Veterans Day, WWII Memorial, Washington, D.C.

It was a gorgeous November day when President Elect, Deidre Kelley and Carmen Harding, (Maryland State Chair & Offspring Editor) visited the National WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. There was quite a crowd of people and many Veterans representing all segments of the armed services.

Former U.S. Senator Bob Dole, 93, (Kansas) was there and it was mentioned that he has visited the WWII Memorial every Saturday for the past five years. On Friday, he thanked all veterans regardless of where and when they served. “We’re all in this together. It doesn’t make any difference if you were in combat or not, Vietnam or World War II,” he said.

There were many heart warming stories from these men from the Greatest Generation. Army veteran Allan Howerton recalled how a shared sense of purpose brought the country together in the face of a monumental task. “If we were indeed the greatest generation, that unity of universal involvement was its hallmark,” he said.
DID YOU KNOW... The Offspring is the official newsletter of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Inc. It is published for the benefit of dues paying members. Please send any editorial content to: offspringeditor@gmail.com. Next Deadline February 15.

"In Memory/Honor of" ads: Include survivor’s name & duty station on Dec. 7, 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.

**CHILD SURVIVOR HISTORY PROJECT** Send articles and photos to: Joedy Adams, 4065 Paducah Drive, San Diego, CA 92117-5321. Phone: (858) 273-1036 or e-mail: joedy@san.rr.com

**SDPHS HISTORY PROJECT** Got Past Offspring, Records??, etc. (National, District, State or Chapters, copies of reports, etc.) or any early history of SDPHS data?? Please send to our National Historians: Linda and Doug Hooks, 1414 Woodville Rd. Mansfield, OH 44903-9478 Phone ~ (419) 526-0079 or email at: sixteenpaws@neo.rr.com

**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 her at sdphs@earthlink.net

**NATIONAL PHSA ROSTERS NEEDED** If anyone has a National PHSA Roster other than the ones I already have (3/6/1996, June 1, 2005, and 1 January 2008), I would like to get a copy. Any others would help me doing.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** of my Dad, Wilbert G. Dettmann, Firecontrolman, Pearl Harbor

Daughter Cheryl Hurley & Family

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By the time everyone receives this newsletter, I will be the Past National President. I wish to thank those members who have supported me over the years and aided in the growth of SDPHS. I know our new National Officers are very capable and will lead us in a good direction toward our goals. Please assist them if you are called upon to take a position in this great organization. For those who have become forever friends and special sisters - I thank God for bringing each one into my life. I know we are all joined together through a special bond that our parents also shared with one another. For those whom I disappointed - I did the best I could under difficult circumstances, at times. Many of those in the position of leadership lose family members, experience serious health problems and more but we took an oath and remained to do the very best job we could. I thank the Executive Board of Directors and the National Officers who stayed by my side and worked just as hard as the next one for the SDPHS. I take this opportunity to wish complete success to the new officers. I know that projects we have started will be completed. I know there is new blood in office and I support them totally and thank them for their willingness to serve when asked.

December 7, 2016 is 75 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor and I hope many of our members were able to attend the functions in Hawaii and around the country that honored those who died that infamous day in Hawaii and those who survived to go on and fight for the freedom we have.
I hear there are less than 2,000 survivors left. It is up to us to make sure all the stories of December 7, 1941, prior to that day, that day and the days that followed are told and burned into everyone’s memory so we are able to stay vigilant and keep it from happening again.

God Bless our Pearl Harbor Survivors - God Bless our military then and now - God Bless the United States of America and may God Bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Lou Large

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 7/1/2016 - 9/30/2016
Carol Gladys, National Secretary

It is a pleasure to welcome so many new members to the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. I sincerely hope that you will each take an active part in helping to keep the memory of Pearl Harbor alive.

Mahalo,
Carol

NEW LINEAL MEMBERS
Paulette Marie Peterson  Crystal, MN
Lois A. Van Harreveld  Los Angeles, CA
Louis Herman Kelly  Dallas, TX
Donna Culler Kaplan  Coconut Creek FL
Rosemary Anne Fannin  Roslyn, WA
Karen Louise Kralik  Pittsburgh, PA
Patricia Ann Tylka  Pittsburgh, PA
Allyson Marie Tylka  Pittsburgh, PA
Alexander Joseph Tylka  Bossier City, LA
Linda Frances Serio  Chula Vista, CA
Cynthia Yvette Villasenor  Chula Vista, CA
Krystal Nicole Guerrero  Frisco, TX
Lydia Lorraine Guerrero  Yacaipa, CA
Alfred Michael Lisi, Jr.  Chula Vista, CA
Jean Alexandria Domingue  Chula Vista, CA
Merri Jo Ann Loker  Chula Vista, CA
David Peter Nichols  Frisco, TX
Lorena Gene Utterstrom  Yacaipa, CA
Florence Culler  Trabuco Canyon, CA
Irene C. Bowers  Manson, WA
John J. Kokorchen  Bradenton, FL
Herbert Darrell Young, Jr.  Woodlawn, OH
Joanna Marie Engle  Woodville, TX
Diane Elaine Mangrum  Jacksonville, FL
Pamela Rene Kressley  Inyokern, CA
Jonah J. Dunham  Atascadero, CA
John Allen Guthrie  Sarasota, FL
Brent A. Dunham  Chillicothe, MO
Kevin L. Griffin, Sr.  Sarasota, FL
Libby Fritz  Albuquerque, NM

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Terry D. Tylka  Pittsburgh, PA
Craig D. Nelson  New York, NY
Harry F. Schaefele III  Valparaiso, IN
Donna J. Zavesky  Highland, IN
Michele Seals McConnell  Crossville, TN

Welcome Aboard!
FINANCIAL REPORT
Lois Heineken, National Treasurer

BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/01/16
GENERAL FUND .................................18,599.93
MEMORIAL FUND ..............................244.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND ............................1,024.34
CONVENTION FUND .............................878.37
PH/CHILD SURVIVOR HISTORY...............20.00
TOTAL ............................................ $20,766.64

Income
Annual Dues $ 6,200.00
Donations to General Fund 754.00
Donations to Memorial Fund 165.00
Donations to Scholarship Fund 285.00
Donations Convention Fund 42,271.00
History Project 170.00
New Member Fees 2,380.00
New Chapter Fees 0
Small Stores 2,147.60
Offspring Ads 100.00
Miscellaneous 0
E-Board Meetings 0
Bank Fees 0
TOTAL INCOME.................................. $54,472.60

Expenses
Florida Dept. of State 70.00
Indiana Sec. of State 0
Ohio Sec. of State 0
E-Board Meetings 4,740.23
National President 0
National Secretary 0
National Treasurer 0
National Registrar 546.72
National Historian 0
Memorial wreaths 116.00
Offspring: Printing/postage 2,145.19
Small Stores Inventory 2,630.90
New Chapter Start-up 0
Chapter Membership Awards 0
Stamp, Postage, Office Supplies 1,807.01
Bank Fees 0
Website Support 0
Donation to PHS for Indy 250.00
Memorial Fund 0
Scholarship Fund 1,000.00
Convention Fund 1,727.00
Trademark Expense 0
National Office Transfer 0
TOTAL EXPENSE ................................$15,033.05

ENDING BALANCE, 09/30/2016.............. $60,206.19

DEATH NOTICES OF PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS SHOULD BE SENT TO THREE PLACES:
(1) Gordon Sparks, 549 Chadford Road, Irmo, SC 29063 or e-mail to: cargo549@bellsouth.net
(2) For publication in our newsletter send to our Offspring Editor, Carmen Harding at OffspringEditor@gmail.com
(3) For publication in the Pacific Historic Parks Newsletter send to: Edean Saito, Pacific Historic Parks, 94-1187 Ka Uka Blvd. Waipahu, HI 96797 Phone (808) 954-8711 ~ Cell ~ (808) 391-4834 E-mail address: esaito@pacifichistoricparks.org
(4) Also please send to: William Muellheib, National President, Emeritus, PHSA at motivator2@verizon.net

Please include, Name, Duty Station and date of death

Our Survivors who have recently passed...

Our Fathers, Our Heroes... May they rest in peace.

NAME DUTY STATION DATE OF DEATH
Myron Jay Carraway, USS Hurlbert 08-11-2016
Richard Cunningham (TX) USS West Virginia 11/29/2013
Samuel B. Fryefield (OR) USS Detroit 07/31/2016
Raymond Haerry (RI) USS Arizona 09/27/2016
Harold E. Johnson (WA) USS Oklahoma 10/14/2016
William O. Littlejohn (CA) USS St. Louis 10/26/2016
Edward W. Reed (NE) USS Whitney 06/12/2016
Phillip Bernard Serio (LA) USS Curtiss 03/08/2011
Mitchell J "Mike" Sotak (CA) USS Maryland 09/06/2016
John C. Walton (NJ) Ford Island NAS 05/31/2016

SDPHS
Don Pavlic, Ohio
Member of Lake Erie Chapter 2, Past National Trustee, and current National Parliamentarian. Don was willing to do anything that he could to help us wherever we needed him. He supported the SDPHS in every way he could as well as many other veteran organizations. Don was one of a kind - a great man. He passed away on October 14, 2016. He lost his battle to pancreatic cancer

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Issue 4, 2016
OUR SDPHS FLOAT HAS FOUND A HOME
Pictured is the float that was donated to SDPHS by an Illinois museum. A previous article was run a while back in the Offspring. Kyle Wehr, our District 5 Director, and her husband Tom picked up the float and had to completely redo it. It is now in storage. This float belongs to our organization, and it is available for any chapter to use for parades. You will need a trailer to transport it. For information please call Kyle Wehr at 317-370-4064.

KENTUCKY MUSEUMS LATEST EXHIBITION:
A MORNING THAT CHANGED THE WORLD:
Personal Stories of Pearl Harbor

For a guided gallery tour with self-guided time in our other exhibitions, the cost is $9.00 per person. We have multiple Historical Interpretations based upon the personal stories included in the exhibition, and I can schedule one of these performances during your visit.

Please let me know how I can further assist with your visit planning. I look forward to welcoming your group to the Frazier!

Best regards,

Susan Lucas
Group Sales Coordinator
Frazier History Museum
829 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 753-5666
slucas@fraziermuseum.org

Things are happening at the Frazier! Don't miss out - check out our upcoming exhibits, events, and programs!

AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE USS JOHN FINN COMMISSIONING
John Finn was a USN Chief Aviation Ordinanceman stationed at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay during the attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Manning a machine gun from an exposed position, he was repeatedly wounded and continued to fight. He was the first Medal Of Honor recipient of WWII for his heroic actions without regard for his own life. John Finn passed away in 2010 at the age of 100. He was the oldest surviving Medal Of Honor recipient of WWII.

USN LTJG Tyler Barker, Communications Officer for the new Navy destroyer USS John Finn (DDG-113) has been in touch with former National President, Rick Carraway, regarding the commissioning,

SDPHS members and Pearl Harbor Survivors have been invited by the US Navy to attend the ceremony scheduled for July 15, 2017 in Pearl Harbor, HI.

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Submitted by Rick Carraway, Past National President
NEW BOOK BY SDPHS MEMBER ROBERT SCHERETZ

Robert Scheretz and his wife live in Murrells Inlet, SC. They are both physicians and still working. Bob works one week and writes one week. His dad’s story is his first published book. He has visited Pearl Harbor, the D-Day Beaches and Jersey Island, all places where his father served during the war. His family tried to get his dad to go with them to these places, but he couldn’t deal with the pain.

“The best we could do was get him to two PT boat reunions and to go on a Flight of Honor from North Carolina to the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Like all war veterans, he has a story that is unique. I wish more descendants had the chance I had, albeit late in my dad’s life, to learn about that story.”

Lt Commander Jack Sherertz joined the Navy as a 90-day Wonder Ensign and began World War II on the USS Nevada on December 7, 1941. He was then transferred to PT boat Squadron 1 and to Midway Island in time for the Battle of Midway. He was reassigned to PT boat Squadron 34, shipped to England and participated in D-Day and the defense of the Channel Islands. Over the five years that he served in the Navy he lost six fellow Ensigns at Pearl Harbor, fifty other men on the USS Nevada, organized the funeral for eleven marine pilots on Midway, and ordered sixteen men to their death off the coast of Jersey Island. He had at least 83 good reasons why he never talked about the war, but finally, at the age of 91, he decided to tell his story.

Of additional note, there is a companion website in addition to the book with many more images and photographs that can be found at http://www.aheroamongmillions.com/

USMC MAJOR JOHN HUGHES, EWA BATTLEFIELD VETERAN AND SPECIAL HONORED GUEST Submitted by John Bond

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Sgt. John Hughes was photographed firing a 1903 Springfield rifle at attacking Japanese planes. This truly remarkable hero was honored recently near his home in California and will also be the Ewa Battlefield Commemoration special Honored Guest.

The California boy was one of the first at Pearl Harbor to shoot at the enemy, and he was one of the last to evacuate the wounded from the battlefields of Korea more than a decade later. Never heard of Hughes? Don’t feel bad. The retired Marine major lives on a quiet, tree-lined street in Santa Ana and doesn’t much care for fancy recognition. He would never call himself a hero.... But he sure lived the life.

In the Pacific theater during World War II, he flew more than 150 combat missions – some skimming treetops for pinpoint bomb drops. He flew transport in China during that country’s civil war. In the Korean War, he piloted dozens of helicopter rescues and saved countless lives.

Now 97 years old with the health and stamina of a man more than a decade younger, Hughes chuckles and waves away what he calls his “adventures.” He also dismisses being called a hero. The Marine says what he did during his 27 years in the Corps “was just part of the job.” Some job.... It’s a miracle that Hughes survived!
VETERANS DAY AT SALEM ACADEMY, OREGON,

Staff and students at Salem Academy saluted veterans on Thursday, Nov. 10, during a patriotic ceremony that featured music by the 234th Army Band and a conversation with a Pearl Harbor survivor. It was Salem Academy’s third annual “Honoring Our Veterans” event, held a day early because there is no school on Veterans Day.

At Salem Academy, Salem mayor-elect Chuck Bennett was one of the speakers, sharing that his father flew B-17’s in Europe during World War II. He also shared a quote from the Roman senator Tacitus: “In valor there is hope.”

“I feel after the election and all the politics,” Bennett said, “let’s take a moment and realize that brave people give us hope.”

Pearl Harbor survivor Ed Johann of Lincoln City was a special guest at the event. Salem Academy superintendent Jeff Williamson interviewed the 93-year-old from Lincoln City. They talked about how Johann was on the USS Solace hospital ship when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, and how he used a motor launch to help rescue men from the USS Arizona. Johann later received a Navy commendation medal with valor for his heroic efforts.

“I have no idea how many lives we saved that day,” Johann said.

After the event, students shook hands with each of the 40 or so veterans who attended and lined up on each end of the gym.

Submitted by Pat Smith, 2nd District Director

**Special Birthdays ~ Pearl Harbor Survivors**

Pearl Harbor Survivor George Blake and Montana SDPHS State Chair Tom Fultz. The photo was taken in Lake Havasu City, Arizona on George’s 95th birthday.

Pearl Harbor Survivor Bob Van Druff turned 97 on November 30. “Van” was on the USS Aylwin DD355 on December 7, 1941.
SDPHS SMALL STORE ITEMS

HATS (Overseas Style) $31.50
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

OVERSEAS HAT STORAGE BAG $3.25
Zippered Clear Plastic Pouch

BASEBALL CAP $16.00
Navy blue with Embroidered Emblem

POLO SHIRT, Red with pocket Embroidered Lettering, Blended Material
(S-XL) $21.50
(2 XL) $22.50
(3 XL) $23.75

POLO SHIRT, Red (w/o pocket) Embroidered Emblem, Blended Material
(S-XL) $25.00
(2 XL) $26.00
(3 XL) $27.25

T-SHIRT, Red Silk-screened White emblem, Blended Material
(Youth, Large same as 14-16 $10.00
(S, M, L) $10.00
(XL-3-XL) $11.00
T-SHIRT, White Silk-screened Red Emblem (M) $8.00

SWEATSHIRT, Red $25.00
Silk-screened White Emblem, Blended Material (S-3X)

PATCH, Small SDPHS $4.00
Embroided Clothe Emblem (2 ½” diameter)

PATCH, Large SDPHS Jacket Back $16.00
Embroided Clothe Emblem (8” diameter)

DECAL, Round Cling Sticker $4.00
Plastic Emblem (4” diameter)

PHSA BRONZE MEDALLION $25.00

PINS
SDPHS 67th Anniversary $1.50
SDPHS 71st Anniversary $3.50
BUTTON PIN $2.00
(With SDPHS Emblem 2 ½")

SASH, SDPHS Red $10.00
Silk-screened white letters & emblem

BUMPER STICKER $1.00

LICENSE PLATE FRAME $2.00
Red plastic with white lettering:
“Sons and Daughters Pearl Harbor Survivors”

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(December 7, 2016 - December 6, 2017)

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### A Note from Your Editor ...

**ATTENTION: District Directors and State Chairs**

You are the heartbeat of this organization. It is through your eyes and ears that most of the news comes to the Offspring newsletter. Without your input there would be only "Reports... Treasury Reports. Membership Reports. Calendar Reports... you get the picture! When news is happening in your area, be there (or have someone else there) to take pictures AND notes. Compose an article and send it to me. I love hearing from you. If I have any questions about your article, I will call or email you. I think I am pretty easy to work with. So, below are some guidelines for submitting your article.

**HOW TO GET YOUR INFORMATION INTO THE OFFSPRING.**

1. For **anything** you send to me PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME, tell me where you are from, and if you hold an office. I can't guess who you might be from an email address! I would like to acknowledge you in the article. Consider creating an email "signature". It would appear under your name whenever you send an email. It includes your contact information automatically! Need help, call me.

2. For ANY information intended for print, please **WRITE THE ARTICLE YOURSELF**, even if it is one short paragraph. Do not send me newspaper articles, web pages, etc. for me to do the writing. Also, members names that appear in the Offspring are shown in **Bold**, so you need to let me know exactly who the members are when mentioning names.

3. Please **SEND GRAPHICS SEPARATELY** as a .jpg attachment. Do not imbed your photo(s) in a document that you have written. I need any graphic sent as a separate attachment.

4. Please **DO NOT EDIT PHOTOS**. That is my job. If you have a low resolution photo, changing the resolution to a higher number **does not make it bigger or better**. It is only as good as the original size or resolution. If possible take the photo at a higher resolution. Most cameras will allow you to change the setting for this.

I hope this helps. If you have any questions I am happy to help. Just give me a call and we can work thines out over the phone. PS, I am on Eastern time. (301) 774-5577
Can you guess the name of this young man?

*Hint: He grew up in the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors organization and is an active member to this day!*

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**Photo #1**
In this photo he was presented with the walking stick made by Harold Luvisch from Delray beach Florida, a PHSA member. He said “from the oldest to the youngest”

**Photo #2**
Here he is hanging out with Pearl Harbor Survivors. This time he is pictured with John Finn at the PHSA Convention in 2006. A little older, but just as cute, (if not more!)

**Photo #3**
Well, he is still attending conventions! Here he is in Charleston, South Carolina in the SDPHS Convention of 2014 and... looking rather grown up I would say!

Send in your answer to OffspringEditor@gmail.com. First 5 to answer correctly will be mentioned in the next newsletter, (relatives & immediate chapter excluded, of course!)