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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”

Autumn Edition

*The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will call it a day on December 31, 2011.
Seventy years ago it was called “A day that would live in infamy”....
And live it will, through all of their Sons and Daughters!*



Diamond Head and Puhimau Crater overlooking Honolulu

**Pearl Harbor Commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the December 7th
Attack on the Military Bases on the Island of Oahu**

...As The Survivors Call It A Day!



This was the headline of the recent PHSA newsletter, GRAM. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. will close down its national organization on December 31, 2011. As the generation of Pearl Harbor Survivors, WWII Veterans pass away, the guardians of WWII history passes on to the next generation the hope and promise to remember and cherish those events that altered their lives and America's history. The SDPHS accepts this task with pride and honor and promises to keep their memories alive for generations to come.

The survivors have been offered free passage to Hawaii for the December 7th Memorial Ceremony by The Greatest Generations Foundation. They will sponsor 100% the return of Pearl Harbor survivors to the island for the 70th anniversary. This would include all flights, meals, hotel accommodations, and any other costs associated with the journey for the WWII veterans only. The survivors must register with the GGF. They need to contact Alicia Harms at: aharms@tgff.org

**For a listing of events taking place in Hawaii to commemorate the
70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, see page 8**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 7 ~ 53rd Anniversary of PHS A
- December 7 ~ 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor
- December 31 ~ Disbanding of National PHS A

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

SDPHS member **Major Christopher Noe**, U.S. Army is currently serving in Afghanistan. He is the son of member **Sally Noe**, and the nephew of member **Mary Schiano**.

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.

CONVENTION FUND DONATIONS

This special fund has been created to help defray the cost of the 2012 convention. Please send your donations to our treasurer, **Linda Nemeth**, and clearly mark your check memo "for Convention Fund".

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

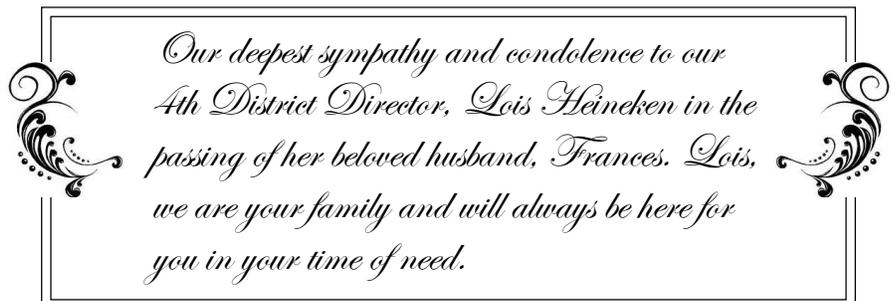
- Dean Clark Vandehey** - Schertz, TX
- In Memory of PHS Charlie Swain** - the Oak Hammock Social Club
- In Memory of our Fathers** - Lake Erie Chapter 2



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have established this fund to carry on what the PHS A 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**.

Donation made by Lake Erie Chapter 2 - Cleveland, Ohio



FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



With sadness in my heart, it is my responsibility to announce to our membership that the PHSA has decided to dissolve their State of Missouri Corporation, known as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2011. This is the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the final days of the PHSA on the national level. I am dedicating this issue to them and sending our best wishes for good health and happiness. In consideration of their ages, health, and difficulty in finding National, State and Chapter Officers, and meeting the requirement of being a public benefit corporation and their ability to comply with IRS regulations, they have decided that now is the time to recognize their situation and to make this difficult decision. Their chapters will still meet socially if they chose to do so. Their informal social activities have remained an important

part of their history. They have been together since 1958 and we are proud of the legacy that they have left to us. We invite them to become Associate Members of the SDPHS and to continue meeting with our chapters and enjoy the camaraderie with the other local Pearl Harbor survivors and their families. The PHSA Executive Board voted, as part of the dissolution process, to transfer the Association's financial, historical and physical assets to the Pacific Historic Parks, a non-profit cooperating association working with the National Park Service (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii). Our liaison from the PHSA, Bernie Comito, notified me immediately of their decision. I have spoken several times with PHSA National President, Bill Muehleib, concerning the 2012 Convention. Howard Snell, PHSA Convention Chairman, and Bill Eckel have given us their information concerning Fredericksburg, Texas but we are looking at California and Georgia as well.

The SDPHS Executive Board must make the decision whether or not we will be able to host this convention according to our National Constitution and By-Laws. We knew this day would come but as the children of our PH survivors, we hoped it would not be so soon. But we do understand and support them. We are proud of them and will continue to carry on their legacy. We hope that the day never comes that the SDPHS ever makes that decision but no one knows what the future holds and for that reason, their decisions of passing the Association's financial, historical and physical assets to the Pacific Historic Parks is understood. Protecting their stories in a manner that every generation that follows them will know what happened that fateful day is vital to them. We already know their stories and will continue to tell school children and adults. We know in our hearts how they felt then and now. It is now time for us to take the needed steps that will enable us as their ancestors to carry on. The SDPHS Executive Board will hold an electronic Board meeting in November to discuss not only our current affairs of business but also what avenues are ahead with the disbanding of the PHSA, Inc. nationally. I have appointed Kathleen Farley of California as our convention chairman. She and I have gathered all required information needed to host the National Convention. She will present this information to the SDPHS Executive Board. We are checking several locations to find the place best suited financially for us. Please help by donating to the Convention Fund. Their decision will be announced in the next newsletter. We have been able to work under budget this year and have still taken on new projects. Our Memorial Fund has hit the required amount needed to place a plaque in Washington, D.C. at the United States Navy Memorial. I have appointed Sandy Sikes as chairman of another new project – Memorials Across America. She is gathering information on locations of PH Memorials within each state. Once we have a list of locations and find out who is responsible for the upkeep of each memorial, we will set up a program and contact caretakers in order to preserve each Memorial. Our Scholarship Fund is growing and we plan to present our first scholarship in 2012 in memory of our PH survivors. I am currently working with several members to establish a program to offer to the National Department of Education as a tool for the National Academic Standards that requires the teaching of the U.S. entrance into WWII and Pearl Harbor. I have asked what standards, or other requirements the D.O.E. has concerning educating our children about December 7, 1941.

This has been a very eventful and busy year for the SDPHS. With the new year around the corner, many more items and projects will need addressed. Your Executive Board is a strong group of dedicated members and I am proud to have the opportunity to work with them. The Board Members have experienced serious family health situations, death of family members, financial problems due to the economy and work in the U.S. and much more but have remained dedicated and strong toward our goals. We will continue to act in the best interest of the SDPHS and our Pearl Harbor survivors.

**“Pearl Harbor - December 7, 1941 – Lest We Forget”
Remember our survivors and all veterans on Veterans Day.**

Mahalo, *Louella Large*



FROM THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Aloha My Friends:

I can easily be characterized as a "creature of habit." I eat the same breakfast 6 days per week. I workout daily at the same time. I'm usually in bed by 10 PM to watch my favorite show, SCRUBS. I've never liked change. I'm slow to let go of the institutions and causes to which I commit my time and which I love. Accepting change is a daily "learning experience" for me, and I suspect will be for the rest of my life.

My learning of the decision made by the Pearl Harbor Survivors to disband at year's end was met with personal sadness and sorrow. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association is an institution "I Love." My dad gave me my SDPHS Lifetime Membership Card, #1658, many years ago. He was "very PRO" SDPHS, and told me that he believed "SDPHS was the group to continue sharing the story of DEC 7th." I understand and accept the PHSA decision. But, it still makes me sad.

Now, begins the journey of change which I usually dread, and saying good-bye to an institution I've grown to love over the years.

I salute all Pearl Harbor Survivors wherever you may be.
 I remember with great reverence those who have passed.
 I honor your service and sacrifice.
 I cherish your place in my life.

Mahalo, *Ian MacDonald*



FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Since hearing the news of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association disbanding at the end of this year, my thoughts keep returning to last year's convention in Hawaii. At the luau there was a Survivor with his wife who had celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. During the half day island tour (which was closer to all day) several of our Survivors walked for a way down the old Pali road, remembering when you drove over the Pali to reach the other side of the island. Then at the banquet the Survivors were dancing to the strains of the U.S. Navy orchestra with their loved ones. Yes, the Association is disbanding, but the Survivors themselves will continue to do as much as they are able. These Veterans are truly Survivors. They were children of the Great Depression and then while being stationed in Paradise they survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and continued to fight for our country throughout WWII. I am proud to have met many of them and wish to thank each and every one for their service. May God continue to watch over them and their families. They are truly a great generation.

Mahalo,
Carol Gladys

SDPHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - As of October 31, 2011 - Prepared by Carol Gladys

Lineal Members: 3,997 Associate Members: 135 Minors: 19 Honorary: 3 Total Membership: 4,154

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Linda C Quigley	Columbus Station, IA
Donald E. Frahm	Dunkerton, IA
Marc A. Shelby	Anderson, CA
Kimberly A. Rapacz	Aiea, HI
Robert A. N. Wise	Rockwell City IA
Jacqueline G. Utkin	Melbourne, FL
David R. Johnston	Kernersville, NC

WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER!

Linda S. Beamon Glenrock, WY

IN MEMORY

Date of Death

Barbara L. Underwood, September 8, 2011
 San Diego, CA
 Barbara was the daughter of PHS Cecil Jacobs, USS Tennessee BB43 of Carnation Chapter 3, San Diego, CA.

~ May she rest in peace ~



FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER

Well, I had no plans to travel to Hawaii for the 70th anniversary of the attack. But my brother just joined SDPHS, and he and his wife have spurred me on with their plans of attending. We need more offspring to come forward, or reconnect with the SDPHS. Our mission of remembrance is even more important with the national PHSA disbanding at year end.

Linda Nemeth

TREASURER'S REPORT ~ LINDA NEMETH

OTHER INFORMATION & TID BITS.....

SDPHS FINANCIAL REPORT - 1/1/11 - 9/30/11

PH Memorials Across America

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

Income

Annual Dues	\$4,285.00
New Member Fees	1,420.00
New Chapter Fees	0
Small Stores	713.90
Offspring Ads	83.00
Miscellaneous	
Petty Cash Return	0
Misc Sales 12/7	3,180.13
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,682.03

Expenses

Florida Dept. of State	140.00
CA Secretary of State	0
Indiana Sec of State	30.00
E-Board meetings	762.03
National President	155.28
Handbook	250.74
National Secretary	379.25
National Treasurer	238.29
National Registrar	84.75
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/Postage	2,905.13
Small Stores Inventory	1,587.89
New Chapter Start-up	50.00
Chapter Membership Awards	750.00
Stamps & Postage	521.38
PO Box Rent	0
Bank Fees	105.00
Miscellaneous	
(PHSA)	50.00
CA State Convention ad	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 11,457.52
ENDING BALANCE, 9/30/11.....\$ 8,218.07	

MEMORIAL FUND REPORT

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

Income: Donations	475.66
less Expenses:	0.00
ENDING BALANCE, 9/30/11	\$ 3,000.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11 \$ 0.00

Income: Donations	449.34
less Expenses:	0.00
ENDING BALANCE, 9/30/11	\$ 449.34

TOTAL FUNDS.....\$ 11,667.41

Hello to everyone! We are kicking off a new committee in SDPHS; its directive is to locate all Pearl Harbor Monuments that have been placed around the country over the past 50+ years. These are usually found in cemeteries or parks, but they could be anywhere! Whether the monument was purchased by PHSA, SDPHS, or another organization, please let us know if you have one in your area. The committee's goal is to list these monuments and find out what, if any, maintenance or upkeep would be required for each. If you know of one in your area, please advise your State Chair or email the information to me (Sandy Sikes) at SDPHS1941@aol.com.

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.

Teens at Work

Teens at Work is a new committee that was created to encourage our youth participation in SDPHS.



When I was 12, I had the honor of going with my great grandpa, Edward Kaczor, to Hawaii. He was aboard the USS Antares on Dec. 7th 1941. We saw all the usual places associated with Pearl Harbor, The Arizona, Mighty Mo, and a luau supper with island dancers. Grandpa also showed me the place he and the other men had fun at. I found out that it wasn't all war, they also had relaxation time. While in Hawaii I had my one minute of fame when the Hawaiian news station interviewed me before the ceremonies and I was put on TV that night. This was all a special experience that I will always remember.

Devan Mowrey

STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

CALIFORNIA *Donna Madiera, Chapter Secretary*

Sacramento

Sacramento SDPHS members assisted PHSA Chapter 6 members as they were honored guests at the 2011 California Capital Air Show held on September 10 & 11. Seven Survivors, eight SDPHS members, and other family members were given free admission, seating in VIP tents, and a complimentary lunch. This year's air show featured a very realistic reenactment of the battle of Pearl Harbor, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the attack on this coming December 7th. The event also honored the Centennial of Naval Aviation and the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

SDPHS members attending included Chapter 4 President **Sam Clower Jr.**, Vice President and Child Survivor **Charlie Ide**, Treasurer **Keith Pittman**, Secretary **Donna Madeira**, Child Survivor **Rosalind Deutsch**, Diann Clower, Brandie Clower, and Christy Clower.



At the air show

Back: *Lou & Donna Madeira, Survivor Sam Clower Sr.* Front: *Child Survivor Charlie Ide, and Survivor Bob Addobati*

Thousands watched as the air show opened with a skydiver delivering a huge American flag into a group of Air Cadets on the ground during the National Anthem. A special tribute to 9/11 where flower petals were dropped from the sky closed the event on Sunday.

KENTUCKY *Cindy Walton, State Chair*

The Fall meeting of Kentucky Bluegrass Thoroughbred Chapter #1 was held 7-9 Oct. at Bardstown, KY with 18 members in attendance, in addition to 7 Pearl Harbor Survivors. On Friday afternoon, it was sandwiches, assorted finger foods and desserts while visiting with each other. Saturday morning we held our meeting followed by a spirited auction and raffle which included a handmade quilt by member **Brenda Wood**, a framed printing plate, and newspaper article about the Pearl Harbor Survivors chapter by Lee Cable, a reporter who has become a regular visitor at our meetings. Chapter president, **Peggy Johnson**, was the lucky winner of the quilt, and **Terry Stroud** won the framed article. We raised over \$700 on the auction, raffle and local dues collection. Our Chapter is privileged to pay for the meals for the Survivors and their spouses, just a small token of appreciation for their service.



Saturday we enjoyed a catered banquet at the hotel and Sunday morning was breakfast, then seeing each other off until we gather again in Corydon, IN on 27-29 Apr 2012.

We have two new members in our chapter: **Lisa Lesshafft**, daughter of James Edwards Sr., USS New Orleans CA 32. Lisa's husband, **Eric Lesshafft**, also joined our chapter as an associate member.

ILLINOIS *Kyle Wehr*

Chapter 1

Illinois Chapter 1 Fall luncheon meeting, 9/27/2011



Seated: Ed Block - USS Medusa, Joe Triolo-USS Tangier, **Rick Miller**, Tom Decker-USS Hull, Lyle Hancock-Navy Yard Dispensary **Standing:** Bob Miller, John Terrell-USS Perry, **Keith Hancock** (Lyle's son). On display is a 36" model of the USS Arizona built by **Rick Miller**.

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.*

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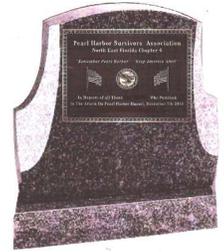
IN LOVING MEMORY OF *my dad, Harry M. Cross, Schofield Barracks, Btry D, 754th AAA Gun Battalion. Louella (Lou) and Skip Large*

STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

FLORIDA *Richard Carroll, Public Relations*

First Coast Chapter 2

Memorial Plaque Fund - Our chapter has committed to help our local PHSAs, NE FL Chapter 6 in their quest to have a memorial plaque installed in the newly established Jacksonville National Cemetery, honoring all those who perished during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7th, 1941. Donations are now being accepted. Please make check payable to **Mary Purifoy**, State Chair, SDPHS. Mail to Mary Purifoy, 7848 Hastings Street, Jacksonville, FL 32220-3378. Be sure to annotate of info line, Memorial Plaque Fund.



OHIO *Carol Gladys*

Lake Erie Chapter 2

During the September meeting of Lake Erie Chapter 2 a discussion took place concerning the donation of the \$500.00 profit made from its raffle held earlier this year. It was decided that a donation would be made to the SDPHS Memorial Fund and the balance to the SDPHS Scholarship fund. It was felt that both of these are extremely worthwhile projects and needed to be supported by the chapters. Charity does begin at home.

The Woolleybear Festival and Parade in Vermilion is reported to be the largest one-day festival in the state of Ohio drawing over a 100,000 spectators to this small river town on Lake Erie. Members of Lake Erie Chapter 2 participated in this parade for the first time on October 9th. With them was P.H.S. Jack Fickel who rode in a car while members marched carrying their banner. Since pets are also included in this parade, many attired as woolleybears, the chapter had **Debbie Kroupa's** Great Dane, Ginger, marching also. The black with orange stripe of the woolleybear does not represent Hawaii, so it was decided that Ginger should be their hula girl, wearing a red top, and the traditional lei and hula skirt. Besides receiving applause throughout the parade route, the chapter also received a ribbon.



Ginger, Debbie Kroupa, Dave Gladys, Carol Gladys, PHS Jack Fickel, Fred Reimer

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.

PEARL HARBOR DAY 70th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN HAWAII

PUBLIC EVENTS ON DEC. 7, 2011 - HAWAII:

will begin with the historic flag raising ceremony then continue with entertainment by special performances by bands, dance troops and historical displays.

PEARL HARBOR DAY 70th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION "The Enduring Legacy", Dec. 7, 2011, 7:40 - 9:30 am WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, back lawn. The commemoration is free and seats are open to the general public on a first come, first served basis with special seating for PH Survivors and WWII Veterans. Visitor Center opens at 6:30 am. Public is encouraged to arrive early for parking and going through security at the Visitor Center. For More Information: call the National Park Service at 808-422-3300 or visit www.nps.gov/valr/ or www.pacifichistoricparks.org

There are regularly scheduled daily USS Arizona Memorial tours. Tickets are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Visitor Center, with ticket distribution beginning at 7 am. Tours are 8 am - 3 pm & begin every 15 minutes. Tours are 75 min. long & include a documentary film and boat ride to the USS Arizona.

Special Notice: There will be tickets set aside for PH survivors and family to tour the Arizona Memorial at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm each day from 12/3 - 12/10. Tickets can be obtained at the USS Arizona Memorial tour desk.

NARRATED HISTORIC PEARL HARBOR BOAT TOURS - Sunday 12/4/2011 - 11 am & 1pm - limited seating, advance reservations recommended by calling 808-954-8721.

WORLD PREMIERE OF TORA! TORA! TORA! on Blu-Ray Sun. 12/4/2011 - 6:30 pm. Pearl Harbor Visitor Center - Movie Theaters

USS UTAH - SUNSET CEREMONY 12/6/2011 5:00 pm - USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island - Base access required.

WORLD PREMIERE OF TORA! TORA! TORA! on Blu-Ray Sun. Dec. 4, 2011 - 6:30 pm. Pearl Harbor Visitor Center - Movie Theaters

JUKEBOX SATURDAY NIGHT: A USO Tribute Saturday, 12/3/2011, 6:00 pm at the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center - back lawn.

MILITARY DAY SUNDAY - 12/4/2011, 8 am - 1 pm WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center - Military Appreciation Day will begin with the historic flag raising ceremony then continue with entertainment by special performances by bands, dance troops and historical displays.

70th ANNIVERSARY PEARL HARBOR ATTACK SYMPOSIUM: panels, lectures, receptions, a Pearl Harbor Historic boat tour and a special narrated bus tour to actual attack sites throughout Oahu. Cost: \$150.00 and

Registration is limited. For more information, contact: www.PacificHistoricParks.org. Survivors joining authors and historians at the symposium are: Ray Emory, USS Honolulu, Jack Hammett, Naval Base PH Hospital, Adolph Kuhn, Ford Island NAS A & R, Mal Middlesworth, USS San Francisco and Jack Evans, USS Tennessee. Register early if you wish to attend. Seating is limited at the Visitor Center Theater. An optional "Meet the Speakers" Reception will be held at the Visitor Center at 6:30 - 8:00 pm on 12/5/2011.

USS OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATION - 12/7/2011, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Ford Island - A Memorial includes 429 marble columns symbolizing each of the crew members who lost his life on that fateful day. Public wishing to attend the ceremony may catch a free shuttle departing every 15 minutes from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park (adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center). The Memorial is located on Ford Island, near Fox-5 Pier next to the Battleship USS Missouri Memorial. The Battleship USS Oklahoma was berthed along Ford Island on 12/7/1941 and suffered the second greatest loss of life during the attack.

EWA FIELD ACTIVITIES SLATED FOR 12/ 10/ 2011

The Ewa Field ceremony area is undergoing a complicated Navy land transfer and with December 7 falling on a Wednesday, it further complicates public participation and event support that day. That is why this year they are holding the event at Kalaeoa Airport and combining other activities which support greater public participation and wider aviation history themes.

The morning Ewa Fields 70th Anniversary Commemoration will be held at 9:30 -10:30 am, 12/10/2011. The service will honor Major John Hughes, USMC Ret. There will be a Marine Color Guard, Rifle Salute and Chaplain.

The MarForPac band will be performing some of the post ceremony music as well as popular patriotic and Big Band tunes. At the end of the ceremony, they plan to have a patriotic sky-dive (subject to weather).

Following the 70th Anniversary Commemoration, the event will become the 100th Anniversary of Marine Corps Aviation with a variety of aircraft & vehicle displays (until 5:00 pm).

From 6:30 - 9:30 pm, there will be a screening of the new release of "Tora, Tora, Tora". The movie aircraft were all supported and based at this same ramp area in 1969.

A BIT OF HISTORY UNCOVERED

A few weeks ago I received an old newspaper article entitled "Our Own Poets". There were four poems written by servicemen who were stationed in Hawaii. Three of the poems were about the attack on Pearl on December 7, 1941. The fourth was a tribute to those who died at Wake Island, December 23, 1941. Even though there is no date on the article the tone of the poems strongly suggests that they were published during WWII by a Hawaiian newspaper maybe as early as 1942.

We thank Marilyn Nicholson, whose parents were in Hawaii at the time of the attack, for finding these lovely poems and sending them to Carmen Harding, editor of *Offspring*. She in turn sent them to me. If you have any articles about the attack on Pearl or about the ceremonies that your father or mother and you attended as PHSA members or SDPHS members please send them to SDPHS's National Historian. This is a History Project I hope we all will enjoy.

Marjorie C. Edwards, National Historian

Hawaiian Tragedy

This peaceful isle of golden dreams
Has always been a haven
For those who seek the quiet life
And believe in God and heaven.

The beautiful rainbows which always appear
From the sky of turquoise blue
Reflect their symphony of colors
On the trees and flowers with golden hue.

Its towering mountains over the sea
Look down from up above,
They seem to be silently watching
The scene of gayety, laughter and love.

Then suddenly from out of the sky
Like a terrible avenging hand,
Death struck-silently, swiftly, horribly,
And spread destruction over the land.

Mangled bodies, shattered homes
And a trail of blood and horror
Completely changed this peaceful isle
To a land of silence, hate and sorrow.

Carefree people who once were gay
Now grimly scan the sky
Hoping, praying, day by day
That death will pass them by.

They love life - so do we all -
And the shock has left them stunned indeed,
But they never, never forget
Till they avenge this awful deed.

They will fight together side by side,
Like all true blue Americans
Till they rid the earth of this awful scourge
And make it safe and sound again.

Then once more the dove of peace
Will fly over this beautiful isle
And it will be a richer, sweeter place
To live a life that is worth while.

*By William Harold Yeagle
Private, Guard Detach, QMC
Ft. Armstrong, T.H.*



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

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

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(December 6, 2011 - December 7, 2012)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR OFFSPRING EDITOR

Deadline for the next Issue is **January 15. NO LATER.** Please send unedited photos (jpg's or tif's) separate from your text. Remember most cell phone photos are too small for good output to a printer. *Send all content for articles to: OffspringEditor@gmail.com*

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

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

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS Please note a new email address for 2nd District Director, Pat Smith: psmithDD2@gmail.com

NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR OFFSPRING....

How would you like to receive your Offspring in color? We are considering the idea of e-mailing color copies to individuals who would prefer having an e-color copy rather than a black and white hardcopy. It would save on postage and the color copies are so much nicer to read. Think about it. Let us know by filling out the Dues Form above and sending it back.

DUES ARE DUE NOW - Cut dues renewal form, fill it out, include your check and mail it in! Minors must pay \$5.00 annual membership fee now. They will receive a membership card.

A REMINDER...

Effective October 1, 2011 - All minor applicants must now apply on a regular membership application issued by the National Secretary. (This change was passed at the 2010 convention.)

Fee for Minors to pay with application: \$10.00
Renewal membership fee for minors: \$ 5.00

CORRECTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

New member Diane Marie Emick is from SOUTH Dakota (not North Dakota)

And... Under Memorial Fund Donations: Lake Erie Chapter #2 is located in Cleveland, Ohio ... NOT Lake Erie. *How did that happen!?*





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USS MIDWAY MUSEUM



A DRAMATIC VISION

The USS Midway Museum has developed a conceptual vision for Navy Pier that includes permanent downtown parking and a Veterans Park. Extending the length of the pier, along the Greatest Generation Walk, and out to the Bob Hope Memorial on the G Street Mole, Veterans Park would become the largest of its kind on the West Coast.

In addition, civic leaders Malin Burnham and Hal Sadler have proposed a complementary concept that not only includes a Veterans Park, but also incorporates a community arts and events venue that could become the permanent home of San Diego's Summer Pops as well as a dramatic architectural element that promises to become the internationally recognizable symbol of San Diego. Their vision, "Wings of Freedom," reflects San Diego's maritime, yachting, and naval aviation heritage.

The combined vision would feature increased bay views and access, a new waterfront park, permanent parking, public restrooms, and a dramatic and inspirational community identity.

The general public is encouraged to become more familiar with these visions by clicking on the tabs to the left. Public feedback via "Submit Comments" and at any of three town halls is encouraged.

