Maryland Chapter 1 Participates in
MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE AND MASSING OF THE COLORS

Fort George Meade, Maryland
Submitted by Carmen Harding, Maryland State Chair, Offspring Editor

It was an honor and a pleasure to be a part of our SDPHS Color Guard which participated for the first time in the Massing of the Colors at Fort Meade, Maryland. This is a patriotic ceremony presented by the Military Order of the World Wars. It is held to rededicate our faith in the United States, and to present our support to the National Colors and the Servicemen and Servicewomen those Colors represent. It combines the colors and color guards of Active, Reserve and National Guard military components (units), and veteran, civic and patriotic organizations.

Each Color Guard was announced as they processed to the front of the Pavilion and were then seated for the ceremony which included entertainment by the Concert Band and Soldiers’ Chorus of the U.S. Army Field Band. The music was sensational and included tributes to each of the Armed Forces, a rousing rendition of Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, God Bless the USA, and The Stars and Stripes Forever. There was also a special performance by the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

The Grand Marshall and Keynote speaker was Lieutenant General James K. McLaughlin, Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade Maryland which directs the cyber forces that defend the Departments information networks and provide full-spectrum cyberspace options to military plans and operation, and when directed, defend U.S. critical infrastructure from cyber attacks of significant consequence. General McLaughlin mentioned in his remarks some of the military personnel who were associated with Ft. Meade in the past such as Dwight Eisenhower who was in 1920, the second-in-command of the 305th Tank Brigade and General George Patton.

It was a typical hot, humid Memorial Day in the D. C. area. National President, Deidre Kelley and Maryland State Chair, Carmen Harding had plans of laying the SDPHS wreath at Arlington Cemetery. However, due to enhanced security, the entrance to the amphitheater was closed early. We made it, our wreath made it. But not together!

Pictured at Left: Participating as the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors Color Guard unit were Gene Strawser, Florence Strawser, Chapter Vice President, Bob Wagner, Chapter Treasurer, and (not pictured) Carmen Harding, MD State Chair and Offspring Editor.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD SURVIVOR HISTORY PROJECT  Please send articles and photos to: Joedy Adams, 4065 Paducah Drive, San Diego, CA 92117-5321. Phone: (858) 273-1036 or e-mail: joedyadams@outlook.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 to: Mary Ellen Smith, 5903 Arbor Road, Lakewood, CA 90713.

FROM OUR RECORDS KEEPER GORDON SPARKS  I need some help. I have finished listing the deaths from all of the Grams. I have 13,000 names listed and about 300 errors not counting the dates of deaths. If anyone has old Pearl Harbor Survivor rosters, death listings, either state or national I would appreciate your sharing them with me. Some of the errors are: states, stations, membership numbers, etc. I really want to make as complete a list as possible so any copies or originals would be greatly appreciated. In addition, I currently have 4,500 names listed of their New Member Sheets from the Grams. You can contact me at: Gordon Sparks  email: Cargo549@bellsouth.net 549 Chadford Road, Irmo, SC 29063

Public Affairs Officer  Commissioning Coordinator PCU John Finn (DDG 113) (228) 935-4085 Tyler.barker@ssgcnavy.smil.mil

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Please send any editorial content to: offspringeditor@gmail.com

Next Deadline November 15. For information on how we receive articles please see read A Note from Your Editor on page 11.

“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.

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

UP TO 4 LINES: 1 issue - $ 8.00 4 issues - $25.00
FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.... Deidre Kelley

The Executive Board met in Arizona in April to discuss projects to be accomplished in the next two years. A committee was appointed to make recommendations to revitalize our membership with more involvement from the Chapters and individual members. This issue of the Offspring contains a survey requesting your input on membership issues. Please complete the survey and return to me as soon as possible. The Executive Board will review your comments and incorporate your suggestions into actions that can be taken by the Board. An application for 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Tax status was submitted the first of July. The IRS review process takes between 90 and 180 days. Approval of this application will allow the organization to accept tax exempt donations.

Past President Rick Carraway has begun preparations for the 2018 SDPHS National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. We should have more information regarding the convention in the next issue of the Offspring. Some of you may have noticed that the SDPHS Small Stores was moved from Arizona to Florida. Feel free to purchase items. We have two new items – 75th Anniversary patches with a gold thread border for $7.00 and new metal license plate frames for $15.00. We also have plenty of cookbooks which make wonderful Christmas presents and other items. On average, orders will be processed within two weeks of receipt of requests. Last but not least, we should have a new website up and running by October. I’m very excited about the progress our organization is making in recruiting new members, forming new Chapters, and participating in events honoring our Pearl Harbor Survivors and other WWII veterans. Remember “Pearl Harbor – December 7, 1941 – Lest We Forget.”

Thank You,
Dee Kelley
National President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 9/30/2016 - 03/30/2017

NEW LINEAL MEMBERS
Herbert Martin Orefield, PA
Theodore Montgomery Kinsey, MT
Donovan Hutchens Omaha, NE
Frederick Ayers Martinez, CA
Alexandra Carver Agoura, CA
Eugene Norman Agoura, CA
Frank L. Kostopoulos Palmyra, WI
Eula Mab Ginsburg Atlanta, GA
Alfred L. Summers Springfield, MO
Christina Heintzelman Harrisburg, PA
Bruce Hosken Anaheim, CA
Charles “Nick” Johnston, Jr. St. Cloud, MN
Gary Powers Roanoke, VA
Kathy Snyder Council Bluffs, IA
Bette McKinney Long Beach, CA
Robert Dietrich Omaha, NE
Donald Dvorak Santa Clara, CA

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Lawrence Bachman Lynchburg, VA
Andrea Karas San Jose, CA
Jennifer Mayor San Jose, CA
Stephen Benton Tiera Verde, FL
Frank Kostopoulos Palmyra, WI
Brian Robinson Houston, TX
Louis E. Cento Houston, TX
Constance Huff Harrodsburg, KY
Eric B. Mercer Bossier City, LA
Dustin Deel Bedford, IN
Barbara Combs Jacksonville, FL
Sandra Dietrich Omaha, NE
Katerina Ellis Katy, TX
Clay Keown Shelton, WA
Maura Bonifant Honolulu, HI
**FINANCIAL REPORT**
Mary Purifoy, National Treasurer

**BEGINNING BALANCE, 1/01/17**
- GENERAL FUND: $21,285.46
- MEMORIAL FUND: $519.00
- SCHOLARSHIP FUND: $519.34
- CONVENTION FUND: $4,100.00
- PH/CHILD SURVIVOR HISTORY: $265.00
- **TOTAL:** $26,688.80

**Income**
- Annual Dues: $4,405.00
- Donations to General Fund: $305.00
- Donations to Memorial Fund: $145.00
- Donations to Scholarship Fund: $250.00
- Donations Convention Fund: $408.00
- Child Survivor History Project: $135.00
- 50/50 Drawing: $203.00
- New Member Fees: $780.00
- New Chapter Fees: $0
- Small Stores: $1,243.50
- Offspring: Printing/postage: $507.53
- Miscellaneous: $557.70
- E-Board Meetings: $0
- Bank Fees: $24.00
- **TOTAL INCOME:** $8,506.20

**Expenses**
- Florida Dept. of State: $0
- E-Board Meetings: $4,089.04
- Offspring: Printing/postage: $507.53
- Small Stores Inventory: $892.47
- New Chapter Start-up: $0
- Chapter Membership Awards: $500.00
- Stamp, Postage, Office Supplies: $2,315.69
- Memorial Fund: $0
- Scholarship Fund: $0
- Convention Fund: $4,063.13
- Trademark Expense: $0
- National Office Transfer: $0
- **TOTAL EXPENSE:** $12,167.76

**Book Ending Balance, 04/30/2017**
- $23,007.24

**Outstanding checks**
- 2382: $300.00
- 2396: $14.25
- 2400: $502.99
- 2403: $827.43
- **Total Outstanding Checks:** $1,644.67

**Bank Ending Balance 4/30/2017:** $24,651.91

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

**Donations made for the period of 1/01/2017 - 4/30/2017**

**GENERAL FUND**
- Maureen Young
- Martin Pittman
- Margie Heston
- Kathryn Rulison
- Stephen Sawzin
- William Koehl

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Capt. Ralph Laedtke

**MEMORIAL FUND**
- J. M. Smith
- James Armstrong

**CONVENTION FUND**
- Donna Zimmerman

**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

Please include Name, Duty Station and date of death.

**Our Survivors who have recently passed..**

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

*Pearl Harbor Survivor William H. Muehleib (1922–2017) was the last National President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. “Bill” passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the age of 95 in Virginia Beach, VA. He served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps and on December 7, 1941, he was a 19 year old private stationed at Hickam Field. After Pearl Harbor, he was part of the newly formed "Night Fighter" training group in California. Later he served in the U.S. Air Force and in 1951 was called to serve in the Korean War.

Bill was also the keeper of our Pearl Harbor Survivors Death reports. We will sorely miss him!
NISHIKAICHI’S NAFUDA STICKS by Jim Armstrong

Jack Armstrong survived the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 and World War II, but he died before accomplishing his final wartime mission. For decades, Armstrong had kept a handful of engraved wooden sticks in a drawer in his home. These Nafuda, or Japanese name-tags, had belonged to a dead pilot who had crashed after attacking U.S. forces on December 7, 1941. After the war, Armstrong was determined to return these relics to the pilot’s family. He never did, and when he died in 1985 at the age of 75, his son inherited the sticks and the obligation. “It was my father’s quest,” said SDPHS member Jim Armstrong, “and now it’s mine.” To honor his father’s wishes Jim Armstrong delivered the Nafuda to the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor for the 75th Anniversary of the attack.

A display at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor tells Nishikaichi’s tangled, tragic story. “We tell the story of heroes,” explained Executive Director Ken DeHoff “and Nishikaichi, from the Japanese perspective, was a hero, a warrior who was doing what he was trained to do.” On the morning of December 7, Petty Officer 1st Class Shigenori Nishikaichi’s Zero rose from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Hiryu. The 19 year-old Japanese aviator’s target: Bellows Field. There, anti-aircraft fire punctured Nishikaichi’s gas tank. The pilot veered away. Around 9 a.m., he crashed on Ni’ihau, a tiny island at the extreme northwestern end of the Hawaiian chain. Unconscious but alive, the pilot was lifted from the wreckage by islanders. Lacking radio and regular contact with the outside world, the residents of Ni’ihau at first had no idea that war had erupted or that their visitor was an enemy combatant. “There’s no documentation of what was said,” DeHoff noted, “or who did what.” Still, it’s agreed that the islanders had relieved the pilot of his pistol and some papers—and that Nishikaichi wanted both back. In some versions of the tale, a local beekeeper of Japanese extraction, Yoshi Harada, helped Nishikaichi pry loose a machine gun from his shattered Zero. That version was disputed by Harada’s wife, who denied that he had collaborated. What’s clear is the “Ni’ihau Incident” ended violently on December 13. Taking as hostage a female islander, Nishikaichi attempted to force her husband to retrieve his papers and sidearm. Instead of complying, Benehakaka “Ben” Kanahele attacked. Nishikaichi shot Kanahele, wounding — but not slowing — the muscular Hawaiian. “Kanahele picked him up and rammed Nishikaichi into a lava rock wall,” DeHoff said. The next day, a U.S. military squad landed on the island. The squad members examined the bodies of Nishikaichi and Harada, who reportedly had shot himself. They also scoured the Zero for clues to the enemy’s intentions. Souvenirs were also pocketed by the soldiers, even by the squad’s leader, Lt. Jack Armstrong.

Last December, Jim Armstrong contacted The San Diego Union-Tribune. In an interview, he stressed his desire to fulfill his father’s wishes by repatriating the Nafuda. The story ran Dec. 6, 2015, under the headline “Remembering Pearl Harbor—by returning relics to Japan.” Soon, Armstrong’s phone was ringing. He heard from NHK, the Japan Broadcasting Corp., the Japanese Consulate in Los Angeles, and The Pacific Aviation Museum in Oahu. Word of his quest even reached Mark Edward Harris, a Los Angeles-based photo journalist with extensive contacts in Japan. About 15 years ago, researching the Ni’ihau Incident, Harris had photographed the pilot’s brother at his home on Japan’s Inland Sea. Yoshitada Nishikaichi admired his older brother, who set out for the war when Yoshitada was a schoolboy. “He remembers his brother when he was leaving,” Harris said, “dipping his wings as he passed over the school.” When he learned of Jim Armstrong’s desire to return the engraved sticks to the Nishikaichi family, Harris contacted Sachiko Nomura, a lawyer in Osaka. “I asked her to help out, to connect with Nishikaichi,” Harris said. “She got back to me and said, yes, he would appreciate having that as a gesture of goodwill.” During a gala Sunday at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Armstrong spoke about his parents’ ordeal 75 years ago. He donated his father’s flight suit and two leather flying jackets to the museum. Then he handed over the Nafuda, relieving one family’s burden and lightening another family’s sorrow. “I’m just pleased this is coming to fruition,” he said.

After having the Nafuda sticks blessed by a Buddhist monk and Hawaiian Kahu, Ken Dehoff traveled to Japan June 22, 2017 to personally return the Japanese Naval Pilot’s “Ni’ihau Nafuda Sticks” to Yoshitada Nishikaichi, the dead pilot’s brother and his family. “This is a tale of many years, many miles, and many characters. In essence, this is the story of two families, one American and one Japanese, linked by warfare and united by a gesture of peace and reconciliation.”
OFFSPRING by Rick Carraway
Veterans Flight – 2017 and the Pensacola Beach Air Show

Special thanks to Roy Kinsey organizer and pilot of Veterans Flight 2017 for honoring the Pearl Harbor Survivors in this latest update for Veterans Flight 2017 Pensacola Beach Air Show that was held on July 7, 8. Bill Braddock and Cass Phillips flew for their second time in the show last year. Jay Carraway flew with them for the first time last year and was ecstatic after his flight with Vic Syracuse! This past July, Bill Braddock and our newest co-pilot, Pearl Harbor Survivor Frank Emond at 99 years young took to the sky with Veterans Flight 2017. On Saturday, July 8, the Pensacola Aviation Center hosted WWII Veteran pilots, WWII Survivors and Bill and Frank flying before the Pensacola Beach Air Show. No worry about traffic and crowds. We were not going to the beach! All who came enjoyed the aviation history with this rare chance to see ten WWII Stearman trainer Bi-Planes and WWII heroes in this incredible event!

I was also able to represent SDPHS at the WWII Museum in New Orleans. Featured was Frank Emond, Pearl Harbor Survivor, USS Pennsylvania from Pensacola, FL telling his story of the attack while accompanied by the Pensacola State College Civic Band with Don Snowden, Director. His wife, Holly Shelton, a professional singer, did a great job singing “God Bless the USA” by Lee Greenwood. Stephen Engel, son of PHS Joseph Engel, did a great job taking photos. His mom and brother were also present during the attack. I had the honor of sitting with Frank and the band.

Frank Emond, now 99, said he would like to be a speaker at the 2018 convention luncheon in New Orleans. We can only hope. I also have contacted Lauren Handley at the WWII Museum and she is willing to help with our 2018 convention. The museum will also have an event on Dec. 7, 2018 and would love to include us.

As a special note, Pearl Harbor Survivor Frank Emond also went on to Gulfport, MS to conduct and tell his story with their symphony band that same evening. Arrived home after midnight, sang this morning at his church and headed to Pascagoula, MS for another concert he is in this evening. Memorial Day he will perform again with the Pensacola State College Civic Band with Don and Holly in an amphitheater in downtown Pensacola. Teresa and I will be there. We thought we had a busy schedule and we are not 99 years old!

IN LOVING MEMORY of my Father,
Sharon Keyser Ely and Family

IN HONOR of Reagan A. Scurlock
US Army Air Corp. 42nd Bomb Squadron, Hickam Field
SDPHS Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter 1

IN HONOR of Herman H. Horn
US Army, Ft. Weaver
SDPHS Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter 1

IN MEMORY of our heros we have lost over the years.
Thank you for your service.
SDPHS Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter 1

IN MEMORY OF BILL ECKEL
Howard Snell
DISTRICT 1 by Kathleen Farley, 1st District Director

Newly appointed SDPHS Hawaii State Chair, Brian Bonifant has been busy trying to “re-energize” a local SDPHS chapter on Oahu.

Bonifant held a meeting on April 8th at the Home of the Brave Museum. Glen Tomlinson, owner of the museum, and strong supporter of our Pearl Harbor Survivors and SDPHS, hosted the meeting, and served coffee and donuts. Several SDPHS members showed an interest to re-energize and become more active.

SDPHS Hawaii Chapter has been asked to participate in several historical events around Pearl Harbor.

SDPHS members attended the interment of USS Arizona crew member, Raymond Haerry on April 15th. Pearl Harbor Survivor Haerry is the 42nd crew member to be interned aboard his ship.

Up and coming events in which the Hawaii SDPHS have been asked to participate include 75th Anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, Anzac Day Ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery, and 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, to name a few.

Within the very near future, Hawaii once again hopes to have an “active” SDPHS chapter.

I have no doubt that under the leadership of Hawaii State Chair, Brian Bonifant, this will happen soon.

NEBRASKA by Peg Murphy, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

The Nebraska Bo Wilson Chapter #1 was presented with its’ Charter on June 25, 2017 in Lincoln, NE. Carol Gladys, past National Secretary, traveled from Ohio to make the presentation. The meeting was attended by around 45 people. Dinner preceded the program and each son or daughter shared their father’s story and remembrances from December 7, 1941. Two PHS were in attendance. Ed Guthrie, stationed on the USS Whitney, and Walter Barsell, who worked at the Receiving Station, each shared his experience at Pearl Harbor and their years following the Attack. Nebraska is excited to have its’ own chapter and is looking forward to preserving our Nebraska Pearl Harbor Survivors’ legacies.

101 YEARS YOUNG!

Pearl Harbor Survivor Reagan Andrew Scurlock turned 101 on April 14, 2017. Col. Scurlock was at Hickam Field on the morning of December 7, 1941. He is pictured here with his great grandson, Cooper Andrew Reed on his 100th Birthday last year.

Do have a Survivor’s story that you would like to share with us? Please send your story along with any photo of the Pearl Harbor Survivor and if accepted it could be published in this newsletter. Acceptance basically depends on the length of the story and if we have space available.

Send to: OffspringEditor@gmail.com
CALIFORNIA by Kathleen Farley, 1st District Director, State Chair, Chapter 5 President

CA Chapter 5 continues to grow with not only new SDPHS members, but also with Pearl Harbor Survivors. We are very proud to have 11 Pearl Harbor Survivors and 4 Child Survivors with another processing his application. Chapter 5 meets monthly at our local Denny’s Restaurant in the San Francisco Bay Area (Concord). For our April monthly meeting, we had 43 chapter members in attendance, 6 Pearl Harbor Survivors, 3 Child Survivors, 1 Rosie The Riveter, and chapter members.

This past December, several chapter members attended the 75th Anniversary in Hawaii, while other chapter members participated in our annual Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting event, which has been held on Dec. 7th since 1964.

This Chapter also participates in local parades, attends Memorial Day & Veteran’s Day events and is proud to honor our Pearl Harbor Survivors. We will keep their memory alive! “Lest We Forget”.

Just a few of our Chapter 5 members: left back row: Pearl Harbor Survivors Earl “Chuck” Kohler, Ford Island, BJ Smith, USS California, John Mathrusse, Ford Island, Mickey Ganitch, USS Pennsylvania Front row: Child Survivors Fred Ayers, Sandy Barton

One of my chapter members made up these cards for survivors and child survivors to hand out in Hawaii.

HAWAII by Brian Bonifant, State Chair

ARIZONA BURIAL
On April 15, 2017, USS Arizona crew member Raymond Haerry was interred with his shipmates aboard the USS Arizona. On a beautiful Hawaiian evening, Haerry’s granddaughter passed his ashes to the Navy and National Park Service divers who slipped beneath the surface near turret #4 and returned Haerry to duty aboard his ship.

UNKNOWN SAILOR IDENTIFIED
Twenty year old Navy Fireman 3rd Class Robert N. Walkowiak from Oshkosh, Wisconsin was killed on December 7, 1941 during the attack on Pearl Harbor while aboard the USS Oklahoma. Walkowiak, along with other USS Oklahoma shipmates who couldn’t be identified at the time, were buried in “Unknown” graves at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly known as Punchbowl Cemetery. In June 2015 the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) began exhuming the remains of the unknown USS Oklahoma crewman for identification. On April 28, 2017 Fireman 3rd Class Walkowiak was re-interred at Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu, HI in a grave site marked with his name and not as he was previously interred, “Unknown”.

JPAA has been instrumental in identifying the remains of United States Service personnel throughout the years and continue to bring closure for families of our fallen. More information can be found at: http://www.dpaa.mil/

Hawaii SDPHS members were in attendance for both ceremonies.
MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The SDPHS Executive Board is very interested in keeping members actively involved in the organization. Responses to the survey below will provide valuable information to the Board. Please complete the survey and return to Deidre Kelley, SDPHS National President at P. O. Box 1022, Yulee, Florida 32041

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________________________

How are you related to a Pearl Harbor Survivor?
Son _____ Daughter _____ Grandson _____ Granddaughter _____ Other _____

Are you currently a member of an SDPHS Chapter? Yes _____ No_____ If yes, what is the name of your Chapter? ____________________________ If not, would you be interested in joining one if one were available in your general area? Yes _____ No _____

What can the SDPHS Executive Board do to keep members more involved? Check all that apply.

☐ 1. Provide training for recruiting new members
☐ 2. Provide training on duties and responsibilities of Chapter Officers
☐ 3. Suggest ways to generate funds for Chapter activities
☐ 4. Initiate awards program to recognize outstanding performance
☐ 5. Send reminder when membership dues need to be renewed.
☐ 6. Make educational packets and other materials available for use in school presentations
☐ 7. Provide more communication between the District Directors and State Chairs
☐ 8. Provide more communication between State Chairs and Chapter Presidents
☐ 9. Provide more information on the website such as ____________________________

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☐ 10. Other ideas _____________________________________________________

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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 information contact:  
Deidre Kelley, National President & Storekeeper  
PH: (904) 225-0013  
E-Mail: pearlgirl1941@gmail.com

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SDPHS Annual Dues Renewal
(December 7, 2016 - December 6, 2017)
Member Renewal $20.00
Associate Renewal $15.00 ~ Minor Renewal $10.00

Member: __________________________ Member ID#: ______________________
Associate Member: __________________ Associate ID#: _____________________
Minor Member: _____________________ Minor ID#: ________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________________________________
Telephone: (      ) _______- ___________ Cell Phone: (      ) _______- ________ __
E-mail Address: ________________________________________________________

Please check 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

Note: The payment expiration year is indicated in [brackets] on the mailing label.

Please accept my donation for: (Check one below)
_____General Fund    _____Memorial Fund     _____Scholarship Fund     _____ Pearl Harbor & Child Survivor History project

DUES SENT: $_______ DONATION: $_______ = TOTAL: $_______

A Note from Your Editor ...

It was voted at a recent Executive Board Meeting to change the dates of the SDPHS newsletter, Offspring from four issues a year to three. The issues dates will 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 DATE:               CUT OFF DATE (to get information to the Editor):
March 15 (Issue #1)  February 15
August 15(Issue #2)       July 15
November: Ballot Issue on even years only
December 15 (Issue #3)  November 15

Several issues ago I ran an article on ‘Offspring Guidelines”. For those of you who may have missed it I will again go over 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 e-mail address! You will be acknowledged in the article.

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. Members names that are mentioned in the Offspring are shown in Bold, so please 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 yourself 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 things out over the phone.

Carmen Harding
USS JOHN FINN DDG113 COMMISSIONED

Members of SDPHS were honored to attend the commissioning of the U.S. Navy’s newest $2 billion Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, the USS John Finn (DDG 113). The ship is named after the first Medal of Honor recipient of World War II, Chief Aviation Ordnanceman John Finn, who courageously manned a .50 caliber machine gun as he fired upon the Japanese airplanes that flew over Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station during the attack on December 7, 1941. Finn received 21 shrapnel and bullet wounds from the strafing planes, but kept firing until he was ordered to receive medical attention. More than 50 members of the Finn family were in attendance to honor their heroic relation who died in 2010 at the age of 100.

On Friday evening, July 14th, there was a reception held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Great Lawn where representatives of the various contractors, responsible for the ship’s construction, spoke, as did the ship’s Commanding Officer Michael Wagner and other Navy brass. Also in attendance were Pearl Harbor Survivors CPO Ray Emory and Commander John Mathrusse, along with SDPHS District 1 Director Kathleen Farley, Hawaii State Chair Brian Bonifant, and members Robert DeVinck and Jackie Utkin, who flew over from Maui. In addition to the many speeches, and awards given out to the major contractors, the crowd was treated to a delicious outdoor buffet, drinks, and fireworks.

On Saturday, the 509-foot USS John Finn, with a core crew of 350, was officially commissioned at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s pier Kilo 10. Decorated with red, white and blue banners, the ship came alive when the crew was ordered to “man our ship and bring her to life!” As the ship’s personnel ran aboard the USS John Finn, the Pacific Fleet Band played “Anchors Aweigh.” The crew then fired up the engines and blasted horns and sirens, to the delight of those in attendance. After the formal ceremony, tours of the newly commissioned ship were offered to everyone interested in seeing the inside workings of the USS John Finn, whose motto is “Stand Fast and Fight.” The ship will be based in San Diego.

Story by Robert DeVinck, Photos by Brian Bonifant, HI State Chair