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By Otto and Trudy Schwarz

## USS Houston (CA-30) Crewmen Honored at the Day of Remembrance 2020 in Houston



Photo by Dana Charles

On 7 March 2020: Flanked by Sea Cadets, Eunell Weissinger, widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor William Weissinger; Donna Mae Flynn, widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor David C. Flynn; Teresa Reilly, widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor John Reilly; and Michael Reilly, son of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor John Reilly prepare to lay a wreath at the base of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Monument during the 2020 annual USS *Houston* (CA-30) Memorial Service in Houston, Texas.

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## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2020

By Dana Charles

Association members gathered together at the Legacy Room in Houston's City Hall on Friday afternoon, 6 March 2020 for the opening of the 2020 "Day of Remembrance" and the official installation of the scale model of USS *Houston* (CA-30) built by Robert Kerr McCandliss and its

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new wooden and glass display case designed and built by Michael Aufiero. Serving as MC, the Association's Executive Director John Schwarz introduced the City's Director of Veterans Affairs, Steven Hall, PhD (USAF, Ret.) who welcomed our group to City Hall. RADM Samuel Cox, (USN, Ret.), Director of the U.S. Navy's History and Heritage Command and Curator of the Navy, served as a speaker. Two HMAS *Perth*-related guests from Australia, Dawn Manning, daughter of HMAS *Perth* (D-29) survivor David Manning; and Pete Johnston, HMAS *Perth* Association, also spoke.



**Donna Mae Flynn, widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivor David Flynn (Left), and Teresa Reilly, widow of USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivor John Reilly (Right), watch as Joshua Ellis, QM1, USN and Moses N. Gotho, NC2, USN pull off a cover and unveil the USS *Houston* (CA-30) scale model, built by the late Robert K. McCandliss and its new case designed and built by Michael Aufiero, during the Installation Ceremony at the City of Houston's Legacy Room at City Hall on 6 March 2020.**

Two active duty U.S. Navy sailors: Joshua Ellis, QM1, USN and Moses N. Gotho, NC2, USN unveiled the model as Donna Mae Flynn, widow of CA-30 survivor David C. Flynn and Teresa Reilly, widow of CA-30 survivor John Reilly looked on. The model is on display next to a video screen which presents the story of USS *Houston* (CA-30) and her crew on a continuous loop, featuring segments of an interview with the late CA-30 survivor Howard Brooks.



**At City Hall on 6 March 2020 (L to R): Joshua Ellis, QM1, USN; Dawn Manning, Moses N. Gotho, NC2, USN; Pete Johnston; Carlos Prothow, MA3, USN.**

At the Friday night dinner, John Schwarz reviewed the past year's association activities and Dana Charles presented a Power Point show: "USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors—the POW Years" which featured the POW experiences of three survivors: Otto C. Schwarz, Navy (John Schwarz's father); H. Robert Charles, Marine (Dana's father); and Paul Papish, Navy (Sue Kreutzer's father). Following the presentation, attendees shared wartime and postwar experiences of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor to whom they were related. The discussion was very interesting.



**(Left): During the Saturday morning breakfast at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Houston at the Galleria, our Association's Historian, Don Kehn, Jr. (left) presented a Power Point show: "None Better: My 25 years of Friendship with the Men of USS *Houston*—a Reminiscence," which featured many stories and photos of CA-30 survivors that Don has collected.**

Photos by Dana Charles



Under cloudy skies on Saturday afternoon, 7 March, the Association's Executive Director John K. Schwarz served as MC during the USS *Houston* (CA-30) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service. Rev. Gilbert Raynor, MM2, SS, USN (Ret.) presented the Invocation and Benediction. U.S. Naval Sea Cadets of the Houston Division paraded the colors, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and assisted in the ceremonial wreath laying portion of the service. Wayne T. Thompson, CWO4, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.) provided the Boatswain's Call. The Association's Vice President Dana Charles recognized CA-30 survivor's widows and guests attending the service,



**U.S. Naval Sea Cadets present the colors as Matt Rejmaniak, cousin of CA-30 crewman Edwin Dombrowski, leads the singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by the Community Band of Southeast Texas during the 7 March 2020 Annual Memorial Service in Houston, TX.**

and Greg Travis, Council Member, District G, the City of Houston welcomed attendees to the City of Houston. The Community Band of Southeast Texas provided some beautiful music.

Guest speakers included: Commodore Mathew Hudson, Royal Australian Navy, Naval Attaché, Embassy of Australia, Washington, D.C. Also representing Australia at the service were The Honorable Peter McGauran, Consul-General and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Houston; and Nana Booker, AM, Honorary Consul Emeritus of Australia. Speaking as a Representative of the United Kingdom was Commander Jim Morley, Royal Navy, Assistant Naval Attaché, British Embassy, Washington, D.C. The Netherlands was represented by Jos Wellnik, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; and Captain (N) Hugo L. J. Ammerlaan, Netherlands Naval and Assistant Defence Attaché, USA. The United States was represented by Rear Admiral Samuel Cox, USN (Ret.) Director, Naval History and Heritage Command, and Curator of the Navy; and Master Gunnery Sergeant Steve Cutrer, U.S. Marine Corps, and grandson of William Weissinger, Navy Survivor, USS *Houston* (CA-30).

Dana Charles then recited the lyrics to the "Navy Hymn" while the music of the song was performed by the Community Band of Southeast Texas under the direction of Kara Phillips. Commander Jim Sterling, USN (Retired) rang Eight Bells (End of Watch) on a ceremonial ship's bell provided by the sea cadets. The Marine Corps League, McLemore Detachment provided the Rifle Salute, and the Community Band of Southeast Texas played Taps. Wes Landry, baritone of the Houston Grand Opera Company, and Mark Buller, composer and digital piano accompanist, performed the beautiful song "I am a Soldier." Singer Matt Rejmaniak sang the National Anthem and "God Bless America" during the service.

"Day of Remembrance 2020" and Memorial Service attendees included: Marvin and Richard Bain; Teresa and Michael Reilly; Donna Mae and Dennis Flynn; Shawn Flynn and his daughter Laura Flynn; Joe and Melisse Kollmyer; RADM Sam Cox, USN (Ret.); Dana Charles; John K. Schwarz; Pam Moura; Bernice Harapat; Don Kehn, Jr.; Matt Rejmaniak; Nancy Hamilton; Scott Ingram; Tim and Jo Klenk, Commodore Mathew Hudson, RAN; Elaine Robinson; Eunell Weissinger, William "Alex" Weissinger, Sue Kreutzer, and Dawn Manning.



# 2020 Day of Remembrance Snapshots



Photos by Dana Charles



Photo by Dennis Flynn





Steven L. Hall, PhD (USAF, Ret.), Director of Veterans Affairs, Mayor's Office, City of Houston welcomes the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors' Association and Next Generations® to the Legacy Room at Houston's City Hall during the USS *Houston* (CA-30) model installation ceremony on 6 March 2020. (Photo by Dana Charles)



## 2020 USS HOUSTON (CA-30) ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE



Photos by:  
Gil Raynor, Dennis Flynn and  
Dana Charles



## FRIENDS FROM DOWN-UNDER VISIT THE D.C. AREA

By John Keith Schwarz

After attending the 7 March 2020 USS *Houston* (CA-30)/HMAS *Perth* (D-29) “Day of Remembrance” in Houston, TX, our two visiting Australian friends, Dawn Manning, daughter of HMAS *Perth* Survivor David Manning, and Pete Johnston of the HMAS *Perth* Association accompanied by Lieutenant Commander Warren Bowring, RAN, of the Office of the Naval Attaché at the Embassy of Australia, his lovely wife, and I paid a visit to the Washington Navy Yard and the Arlington National Cemetery.

We received a wonderful tour of the National Museum of the U.S. Navy at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, arranged by RADM Sam Cox, USN (Ret.), Director of the History & Heritage Command and Curator of the U.S. Navy, and hosted by Museum Director Mr. Mark Webber, and tour guided by Mr. Thomas Frezza. The museum is looking as wonderful as ever with many new exhibits. Yet the highlight, of course, was the original 14-ft. Boucher ship builder’s model of USS *Houston* (CA-30).



At the *Houston/Perth* marker at Arlington on 9 March 2020: (L to R): John Schwarz; Pete Johnston; Dawn Manning; CDR Warren Bowring, RAN



At the 1994 marker dedication (L to R): Otto Schwarz, Howard Brooks, Arthur DuHaime, Paul Papish, Joe Gans, unknown, David Manning.

Following the museum visit we were escorted to the Archeological Branch to see the old USS *Houston* (CA-30) trumpet which was found near the wreck of the *Houston* about 5 years ago and has been undergoing treatment in a special recovery solution ever since. After undergoing this treatment, the trumpet is looking about as good as could be expected. We were informed that her full treatment was nearing completion—a very encouraging bit of news.

Our next stop was the Arlington National Cemetery where we paid tribute to the graves of Otto and Trudy Schwarz and placed flags of Australia and the U.S. at the USS *Houston* (CA-30)/HMAS *Perth* (D-29) marker on McClellan Drive. It was a moving moment,

especially because Dawn’s father and my father were among the *Houston* and *Perth* survivors present at the dedication of the marker back on 5 March 1994. The day was concluded with a walk up the hill to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to observe a changing of the guard and the wreath laying ceremonies.

In a recent email, Dawn Manning wrote: “Thank you individually and corporately for making my journey so personally memorable and meaningful. To stand at Arlington National Cemetery at the *Perth/Houston* tree was a terrace (sic) moment for me to salute the story that has evolved from these ships and the legacy they leave. May we perpetuate it well.”

I am totally confident these were visits that both Dawn and Pete will never forget and we were happy and honored to help make them happen.



*From the desk of the Executive Director*  
**John K. Schwarz**

Otto and Trudy Schwarz and all of the participating USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivors left us “Next Generations” (NGs) with a cherished “gift,” if you will. That is, a credible, well-established, accomplished, well-known and recognized Association. They also left us NGs with a legacy and an ongoing important mission: To perpetuate the memory of USS *Houston* (CA-30) and her crew.

I am pleased to report that as of this date, our Association has developed two scholarship programs, with one making direct contribution to the development of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Officers; we have overseen the installation of two notable USS *Houston* (CA-30) scale models in two distinct and prestigious locations; we have continued to host a dignified, annual memorial service, and have continued to publish this newsletter, ***The Blue Bonnet***. Not bad for the sons, daughters, nieces/nephews, friends and associates of the brave crew of the CA-30.

So how have we been able to accomplish all of this? As I have often stated in our annual “year-end review”: “Given the right leadership, supported by a dedicated group of members, we can continue to ensure that the legacy of this ship and her men will never be forgotten or left out of the historical account of WWII.”

It is the entire group, not any individual(s), which has made these accomplishments possible. It is the entire group which has enabled the accomplishment of significant things that truly perpetuate the memory of the *Houston* and her crew. It is strength in MEMBERSHIP, and being able to count on those willing and able to lend support which ensures that we not only continue to find opportunities to perpetuate the memory of the *Houston* and her crew, but also have the ability to follow through on them. This is why we remain viable and flourishing after some 75 years since being founded.

Those truly interested, those who are willing to stand up and be counted, you are encouraged to fill out and send in your Association membership form (if you haven’t already) which is available at the “News Section” of our website: [www.usshouston.org](http://www.usshouston.org). (Scroll down to bottom of the “News” page). Join us as an Association member in continuing to fulfill our important mission.

Stay safe and well,

*John*



## Notes From Here & There



Colin Bancroft (at left), son of the late Arthur Bancroft, HMAS *Perth* survivor, speaking at the HMAS *Perth* (D-29) Memorial and Regatta at the Nedlands Yacht Club in Western Australia on 16 February 2020.

29 February 2020, Melbourne, Australia: Commemoration of the loss of HMAS *Perth* (D-29) and USS *Houston* (CA-30) at the Shrine of Remembrance.



HMAS *Perth* (D-29) memorial service in Brisbane, Australia.



Notes on news received via email at [contact@uss-houston.org](mailto:contact@uss-houston.org) and via regular mail...

- 2/5/2020: Wrote an email to **CAPT Stacey Prescott, USN**, welcoming her to her new assignment as Naval Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Received the following reply from **CAPT Prescott**: “Vice President Charles, Thank you so much for your warm welcome. I am truly honored to serve as the Naval Attaché to Indonesia and I very much look forward to continuing Greg’s work with your association. Greg passed a note of appreciation for me to share as he departed, and I have added a brief greeting/introduction as well as my biography (attached), which you are more than welcome to share with the broader association if you would like.... Executive Director Schwarz, President Kreutzer, Vice President Charles, and esteemed members of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors’ Association and Next Generations, I have succeeded **Commander Greg Adams** as Naval Attaché to Indonesia, and he has already departed U.S. Embassy Jakarta for his next assignment. Before he departed, Greg wanted to take the opportunity to express his gratitude to all who have supported our continuing endeavor to watch over USS *Houston*, so I would like to share his heart-felt sentiments below:———“It is with mixed emotions that I end my assignment in Jakarta. I am extremely grateful for the many lifelong friendships I’ve made and lessons learned, but with a heavy heart have to ‘heave around on the anchor’ and depart our beloved home over the last three years... One of the highest honors of the Naval Attaché to Indonesia is the task of standing watch over our Shipmates in Banten Bay. Above all things, I am most proud that the Association has entrusted me to continue the hard work and dedication of so many before to ensure that our brothers, fathers, sons, and uncles remain at rest and undisturbed, as they have for the last 77 years... I was most grateful during my tenure for the encouragement of the Association and by the unwavering support of countless U.S. Government and Military leaders that the work we are doing “matters”. I’d like to thank some of the very important people who have contributed to this effort: Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia **Joseph R. Donovan Jr.** carried the story of *Houston* with him in his hip pocket wherever he went in Indonesia. Any success we’ve had with the Government of Indonesia towards the protection of *Houston* is due in large part to Ambassador Donovan’s tireless effort and commitment. Thank you, Sir.... There are countless other members of the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta who have worked and will continue to work tirelessly to help raise awareness about the *Houston*: Heather Variava, Erin McKee, Rakesh Surampudi, Geneve Menscher, Lynda Hinds, Dilyara Austin, Lewis Grow, Karen Schinnerer, and Beney Lee... To our friends and partners at the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries: former Director General for Spatial Management Pak Brahmantya, Ibu Zainab Tahir, and from the local fisheries office in Banten Pak Suyitno and Ibu Risna — all staunch advocates for the protection of *Houston*.... Our comrades from the Indonesian Navy: Colonel Bambang Pramushinto at the Ministry of Politics, Law, and Security, Colonel Didiet Hendra Wijaya from TNI’s Office of International Cooperation, and my very good friend Lieutenant Colonel Yudi Ardian... To my brothers: Australian Naval Attachés Captain Matt Brown and his predecessor Captain Nick Hart, whose friendship and support made all the difference.... To my friends and Shipmates from the Defense Attaché Office and Office of Defense Cooperation in Jakarta: Defense Attaché Colonel Mike Spake, Deputy Defense Attaché Mr. Taylor Fincher, Marine Attaché Lieutenant Colonel Kate Paik, Army Attaches Major Dave Bell and Lieutenant Colonel Dan Hill, Commander Angela Edwards, Senior Chief Joe Samonte, Chief Petty Officer Gabe Obedoza, Ms. Dian Susrini, and Ms. Ami Lestari.... Last but certainly not least, I am forever grateful for the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command: **Admiral Sam Cox, Mr. Jay Thomas, Mr. Frank Thompson, and Ms. Pam Overmann**. You’re MY heroes! There are countless others at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Pacific Fleet, Seventh Fleet, Logistics Group Western Pacific, the Supervisor of Salvage and Diving and many others that have dedicated themselves to this effort — thanks to all... I am grateful to be a small part of the USS *Houston* story. Lest we forget, **Greg Adams**.——— “Greg, thank you for your tireless efforts over your tour and for improving the position from which I can continue to carry our efforts forward - I have the watch. Ladies and gentlemen, I am truly honored for the opportunity to serve as the Naval Attaché to Indonesia, and I look forward to continuing to work with each and every one of you on our common goal of ensuring the protection and memory of the USS *Houston*. Lest we forget. Very respectfully and best regards, Stacey.”





## REPORT FROM JAKARTA

By  
CAPT STACEY PRESCOTT, USN



I am happy to share that we had a successful Commemoration of the Battle of the Sunda Strait to include laying wreaths over USS *Houston* (CA-30) and HMAS *Perth* (D-29) [on] March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Banten Bay from onboard an Indonesian Navy Patrol Boat, KRI *Barakuda* (633).

It was a beautiful day, sunny and cool with a nice breeze – great weather to be on the water for a few hours. Acting Deputy Chief of Mission James Dayringer joined us at sea for the ceremony and delivered remarks to a crowd that included Australian Deputy Head of Mission Allister Cox; First Admiral Irvansyah, Deputy Assistant to Chief of Staff Indonesian Navy for Operations; First Admiral Didong Rio Duta, Commander Sea Combat Group for First Fleet; Staff from the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries from Jakarta and Banten Province; as well as many of the crew from KRI *Barakuda* and Naval Base Banten. (See group photo above).

KRI *Barakuda* got underway from Merak on the western side of Banten just after 9:30am and traveled northeast, first to the site of HMAS *Perth I* and then on to USS *Houston* (CA-30). The commemoration began with welcome remarks delivered by First Admiral Irvansyah and the playing of the Indonesian National Anthem. Australian Naval Attaché, Captain Matt Brown followed with an explanation of the Battles of Java Sea and Sunda Strait in Indonesian for the gathered audience. Following a brief address by Mr. Allister Cox, Reverend Alan Wood recited the Naval Prayer, which was followed by the laying of the wreath over HMAS *Perth I* by Mr. Cox, FADM Irvansyah, and FADM Didong. The ceremony over HMAS *Perth I* was concluded with the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

During the ceremony over the USS *Houston* (CA-30), Mr. Dayringer shared his honor at being able to take part in this special remembrance, and shared your Association's appreciation for Indonesia's cooperation towards protecting the final resting place of your loved ones and highlighted your donation of the commemorative pins as an expression of that appreciation.

Following Mr. Dayringer's remarks, Reverend Wood said a prayer over the site of the *Houston*, which was followed by the laying of a wreath by Mr. Dayringer, FADM Irvansyah, and FADM Didong. We then played the U.S. National Anthem, saluting those fallen, and were especially honored to have a bugler from the Pacific Air Forces Band, MSgt Patrick Brush in town for another event, to play Taps, which was followed by a minute of silence to end the ceremony.

We are extremely grateful to the Indonesian Navy for their assistance in getting to the sites onboard their ship. We are also very thankful for the senior leaders who joined us to render honors. The many Indonesian guests in the audience greatly appreciated the gift of the commemorative pin (most wore them throughout the ceremony) and expressed how honored they felt to be able to witness the ceremony and share in the remembrance of our fallen heroes.

Stacey Prescott  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
U.S. Naval Attaché Jakarta





Java sits in front of the famous flag flown over Mount Suribachi during the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima

## MEET “JAVA”

By Dana Charles

Nancy Hamilton, daughter of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor Lawrence Battles (USMC) and her husband Paul Hamilton recently sponsored a young rescue puppy they named “Java” for training at Semper K9—an organization which trains service dogs for disabled veterans. Donated by the Stafford County Animal Shelter, “Java”—a Shepherd mix—is named in honor of the crew of USS *Houston* (CA-30) and the soldiers of the 131st Field Artillery/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion/36th Infantry Division who participated in the allied attempt to defend Java from Japanese invasion in February-March, 1942. When trained, “Java” will be assigned to a combat veteran suffering such difficulties as Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Association President Sue Kreutzer, daughter of USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor Paul Papish (Navy), has donated her late father’s USS *Houston* (CA-30) survivor patch which Java will wear on her service dog halter once she is fully trained.

## USS HOUSTON (CA-30) SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION AND NEXT GENERATIONS®

The USS Houston CA-30 Survivors' Association & Next Generations® sponsors two scholarship programs:

### USS HOUSTON (CA-30) ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

This is an “internal program” in that it is administered by the Association’s Scholarship Committee. It is funded through the generosity of our group’s constituency and other associated donors and is targeted to be awarded annually given sufficient funding and applications from eligible candidates. The program’s window to apply extends from **June 1** through **November 1**. Candidates are then evaluated and a deserving applicant is awarded the scholarship based on a documented grading system. Funding comes through donations to our Association’s Treasurer, Pam Moura, 2065 Sutter View Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648. For any donations please annotate that it is for the scholarship program. You can also remember the USS *Houston* CA-30 scholarship fund in your will, estate planning or beneficiary designations. All donations are tax deductible. Since its inception in the year 2000, **16 scholarships** have been awarded totaling **\$37,250.00** dedicated to the further educational pursuits of winning candidates. For a complete listing of all scholarship winners and applications visit our Association’s website, <http://www.usshouston.org/scholarships.html> (scholarship page). Applications can also be obtained by making request to the Association’s Executive Director at the address for the Association listed on page one of this **Blue Bonnet** newsletter. Award amount for 2021 will be \$3,000.00. REMINDER: The Internal Scholarship application deadline—**November 1, 2020**—is rapidly approaching!

### USS HOUSTON (CA-30) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2008, and again due to the generosity of our group’s constituency and other associated donors, the Association made a one-time purchase for a permanent scholarship with the United States Naval Academy Foundation, Inc. This program, targeted for an every-other-year scholarship award, is named the **USS Houston CA-30 Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship affords the U.S. Naval Academy candidate a year of preparatory school education prior to entering the Academy. This contributes to an improved success rate for awardees. Since it was obtained we have had **eight** awardees which has already produced **six** Naval Officers with the remaining two designees progressing satisfactorily toward graduation. For a full listing of all U.S. Naval Academy scholarship winners please visit our Association’s website: <http://www.usshouston.org/scholarships.html> (scholarship page). What a tribute to the men of the USS *Houston* CA-30!

For both programs: a huge **Thank You** to all who contribute to these important scholarships in honor of USS *Houston* (CA-30) and her crewmen. —John K. Schwarz





## Meet our 2020 Scholarship Recipients

### USS Houston (CA-30) Annual Scholarship Recipient



### Richard Bankhead

The 2020 internal USS *Houston* CA-30 scholarship winner is **Richard Bankhead**. He is a grandson of USS *Houston* CA-30 shipmate Gene Crispi and nephew of the Association's Treasurer Pam Moura. Richard's award marks the 16th scholarship given due to the generosity of our donors and follows successful completion of all of the program's requirements. Richard plans on attending the University of Washington in Tacoma. He was highly inspired by the story of his grandfather: "I have always looked up to my grandfather and hope to instill the same courage he showed in my own son who was just born on 9 October 2019."

### U.S. Naval Academy Foundation USS Houston (CA-30) Memorial Scholarship Recipient



### Ariel Rico

The 2020 designee for this pre-Naval Academy preparatory school opportunity is **Ariel Rico**. Ariel hails from the Duncanville, TX area and attended the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM. This marks the eighth scholarship designee we have been granted since this scholarship was obtained back in 2008. Ariel plans on following the curriculum requirement to get a degree in Cyber Operations while attending the U.S. Naval Academy. Ariel said, "Thank you so much for your support as it means a lot to those of us navigating the prep school year to know that there is someone besides their family supporting them."

## You Shop, Amazon Gives

*By Pam Crispi Moura, Treasurer*

Many of us already shop online at [Amazon.com](https://www.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](https://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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## USS HOUSTON CA-30 EMBROIDERED JACKETS AND POLO SHIRTS

We will again be placing a **special order** for USS *Houston* CA-30 embroidered jackets and polo shirts based on pre-order from whomever would like to commit to the purchase of any of these items. Placing an order commits the customer to that order as it will be directly shipped to you from the manufacturer. Payment will be made through the Association's merchandise chairman, John K. Schwarz. Jackets plus delivery will be in the \$65.00 range; polo shirts: approximately \$40.00 (including shipping). You will only be charged for whatever the actual cost is depending on the shipping address.

Ordering is easy! Simply placing it through email ([johnk.schwarz@yahoo.com](mailto:johnk.schwarz@yahoo.com)), or by phone at (703-867-0142). For your order please indicate: Item(s), size, color, shipping address, email address and phone number contact information. Order deadline is **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



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Wind Jacket with Hidden Hood

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Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL



Navy/Red



Black/Grey



Red/Navy



USS Houston (CA-30) Logo



**LADIES STYLE: 215L**  
Four-Button, Open Sleeve

SIZES: S-XL

All colors except  
Purple and  
Charcoal



**MEN'S STYLE: 8111P**

Three-Button, Open Sleeve  
SIZES: S-3XL Available in all colors.





## Ladies' Two Tone Jacket

**XS - 4XL**

*Black/Grey*

*Navy/Red*

*Red/Navy*



**USS Houston (CA-30) Logo**

100% polyester shell

100% polyester mesh upper-body lining

100% polyester lower-body, front and sleeve lining

Snap-off hood, open collar

Locker loop

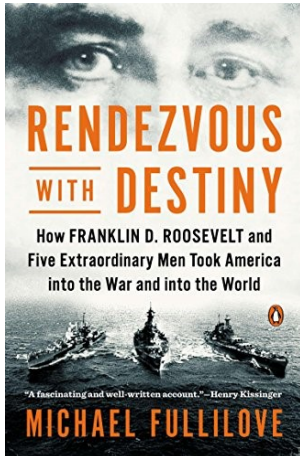
Front zippered pockets

Princess seams

Adjustable side buckles to enhance fit



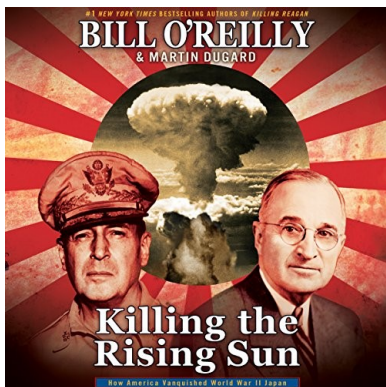
## BOOK REVIEWS



**Rendezvous with Destiny: How Franklin D. Roosevelt and Five Extraordinary Men Took America into the War and into the World**  
by Michael Fullilove

A wonderful account of events leading up to America's crucial decision to commence with assistance into WWII's European front and subsequent entrance officially into WWII after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Lots of Franklin Delano Roosevelt here and much in the way of irony regarding the differences of opinion within America about waging war. Great read; a worthy perspective that helps to understand what occurred then and even to some extent now with regard to the deployment of American military forces.

—John K. Schwarz



**Killing the Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan**  
by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard

So many great books are out there which dig into great detail about various important segments of WWII; most are well worth the read. This book gives an easy read, an 'over-arching' account as to how America responded and ultimately came back to win WWII in the Pacific theater. Wonderful year by year, month by month chronicle of how this was accomplished offering just enough detail to put the entire campaign into logical, comprehensible sequence leading right up to the decision to drop the atomic bomb. This book is simply a great read to get an overview of events culminating in the end of WWII in the Pacific.

—John K. Schwarz





Meet your...

### Board of Managers

...here to serve you!\*



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### Membership

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®!*



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

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## Financial Report

*by Pam Moura, Treasurer*

**FY 2020**

**January 1 – March 15, 2020**

### General Fund

**Beginning Balance:** **\$25,136.08**

Receipts: 5,821.70

Expenses: -1,221.42

**Ending Balance:** **\$29,736.36**

*(Note: DOR 2020 expenses will soon be deducted from this ending balance)*



### Scholarship Fund

**Beginning Balance:** **\$22,790.39**

Receipts: 2,150.32

Expenses: -3,000.00

**Ending Balance:** **\$21,940.71**



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Mr. Tom Gillette, son of RADM C. S. Gillette (who as a Captain was Manager of the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941), presenting two original 1940 matchbook covers from USS *Houston* (CA-30) to Don Kehn, Jr., the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors' Association and Next Generation's Historian, at the 2020 USS *Houston* (CA-30) Annual Memorial Service in Houston, TX on 7 March 2020.