So much for December 7, 1941.

You can read the rest of Dads account of his time in the Pacific during the war by Googling [From The Desk of Robert Van Druff](#). The above is an excerpt of a letter he wrote to a young history student whose teacher was having a class on World War II. Dad was also on the secret mission to attack Raboul but the Japanese found out about it. The 17 bombers that attacked them were shot down with 5 of the kills being credited to Butch O'Hare for which he received a Medal of Honor and had an airport named after him in Chicago....O'Hare International.

My father and mother are still living independently at the ages of 91 & 92. They will be married 70 years next July!

Loren Frances Robb, SF-1 Pearl Harbor Survivor

In the tiny mining community of Victor, Colorado where he was born, there was this wall of those serving in the military which included but was not limited to those serving the United States of America in WWII. For some reason the names were painted over, one of which was my dad's name. With a whole lot of letters written, the wall was restored in August of 2005. His name has been painted back on the infamous World War II Memorial Wall in downtown Victor, Colorado. It graces the entire side wall of what was originally the Victor Pharmacy.

Irwin Glick My dad, served in the Army from 1941 - 1945. He was stationed at Schofield Barracks. I am very proud of his service. After Pearl Harbor, he went on to Australia, Dutch New Guinea and finally was involved in the invasion of Saipan. Dad passed away in March 2003 at the age of 81. Submitted by his daughter, **Cheryl Glick**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF my dad, Lt. Joy W. Beezley,
USN Retired, USS Medusa (AR1).

Carol and Dave Gladys

IN MEMORY OF my father James C. Sherrell
1920 ~ 2010, USS San Francisco

IN MEMORY OF 1st Lt. Daniel P. Closser, USMC,
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I AM A CHILD SURVIVOR

If you are a child survivor of the Attack on Pearl Harbor please 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 me at sdphs@earthlink.net

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**, 28 Taylor Lane, Winterville, GA 30683

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CHILD SURVIVOR HISTORY PROJECT

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Executive Board Directive posted in 2010 Fall issue of the Offspring:

- Section III. National Dues
 - C. 1. Membership Fee for Minors \$10.00
 - Annual Dues for Minors \$ 5.00

(Minor Membership Fees and Dues will change Oct. 1, 2011 for membership year starting December 7, 2011.)

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USCGC TANEY



The National Historic landmark US Coast Guard Cutter **TANEY** was commissioned on October 24, 1936 and was in continuous service through December 7, 1986.

On December 7, 1941 **TANEY** was operating with US Navy units as part of Destroyer Division 80 based in Honolulu, Hawaii. Throughout the Japanese attack on Oahu, **TANEY** opened fire on enemy planes over HONOLULU and was credited with saving the Honolulu Power plant from destruction.

During World War II, **TANEY** was awarded four battle stars for service that included Pacific and ATLANTIC convoy duty, Flagship of Task Force 66 Atlantic Fleet, and Flagship for Admiral Calvin Cobb, USN, during the Battle of Okinawa. After World War II, **TANEY** continued her peacetime Coast Guard duties including weather patrol, search and rescue and law enforcement operations, in addition to service in the Vietnam War during 1969 - 1970.

By the late 1960's, **TANEY** had achieved the distinction of being the last commissioned United States vessel that had seen action on December 7, 1941 in Hawaii, hence "The Last Survivor of Pearl Harbor." In 1986, **TANEY** was donated to the City of Baltimore to serve as a memorial and museum.

Sixty years after that fateful event which brought America into WW II, ten Maryland residents who survived Pearl Harbor came together aboard the Baltimore Maritime Museum's **USCGC TANEY** to recount on film their experiences on December 7, 1941. Each of the 10 individuals interviewed in this film was stationed in Hawaii in 1941 and witnessed the Japanese attack which crippled American military installations on the Island of Oahu and forced a shocked nation to the realization that it could no longer remain at peace. The documentary is dedicated to the memory of the more than 2,400 Americans who died in the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

*Produced by The Baltimore Maritime Museum, this documentary, **Pearl Harbor Remembered**, plays continuously for visitors to view on **TANEY**. If you would like to order one for yourself, you can call the museum at (410) 539-1797 ext. 417.*

