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

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

Winter Edition



PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – One hundred twenty Pearl Harbor survivors and over three thousand individuals showed up to witness the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in which more than 2,400 people died. The on-site commemoration began with an F22 missing man formation and a moment of silence to commemorate the Japanese attack and those who lost their lives that day 70 years ago. The moment of silence came just before 8 a.m. local time, when the first Japanese planes launched their attack. The survivors were joined by Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, military leaders and civilians at a ceremony in Pearl Harbor. Altogether 3,000 people attended the event at a site overlooking the sunken **USS Arizona** and the white memorial that straddles the battleship. The U.S. lost 12 vessels that day. The attack brought the United States into World War II.

Five ash scattering and interment ceremonies were held for five survivors whose cremated remains were returned to Pearl Harbor after their deaths. An interment ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 was held in Honolulu for Pearl Harbor survivor Lee Soucy. Soucy, who died last year at the age of 90, and wanted to have his ashes interred inside the **USS Utah**, his ship that sank during the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

**USS Utah** survivor Gilbert Meyer said he comes back each year to see his shipmates entombed in the battleship which rests not far from where it sank off Ford Island. Meyer, 88, recalled his ship rolling over after being hit by a torpedo and seeing Japanese planes dropping bombs. When the planes began showing machine gun fire, he knew it was time to move.

"That really got my attention so I got in the water and swam ashore," he said.

President Obama hailed veterans of the bombing in a statement proclaiming Wednesday as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day." "Their tenacity helped define the Greatest Generation and their valor fortified all who served during World War II. As a nation, we look to December 7, 1941, to draw strength from the example set by these patriots and to honor all who have sacrificed for our freedoms," he said.



*December 7, 1941 was a beautiful Hawaiian morning. Who would have thought that the world would be forever changed on that day and America brought into the Second World War. Who would have thought that she would rise from the ashes of hell to a glorious Victory in 1945. Who?*



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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*.

**SPEAKERS CORNER**

**Joedy Adams**, our National Registrar was the speaker for the Southwest Chapter of the American Logistics Association. (an industry group that supplies and services the commissaries groceries for the military community (CA, AZ, NV). They donated a \$1,000 check to the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center which is where the Pearl Harbor Survivors meet. **Joedy** spoke to about 100 people. It was great day. The "Swing Dames" from Los Angeles were dressed like the Andrew Sisters and sang the songs of the 40's!

*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".

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS**

**MAHALO** to those who donated to the Scholarship fund this quarter:

- Lynda Honour - CA**
- Mary McPherson - OH**
- Edward Underwood - CA**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of scholarship applications. It will be for \$1000.00. The application deadline for 2012 (postmark) is May 6. The application is also on our website. Please send your request for the 2-page application & guidelines to: **Carol Gladys**, National Secretary, 36675 Giles Road, Grafton, OH 44044-9124

**ARTHUR GERALD HERRIFORD, JR.**

April 17, 1922 - December 19, 2011

*National Past President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., Art Herriford, passed away on 12/19/2012. Art served the PHS for many years and will be sorely missed by his comrades. Sons and Daughters extend condolences to his wife Shirley and family..*

*Thoughts and prayers go out to our SDPHS National Photographer, Louie Madiera. Hospitalized from an infection in his spine, he was paralyzed from the waist down and had surgery recently. He is in therapy but recovery is slow.*

## FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT . . . . . Lou Large



December 7<sup>th</sup> is past but continue to honor our military of December 7, 1941 and all veterans always. The weeks leading up to December 7<sup>th</sup>, were extremely busy with interviews by radio, newspapers & CNN television. I wish to thank all members who may have participated in the news coverage for that infamous day. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

With the New Year under way, we are already quite busy. The SDPHS Executive Board voted to host the 2012 Convention. We had several sites to chose from but they voted to hold the next convention in San Diego, California. **Kathleen Farley**, Convention Chairman, obtained all the information for us, as you will see in the Hotel information and Registration pages. I sincerely hope that the information gets out to

all our survivors and that they will also attend. I expect every member to look for survivors in their area and give them the information about this convention. This will be our first convention to host ourselves. I do not kid you when I say it is scary but I know the SDPHS members will come through as they always do. We have set up a Convention Fund to help us with this endeavor - please donate to it. Convention will be as always - just the roles will be reversed. Survivors will not have to do any of the work!! We will take care of it and they can enjoy themselves and visit with their comrades. We knew the day would come that we would be carrying on the legacy left to us in this manner, as well. Something special I would like to do for this convention is have as many **8 X 10 photo's of military personnel from December 7, 1941 along with a current wallet size photo** sent to me for display at the convention. Make sure you write the name and station on the back of the photo. These will not be returned. They will be kept and displayed at every event possible by the national organization and used with any stories you also send.

Speaking engagements will be more often & I hope that anyone who speaks includes a survivor, if one is available. Our Scholarship Fund is growing but also needs your help. Remember if you did not pay your dues to get them in right away. Your dues helps defray the expense of our *Offspring* and covers our operating expenses. We are also working on changing the SDPHS from a 501 C-4 to a 501 C-3 so donations will then be tax deductible. We will keep you updated on our progress. Any changes needed will be brought to your attention & a ballot issued with the *Offspring* for each active member (dues paid) to vote. Another new project for this year will be a major Membership Drive. I keep hearing from relatives of survivors - be it sons or daughters, grandchildren, nieces or nephews - they never knew we existed. Well, the whole country is going to know we exist because the SDPHS is very proud of our heritage & we want everyone to hear the stories and know what the survivors endured that day. We need to tackle the chore of finding these relatives and we need to do it NOW! There is much at stake - we need Americans to remember Pearl Harbor and keep America alert - we are the ones that care and we are the ones who will see it is done for generations to come. **The SDPHS is not going away** - we will not allow it nor will our children - our grandchildren and every generation that follows. Some may feel we are not that strong but in sad times as now with the national PHSA having disbanded - we will show everyone what that generation was made of and what they passed on to their sons and daughters. Pearl Harbor - December 7, 1941 - Lest We Forget! For the survivors reading this - I sincerely hope that you get your family involved in the SDPHS so they can take part in carrying on your memory. Survivors can also join the SDPHS as Associate members and receive the *Offspring* automatically as a member and participate in all the functions. If they just want to receive the *Offspring* and not join, they can fill out the subscription and send it to our National Secretary, **Carol Gladys**. We sincerely hope the survivors want to join and keep the comradeship alive.

Mahalo, *Louella Large*



## FROM THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . Ian MacDonald

A Scholarship Program (contributions to date: \$464.34) has been established to financially assist an SDPHS member pursue higher education. Check out the links on the SDPHS National Website for a complete description. If you know of someone who might be interested in applying, be sure and pass on this information. The application and guidelines can be downloaded and printed from the website. The recipient must be an SDPHS member. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any further questions. A big Thanks to **Barbara Ford,**

**Kyle Wehr, Dee Kelley, Carol Gladys, Linda Nemeth and Eileen Farley** for all their hard work to make this happen. Our next task is to raise \$1000 by August 15, 2012. I ask each of you to please consider making a contribution to this worthy effort. Each *Offspring* will include the amount collected "to-date" in the Financial Support Section to keep everyone informed of our progress.

The Teens at Work Committee is working this year to establish some "doable" and practical programs and activities focusing on our 18 year old and younger group. Teens at Work is an outreach committee established at the Executive Board meeting last year in Ohio. The goal is to more effectively attract, educate and involve our young people in SDPHS.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2012,

*Ian MacDonald*

**FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY . . . . Carol Gladys**



December 7<sup>th</sup> and the nationwide coverage of the disbanding of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association has sparked a multitude of requests for SDPHS membership applications. Since the beginning of the year, I have mailed out a total of 111 applications in comparison to the 85 which I mailed last year over the same time period. Hopefully, the majority will become active members and will encourage their spouses to also join. One request which I received stood out. It was from Susanne Whelan, granddaughter of CWO Gail Richard Kee Sr. who served aboard the U.S.S. Tennessee. Susanne's address in Long Beach, California sounded unbelievably familiar to me. As it turned out, when my cousin Jack Plymell sold his home about fifteen years ago, Susanne and her husband are the couple who purchased it and have been friends with

Jack for many years. What a small world we live in.

Wishing you and your family "Hauoli Makahiki Hou",  
*Carol Gladys*

**SDPHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - As of February 29, 2012 - Prepared by Carol Gladys**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Bradley J. Neumann     | Verona, WI      |
| Richard Carraway       | Shady Side, MD  |
| Shirley N. Smith       | Northwood, NH   |
| Sandra L. Butch        | Bethlehem, PA   |
| George E. Huffman      | Shelton, CT     |
| Linda K. Clark         | Windsor, CA     |
| Patrick R. Kennard     | Port Orange, FL |
| David M. Ayers         | Elk Grove, CA   |
| Marguerite E. Sciandra | Alexandria, VA  |
| Gary E. Erlandson      | Greenfield, IA  |
| Diane T. Otero         | Worthington, MN |
| Sissy Farrow           | Honolulu, HI    |

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|--------------|---------------|
| Molly Rogers | Charlotte, NC |
| Laura Thayer | Upton,ma      |

**WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!**

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|------------------|---------------|
| David R. Kincaid | Vancouver, WA |
| Paula M. Lacy    | Vancouver, WA |
| Ferne M. Laedtke | Washougal, WA |

**WELCOME PH SURVIVOR ASSOC. MEMBERS !**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| John (Jack) Fickel | Parma Heights, OH |
| Duane H. Reyelts   | St. Augustine, FL |
| Charles E. Ellis   | Ponte Vedra, FL   |
| William Tardiff    | Jacksonville, FL  |
| Ralph H. Laedtke   | Washougal, WA     |

**FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER... Linda Nemeth**



Having had the privilege to travel to Hawaii and attend the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration, I was further honored by representing SDPHS on board the **USS Arizona Memorial** on December 7th for presentation of our wreaths. Easily recognizable in my SDPHS overseas hat and sash, I was approached by Daniel Martinez, Chief Historian of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. He shook my hand and extended a "thanks" for all we do, clearly validating that SDPHS has made a difference. Due to extended work hours with my job, it is taking me a bit longer to process some of your membership cards in a timely manor. Things will be caught up shortly... thanks for your patience.

Mahalo,  
*Linda*

**Keep Spreading the Word!**

A fifth grade teacher from Edwardsville, IL. saw an article in the Tribune paper about local PH survivors, and **Bob and Eric Miller**. He wants to teach his 5<sup>th</sup> graders more about Pearl Harbor. Eric sent him a package with several Pearl Harbor items. They sent some photos back and are going to be writing letters to the survivors.



**TREASURER'S REPORT ~ LINDA NEMETH**

**SDPHS FINANCIAL REPORT - 1/1/11 - 12/31/11**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11.....</b>	<b>\$ 9,993.56</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Annual Dues	\$9,065.00
New Member Fees	1,700.00
New Chapter Fees	0
Small Stores	1,349.45
Offspring Ads	83.00
Miscellaneous	
Convention 12/7/10	3,180.13
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 15,377.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Florida Dept. of State	210.00
CA Secretary of State	0
Indiana Sec of State	30.00
E-Board meetings	762.03
National President Handbook	155.28
Handbook	250.74
National Secretary	567.38
National Treasurer	442.17
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	662.50
Offspring Printing/Postage	3,926.35
Small Stores Inventory	1,718.62
New Chapter Start-up	50.00
Chapter Membership Awards	750.00
Stamps & Postage	682.63
PO Box Rent	144.00
Bank Fees	116.20
Miscellaneous	
(PHSA)	50.00
CA State Convention ad	50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 13,762.93</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/11.....</b>	<b>\$ 11,608.21</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND REPORT**

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11	\$ 2,524.34
<b>Income:</b> Donations	475.66
<b>less Expenses:</b>	0.00
ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/11	\$ 3,000.00

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT**

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/1/11	\$ 0.00
<b>Income:</b> Donations	464.34
<b>less Expenses:</b>	0.00
ENDING BALANCE, 12/31/11	\$ 464.34

**TOTAL FUNDS.....**\$ 15,072.55

**STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS**

**COLORADO** by *Diana Maglischo, State Chair*

**Mile High Chapter #1** - A December 7<sup>th</sup> ceremony was held at The American Legion LCW Post I in Denver. Denver's TV Channel 9 News and The Denver Post covered the event. Dave Wilson and Luz Valerio were present along with two wives, four widows, and twelve Sons & Daughters. In attendance was retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Sal Villano who gave formal remarks. The American Legion Post provided a nice ceremony and lunch for all family members. Our local paper interviewed survivors and did several articles for the Post. A Denver Post Columnist, Tina Griego, did an article entitled; "Day of Infamy Births Family of Survivors". Ms. Griego interviewed Sons and Daughters on December 7<sup>th</sup> for her article the following day. I am very proud to say that five of our Colorado Survivors were able to make the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and traveled to Hawaii with all expenses paid sponsored by "The Greatest Generations Foundation". Mile High SDPHS members are still here to support our survivors. Although the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association is disbanding, our survivors will continue to meet with SDPHS every month. We love our Veterans and they are truly worthy.

**NEW YORK** *Kathy Schwarz, 8<sup>th</sup> District Director*

**Henderson** - A memorial was dedicated on Oct. 2, 2004. Jonathan Rhodes, an Eagle Scout had done an Eagle project. His father had owned the land where the memorial is located. PHSA Chapter 7 held a fund raiser to get the flags and bronze plaque with all of the chapter members names on it. A maintenance fund has been put in place for this memorial.



**KENTUCKY** *Cindy Walton, State Chair*

KY Sons and Daughters, **Lee & Cindy Walton, Robert & Linda Baker, Carolyn Puckett and Candace Steen** attended the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Commission's luncheon honoring Pearl Harbor survivors and WWII vets on 7 Dec. 2011 at the Oleika Shrine Temple in Lexington. We accompanied survivors Herman Horn (Fort Weaver), John Toy (Schofield Barracks), John Wood (4<sup>th</sup> Defense Battalion), and Holton Smith (Hickham Field). This year each veteran was asked to speak about their experiences during WWII. Some were funny, some were sad but all were greatly enjoyed.



**Left: Holton Smith RIGHT: PHSA Chapter President John Toy receiving a proclamation from KY Gov. from Deputy Commissioner Margaret Plattner of the KY Dept of Veterans Affairs.**

STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

**CALIFORNIA** *Donna Madeira, Chapter Secretary*

**California SDPHS Steps Up** January 21, 2012

SDPHS members gathered with California survivors in Alameda to affirm their commitment to carry on the PHSA legacy. State Chair **Kathleen Farley** said “With PHSA disbanding as a national organization, it is our vow and promise to carry on your lineage, your history.” She said her chapter has “stepped up to the plate to incorporate survivors into our SDPHS chapter”. She shared that SDPHS is sponsoring a national convention for the first time and wants to honor all survivors and thank them for our freedom we have today. She encouraged them, along with friends and family, to join the SDPHS this Dec. in San Diego for the 71<sup>st</sup> commemoration of the attack on



Pearl Harbor. Sacramento SDPHS President **Sam Clower Jr.** blew taps for our Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> program, run by PHSA Chapter 6 President Sam Clower Sr. Nine SDPHS members were in attendance, including two Child Survivors.

Television, radio, and Associated Press photographers recorded the commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Child Survivor **Rosalind Deutsch** was interviewed by reporters about her experience that day 70 years ago.



**Back row:** Patrick Walenter, Debbie Walenter, Eileen Farley, Kathleen Farley, Mike Karas, Mike Klunk **Front row:** Alva Barbee, Greg Walenter, Donna Madeira, Kathy Geddes, Bonnie Church (Attending, but not pictured were Joan Earle (Child Survivor) and Wayne Pacheco)

**MARYLAND** *by Carmen Harding*

TV cameras and a BBC reporter were sent to the home of Pearl Harbor survivor Robert Van Druff so he could “tell his story” about what he experienced on Dec. 7, 1941. The piece was aired nationwide on public television’s BBC World News to coincide with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, the military came out in droves for Maryland’s annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance service. There were close to 150 Sailors, Marines and Soldiers in attendance. **Mike Davis**, President of MD Chapter 1 was the MC for the occasion and his father, Clarence Davis, MD State Chair & President of PHSA Chapter 1 also spoke and lead the solemn Bell Tolling for those who had passed during 2011. A wreath was laid by Robert Van Druff, PHSA MD Chapter 1, along with our 7<sup>th</sup> District Director, **Elaine McCann** and our keynote speaker, Rear Admiral Will Metts.



*A solemn moment at the WWII Memorial in Anapolis on December 7 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial.*



**SOUTH CAROLINA** *by Carolyn Sparks*

**Dec. 7, 2011**-VFW Post 10624 of Mt. Pleasant sponsored a commemoration of Dec. 7, 1941 on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was held with the cooperation of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum on the aircraft carrier **USS Yorktown**. Guest speaker was Rear Admiral Bob Besal, Ret. Quoting the local newspaper, “More than 400 people attended... It was the largest gathering in recent years”. In attendance were 4 survivors. Also in attendance were SDPHS members as well as State Chair, **Robin Hardee** who also addressed the audience. SC is currently working on getting their chapter reinstated.



*Survivors David P. “Buck” Morris, Don Ralph, George Denton & Ed Crews*

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## STATE/CHAPTER REPORTS

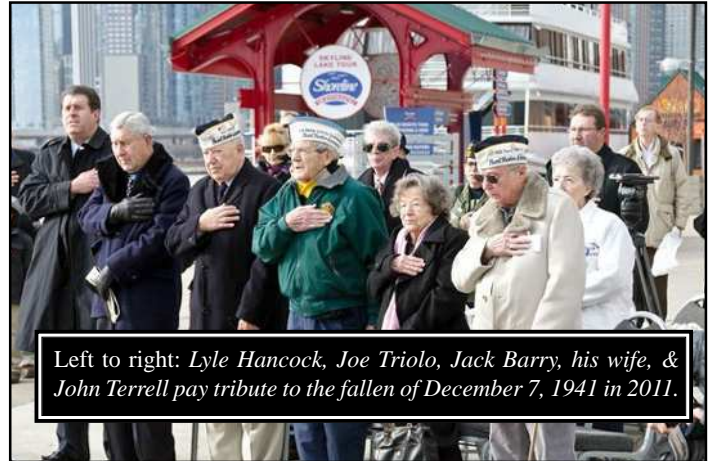
### CONNECTICUT *Janet Welch, State Chair*

Veterans were invited to the East Lyme Middle School, East Lyme, CT for Veteran's Day. Panels of vets assembled to answer students questions and share their historical narratives. Among those that spoke were vets who served during WWII (including Pearl Harbor survivor Floyd R. Welch), Vietnam, Iraq, & Afghanistan, as well as vets who had served during peace time. Cadets from the Coast Guard Academy came and spoke with the students as well. Students asked questions & examined items brought by some of the vets. A memorial ceremony was held and taps was played at the conclusion.



### ILLINOIS *SDPHS Facebook*

After the new Mayor of Chicago cancelled the annual "Chicago Remembers Pearl Harbor" ceremony at Navy Pier, an Alderman, James Balcer and Lt. Jeff Gray from Great Lakes Naval Base spearheaded bringing it back to carry on the tradition started by Mayor Daley. 4 survivors made it to the ceremony.



Left to right: Lyle Hancock, Joe Triolo, Jack Barry, his wife, & John Terrell pay tribute to the fallen of December 7, 1941 in 2011.

### OHIO *Carol Gladys, Chapter 2 President*

**Lake Erie Chapter 2** - On November 12, 2011, members of Lake Erie Chapter 2 were at the Ohio Veteran's Memorial Park for the first 'Ride for 3095'. The Ride was to honor the 3094 men and 1 women killed in action in Vietnam. For the ride, 3095 flags were made, each bearing the name of one of those killed and all of the flags were carried by the riders. What an impressive sight. Members, **Anne Shambaugh, Don and Janet Pavlik, Devon Mowrey, and Mary McPherson** manned our chapter's booth distributing information about SDPHS and collecting donations for Wreaths Across America.

Our chapter was asked to participate in the December 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service aboard the **USS Cod** at the shore of Lake Erie. Members **Fred Reimer III** and **Carol Gladys** proudly carried the flags of the PHSA and SDPHS while Pearl Harbor survivor & SDPHS Associate Member **Jack Fickel** cast the wreath into Lake Erie in memory of those who perished on the Day of Infamy. Following the ceremony, a luncheon was given by the Greater Cleveland Veterans Council. Also attending were members **Dave Gladys, Joyce Ruminski & her husband Larry**.



A solemn and brisk day aboard USS Cod

(For non-members only)

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## Important Information for SDPHS officers

*Below is a chart that notes all forms that are due, who is responsible for sending it and to whom it goes.*

**FROM: CHAPTER SECRETARY**


**Form 8 - Report of Chapter Officers** Due: March 6  
 Original to: National Secretary  
 Copies to: National Treasurer, District Director  
 State Chair, Chapter File

**FROM: CHAPTER TREASURER (or any officer who received money)**

**Form 10 - Financial Report** Due: March 6  
 Original to: National Treasurer  
 Copies to: District Director, State Chair, Chapter File  
**Form 990-N (EZ Postcard)** Due: May 15  
 Filed online to IRS

**FROM: CHAPTER TRUSTEE**

**Form 16 - Trustee's Report** Due: March 6  
 Original to: National Treasurer  
 Copies to: District Director, State Chair, Chapter File

 **Attention!** We are seeking members who are knowledgeable and skilled in areas that would benefit our organization. If you have skills in **FINANCE, COMPUTERS, FUND RAISING, WORKING WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** in any way... please email your qualifications to **National President Lou Large**. See **page 2** for contact information.

## CHILDREN OF PEARL PROJECT

A documentary is in the making...

about the *Children Of Pearl*. It is all about the kids who survived the bombing and how it has affected their lives. Glenn Burris and his partner Jerry Sisser are working on this project and trying to raise funds through Kickstarter, the world's largest funding platform for creative projects and provides an avenue for regular citizens to support the Children of Pearl project. Their goal is to raise \$69,000 by the end of March, so please spread the word! Learn more about this project and view some of the **child survivor's** interviews at: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/childrenofpearl/children-of-pearl> or visit them on **Facebook** or **YouTube**. You can also visit [childrenofpearl.com](http://childrenofpearl.com) **SPREAD THE WORD!** (If the goal is not met, the pledged money is returned to the donor.)

*Submitted by Susan Burris whose grandfather, Commander Joseph Hubbard, was stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.*

**IN MEMORY OF** my father, Ed Barszcz (aka Eddie Barnes) 1913-2011, stationed at Schofield Barracks. By his daughter, Darlene O'Mara.

**IN THE MILITARY** Airman first class Kaitlin O'Mara, serving in the Air Force in Alaska. Granddaughter of PHS A D. O'Mara. Great great granddaughter of Ed Barszcz, Schofield Barraks (December 7, 1941).

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF** our father, Leonide (Lee) Soucy, USS Utah, Pharmacist Mate 2/C. Mary McCormick and Margarte Soucy

**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.

*SDPHS California Chapter 5, Walnut Creek  
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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

**IN MEMORY OF** Joseph J. Scagliotti, 3/6/20 - 7/15/11 Hickam Field. Love Joan Scagliotti, daughter.

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

**IN MEMORY OF** our dad, John J. Farley, USS California. Gerald, Paul, Eileen, Kathleen, Michael and Maureen Farley.

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



## They Remember... We Won't Forget

Myrtle M. Watson, eyewitness to Pearl Harbor attack  
Schofield Hospital nurse vividly recalled Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941

Early in the morning of Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, Myrtle Watson was busy working her first solo weekend assignment in the orthopedic ward at Schofield Hospital near Pearl Harbor, which was short-staffed because it was a weekend. She began pushing bedridden men out to a second-story lanai so they could take in a barefoot inter-regimental football game that was to be played on the hospital lawn. Myrtle recalled that it was 7:45 a.m., when suddenly the roar of approaching airplanes filled the air, breaking the early-morning stillness. "We heard the low sounds of planes coming overhead and were really curious because there was no letup." As she watched the incoming planes, Mrs. Watson was accompanied by Jack, a young injured GI who was in love with her and affectionately called her "Chick," because of her carefully coiffed blond hair that she tucked under her nurse's cap. "We were standing in the doorway looking at these planes and he said, 'I don't think they're our planes.' He was a sergeant and knew planes," . . . "So he said, 'Chick, I think we're at war,' and I said, 'We couldn't be at war, someone would tell us.'" He persisted, and suddenly she began pushing beds back into the ward to get her patients to safety.

"Then the second group came over. We went back to look and they were so low we could see the Rising Sun. You know the pictures of the Japanese pilots with their scarves around their necks and bands around their foreheads? They were so close you could see that," she said.

Realizing they were targets standing on the lanai, her companion suddenly shoved her to the floor, just seconds before two enemy machine gun bullets ripped into a door frame where she had been standing. Had her quick-thinking friend not taken action, Mrs. Watson would have lost her legs. She picked up the two bullets that had missed her and kept them for the next 70 years as a talisman.

As the strafing continued and with plaster falling from the ceiling and the building shaking, Mrs. Watson cut loose some of the patients who were in traction and piled mattresses around them for protection. She then climbed under a hospital bed to get out of harm's way. What followed was unremitting chaos as the strafing and bombing continued. She could see heavy, oily black clouds of smoke rising skyward from Pearl Harbor.

For the next three days, Mrs. Watson seemingly worked nonstop, living on chocolate bars and coffee, caring for the wounded and dying who quickly filled hospital corridors. She did what she could, administering whiskey and morphine to the wounded. Because of the attack, doctors and nurses had difficulty making their way to Schofield. Supplies ran low.

"There was no communication and we were so busy, we had no idea what had happened at Pearl Harbor, how bad it was there,"

Late on the evening of Dec. 7, she recalled the national anthem began playing on the nurses' station radio. "In the middle of the ward everyone who could, stood at attention and saluted." She could still recall the mortally wounded soldier who could barely breathe but insisted she check on his buddy, while joking about her bright nail polish. Mrs. Watson was so moved by his observation that she never again painted her nails.

It was not until a week later that Mrs. Watson's family in Baltimore learned that she was "well and safe". She had told her father when she departed for Hawaii, "If war should come, I will follow the boys. They will need help, and I feel it my duty to do whatever is in my power to do."

After earning her nursing degree from the old Church Home Hospital, she joined the Army, and when it came to assignments, chose Hawaii over Greenland. Mrs. Watson remained in Hawaii for the rest of the war until becoming ill, when she was discharged in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant and returned to Baltimore. She frequently participated in Pearl Harbor memorial commemorations aboard the **USCGC Taney**, the Coast Guard High Endurance Cutter docked in the Inner Harbor. She was an active member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association, Maryland Chapter 1.

*Taken from the February 18, 2012 article in The Baltimore Sun  
Myrtle M. Watson, an Army nurse whose indelible memories of the Dec. 7, 1941  
attack on Pearl Harbor remained with her for the rest of her life,  
died Feb. 11 of vascular disease at Oak Crest Village.  
The Northeast Baltimore resident was 98.*



*A spunky lady at 92 years young in 2005  
at a PHS picnic after winning the 50/50!!*

### **KNOW ANY WHITE CAP SURVIVORS?**

Winnie Woll, SDPHS member in PA and daughter of Teresa Stauffer Foster (White Cap, Tripler Hospital), is looking for anyone who might have contact with White Cap survivors or their children. Winnie would like to represent the White Caps through SDPHS if she can find any interested person. You can contact her at: Winifred Woll, 4140 St. Lawrence Ave, Reading PA 19606.



**SDPHS Annual Dues Renewal**

(December 6, 2011 - December 7, 2012)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUIDELINES FOR OFFSPRING REPORTS** We cannot accept whole newspaper articles, or links to articles in any social network. Your article must be written by you. Your editor cannot be expected to write your article or go looking for it at some other location. Please include it as text in the body of your email or as a Word.doc. No PDF files please. Attach only unedited photos (jpg's or tif's ). Remember most cell phone photos, although they might look good on the computer screen, are too small for good output to a printer. **Send all content for articles to: [OffspringEditor@gmail.com](mailto:OffspringEditor@gmail.com).** Please include YOUR NAME in any email (the email address does not always tell me who is sending), also include your title if you have one. If you have ANY questions, I am a phone call away. 301-774-5577 (home) or 240-997-4327 (cell). Final content final deadline for the next issue is **May 15. NO LATER.**

**I AM A CHILD SURVIVOR** If you are a child survivor of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, contact **Mary Ellen Smith** and be recognized. Also, send an account of your memories leading up to, during & after the attack. If you would like the patch, "I am a Survivor", please send \$6 payable to: **Mary Ellen Smith**, 5903 Arbor Road, Lakewood, CA 90713 or email me at [sdphs@earthlink.net](mailto: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

**NEW EMAIL FOR IL STATE CHAIR** Please note that **Lynn Shindel** has a new email address: [lcshind48@yahoo.com](mailto:lcshind48@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:joedy@san.rr.com)

**DUES ARE DUE NOW** - Cut dues renewal form, fill it out, include check & mail it in! Minors must pay \$5.00 annual membership fee now. They will receive a membership card. **If dues are not received by March 6, you will become inactive and no longer receive the Offspring.**

**NOTICE REGARDING PRICE CHANGES**

There are a few price changes in some Small Stores items due to increases to us. Items reflecting the changes are Polo Shirts & the overseas hats. Changes are effective as of March 15.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!**

Please send an 8x10 picture of your PH survivor (from when he/she was in the military during WWII), plus a **current** wallet size photo, with name, duty station, rank & short story of that day to National President, Lou Large. (address on page 2, National Officers). These will not be returned to you but will become property of the SDPHS, Inc. and housed with the National Historian. Pictures and stories will be displayed at our National Convention in San Diego, CA. this year! This will be an on-going project & displayed at every National Convention possible. It is a grand way to honor them and keep their memory alive and have the actual stories kept for posterity. We will list names in the *Offspring* of those we have received. We urge our members to participate in this project & honor their parents, grandparents, uncles or aunts that were there on December 7, 1941.





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## OLD GLORY



This is a follow-up to our last issue about a newspaper article found tucked away for years entitled "Our Own Poets". Obviously from an old Hawaiian newspaper, these 4 published poems were written by servicemen stationed in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. **Marilyn Nicholson**, our SDPHS National Historian has submitted this, the second of the 4 poems. Her parents were in Hawaii at the time of the attack and these precious pieces of history were found among their belongings.

*Carmen Harding, Editor*

## History Uncovered

*By Gerald P. McRaven  
42<sup>nd</sup> Bomb SQ. (H)  
Hickam Field, T.H.*



It was a wonderful feeling that morning  
As we scrambled for cover out there  
To see Old Glory flying  
Through the smokey morning air.

The mighty guns were booming  
And Jap planes were everywhere  
But Old Glory was still flying  
Through the smokey morning air.

Comrades had fallen beside me  
As Jap planes were here and there  
But still it was good to see Old Glory  
Through the smokey morning air.

My heart was filled with sadness  
As the war clouds were all clear  
For they had shot a hole in Old Glory  
As she waved so proudly there.

**2012 SDPHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 4 - 7, 2012**

The SDPHS invites the survivors of Pearl Harbor 1941 to join us and see their comrades again!

SDPHS No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Crowne Plaza San Diego Hotel - For reservations call 888-233-9527 - Use the code **SDPHS** when reserving a room. Do not call the hotel directly.

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Name of guests attending (Please note any person) with special needs. PRINT. Use separate sheet if necessary.

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**SEND REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK TO:**  
**Carol Gladys, National Sec.**  
**36675 Giles Road**  
**Grafton, OH 44044-9124**

**Non-refundable** registration fee includes: Administrative obligation, insurance, reception. Please note: **EVERYONE**, including children seven (7) and older, **must be registered and wear their name badges to attend all convention events including SDPHS business meeting.**

- **Registration Fee** \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Dec. 5 - Air & Space Museum and Balboa Park** - (includes bus transportation) \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Dec. 6 - Open Luncheon** - (for everyone) *Rainbow Wrap (Chicken with lettuce)* \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Dec. 7 - U.S.S. Midway Tour and lunch aboard ship**  
*(Tour includes U.S.S. Midway/lunch & San Diego & Coronado OR return to the hotel - your choice)*
  - U.S.S. Midway tour & lunch aboard ship \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - San Diego & Coronado Tour \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Return to hotel (how many) \_\_\_\_\_
- **Dec. 7 - Banquet** *(Includes coffee, tea, water & dessert)*
  - London Broil ..... \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baked Mahi Mahi ..... \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Lemon Caper Chicken ..... \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Convention Program Book Ad:** (Attach a separate sheet with information for ad)
  - Full Page..... \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Half Page ..... \$ 60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Qtr. Page ..... \$ 40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Business card (4-lines) ..... \$ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Patron Ad (name only) .... \$ 12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Raffle Tickets** - 6 Tickets ..... \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 15 Tickets ..... \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 SDPHS CONVENTION - SAN DIEGO, CA DECEMBER 4 - 7

### Hotel Information and Convention Schedule

#### SAN DIEGO - MISSION VALLEY

2270 HOTEL CIRCLE NORTH, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92108

For Reservations you **MUST** call: 888-233-9527 during the hours of 7 AM - 11 PM.  
Use the code: **SDPHS** when making your reservation.

#### Cut-off Date for Room Reservations - November 4, 2012

Check in time: 4:00 PM - Check out time: 12:00 PM (late checkout available)

Cloud 9 Shuttle from airport to hotel - \$12:00/person

Wireless Data Connection

#### Room Fee (taxes not included):

\$99.00 per night

All food prepared on site

Parking - Free

#### Dining

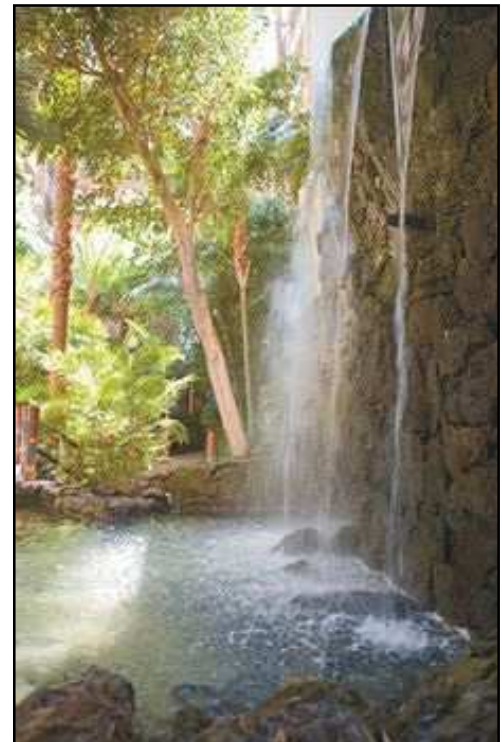
Room Service 6:06 AM - 1:10 PM

Breakfast - \$10.00

**Airport:** Lindberg Field (5 miles from hotel)

No hotel shuttle, but taxi service to hotel is \$35.00

and airport shuttle (Cloud 9 Shuttle) is \$12.00/person



### Convention Schedule

- 12/04/2012 Noon - 8 PM Registration & Small Stores - Hospitality Room - Paradise Cove
- 12/05/2012 9 AM - 5 PM Registration & Small Stores - Hospitality Room - Paradise Cove;  
Air & Space Museum Tour (*Time to be announced in next issue for tour departure*)  
7 PM - SDPHS Board Meeting - (*Location to be announced*)
- 12/06/2012 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - SDPHS Business Meeting. Child Survivor Meeting to follow  
Business Meeting - Peacock Room 1  
Noon - 2 PM - Luncheon with speaker & entertainment - Peacock Room 2 (**all are welcome** - just register for meal)
- 3 PM - 8 PM Registration & Small Stores - Hospitality Room - Paradise Cove
- 12/07/2012 Bus to Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremonies, Tour and Lunch aboard **USS Midway**;  
San Diego Tour & Coronado - (*Bus will also go back to hotel after ceremony*)  
(*times to be announced next issue*)  
6 PM - 11 PM - Banquet - Lahaina Bay Room
- 12/08/2012 9 AM - 11 AM SDPHS (New) Board Meeting (*Location to be announced*)