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*"Pearl Harbor ~ December 7, 1941 ~ Lest We Forget"*





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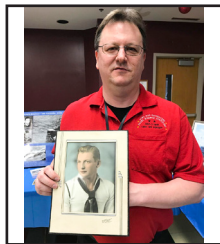
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**A message from your Editor**



Another issue is done. Thank you to everyone that contributed stories and photos. I am enjoying doing this newsletter. Feel free to send me stories and photos about your dads. I would like to learn more about them and feature them in future newsletters or even work on putting together a graphic telling your dad's story for your family. -Eric "Rick" Miller [r222@comcast.net](mailto:r222@comcast.net)

The issue dates below allow for Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Memorial Day information to be more timely. In other words, when the occasion happens, the reporting will closely follow instead of having to wait several months. It is imperative then, for that information to get to me on time for publication.

The issues will be sent:

**MAILING DATES:**  
*Editor):*

March 15 (Issue#1)  
 August 15(Issue #2)  
 November 1  
 December 15 (Issue #3)

**CUT OFF DATES:** *(to get information to the*

February 15  
 July 15  
 Ballot Issue on even years only  
 November 15

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**Next Issue Deadline: February 15 15, 2024**

## Message from the President Deidre Kelley



This Veterans Day gave us the opportunity to honor and remember our military veterans who are responsible for keeping America free. I hope that you were able to attend ceremonies or march in a parade in your local community. My husband Chuck and I participated in the Fernandina Beach, FL Veterans Day Parade with our local VFW Chapter. It was heartwarming to see so many young people watching the parade. It's particularly important that we make the most of these opportunities to honor our Pearl Harbor Survivors and other military veterans to let them know how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

I am proud to announce that the Executive Committee has approved the donation of \$2,500 for a memorial bench and plaque to be located at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, Columbus, OH. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on

December 7, 2023. We are expecting several of our Executive Board members along with national, state and local dignitaries to attend. The bench will be located next to the museum's Pearl Harbor exhibit. We owe a special thanks to John Kokorchen, District 7 Director, for doing the work to make this memorial bench a reality.

Planning for our 2024 National Convention in Houston, TX has begun. Mary Purifoy, Chuck Kelley and I traveled to Houston to meet with Jeff Smith, Ann and Jeff McKennis, and Reba Watson of the Texas Bluebonnet Chapter. We visited the proposed convention hotel, activity sites and local restaurants. As a result, I have contracted with the South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center in League City for our guest rooms, hospitality room, and banquet room. We secured a hotel price of \$145 per night which includes a buffet breakfast for 2 persons per room and free parking. Five of the rooms are handicapped accessible. The room rate is good for three days before the convention and 3 days after. Activities include a Texas barbeque lunch and tour of the Lone Star Air Museum and a tour of the Johnson Space Center. We are also looking at a possible bus tour of Galveston after the December 7th memorial service. In addition to the hotel restaurant, there are plenty of restaurants in the area and the Kemah Boardwalk on the harbor. There will be more to come as planning continues.

Thank you for all you do to remember and honor those who served and continue to serve our country. Do something special on December 7th and always remember "Pearl Harbor ~December 7, 1941~Lest We Forget."

Deidre Kelley

## Announcements

SMALL STORES IS AVAILABLE ON THE SDPHS.ORG WEBSITE

Please feel free to visit and order. Members can pay online with a credit card and orders will be filled and mailed within 5 business days.

SDPHS scholarship applications will be accepted by June 6, 2024.

Applicants must be:

- Accepted or enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college or university, trade or technical school
- An active lineal member of the SDPHS
- A citizen of the United States.

Visit SDPHS.ORG website for application and scholarship guidelines.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 January 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023  
 Mary Purifoy, National Treasurer

*We thank our Donors for their  
 Kindness and Generosity!*

**Donations 7/16/2023 to 11/15/2023**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	
General Fund	\$50,755.20
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,716.22
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,179.94
Convention Fund	\$ (2,091.36)
PH/Child Survivor History	\$ 1,776.65
Total	\$55,336.65

Income	
Annual Dues	\$ 4,788.34
Donations to General Funds	\$ 7,084.56
Donations to Memorial Funds	\$ 2,298.85
Donations to Scholarship Funds	\$ 1,695.00
Donations to Convention Fund	\$-
Donations to Child Survivor History	\$ 115.00
New Member Fees	\$ 424.25
New Chapter Fees	\$-
Small Store	\$ 1,442.40
Offspring Ads	\$ 125.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 51.50
Total Income	\$18,024.90

Expenses	
Florida Dept of State	\$ 70.00
E-Board Meeting	\$ 157.90
Memorial Wreaths	\$ 159.00
Offspring, Printing/Postage	\$ 1,307.48
Small Store	\$ 1,594.16
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,486.73
New Chapter Start-up	\$ 1,020.00
Chapter Member Awards	\$ 500.00
Stamps, Postage, Office Supplies	\$ 1,091.63
Bank Fees (Returned Check)	\$-
Website and Data Support	\$ 3,305.12
Trademark Expense	\$-
Insurance	\$ 187.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Scholarship Fund	\$-
Convention Fund	\$ 6,297.51
Total Expense	\$19,176.53

Ending Book Balance 10/31/2023	\$54,185.02
Outstanding Check #2567	\$ 100.00

Ending Bank Balance 10/31/2023	\$54,285.02
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**GENERAL FUND**

Maryland Chapter 1  
 Brenda Langlinais  
 Linda Toth  
 Bronson Metz  
 Jim Hackworth  
 Michael Hoffman  
 Herbert Foster, Jr.

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Herbert Martin, Jr.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Deborah Leisure  
 Victoria Linderwell  
 Myrna Allen  
 Howard Hamby  
 Herbert Foster, Jr.

**PHS/CHILD SURVIVOR FUND**

Susann Lovell

## Our survivors who have passed.

**Joseph Eskenazi: passed September 9, 2023**  
(Hickam Field)

**Archie Kelly: passed September 11, 2023**  
(USS West Virginia)

**Joseph W. Richard: passed September 27, 2023**  
(USS Rigel)

**Gilbert Meyer: passed October 22, 2023**  
(USS Utah)

**Horace Hamilton: passed October 29, 2023**  
(USS Pheonix)

**Alvin B. Linsquist: passed November 1, 2023**  
(USS Tennessee)



**DEATH NOTICES OF PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS SHOULD BE SENT TO TWO PLACES:**

*(Please include Name, Duty Station and Date of Death)*

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# IN LOVING MEMORY

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *Walter I. Carson*  
**98<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery "AA" 1st Battalion Headquarters Battery Schofield Barracks**  
 By Son and Daughter-in-Law  
 Wayne and Jeanette Carson



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *Herbert L. Martin, Sr.*  
**F2C/USS Tucker**  
 By  
 Herbert L. Martin, Jr. and Frank E. Martin



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *Lt. Charles N. Johnston, Sr.*  
 Commanding Officer 481st Ordinance Co. Aviation  
 Hickam Field  
 By Charles (Nick) Johnston, Jr. (Son)



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *SSgt. Jack Brown*  
**USMC Marine Barracks**  
 By  
 His Proud Family



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *Leonard L. Purifoy*  
**USS Utah**  
 By  
 Mary Purifoy (Daughter)



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *Jim DeWitt*  
**USS Antares**  
 By  
 Wendy Masters



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *John J. Hansen*  
**USS Argonne**  
 By  
 His Proud and Loving Family



**IN LOVING MEMORY** of *Richard Cunningham*  
**USS West Virginia**  
 By  
 His Family



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

**In "Memory/Honor of" ads:**

Include survivor's name & duty station on 7 December, 1941  
 & name/relationship to survivor of person placing ad.

**In "Support of" ads:**

Include SDPHS supporter, your name, title (if an officer), Chapter,  
 City & State

Send ad information and check to:  
 National Treasurer, Mary Purifoy. Check should be clearly marked - Offspring Ad

# 2022 Audit Report

## SDPHS Executive Board

The internal audit of the Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors for the year 2023 has been completed. Your SDPHS Trustees, Deborah Leisure and Carolyn Sparks, performed an audit of the entire year individually and came to the same conclusion that the final figures are correct. The President and Treasurer are working very well with the new website. Some of the Neon deposits need more explanation on the paperwork for audit.

We realize 2022 was a convention year and involved many transactions using the new website with many challenges brought with the changes. The Officers felt the advantage was super with the members able to pay online.

One issue needs clarification. We understand the 501©(3) tax exempt donations only apply to the National Organization. We had one member donation plus their employee match which was donated requesting the donation be sent back to the Chapter for a special project the Chapter is undertaking at a Naval Museum. We suggest the advice of a professional tax advisor or IRS for guidance on this issue.

We do not have a current Small Stores inventory. We were told "Small Stores activity is included with the other income for general accounting purposes. The Storekeeper maintains a separate log to track individual sales and postage. She does not include inventory cost but could add it to the Small Stores log. There is no guidance from the IRS regarding these sales."

After the audit for year 2021, the E-Board voted to let the General Fund absorb the negative balance from the Convention Fund. Since the 2021 audit had been completed, the Treasurer carried the negative balance for 2022. The proposed beginning balance for 2023 reflects this change.

We suggest an external audit be considered by the E-Board maybe every 3 to 5 years considering our increased activity and 501©(3) status.

Per our calculations, the beginning balance for 1/1/2023 should be:

The beginning figures for January 1, 2023:

General Fund	\$48,663.84
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,716.22
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,179.94
Convention Fund	-0-
PH & Child Survivor	\$ 1,776.65
Total	\$55,336.65

This agrees with the bank balance on 12/31/2022 after the Treasurer voided a check that had been carried on the books and not processed.

We appreciate the continued cooperation of the President and Treasurer providing us with the information.

Respectfully submitted: November 29, 2023



Deborah Leisure, SDPHS Trustee



Carolyn Sparks, SDPHS Trustee

# Chapter Reports

## SDPHS CA Chapter 5

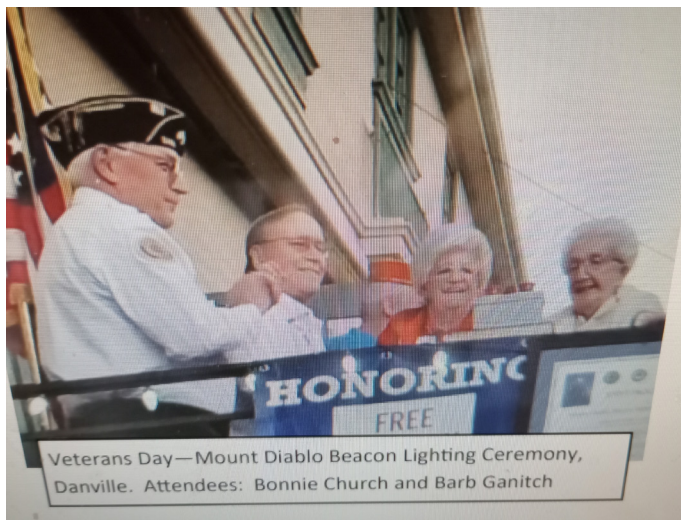
By Kathleen Farley

SDPHS CA Chapter 5 was on hand to light the Beacon on top of Mount Diablo to honor all veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area. In attendance representing SDPHS CA Chapter 5 was Barbara Ganitch and Bonnie Church.

The beacon on top of Mount Diablo is now lit three times a year. Pearl Harbor Day, Memorial Day & Veterans Day.

This beacon was turned off on December 8, 1941 and stayed off until Admr. Chester Nimitz came to light the beacon on Dec 7, 1964 to honor the 2403 that died on 7 Dec 1941.

This tradition has been taking place since 1964 and when PHSA disbanded in 2011, SDPHS CA Chapter 5 took over. This event is co-sponsored with Save Mount Diablo who maintains the condition of the beacon along with the Mount Diablo State Park District.



SDPHS CA chapter 5 was on hand for the 9/11 event held at the All Wars Memorial Park in Danville CA. Our assoc. chapter member, Karen Stepper, Mayor of Danville was the emcee for this event.

Chapter members in attendance were: L - R

Barbara Ganitch, wife of Pearl Harbor Survivor, Mickey Ganitch USS Pennsylvania (RIP), Kathy Geddes, Mayor Karen Stepper, Kathleen Farley, Steve Barton, Bonnie Church.

We come together to remember 9/11 each year, along with our Gold Star & Blue Star Moms.





# Chapter Reports

## SDPHS IA Chapter

By Kathy Erlandson



Gary and Kathy Erlandson with grandson, Reilly Brown in the Iowa State Fair parade



## 2024 SDPHS National Convention

By Deidre Kelley

Members attending the 2024 SDPHS National Convention December 4-7, 2024 will be able to visit the Lone Star Flight Museum and eat a Texas Barbecue lunch overlooking the hangar where the planes are housed.

December 7, 2024 memorial services will take place either at the Galveston Naval Museum or on board the USS Texas which was in drydock at the time of our visit in October.





## Roland Kelsey Jones U.S.S. Solace AH-5

### Roland Kelsey Jones

By Robin A. Jones (daughter)

Roland Kelsey Jones - SDPHS Article

b. 1919 West Haven, CT- d. 1987 Harrington Park, NJ

Enlisted April 1941

Rank: Painter First Class

Honorably Discharged September 1945

USS ships assigned:

USS Reuben James DD-245 until August (?)1941

USS Solace AH-5 September (?)1941 September (?) 1942

USS Roamer AF-19 October 1942 - September (?)1945

The USS Reuben James an American Destroyer was built in 1920 in Camden, NJ. It patrolled the Nicaraguan coast preventing deliveries of weapons to revolutionaries in early 1926. In 1932 it patrolled Cuban waters during the Cuban revolution. In 1939 performing as a neutrality patrol, it guarded the Atlantic and Caribbean approaches to the Atlantic coast. During my father's time on board the destroyer performed escorts for British ships from Canada to Iceland. On 31 Oct. 1941, after my father was reassigned, the destroyer, one of five American ships in the convoy, was hit by two German torpedoes, broke in half and sunk quickly. Of the 115 crewmen and officers on board, only 45 survived. No officers survived. This was the first US ship sunk during WWII.

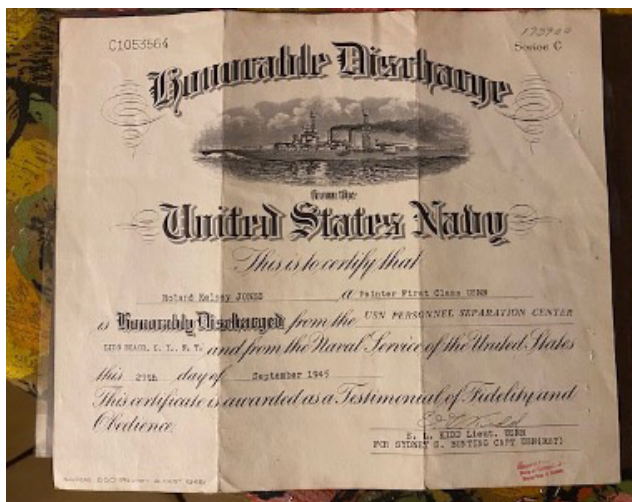
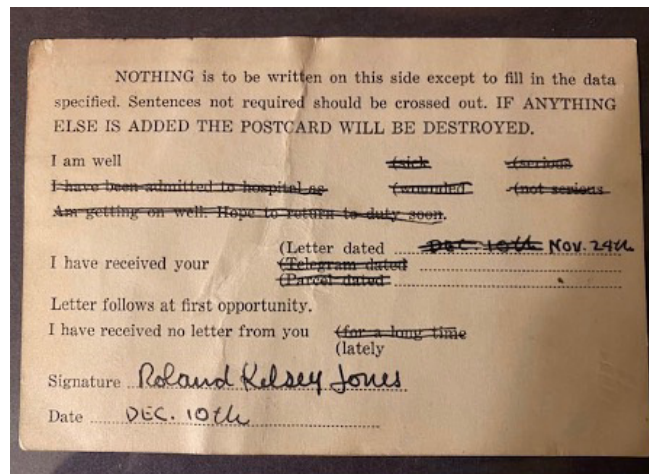
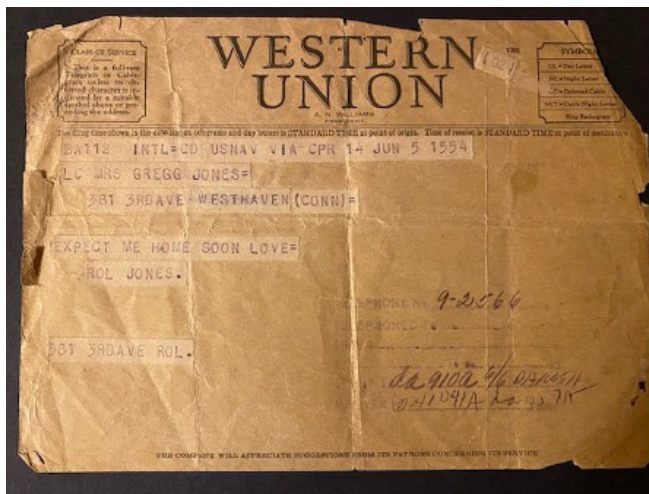
The USS Solace built in 1927 in Newport News, VA was christened as the passenger ship "USS Iroquois." It was acquired by the US Navy 22 July 1940 and converted into a hospital ship in Brooklyn, NY. The Solace was the only hospital ship in Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack. The footage of the exploding of the USS Arizona was captured from on board the Solace. The ship was not damaged and quickly sent two motor boats with stretcher parties to aid the USS Arizona, USS West Virginia and the USS Oklahoma. Men were also pulled from the harbor dead or alive according to one crew member I spoke with. There were only 50 sick bay beds so it would appear that many of the wounded were treated makeshift. I was told that there was much need for absorbent material to be spread on the blood and oil-slicked decks. The Solace landed in Auckland, NZ on 3 October 1942 and it is presumed that my father was then assigned to the USS Roamer. The Solace continued as a South Pacific hospital ship throughout the war, transferring the wounded from numerous islands to Hawaii or Stateside.

The USS Roamer was built in Denmark in 1935. It was acquired for the US Navy on 22 July 1942 and commissioned at Auckland, NZ on 30 August 1942. Assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, its mission was to move supplies from island to island. Although I imagine this was a much quieter assignment, in a letter written from my father to his mother, he wrote that a Japanese "Mitsubishi" plane had dropped bombs from above but had missed its target.

My father never spoke of the war and died just when I began asking questions. He left behind an interesting collection of photos, letters and other hints of his career. The ribbon he and other Pearl Harbor surviving servicemen were awarded, sadly, is not in this collection. I remember once picking up my father's seemingly 50-pound rifle when I was quite young. That was the last time I saw it.

I have not visited Pearl Harbor, partly because I am an East Coaster and it's a long flight! But I need to get there while I am still able. And as advice to anyone who procrastinates asking about family history, ask now while the asking is good.

# Roland Kelsey Jones U.S.S. Solace AH-5



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# SDPHS Annual Dues Renewal



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**(December 7, 2023 – December 6, 2024)**  
**Member Renewal \$20.00**  
**Associate Renewal \$15.00 ~ Minor Renewal \$5.00**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Associate ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check circle if you wish to receive a color copy of your Offspring by e-mail instead of a black and white hard copy through the U.S. Postal Service. Make sure you include your e-mail address above!

Make check or money order payable to SDPHS, INC.

Mail to:        Mary Purifoy  
                  7846 Hastings Street  
                  Jacksonville, FL 32220

Members can also pay dues on the SDPHS website ([www.sdphs.org](http://www.sdphs.org)) through PayPal.

In addition to my dues payment, please accept my donation for: (check one below)

\_\_\_\_\_ General Fund    \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Fund    \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pearl Harbor & Child Survivor History Project

DUES SENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# SDPHS Merchandise

Hooded  
Knit  
Jacket



Polo w/  
pocket



Polo w/out  
pocket



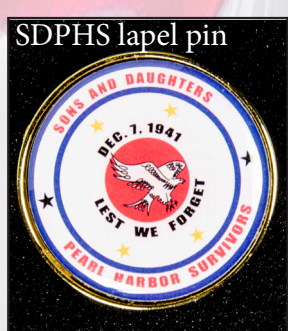
Overseas Hat  
Men



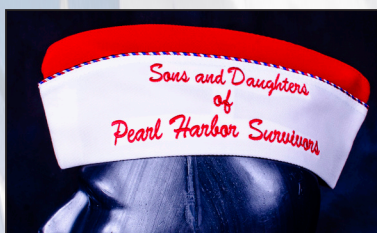
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SDPHS lapel pin



T-Shirt



SDPHS Challenge  
Coin



Overseas Hat  
Women



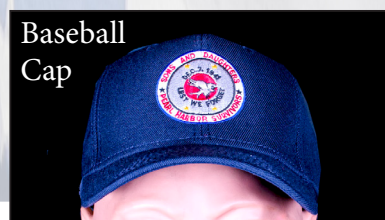
Large SDPHS  
Patch



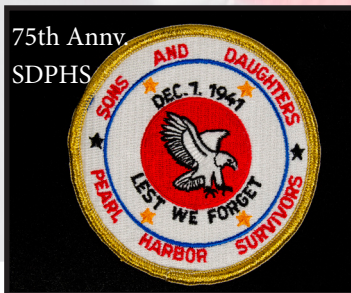
The Tervis  
16 oz Tumbler.



Baseball  
Cap



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SDPHS



Small SDPHS



# SDPHS Small Store Items

## SDPHS SMALL STORE ITEMS (Prices as of November 15, 2022)

HATS	PATCHES				
<b>Overseas Style Hats</b> – Includes cloth emblem and embroidered “Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors” Men: Hat size or head measurement Women: XS, S, M, L, XL or head measurement	\$31.50	<b>Small SDPHS</b> – Embroidered cloth emblem 2 ½” diameter \$ 4.00 <b>Large SDPHS</b> – Embroidered cloth emblem 8” diameter \$16.00 <b>Anniversary SDPHS</b> – Embroidered cloth emblem framed in gold thread 4” diameter \$ 7.00			
<b>Overseas Hat Storage Bag</b>	\$ 3.25	<b>DECALS, BUMPER STICKERS, LICENSE PLATE FRAMES, Tervis TUMBLERS, FLAGS</b>			
<b>Baseball Cap</b> – Navy blue with embroidered emblem One size adjustable	\$16.00	<b>Decals</b> – Round cling sticker plastic emblem 4” diameter \$ 4.00 <b>Bumper Sticker</b> \$ 1.00 <b>License Plate Frame</b> – Metal \$15.00 <b>Tervis Tumbler</b> – 16 oz \$15.00 <b>SDPHS Flag</b> - 3’ x 5’ SDPHS Logo on white background \$58.00			
<b>SHIRTS, PINS, NOTE CARDS, AND CHALLENGE COIN</b>					
<b>Polo Shirt</b> – Red <u>with</u> pocket, Embroidered logo S to L \$24.00 XL and XXL \$26.00 XXXL \$28.00		<b>HOODED KNIT JACKETS</b> <b>Hooded Knit Jackets</b> – Embroidered logo S to L \$37.00 XL and XXL \$40.00 XXXL \$43.00			
<b>Polo Shirt</b> – Red <u>without</u> pocket, Embroidered S to L \$24.00 XL and XXL \$26.00 XXXL \$28.00		<b>SDPHS COOKBOOK AND PHS MEDALLIONS</b> <b>SDPHS Cookbook</b> – Recipes from SDPHS members with their Survivors’ stories. \$15.00 <b>PHS Bronze Medallions</b> \$25.00			
<b>T-Shirt</b> – Red with logo S, M, L \$11.00 XL, XXL, XXXL \$12.00		<b>NEW POSTAGE RATES ON ALL ORDERS</b> \$ 1.00 - \$5.00 \$ 1.50 \$ 5.25 - \$10.00 \$ 3.50 \$10.25 - \$20.24 \$ 6.00 \$20.25 - \$30.24 \$ 8.00 \$30.35 - \$40.49 \$ 11.00 \$40.50 - \$50.74 \$ 14.00 \$50.75 - \$65.24 \$15.00 \$65.25 - \$75.00 \$16.50 \$75.00 - \$85.24 \$18.00 \$85.25 and higher \$22.00			
<b>Button Pin</b> – SDPHS emblem 2 ½” diameter \$ 2.00 <b>SDPHS Lapel Pin</b> – SDPHS emblem \$ 4.00 <b>Remember Pearl Harbor, Thank You for Your Service</b> Flag Pins \$ 3.50					
<b>SDPHS Note Cards</b> – 10 cards in a pack with SDPHS emblem printed on front \$ 5.00 <b>SDPHS Challenge Coin</b> – SDPHS Logo on front, military insignia and flag on back \$ 6.00					
<b>ORDERS RECEIVED WITHOUT POSTAGE INCLUDED WILL BE RETURNED</b>					
Note: When shipping orders of multiple items that include cookbooks, the cookbooks will be mailed separately to reduce cost since books are mailed at “media rate” (about half the normal mailing cost) and will usually arrive a few days after the other items.					
Send order and check to: SDPHS Small Stores P.O. Box 1022 Yulee, FL 32041 Make check or money order payable to: SDPHS, Inc.  For more information email: <a href="mailto:Pearlgirl1941@gmail.com">Pearlgirl1941@gmail.com</a>  Name _____  Address _____  City, State, Zip+4 _____	Item	Size	Qty	Item Cost	Total
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				Total	



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