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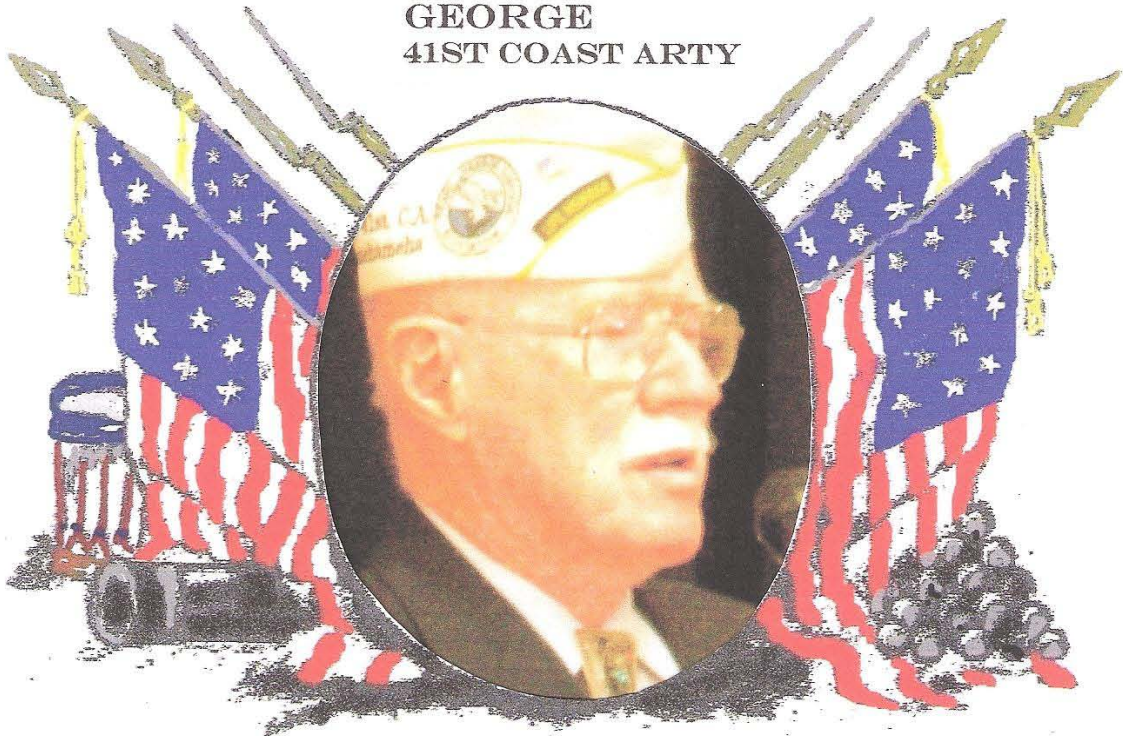
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# Colorado Pearl Harbor Survivors Association®

## Mile High Chapter #1



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### FROM THE DESK OF DAVE , PRESIDENT



Greetings! On behalf of the Colorado Pearl Harbor Survivors, we would like to thank Jon Sinatra for the past two years of service as our Chapter Secretary. What a fine job of coordinating events and newsletter publishing and we will miss him. Jon will finish out 2010 with the Colorado Pearl Harbor Survivors and Sons & Daughters.

Please make your reservations for this year's PHSA and SDPHS meeting in Hawaii. Reservations may be made through the Mile High Chapter #1.

The Mile High Chapter meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the \_\_\_\_\_ on South \_\_\_\_\_ in Englewood 80110. If you are unable to bring a dish, please add \$3 to the

Coffee fund. There will be a cash bar (\$1 per). Sons & Daughters meet at 1:00 and PHSA at 2:00.

For newsletter postage donations, please make your checks payable to MILE HIGH CHAPTER #1 and mail to Al \_\_\_\_\_, 1180 So. \_\_\_\_\_ Street, Denver, Colorado 80209.

### FROM THE DESK OF GEORGE , VICE PRESIDENT



Hello to all chapter members! Please make your reservations for this year's PHSA and SDPHS Meeting in Hawaii. Reservations may be made through the Mile High Chapter. The new Pearl Harbor Visitor's Center will have its grand opening this December 7<sup>th</sup> and should make for a memorable visit. To date, there are many members attending this years meeting at Pearl Harbor, so please RSVP through the Mile High Chapter. Our chapter will not be hosting a December 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service this year in Colorado. Please make a note of this.

*Happy Anniversary* ♥ *Lucian & Lynn* , *Eugene & Lois* ,  
*Merrill & Emma* , *Edward & Rose*

Happy Birthday To You ★ Walter  
★ Grace ★ Rosemary

★ Keith

★ Milton

★ Sophia

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**FROM THE DESK OF JON SINATRA, PHSA SECRETARY / SDPHS STATE CHAIR**



Greetings PHSA and SDPHS members! Hawaii is not far off and it is hoped that your reservations have been made. Special discounted room rates at the Hawaiian Hilton Hotel may be obtained through the Mile High Chapter. This year's Annual Dinner will be held at the Governor's Residence in Downtown Denver. Please see your mailer or call a PHSA or SDPHS Officer. Awhile back I had the opportunity to visit the Battleship USS North Carolina, that stands majestically in her birth on the coast of North Carolina and I thought it interesting. Aloha...

**USS North Carolina (BB-55)** (Showboat) was the lead ship of her class of battleship and the fourth in the United States Navy to be named in honor of this U.S. state. She was the first new-construction U.S. battleship to enter service during World War II, participating in every major naval offensive in the Pacific theater to become the most decorated U.S. battleship of the war with 15 battle stars.<sup>[2]</sup> She is now a museum ship at the port of Wilmington, North Carolina.



*North Carolina* completed her shakedown in the Caribbean prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Early in 1942, *North Carolina* was scheduled to head to Pearl Harbor. However, she remained in the Atlantic a few more months so she would be available to take on the German battleship Tirpitz, in the event that ship began to attack Atlantic convoys carrying goods from America to England. *North Carolina* was ordered to the Pacific in the summer of 1942.<sup>[5]</sup>

In 1999, a reunion was held on the USS *North Carolina* Battleship Memorial. While standing on the signal bridge, the site of the friendly fire strike during the Okinawa assault of 6 April, former PFC Marine Gunner Richard R. Fox recalled the incident, describing to his



daughters and granddaughters how he helped carry a severely injured sailor down to the sickbay. Fox had never been able to find out whether the other man had survived. During his story, Fox was approached by the fellow *North Carolina* veteran Richard W. Reed, who had overheard the story and interrupted it to identify himself as the injured sailor and offer his thanks. Neither man had known the other's identity for over a half-century. Visitors to the **USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial** can tour the main



deck of the ship, many interior rooms, and some of the gun turrets. Visitors can also view one of the nine surviving OS2U Kingfisher aircraft in the world, located on the stern of the ship.

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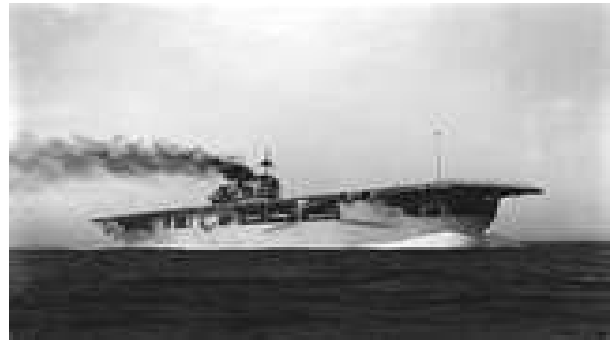
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# USS Yorktown CV-5



In May 1942, a Japanese fleet headed for the U.S. Navy base on Midway, a tiny atoll named for its mid-Pacific location. The island lay about 1,300 miles (2,092 kilometers) northwest of Hawaii. Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, architect of the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, called his new plan Operation MI- the Midway-Aleutians assault. He believed that U.S. Admiral Nimitz would try to intercept the Aleutian-bound force, exposing Midway—and ultimately Hawaii—to invasion.

Before dawn on June 3, 1942, a U.S. PBY Catalina flying boat left the U.S. Navy base on Midway looking for a Japanese invasion fleet, which the crew spotted about 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) southwest of the atoll. The discovery began the Battle of Midway, the turning point for America in the Pacific War. In May 1998, undersea explorer Bob Ballard sails from Midway hoping to find, some 17,000 feet (5,180 meters) down, the five aircraft carriers lost in the battle: Japan's *Akagi*, *Kaga*, *Hiryu*, and *Soryu*, and America's *USS Yorktown*.

Oh, Yorktown! You're so beautiful," exclaimed Mike Swarm, the National Geographic Midway Expedition's chief electronics technician, on May 20, 1998. A day earlier the expedition had found the U.S.S. Yorktown lying 16,650 feet (5,075 meters) underwater. Humans were now seeing the aircraft carrier for the first time since it sank in 1942. As the U.S. Navy's Advanced Tethered Vehicle (ATV), a remotely controlled submersible, transmitted images, Midway survivor Bill Surgi led a virtual tour of his ship. His verdict? "She looks good for the shape she's in."

As far as the *Yorktown* is concerned, she rests safely and proudly upright on the bottom in crystal clear water, the cleanest I have ever seen. Because she is a ship of war she is protected by American law from grave robbers and salvagers who might disturb her. We also are keeping her location secret until the world finally realizes that ships like the *Yorktown* are museums of the deep that will be easily accessible to the public in the future just as the U.S.S. *Arizona* is an underwater museum at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.



Three miles (4.8 kilometers) beneath the Pacific, the *Yorktown* still points her guns skyward, toward the Japanese warplanes that bombed her. (These photo's were taken by the U.S. Navy.)



On the port side, a hole shows where two aerial torpedoes hit on June 4, 1942, ripping away armor plate and opening the hull. Oil stains above the hole indicate that the torpedoes ruptured fuel tanks

## 2010 Pearl Harbor Survivors and Sons & Daughters Annual Convention in Hawaii

December 7, 2010, marks the 69th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which will be solemnly commemorated at the USS Arizona Memorial and the other key components of what is now called the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. But there will also be an element of celebration, as officials dedicate the new \$56 million Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the national monument.

More than 200 Pearl Harbor Survivors are registered to attend the ceremony, overlooking the sunken USS Arizona, where 1,177 sailors and marines died in the attack. The event includes a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the time the attack began, and speeches on the theme "A Promise Fulfilled," reflecting the commitment to honor the dead and educate the living.

The handsome new visitor center does all of that, with a new museum, outdoor educational panels about Japanese and Americans involved in the attack, a ground map of the Pacific, an expanded bookstore, and other new and larger facilities to serve visitors to the state's most popular sightseeing destination. Admission to the USS Arizona Memorial, reached by shuttle boat after visitors watch a 23-minute film, is free, but tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis each morning and are generally all given out by noon. Fortunately, there are more ways now to pass the time waiting for your tour to start, including an audio tour by Ernest Borgnine of the visitor center, interpretive displays and the memorial.

Another public commemoration will be held on Ford Island at the USS Oklahoma Memorial, which was dedicated on this date three years ago. The ship suffered the second largest loss of life in the attack: 429 crew members, who are represented by 429 marble columns. A third ceremony (with restricted base access) will be conducted at the USS Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point on Hickam AFB, where 57 died defending their ship. A separate commemoration will be held at sunset at the USS Utah Memorial, where 58 servicemen lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941.

Some attractions at the historic site do charge admission, such as the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum near the visitor center and, moored off of Ford Island, the recently renovated Battleship Missouri Memorial, where Japan formally surrendered on Sept. 2, 1945. The privately run Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island is also a paid attraction.

For security reasons, the national monument places also strict limits on what can be carried there, and, during the shuttle to the Missouri, on what you can photograph. Construction of parking lots around the center is also continuing, with satellite lots at Aloha Stadium.

"Visitors to the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the USS Utah Memorial should remember that these memorials commemorate those who died as a part of the December 7, 1941 Attack. These memorials are places of honor, understanding and contemplation. Visitors are asked to assist in maintaining an atmosphere of decorum."

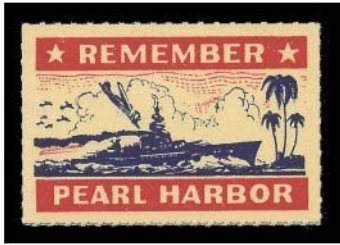


A spacious bookstore is one of the new and expanded facilities at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center.

A view of the USS Arizona Memorial

**Budget tips:** Through the end of the year Polynesian Adventure Tours is offering free admission for children ages 11 and under on six tours that include Pearl Harbor and other sights, ranging in value from \$22 to \$42.50. The Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort has a WWII Pearl Harbor & USS Missouri 65th Anniversary Package that includes three-night deluxe room accommodations for two, transportation to and from the hotel, a keepsake replica of the Surrender Card that was given to each sailor aboard the Missouri, and a historical tour; rates start at \$229 per night.

## Old Ironsides...



The USS Constitution, Old Ironsides, as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. However, let it be noted that according to her log:

"On July 22, 1798, the USS Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400

cannonshot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, 1798 she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November, 1798. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef, and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On 18 November, 1798 she set sail for England. In the ensuing days, she defeated five British men-of-war, and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, 1799 her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed, she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of a single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then, she headed home.

The USS Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February, 1799 with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water.

## Lord Nelson...

Standing on the deck of HMS Victory, Lord Nelson glanced up at a lookout high in the rigging and called, "Keep a keen eye out for Spanish sail, my lad. For today, I feel like a fight." Soon, the lookout cried, "Sail ho, off the starboard bow!"

Nelson pointed his spyglass in the direction indicated, and - sure enough - there were two Spanish frigates off the starboard bow. Realizing that his ship was in for a tough fight, Lord Nelson turned to a young officer. "Ensign, fetch my red coat!"

A few minutes later, the Ensign returned with the coat. As he held it out for his Admiral to wear, he said, "Begging your pardon, My Lord, but why do you need your red coat?"

Nelson smiled grimly. "There'll be much blood spilled today, Son. And some of it might well be mine. If it should happen that I am wounded, my red coat will hide the blood. Then, our own men will take heart from seeing their commander apparently untouched, and our enemies will fear my invincibility."

The Ensign nodded, seeing at once the wisdom of the Admiral's reasoning. The battle was long and difficult, but Nelson eventually won the day.

A few days later, a lookout shouted down, "Sail ho, off the port beam!"

Nelson pointed his spyglass in the direction indicated, and found himself staring at the entire Spanish Armada. Hundreds of ships bearing down on his lone ship like angels of death.

Anticipating his Admiral's next order, the young Ensign said, "Shall I fetch your red coat, Sir?"

Nelson nodded. "Do that, Son. And while you're at it, fetch me my brown trousers!"