



OFFSPRING

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

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



Deidre Kelley
National President

It's hard to believe that almost two years have passed. I'm proud to say that we have accomplished two of our planned goals - SDPHS is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization and we have developed and deployed a new website. In the next two years, I would like to be able to respond to other needs expressed by our members. Many members have said that they would like to be able to pay dues and purchase Small Stores items from the website. We will be working with our website developer to accomplish this goal after the 2018 convention. There has also been much interest in developing educational materials for members who are asked to present the history of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 in schools, at meetings, and other gatherings of interested parties. With additional donations, we hope to collect and develop these types of materials for distribution along with informational brochures for members of the public who wish to know more about our organization. There is much to do and with your help, we will have the opportunity to do so.

As active members of SDPHS, you will vote for a new slate of officers contained in this ballot issue of the Offspring. The term of office for these candidates is December 7, 2018 to December 6, 2020. Ballots are only sent to members who are current with their dues. This year, there is only one person running for each office. Although there may only be one candidate for each office, it's very important that you mark your ballot and send it in. No Resolutions are presented by the Executive Board. Please vote and return your Ballot to Carol Gladys, National Trustee by November 16th so that she can carry it to the National Convention to be counted by the Ballot Committee.

Remember to thank all of our Pearl Harbor Survivors, military veterans, and especially those serving our country now for our freedom. In an excerpt from the song "Before You Go:"

"Thank you for your wondrous feats
For open speech and quiet streets
For worship as we choose to pray
For preservation of our way

For homes and jobs and baseball games
For many colors many names
You saved our lives and we're free
From shining sea to shining sea"

Sincerely,

Deidre Kelley

SDPHS National President



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**2018 SDPHS CONVENTION
New Orleans, LOUISIANA**

December 4 - 7, 2018

DATE	START	END	FUNCTION
Tuesday Dec. 04	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	Executive (out-going Board meeting)
	1:00 PM	6:00 PM	Registration, Small Stores
Wednesday Dec. 05	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Registration, Small Stores
	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	Welcome to New Orleans Bus Tour. Expertly guided tour explains the Districts and colorful history of "The Big Easy". Pirates, Andrew Jackson, WWII, hurricane Katrina, "Mighty Mississippi", and present day port of New Orleans.
	1:15 PM	5:00 PM	Steamboat Natchez Cruise on the historic Mississippi River. New Orleans only authentic paddle wheel steamboat. Tour guide, buffet lunch, and jazz band included.
Thursday Dec. 06	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	Registration, Small Stores
	8:45 AM	10:45 AM	General membership meeting
	11:30 PM	5:00 PM	WWII Museum Experience. Enjoy a holiday buffet lunch, Victory Belles holiday show at BB's Stage Door Canteen, and Tom Hanks 4D movie "Beyond All Boundaries" with physical effects. Explore the museum on your own after lunch.
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Final registration, Small Stores
Friday Dec. 7	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony at the WWII Museum. Explore the museum on your own after the ceremony.
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Executive (new) Board Meeting
	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Convention Banquet



*Support your SDPHS
organization and honor your
PH Survivor*

Place a memorial ad in the Offspring



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

DEIDRE KELLEY - FLORIDA

I have had the pleasure of serving as your National President for the past two years and believe that if reelected, I will be able to complete work on the SDPHS website, continue to expand membership, generate donations for our various projects, develop educational materials to be used by members in schools and other venues engaged in by our members, and educate the public about the importance of remembering the sacrifice our fathers, mothers, and others made for America on December 7, 1941. Lest We Forget.

SDPHS POSITIONS HELD:

- Member since 1998
- Secretary SDPHS Florida First Coast Chapter 2, 2000 – 2004
- Vice President SDPHS Florida First Coast Chapter 2, 2004 – 2006, 2010 – 2012
- President SDPHS Florida First Coast Chapter 2, 2006 – 2008, 2012 – present
- 6th District Director, 2006 – 2016
- National Secretary, 2008 – 2010
- National Vice President, 2016
- National President, 2016 – 2018

EDUCATION:

- B.A. from Stetson University, Deland, Florida in 1973 with a major in psychology
- M.A. from Stetson University in 1977 with a major in counseling

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

- Assisted in the organization of the Robert "Bob" Kerr Georgia Chapter 1 and presented the Chapter with its Charter.
- Supported development and deployment of the 6th District website sdphs6thdistrict.org.
- Assisted the PHSA in organizing two of their 6th District conventions in St. Augustine, FL 2008 and 2010.
- Organized two PHSA Florida State conventions in 2003 and 2005.
- Organized the SDPHS 6th District convention in Savannah, GA in 2012.
- Retired from the City of Jacksonville, FL after 21 years as Program Manager of an annual \$6 million federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. The job involved writing a competitive grant application each year, implementing federal regulations, procuring medical and support services, writing and implementing comprehensive plans, developing and implementing a quality management program to insure the delivery of quality services, and preparing for and conducting meetings with a 24 member planning body, community interest groups, service providers, and consumers of funded services.

PERSONAL:

Proud daughter of PHS Robert E. Stegall (30 year Navy Veteran) who retired in 1958 to work for Martin Marietta, a defense contractor for the missile industry at Cape Canaveral, FL.



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

MARY HAESSIG-SCHIANO - VIRGINIA

I would like to help the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors continue to grow by getting new members, keeping our existing members and also focusing on those members who are no longer active, but could be. I want to assist in getting more chapters organized, as well. We, as an organization, need to keep the memory of our loved ones alive by keeping in mind the motto of our survivors - "Remember Pearl Harbor-Keep America Alert" - and our motto - "Pearl Harbor - December 7, 1941 - Lest we Forget." By growing in membership, we can realize this goal.

POSITIONS HELD:

- Offspring Editor, 1997-1998
- Florida State Chair, 2002 – 2004
- National Vice President, 2016 – 2018

EDUCATION:

Accounting Degree - Business School

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

- Retired Administrative Assistant from the boating industry
- Currently an assistant preschool teacher
- Co-owner of a vintage shop

PERSONAL:

Proud daughter of PHS Charles J. Haessig.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY



CAROL L. GLADYS - OHIO

I served SDPHS as National Secretary from 2010 to 2016 and feel I am qualified to run for National Secretary for another two years. By spreading the word about the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, I hope to see an increase in the active membership. I believe this can be accomplished by participating in local events such as parades or speaking at Memorial Services. Just wearing your SDPHS tee shirt when you attend ball games or go shopping, lets people know that we are an organization committed to keeping the memory of "Pearl Harbor ~ December 7, 1941 ~ Lest We Forget"

POSITIONS HELD:

Member since February 2, 1988
 President Lake Erie Chapter 2, 2007 - present
 National Secretary, 2010 - 2016

Ohio State Chair, 2005 - 2007
 National Vice President, 2009 - 2010
 National Trustee, 2017 - present

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

- Designed 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 SDPHS Convention Pins
- Supported PHSA Lake Erie Chapter and compiled a history of its remaining members and their recollections of the Day of Infamy. Sadly, their last member joined his fellow Survivors in January 2017.
- For the past 12 years I have participated in the December 7th Memorial Service aboard the USS Cod with the exception of the years when attending the SDPHS National Conventions.
- Participated in the Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery in 2011.
- Participated in the presentation of the SDPHS Memorial Plaque Ceremony at the US Navy Memorial in Washington D.C., 2013
- Speaker at Sandusky Veterans Home and also at the Lorain Memorial Day Service.
- Presented Charter to new Chapters in Iowa and Nebraska.
- Member of Convention Committee for SDPHS Conventions in Charleston, SC, Hawaii, and New Orleans, LA.
- Previously employed as Manager of Cashiers and Remittance Processing for Higbee's Department Stores. Office secretary for Dr. Sunil Kansal.
- Member of LaGrange United Methodist Church Council, American Legion Auxiliary (past Florida 1st District President), AmVets Auxiliary, DAV Auxiliary, and Lorain Veterans Council for Civic Improvement.

PERSONAL:

Proud Daughter of PHS Lt. Joy W. Beezley (30 year Navy Veteran), widow of submarine sailor Dave Gladys, Mom of EOD sailor Mike McCarley and daughter Debbie Kroupa.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR NATIONAL TREASURER



MARY PURIFOY - FLORIDA

I have served as National Treasurer for the past two years and would like to continue for another term. I have learned a lot about SDPHS finances and have made significant improvements in the accounting of funds. Now that we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and can receive tax exempt donations, accounting for the organization's funds will be more important than ever.

POSITIONS HELD:

SDPHS Florida State Chair, 2010 - 2012
 Treasurer of Florida First Coast Chapter 2, 2006 - present
 National Treasurer, 2016 - 2018

EDUCATION:

Has approximately 56 hours of course work in Business Administration at Florida State College, Jacksonville, FL

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

- Meals on Wheels for seniors
- Active in local VFW
- Help seniors at church and other senior groups
- Make rosaries for military and other veterans groups
- Accounting for 16 years at the Navy Exchange and Florida Steel
- TTX as a secretary billing cars for processing and set up bills for payment to other railroads for 26 years

PERSONAL:

Proud daughter of PHS Leonard L. Purifoy.