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Flynn Family Remembers USS Houston (CA-30) Crewmen at Arlington



17 September 2019: Members of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor David C. Flynn's family visit David's gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery. (From L to R): Sandy Flynn, Rachel Racicot, Justin Flynn, Dennis Flynn, Donna Mae Flynn, Cletus Flynn, Ellen Flynn, and Fulton Flynn.

FLYNN FAMILY REMEMBERS CA-30 CREWMEN AT ARLINGTON By John K. Schwarz



On what turned out to be three beautiful days in September (September 16 – 18, 2019), a wonderful gathering occurred in Arlington, VA with a visit by a large portion of our own 'Flynn Family'. Ellen and Fulton Flynn drove all the way up from Central Florida in Mr. Flynn's 'ol Big Blue'.
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Sandy and Cletus Flynn drove down from New England and were joined by son Justin and his girlfriend Rachel. Son Dennis and, of course, Donna Mae flew up from sunny South Florida. I met them at Ronald Reagan Airport and we drove right to the Metro 29 Diner where we enjoyed dinner on two nights during the gathering at this wonderful establishment hosted by our good friend and proprietor Mr. Peter Bota.

We discussed the use of time during the relatively short visit and planned for the main event which would be our pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery. The Flynn Family of course wanted to pay their collective respects to the burial place of Mr. David C. Flynn, which we so humbly did. The group also agreed to purchase yellow roses and we placed one each at:

- The USS *Houston* CA-30/HMAS *Perth* D-29 marker on McClellan Drive.
- At the gravestones of the following USS *Houston* (CA-30) crewmen/spouses all buried within close proximity in section 12 and the marker: Joe/Isabelle Gans; Otto/Trudy Schwarz; John/Irma Stefanek.
- At the individual gravesites of USS *Houston* (CA-30) crewmen David C. Flynn and William Batchelor.

While at Mr. Batchelor's plot we noticed its terribly decayed headstone. Donna Flynn explained that she had been successful in asking for and receiving a new headstone for David, so we decided to notify William Batchelor's sister, Betty Miles—a longstanding supporter of our Association—that William's headstone needs to be replaced. We also wanted to assist her in replacing William's headstone. Lo and behold, we discovered that Betty Miles had, in fact, passed away recently (see her death notice on page 16). The Association's Board has decided to pursue this headstone upgrade on Betty's behalf, and in memory of both Betty and William. That effort is currently underway.

The Flynns were able to visit the Smithsonian "Castle" museum in downtown Washington, D.C. before departing. We all felt that everyone had experienced a truly worthwhile trip. It was wonderful to share comradery while remembering our USS *Houston* crewmen all in one experience.



Visiting the gravesite of Otto and Trudy Schwarz on 17 August 2019: John Schwarz (author), Donna Mae Flynn, Fulton Flynn, and Ellen Flynn.





From the desk of the Executive Director
John K. Schwarz

In this edition of the Blue Bonnet you will find information and registration materials regarding our Association's forthcoming 'Day of Remembrance' (DOR) gathering in Houston, TX, March 6 – 7, 2020. We hope to see everyone there as we once again honor the crews of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) & HMAS *Perth* (D-29). This year we are looking forward to two special people joining us from way “down under,” as well as everyone else who so unselfishly contributes to the conduct of this two-day gathering.

“Wreaths Across America”—America's annual tradition to “remember-honor-teach” through volunteer placement of wreaths on the graves of our U.S. war veterans in veteran cemeteries throughout the country—will occur this year on **Saturday, December 14th**. This event is held in most, if not all, of the states in America. Our Association encourages you to participate by searching a locality close to you at www.wreathsassamerica.org. At the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, for example, our group, calling itself “Team Houston,” will attend to as many of the USS *Houston* CA-30 gravesites as possible. Should any of you, within access to the Washington, DC area, wish to participate, please contact me through any of the communication means listed on page 1 of the Blue Bonnet. Also, “Wreaths Across America” accepts donations to help defray the cost of wreaths (\$15.00 per wreath).

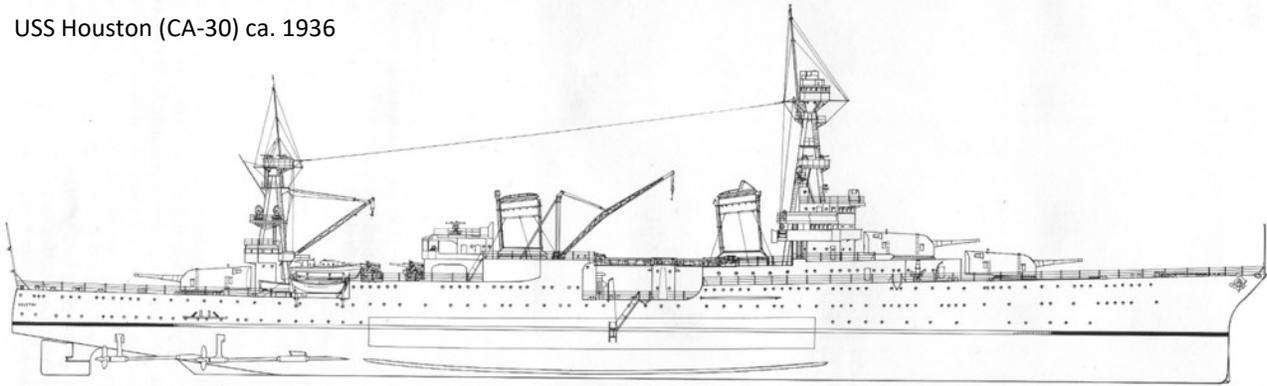
Your entire Board is actively working out all of the details necessary for implementation of the 2020 DOR. Anyone willing to volunteer for any assignment(s) during the “Day of Remembrance,” please let any Board member know as soon as possible.

At this year's gathering we will have available all remaining USS *Houston* (CA-30) merchandise, which continues to be on sale, as we proceed to sell out all current inventory in preparation for whatever is determined to be made available going forward. See the merchandise page in this edition (page 13) if you'd like to order items for holiday gifts or, if you'd like anything specific set aside to ensure you can purchase it in March. For either, please contact me. Our merchandise makes for truly memorable gifts during the holidays—which will be here soon!

Wishing all of you well,

John

USS Houston (CA-30) ca. 1936



(Drawing by A. D. Baker III, from Friedman, US Cruisers: An Illustrated Design History. NIP 1984)

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE FINAL UPGRADES TO USS *HOUSTON*

By Donald Kehn, Jr.,

Historian, USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors' Association & Next Generations®

This was a task long known to be necessary, but one delayed for years due to the budget. In the late Nineteen-thirties, with the approach of war in Europe & increasing tensions in the Pacific, the U.S. Navy finally began attempting to upgrade secondary and tertiary armaments of their combat warships within the restrictions of the Great Depression and the traditional fiscal conservatism of the Navy. For this brief article I am going to compile a general timeline, showing as many of the decisions involved in the upgrades to USS *Houston* (CA-30) as my own research has uncovered so far. It is *not* intended to be definitive, but will (I hope) give more useful information on the subject than has been revealed previously in any single source.

As basic background to this topic, we will note that USS *Houston* (CA-30)--like all of the *Northampton*-class cruisers--was built with a secondary armament of four (4) 5"/25cal dual-purpose Anti-aircraft (AA) guns, and tertiary battery of eight (8) .50 caliber machine-guns. The 5" battery was sited on the upper deck, and the .50 Caliber machine-guns (4 guns each) on the foremast and mainmast. This basic arrangement was unaltered for most of the ship's first decade.



Although the Navy had been contemplating upgrades to the secondary batteries of the cruiser force since 1933, the funds were simply not available before 1938. The earliest official documents pertaining to CA-30's final 5" battery augmentation appear in the spring of 1939. On May 29, 1939 a message from OPNAV (this was Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Wm. Leahy) to CINCUS (Commander-in-Chief US Navy, ADM Claude Bloch) stating that CA-30's scheduled overhaul at Mare Island—set for July to October, '39—had been changed to Puget Sound Navy Yard. On June 2, 1939 CINCUS informed OPNAV that four extra 5" guns & mounts, plus two new AA directors & mounts [these were the revamped MK19 directors] were then at Mare Island. At that time he explained that electrical plans for AA Board Main Battery were in the process of being developed, and "...considerable changes may be expected."

But, it was not until June 17, 1939 that Assistant CNO, RADM Robert Ghormley (also Director of WPL [War Plans] Div.), approved these changes to the 5" battery, including additional storage needed for the extra 5" shell allotment. He wrote recommending a fuel oil tank of some 6,298 gallons be converted "to provide space needed." It was believed that any loss of range was negligible compared to the value of additional firepower.

However, at this time *Houston's* status as FDR's favorite ship came into play once again. The cruiser's overhaul and refit schedule (set for July 24, 1939 to Oct. 20, 1939) was delayed, although in the end they did not take Roosevelt on what would have been his fifth cruise on the ship. It was then noted in August, 1939 that the Navy Yard at Puget Sound was awaiting plans and material for the upgrades. These were still on the other side of the country in New York. Meanwhile, CNO informed the newly-appointed SECNAV (Charles Edison) on August 5, 1939 that funding for these improvements had increased from 250,000 to 450,000 dollars. War in Europe was just around the corner at that point.

Finally, in the fall of 1939 *Houston* went into Puget Sound Navy Yard for her 'routine overhaul' and the first preliminary alterations were made to her secondary battery. She then went out to Pearl Harbor (and Lahaina Roads) as part of the so-called '*Hawaiian Detachment*' cruiser scouting force.



CA-30 departing Lahaina Roads for the States, believed spring/summer 1940. She has both of her new MK19 AA directors fore (1) & aft (2), but has not yet received her 1.1" quad pom-poms.

USS Houston (CA-30) Photo —the author via Otto C. Schwarz Collection

On November 28, 1939 CAPT Jesse B. Oldendorf of CA-30 informed the new CNO, ADM Harold "Betty" Stark, that structural test-firings for the new additions (of four more 5"/25cal guns) had taken place off Hawaii. These firings occurred on Oct. 25, 1939 and they revealed no evidence of weakness or "*noticeable strain to ship's structure.*" The newly installed guns were sited port & starboard on the 'flight deck' (or hangar deck) atop the cruiser's aircraft hangars. The new MK19 AA directors were emplaced forward atop the Pilot House and aft atop the Secondary Conn & Aft Spotting stations.

It soon became evident to CAPT Oldendorf that the aft AA director was badly sited--with its low, limited view and proximity to the aft funnel--and a board investigating the issue was convened on *Houston* in March 1940. But the pre-war navy bureaucracy moved with glacial slowness, and no alterations were made to improve the position of the aft AA director before CA-30 went back out to the Philippines as the U.S. Asiatic Fleet flagship.

At Mare Island in 1940 before her final assignment to the Far East, *Houston* also received the first of her four 1.1" quad 'pom-pom' batteries. The 1.1" mounts and their splinter shields plus those for the augmented 5" battery were part of ADM Ernest King's program to improve AA capabilities on American warships, largely inspired by British experiences in the European war. There were four gun tubs installed for these weapons, but delays in production and teething problems kept the ship from receiving the other three until after she reached the Philippines. Hers was not a unique problem, however, and like other USN ships awaiting the quad 1.1" guns, they were given 3"/50cal single guns as an interim measure. Neither the 3"/50cal long-barreled guns nor the 1.1" 'pom-poms' mounted on CA-30 ever had their own dedicated directors. Later, a junior officer from *Houston*, ENS Alva F. Nethken, would design homemade jigs to prevent the 1.1" quads from firing into the ship on extreme bearings.

One of the extra 1.1" quads which went to the Philippines for CA-30 actually ended up deployed as an AA mount on the besieged island of Corregidor. It is shown below in a photo from a wartime Japanese propaganda pamphlet.



PHOTO - (NH #73589 Naval History & Heritage Command.)

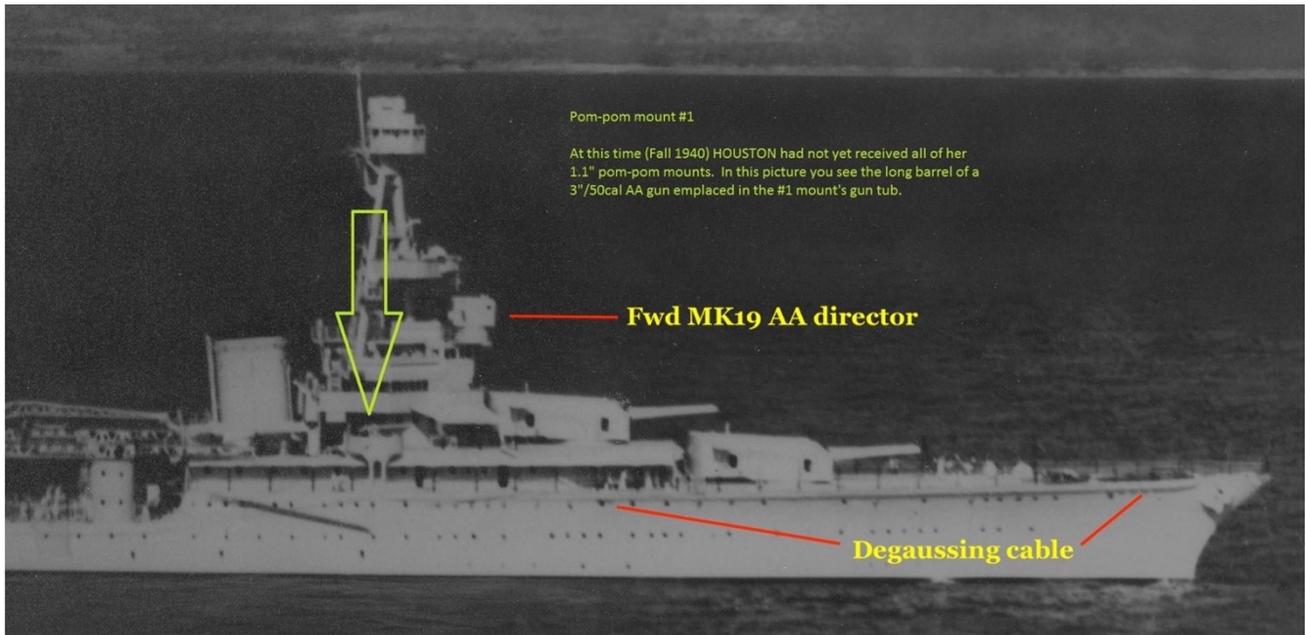


PHOTO - Houston photo--Otto C. Schwarz collection

Houston also received her degaussing cable for defense against magnetic mines at this time. She did not have it during her time with the *'Hawaiian Detachment'*. During the long journey from Mare Island and Long Beach to Navy Yard Cavite in Manila Bay, *Houston* conducted full-power runs, and tested her .50cal machine-guns, 1.1" battery and her 3"/.50 caliber guns.

After replacing her sister cruiser, USS *Augusta* (CA-31), as ADM Thomas Hart's Asiatic Fleet flagship in late November 1940, *Houston* then received her other three 1.1" mounts. She was to get four new, more powerful searchlights as well, but the speed with which events overtook the Asiatic Fleet negated those upgrades. The new searchlights were literally left on the dock when she sailed out of Manila Bay at the end of November 1941 for Iloilo on the island of Panay. There is anecdotal evidence--more or less plausible--that CA-30 was also prepped for radar installation, but these upgrades, too, were never augmented due to the war's sudden outbreak. Because of her early deployment to the Far East, *Houston* did not receive radar in time for war.



PHOTO – (Photo by Ron Beard, courtesy his widow, via John Bradford.)

This rare late shot of CA-30 at Darwin, Australia in mid-February 1942 shows almost all of her final upgrades: degaussing cable, 1.1" gun tubs, hangar deck 5" guns, and new MK19 AA directors fore & aft.

Sources: *Samuel Milner Papers at UH Special Collections Library*; Norman Friedman, *US Cruisers, An Illustrated Design History* (NIP, 1984); NHHC photo collection.

NUMBER 31 HONORED AT TOKYO'S YUSHUKAN MUSEUM

According to an article in [Japan Forward](#), a ceremony was held on July 31, 2019 at the Yushukan Museum within the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the dedication at the museum of steam locomotive Number 31 which the Japanese used during the WWII construction of the Burma-Thailand Railway. Number 31 was one of a fleet of 90 C56 model steam locomotives the Japanese used while they forced some 61,000 allied prisoners of war and 200,000 Asian laborers to construct the infamous railway.

After Number 31 was delivered to the shrine in 1979, members of a “war buddies association (the *Senyukai*) would gather around Engine Number 31—every year up until 2003—to hold a memorial service for the deceased members of the Imperial Japanese Army’s 9th Regiment of the railway force.

To read the full article go to:

<https://japan-forward.com/taimen-railways-engine-no-31-conveys-the-tragedy-and-futility-of-war-at-yasukuni-shrine/>

— Dana Charles



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Notes on news received via email at contact@usshouston.org and via regular mail...

- 4/6/2019: Received the following email from **NG Mary Chambliss Fort**: "This picture of the *Houston* (above) was painted by Win Conger. She was a long time former resident of Crawfordville, FL. I am trying to find out what her connection to the *Houston* was. I think she was of Dutch descent; her maiden name might have been Hansen. Any one know her? Thank you! Mary Chambliss Fort, Daughter of J. C. Chambliss, USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor."



- 8/3/2019: Received the following email response to Ms. Fort's Blue Bonnet inquiry from **NG Bill Albers**: "**Win Conger** (who painted the USS *Houston* CA-30 portrait) was Aaron Milo Albers' sister-in-law. **Aaron Milo Albers, S1/c** was married to Louisa and Win is her younger sister. This is the actual original painting that hangs in my living room. My mother Louisa had her paint a second picture that was sent to the Houston Library. These paintings were done after my father's death. He never saw them." [Editor's note: Many thanks to Bill Albers for letting us know "the rest of the story."]

- 8/3/2019: Received the following email from **Don Kehn, Jr.**, Historian of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors' Association and Next Generations®: "Got the new (August, 2019) *Blue Bonnet* yesterday. I thought I'd point out that **Alvin Metzger** of CA-30 was a MM2/c (Machinist Mate), not a Signal Man (SM), and that **Lester Bailey** was a Seaman Second Class (S2/c); not a Signal Man (SM) either." Don also mentioned that he gave a talk at the Houston Maritime Museum on July 24, 2019 entitled: "None Better: My 25 years of friendship with the men of USS *Houston*."



Don Kehn, Jr.

- 10/24/2019: Received an inquiry from a professor at a college in Florida requesting any information our Association might have regarding a sailor who was a USS *Houston* (CA-30) crewman from April, 1939 to May, 1941.
- 10/24/2019: I responded to the professor with the following email message: "I'm sorry, but I can't offer you any help. Our records basically contain information about the USS *Houston* (CA-30) crewmen who were survivors of her last battle (Sunda Strait, 1 March 1942) and 42 months of POW captivity..."



UPDATE: USS *Houston's* BELL CLAPPER

By John K. Schwarz

In my “From the Desk of the Executive Director” column in the August, 2019 Blue Bonnet, I mentioned the USS *Houston's* bell clapper which Bryan Lethcoe, on behalf of the Naval Order of the United States-Texas Commandery (TCNOUS), has gifted to our Association. Both organizations have agreed that the appropriate follow-up action should be to present this naval artifact to the U.S. Navy History & Heritage Command (NHHC), and its director, Rear Admiral Samuel Cox, USN (retired). Located in Washington, D.C., NHHC is where the original USS *Houston* CA-30 ship model is on display.



Admiral Cox asked us to ship the clapper to the Navy's “Collection Management Facility” (CMF), located in Richmond, VA, which we did. Once the clapper was shipped to the CMF, it received an initial assessment of its condition, and its authenticity. It was deemed authentic and in need of treatment to remove corrosive segments. Following that treatment, the CMF will decide whether it can be readied for display. This process is similar to what the trumpet is currently undergoing.

Holding the USS *Houston's* Bell Clapper: (Left to Right): Howard Hill, son of CAPT Cal Dean Hill, USNR (ret.), who was a member of the USS Houston Memorial Committee and a TCNOUS Commander. CAPT Hill passed away in 2017. The clapper was found in his personal effects, and his son reached out to TCNOUS; CDR Bob Frazier, SC, USN (ret.), TCNOUS Secretary/Recorder.

This facility houses literally thousands upon thousands of U.S. Naval artifacts of all sizes and shapes, each having some significance with regard to the history of our Navy. For our artifacts to be treated with the priority which they have been treated is an example of how meaningful the men of the USS *Houston* CA-30 continue to be, particularly in the eyes of the NHHC at the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard. For that we are grateful and we thank them.

Our Association's goal remains the same: we would like to see the clapper and the trumpet encased and added to the USS *Houston* CA-30 collection, preferably there in Washington, D.C., in the National Museum of the U.S. Navy, alongside the permanent display of the original shipbuilder's model of the USS *Houston* (CA-30).

We will continue to provide updates as they become available.



MEMORIAL DISPLAY HONORING CAPT ROOKS REFURBISHED



Luke Christensen with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials. (Photo: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

As reported at the [Union-Bulletin](#) website, a newly refurbished memorial display honoring Captain Albert H. Rooks, USN, the last commanding officer of USS *Houston* (CA-30), was dedicated on September 21, 2019 at Rooks Park—a park in Walla Walla, Washington named for Captain Rooks.

Luke Christensen of Scout BSA Troop 393 spent 2-1/2 months planning and working on the project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Pete Ober of the Walla Walla District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers worked with Luke to complete the new display, which consists of rock elements, landscaping, and an information panel, containing photos and a history of Captain Rooks' WWII service.

To read more about the newly refurbished display, go to:

https://www.union-bulletin.com/local_columnists/etcetera/scout-s-eagle-project-refurbishes-rooks-park-monument/article_c0cb89ee-e39f-11e9-9573-a7dff2835111.html?fbclid=IwAR3QiOlav3rNjKj_UYArDDmBUQSev1slIrof_xOWGyGNheFaE-E5fMzYxzM

You Shop, Amazon Gives

By Pam Crispi Moura, Treasurer

Many of us already shop online at [Amazon.com](#). Did you know that Amazon has a program to donate a portion of your purchase price to the USS Houston CA-30 Survivors' Association and Next Generations®? There is no additional cost to you or to the association and the proceeds help to perpetuate the memory of our ship and the sacrifices made by her crew. Visit our website: www.usshouston.org and click on the AmazonSmile link or go to the website shown below. This is a win-win situation for all of us.

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(L to R): Association Executive Director John K. Schwarz; Michael "The Cowboy" Stevenson; Cyndee Stevenson.

"The Cowboy" Receives Special USS Houston Photo

By John K. Schwarz

September offered an opportunity for a visit to the Washington, DC area by Michael "the Cowboy" Stevenson—a true friend of our Association who not only highly regards what it represents, but he also utilizes the story of the ship in his life's work. Michael has published the story of the USS *Houston* CA-30 in the newsletter of the National Drag School Youth Projects, INC. of Lewisberry, PA, an organization with which he works—an organization that seeks to rehabilitate youth who have been involved in serious motor vehicle accidents with the goal of guiding these young people to living and driving the right way moving forward. Michael uses WWII war heroes as examples of bravery and of doing the correct things in life under duress. The men of the USS *Houston* CA-30 are often used as examples of bravery, endurance and life survival—things he stresses to these young adults.

Michael is also involved in the 'High School Heroes' book project which chronicles and honors some 92 young men from his former high school—Thomas A. DeVilbiss High School of Toledo, OH. All of these men served their country in WWII and paid the ultimate sacrifice during their service to America.

If you attended the "Day of Remembrance" gathering in Houston, TX in March, 2019 you might recall that many of us "next generations" signed the border of what would become a framed photograph of the USS *Houston* CA-30 which was to be presented to "the Cowboy." He requested this and was very appreciative that we accommodated his request. During his September visit to Washington, D.C., I was able to offer him the framed photo. He was very touched by this gesture. He and his happy wife, Cyndee, were photographed as we dined at Mr. Peter Bota's Metro 29 Diner in Arlington, VA the day prior to our visit to Arlington National Cemetery (See the photo above).

We visited the cemetery on September 24th—a beautiful day. Michael, his wife, and I first paid tribute to the USS *Houston* CA-30 and HMAS *Perth* D-29 at the marker that honors the two ships, followed by a visit to the gravesite of the Association's founders, Otto and Trudy Schwarz, who are buried just a few feet away from the marker. We then located several gravesites of the men from DeVilbiss H.S. who are included in Michael's book project. Each of those gravesites provided an emotional moment for Michael.

Michael is a true American Patriot and it was with great pleasure that I presented the autographed picture on behalf of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors' Association and Next Generations®, and visited the cemetery with him and Cyndee.

Now Hear This...

'SHIP'S STORE' SALE

All USS *Houston* (CA-30) Merchandise Still On Sale!

Below is a list of what is left and available.

Message johnk.schwarz@yahoo.com if you desire to place an order.

- Monument pins – 5 (\$2.50 ea.)
- Bell pins – 6 (\$2.50 ea.)
- Silver and gold trimmed blue ship pins – (2 for \$5.00, or \$3.00 ea.)
- Challenge coins – (\$9.00 ea.)
- USS *Houston* (CA-30) Galloping Ghost stickers (equivalent to a bumper sticker, 2 for \$1.00)
- Graphic ship drawings (\$1.00 ea.)
- 3 ship photos left of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) underway off San Diego (\$3.00 ea.)
- 12 Hats left – (\$13.00 ea.)
- Women's Polos – 4 small; 1 medium; 2 XL left: (\$20.00 ea.)
- Men's Polos – 5 large; 1 X-Large; 1- 2XL; 1-XXL left: (\$22.00 ea.)
- T-Shirts – 4- 2XL left: (\$9.00 ea.)
- One Navy Blue woman's XS embroidered jacket- special: on sale for \$25.00 (plus shipping)
- One Navy Blue woman's LG embroidered jacket- \$40.00 (plus shipping)



Visit our website's 'Ship's Store' at www.usshouston.org/shipsstore.html and see all of the USS *Houston* CA-30 items at their discounted prices!

Order Now while these supplies are still available!

REPORT FROM JAKARTA

By
CDR GREG R. ADAMS, USN



I am happy to report that protection of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) continues to feature prominently in many of our discussions with Government of Indonesia (GOI) officials and during visits by senior U.S. Government (USG) and military leaders to Indonesia. Over the last several months we have made steady progress in our cooperation with GOI related to the protection of *Houston*.

During a September 10, 2019 meeting led by Ambassador Donovan and Deputy Coordinating Minister for Maritime Sovereignty Affairs Purbaya Yudhi Sadewa, representatives from several Indonesian ministries and agencies agreed in principle to naming the site of the USS *Houston* an Indonesian Maritime Conservation Zone (MCZ). Following this breakthrough, we were called to a follow-up meeting on October 15 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the details of a future MCZ.

The result of the October 15 meeting was an exchange of diplomatic notes that laid out several areas of cooperation and opportunities to assist the Government of Banten in implementing the MCZ. Many of these items have to do with training and capacity-building of the local law enforcement charged with upholding the provisions of the MCZ, which we are already pursuing with several USG agencies. Other areas of assistance requested by GOI that need to be addressed prior to a MCZ designation are:

- Construction of a Battle of Sunda Strait Information Center to help raise awareness among the local population and tourists about the *Houston*, *Perth*, and World War II;
- Development of a “USS *Houston* Scholarship” specific for Banten students; and
- Exploring a sister-city partnership between the cities of Houston and Banten.

In October 2018 we moved into a new 10-storey embassy compound in Central Jakarta. On the second floor of the new building we were allocated prime real estate outside the Embassy’s cafeteria to create a visual display to help raise awareness about the *Houston* and the mission of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). This display has been very popular with both our embassy colleagues and for our U.S. and Indonesian visitors. I have attached pictures of a few of the visitors we’ve had to the WWII display, which have included: then U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Richardson, Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral “Lung” Aquilino, Congressman David Price, and Under Secretary Ted McKinney. Everyone who visits U.S. Embassy Jakarta and spends time in front of the WWII display, hears the story of *Houston* and the inspiring story of sacrifice and survival of her survivors, and offers their full support.

Lest we forget.

Very Respectfully,

Greg Adams
Commander, U.S. Navy
U.S. Naval Attaché Jakarta



CNO Admiral Richardson, 30 October 2018

(L-R): COL Gibson, AIRA; RADM Dipua, Aspam Kasa; CNO ADM Richardson; CDR Adams, ALSUNA; COL Sungatjantoro, IDN NATT; LtCOL Paik, MARA; CDR Gobert, ODC



COMPACFLT Admiral Aquilino, 01 July 2019

(L-R): CDR Adams, ALUSNA; VADM Taufiq, Head of Bakamla; Ambassador Donovan; ADM Aquilino, COMPACFLT



COMSEVENTHFLT Admiral Sawyer, 30 April 2019

(L-R): CMC Howat, C7F FLTMC; CDR Adams, ALUSNA; VADM Sawyer, COMSEVENTHFLT; COL Spaake, SDO/DATT; LT Floyd, C7F Aide; LCDR Hinkle, C7F EA



Congressional Delegation Price, 01 August 2019

(L-R): Mrs. Lisa Price, DPR Christina Aryani; Congressman Neal Dunn; Congressman John Rutherford; Congressman David Price; Congresswoman Susan Davis; DPR Verra Febyanthry; Ambassador Donovan



Maritime Dialogue, 10 September 2019

Standing (L-R): Ibu Maryani, MOFA; Pak Louhanapessy, MOFA; COL Hendrawan, HUBLUAL; CDR Adams, ALSUNA; Pak Brahmantya, DG KKP; MAJ Putu, Pushidros; COL Bambang, Polhukam. Kneeling (L-R): LTCOL Rupito, Sopsal; UNK; LTCOL Gita, 1st FLT



COMARFORPAC LTGEN Craparotta, 13 August 2019

(L-R): CMC Dominguez, MARFORPAC CMC; LTGEN Craparotta, COMARFORPAC; CDR Adams, ALUSNA; SgtMaj Kreamer, MARFORPAC SgtMaj



N. Sulawesi Dep. Governor, 09 May 2019

(L-R): Mr. Heckathorn, CEO Forever Oceans; Vice Governor Dr. Kandouw; CDR Adams, ALSUNA



Maritime Dialogue, 10 September 2019

(L-R): Deputy Minister Purbaya, Deputy Coordinating Minister Maritime Affairs; Ambassador Donovan



West Jakarta Governor, 18 September 2019

(L-R): Governor Kamil, West Java Governor; Ambassador Donovan



U/S Ted McKinney, 01 October 2019

(L-R): Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Ted McKinney; CDR Adams, ALUSNA



CDS 31 Commodore, 28 October 2019

(L-R): LCDR Eaves, PACFLT JAG; CDR Adams, ALUSNA; CDRE Baxter, CDS 31; LT Rojas, CDS 31; LCDR Uele, CDS 31



In Memoriam

Anne Theresa DuHaime



Date of Death: July 22, 2019

Widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivor Arthur DuHaime

Betty Batchelor Miles



October 14, 1940 – August 5, 2019

Sister of USS *Houston* (CA-30) crewman William Batchelor

In Memoriam

Lee Robinson



Date of Death: October 5, 2019

Widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivor Marvin Robinson, USMC

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Our "USS *Houston* family" continues to grow weekly as more and more folks want to know about the gallant crew of USS *Houston* CA-30. If you have relatives and friends who have not yet joined our Association, please encourage them to join us! Members do not have yearly dues. However we do operate based on the generosity of our membership. All donations are gratefully accepted. For more information and a membership form, click on: <http://www.usshouston.org/memberform.pdf>, fill out the form and send it in!

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to everyone who has recently joined our USS Houston (CA-30) Survivors' Association and Next Generations®!



Association Website:
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Thank you...!

...on behalf of the Association to those who have made donations, as follows:

Donations July 15—November 12, 2019

In memory of Trudy Schwarz
Donna Mae Flynn

Other Donations
Dana Charles
Bernice Harapat
Sue Kreutzer

Amazon Smile Donations Received - \$110.83 YTD



Financial Report

by Pam Moura, Treasurer

January 1 – November 12, 2019

General Fund

Beginning Balance:	\$20,159.27
Receipts:	+12,287.54
Expenses:	<u>-8,143.19</u>
Ending Balance:	\$24,303.62



Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance:	\$20,038.19
Receipts:	+2,601.82
Expenses:	<u>-0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$22,640.01



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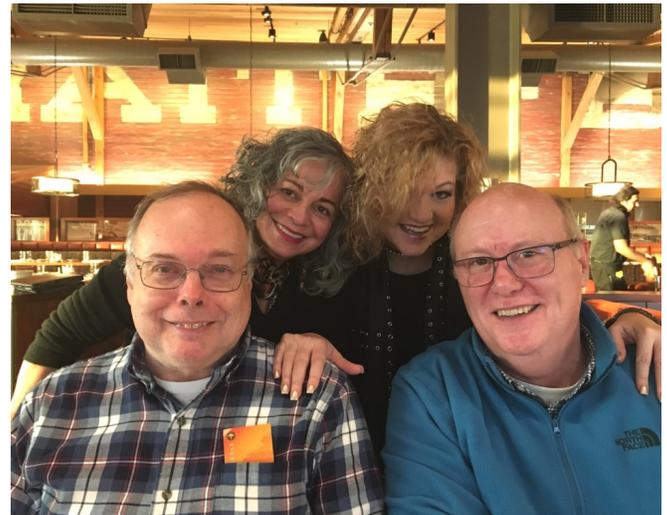
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30 October 2019 in Seattle, WA: Enjoying an informal dinner with RADM Samuel Cox, USN (Ret.), Curator of the Navy and Director of the History and Heritage Command, who was visiting the Seattle area: (L to R:) RADM Cox; Bernice Harapat, association secretary; Kim Roller, Honorary Survivor: USS *Indianapolis* Survivors; Dana Charles, association vice president.

USS HOUSTON (CA-30) SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION
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Day of Remembrance 2020

78th Anniversary of the loss of
USS *Houston* (CA-30)

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Houston by the Galleria
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX, 77056
(713) 961-9000

Tentative Schedule of Events March 6-7, 2020

FRIDAY (March 6)

- Houston City Hall—USS *Houston* (CA-30) scale model and its display case
Speaker: To be announced.

A Bus will leave from the hotel at 1:15 p.m. to take guests to the Houston City Hall.

Registration/Hospitality 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality

Dinner 6:30 p.m. Hotel

- Executive Director's Year-end Report—Special Video Presentation
- Keynote Speaker: Dana Charles, Presentation: "The POW Years."

SATURDAY (March 7)

Breakfast 9:00 – 11 a.m. Hotel

- Speaker: Don Kehn, Jr., Presentation: "None Better: My 25 years of Friendship with the Men of USS *Houston*—a Reminiscence."

Busses will depart from the DoubleTree promptly at 12:30 p.m. for the Memorial Service. Please be aboard by 12:15 p.m.

2020 Memorial Service 1:30 p.m. Sam Houston Park
(26th Anniversary Service)

Dinner 7:00 p.m. Hotel



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For hotel reservations, please [click here](#)

DEADLINE – MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 26, 2020

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LIST THE NAME OF EACH PERSON INCLUDED IN THIS REGISTRATION (Use the back of this form if necessary)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of crew member you are honoring and relationship (or state you are a friend). Please include branch of service: _____

Anticipated date and time of arrival: _____

Friday Dinner - 6:30 PM

Pan Roasted Salmon # _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Boursin Chicken # _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast – 9:00 AM # _____ X \$33.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner – 7:00 PM

Baked Tilapia # _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Beef Lasagna # _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Registration # _____ X \$40 per person = \$ _____

Late Registration # _____ X \$15 per person = \$ _____

(Received after February 26, 2020)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please include a check for the total cost made payable to: USS Houston-Next Generations (your check is your receipt). Payment is non-refundable.

Mail registration to: Pam Moura, 2065 Sutter View Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648