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Survivors Bill Ingram and Howard Brooks present wreath to Sea Cadet to lay at the monument on behalf of all survivors in memory of the crew.

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Teresa Reilly, Eunell Weissinger, and Trudy Schwarz present wreath to lay at the monument on behalf of all spouses in memory of the crew.

## **USS *Houston* CA-30 2013 Memorial Service**

This year's service in Houston on March 16, 2013, was a beautiful time of memories, and we were honored again by the participation of our many distinguished guests. Representatives of Australia, Great Britain, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Naval Order of the US, the US Marine Corps, and the City of Houston all participated as speakers, and the USS *Houston* CA-30 family thanks each one for their outstanding contribution to our annual event.

### **Speakers**

#### **Australia**



**Commodore Stephen McDowall,  
DSM, CSM, RAN, Naval Attaché  
Embassy of Australia, Washington, DC**

#### **United States**



**Cmdr. James B. Sterling, III, USN (Ret.)  
Naval Order of the US, Texas Commandery**

#### **Great Britain**



**Mr. Andrew Millar  
Her Majesty's Consul General  
Houston, Texas**

#### **United States**



**Captain Ryan Shaw  
United States Marine Corps**

#### **The Netherlands**



**Mr. Geert Visser  
Consul of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
Houston, Texas**

#### **City of Houston**



**Mr. E. A. "Buddy" Grantham,  
Director, Office of Veterans' Affairs**

## VIPs (Very Important Participants)

Our Association is also grateful for the many people who volunteered their time and talents in various ways to make this year's Memorial Service so very special. Every person is appreciated. However, we will highlight here a few who participated in special ways.

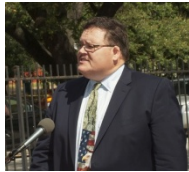
**Randal K. Potter, LT, CHC,  
United States Navy:  
Invocation, Benediction**



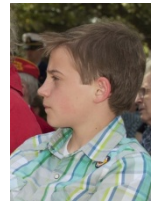
**Ms. Nana Booker  
Honorary Australian Consul in  
Houston:  
Assisted in laying wreath**



**Mr. Matt Rejmaniak:  
Led in singing the  
National Anthem and "God  
Bless America"**



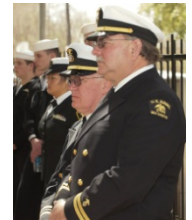
**Mr. Tom Vandever:  
Led in reciting the Pledge of  
Allegiance**



**Marine Rifle Detail:  
Marine Corps League  
McLemore Detachment #324**



**US Naval Sea Cadets:  
Assisted with Wreath-laying**



**US Naval Sea Cadets:  
Color Guard**



**Mr. Donald M. Kehn, Jr.  
USS *Houston* CA-30 Survivors  
Association:  
Historian, Guest Recognition**



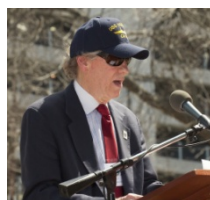
**The Invincible Eagles Band  
CMDR James B. Sterling, III,  
USN (Ret.), Director**



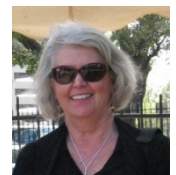
**Captain Carter Conlin  
Past Commander General,  
Naval Order of the US:  
Led the Navy Hymn**



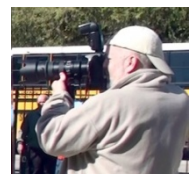
**Mr. John K. Schwarz  
Executive Director,  
USS *Houston* CA-30  
Survivors Association:  
Emcee**



**Mrs. Pam Foster  
USS *Houston* Survivors  
Association Treasurer: Survivor  
and Guest Recognition**



**Mr. Tim Joseph:  
Photographer**



**THANKS to everyone who participated!**



## REUNION 2013

By Marlene McCain

2013 USS *HOUSTON* CA-30 Reunion! Some were there for the first time; some had come many times before. All who attended experienced what it is to be a part of the wonderful *HOUSTON* family!

By early afternoon on Thursday, March 14, people began arriving at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, greeting each other with handshakes and hugs. Our group was a little smaller this year with about 40 registrations, but those who attended were so happy to be there. Our venue this year was the Regency ballroom, a spacious room that allowed for our hospitality, display and “store” space all in the same room with tables for our programs and meals. It was a very good fit.

We were privileged to have 3 of our survivors attend this year – **Howard Brooks** with wife, Silvia; **Basil Bunyard**, accompanied by his grandson-in-law, Anthony Odom, and great-grandson, Boyd; and **Bill Ingram**.



Howard and Silvia Brooks



Michael Reilly, Laura Reilly, and  
Linda Swick

daughter Linda Swick, son Michael, and granddaughter Laura Reilly; Trudy Schwarz and son John; and Eunell Weissinger.



Bill Ingram

Also attending for all or part of the reunion were surviving spouses, Teresa Reilly with

It was also such a pleasure to have with us John Waller, son of Captain Hector Waller, HMAS Perth, of Australia; two other WW II Pacific



John Waller



Marion "Elly" Ellsworth

Theater veterans - Marion (Elly) Ellsworth, who served on the destroyer USS Stewart and Clifton Woltz who served on USS Slater (DE-766),



Commodore Stephen and Janelle McDowall

Commodore Stephen McDowall, Naval Attache' for the Embassy of Australia in Washington, D.C. who attended with his wife Janelle; and Jane Kraina, contributor to the Quan newsletter and coordinator of the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor Museum in Wellsburg, WV. Jane's husband, Michael, attended with her.

The Scholarship Committee met in late afternoon on Thursday, and then, ready for some fun, a large group of 18 hiked or rode the Hyatt Shuttle to a wonderful downtown Italian restaurant for dinner and great conversation. Not yet ready to call it an evening, we gravitated to the Regency room again for a time.

Friday morning, March 15, found many of us back in the Regency room for coffee and breakfast snacks,

followed by the annual Member Meeting at 10:00 am. Jo Klenk was elected to serve on the Board of Managers for another three-year term.

Promptly at 12:45 pm, we departed the hotel on a Harris County bus for the University of Houston Library. It was a beautiful Texas day with sunshine, flowering trees in bloom, and a warm, light breeze. As always, Julie Grob welcomed us, and then she gave us information about a wonderful new find. While processing the items donated by the Preston R. Clark family, a “pay book” had been found that was kept by Ensign Clark while at Bicycle Camp in Java. The men were required to sign when they received their “pay” there, and all of us were thrilled to see the signatures of our loved ones. No one had known of the book’s existence until the week prior to



Outside cover and inside page of the “Pay Book”

this year’s Reunion! Julie also told us that Admiral Bob Fulton’s papers were being scanned into the collection and would soon be available for research purposes. What a treasure! (Editor’s note: the “Lt. Robert B. Fulton USS *Houston* Letters” are now available and can be accessed at [http://digital.lib.uh.edu/cdm4/about\\_collection.php?CISOROOT=/fulton](http://digital.lib.uh.edu/cdm4/about_collection.php?CISOROOT=/fulton). At age 102 and living near Memphis, TN, Admiral Fulton is himself still a fount of information and appreciated by all who know him.) Everyone enjoyed seeing the Cruiser *Houston* Collection again this year and the reception refreshments provided for us were much appreciated.

The Friday evening program was especially nice. After a wonderful dinner, Jane Matthews introduced Robert Sutherland, this year’s winner of the Naval Academy Scholarship. It was an

evening for introductions because this year there were two Internal Scholarship winners. Laura Reilly, granddaughter of John and Teresa Reilly, spoke to us and shared her winning essay. The second winner, Maggie Tuttle, was not able to attend but she was represented by two from her family – Maggie is the great niece of Howard Brooks, and she says that her Uncle Howard was always her favorite relative! (For more on the scholarship winners, see pages 20 and 21.)

The evening concluded with a special presentation – a documentary by Theresa Loong entitled “Every Day is a Holiday” about her father, a Chinese Malayan, who had been a POW in Japan. It was the moving story of his survival in the camps, his immigration to the United States, and his struggle to become a citizen. In spite of hardships and a long, slow path to citizenship, he maintained an upbeat attitude and felt that every day as a free man in the USA was a holiday. (For more on this story, see page 6.)



Theresa Loong

Saturday morning, March 16, dawned sunny and warm with a light breeze, the gift of a perfect day for our Memorial Service! We met in the Regency room for a 10:30 am brunch and an excellent presentation by Niels Aalund, Chairman, and Heather Schiappa, Director of Operations, of the Houston Maritime Museum. This is an exciting, new museum venue which presents the opportunity for many more of our donated treasures to be constantly on view.



The 71st Anniversary Memorial Service was held in Sam Houston Park at 2:00 pm. We were very gratified to be able to have our service at the Park as usual. Some updating construction, which had begun last October and was part of an



ongoing master plan project, made holding the Memorial Service at the Park somewhat “iffy.” So we were very pleased that we had been given the go-ahead to use Sam Houston Park again this year. This was the 19<sup>th</sup> year of meeting at the USS *Houston* CA-30 monument to honor our Survivors and their families.



Cmdr. James Sterling, III  
USN (Ret)

The Invincible Eagles Band, led by Commander James B. Sterling III, USN (Ret), provided rousing, patriotic music prior to the 2:00 pm beginning of the service and near the end played the Navy Hymn as Captain Carter Conlin from the Texas Commandery of the Naval Order of the United States (NOUS) recited the words.

Our guest speakers from the four ABDA nations (American, British, Dutch, and Australian) that participated in the Battle of the Java Sea

(Feb. 27-28, 1942) and the Battle of Sunda Strait (Feb. 28-March 1, 1942) where the HMAS *Perth* was sunk along with the USS *Houston*, paid tribute to our beloved ship and her gallant crew.

Thirteen wreaths were placed by representatives of many different groups to commemorate the crew’s sacrifices. And once again, John Schwarz, son of the founders of the Association, Otto and Trudy Schwarz, did a magnificent job as our Master of Ceremonies.

The Memorial Service was the official end to this year’s Reunion week-end, but many reassembled in the Regency Room for more conversation and a final impromptu dinner together on Saturday evening.

Thank you to all survivors and spouses and widows for sharing your time and stories with us! And thanks to all of those who planned and worked so hard to make this year’s Reunion a wonderful success!

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## “Every Day is a Holiday”

Following the Friday night dinner at the Reunion, Theresa Loong spoke briefly and showed the very moving documentary which she produced, entitled “Every Day is a Holiday”. Theresa writes,

“Growing up in suburban New Jersey, I knew little about my father’s past. Then, one day, I discovered his secret diary, written during WWII... “Every Day Is a Holiday” tells the inspirational story of how my dad, Paul Loong, survived a POW camp in Japan and set out on an unlikely journey to become a citizen of the country that liberated him: - the United States.”

About making the film, Theresa writes that “It’s been a labor of love. I would like to continue to spread the word about the Allied POW experiences in the Pacific during WWII”.

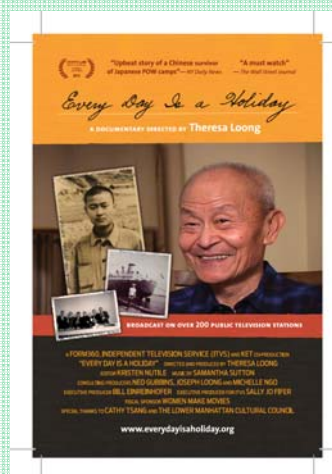
DVDs of the documentary may be obtained online at:

<http://www.everydayisaholiday.org/buy-dvd/>

To order by check, make the check out for \$24.95 to FORM360 with “Every Day Is a Holiday” in the memo line and send it to:  
FORM360

332 Bleecker Street, H64  
NY, NY 10014

For more information: email [info@everydayisaholiday.org](mailto:info@everydayisaholiday.org)  
or phone 718-496-4964





*From the desk of the Executive Director*

***John Schwarz***



Thanks for another terrific reunion which is covered extensively in this edition of the Blue Bonnet. What a blessing to be able to once again honor our men as we do and have a representation of them with us in person. This is thanking those survivors for making the trip to allow us to pay tribute to them and their shipmates. This is to say THANK YOU to each and every one of the dedicated people who contributed to making this reunion the glorious time that it was. You know who you are, very much appreciated.

Back in the late 90's/early 2000's our Association founder in conjunction with his shipmates shared a mutual vision to establish a scholarship program in the name of the men and ship. This had been following a number of years of discussion on the subject. They asked a small group of us to establish/execute the program and I was one of those lucky, honored folks assigned to the original Scholarship Committee (Survivor Ned Gallagher, J. Mintzer, P. Gans, J.K. Schwarz).

Through the years up to the present time, that program has awarded **nine** scholarships totaling nearly **\$20,000.00** given out to assist with educational expenses. As with similar programs, there is a process candidates go through to determine the most deserving candidate(s). That person ends up delighted, all others disappointed. The ability to administer this program has been possible because of many generous people who provide funding along with dedicated, interested applicants. A very committed group is responsible for making selection based on a fair and equitable process ensuring every candidate is treated equally and objectively. This is how programs of this kind work, hopefully all participants/sponsors understand, participation is discretionary. If there are suggestions for conducting the program, or if anyone would like to request further involvement in carrying out the process, please inform a member of the Board of Managers as the door for those wanting to contribute is always open.

Because of the generosity of Association members and others, we have also established a permanent scholarship in the name of the men and ship, administered through our nation's Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. This award is granted every other year, permanently. To-date, three fabulous young men have been named as recipients .

We thank all of those who have contributed through the years to be able to offer these scholarship programs. We will continue our commitment toward the programs as long as we have candidates, funding and dedicated people to carry out the process.

***John***

*Son of Otto and Trudy Schwarz*



John Schwarz

# Australian Ambassador Kim Beazley Visits University of Houston USS *Houston* Exhibition

By Carter B. Conlin, Captain, USN (Ret.)

Australian Ambassador Kim Beazley, AC with his wife Ms. Susie Annus, Consul General Mr. Mauro Kolobaric and his wife Silvana Kolobaric, and the Honorary Consul General of Houston, Ms. Nana Booker met on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at the USS *Houston* display at the M. D. Anderson Library of the University of Houston.



Captain Carter Conlin, Ambassador Kim Beazley,  
and Historian Don Kehn

Hosting the meeting was Ms. Julie Grob, Coordinator for Digital Projects and Instruction in Special Collections of the University of Houston Libraries, who gave a brief summary of the history of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) and the display of the various artifacts contributed mostly by the survivors and their relatives. She also presented the Ambassador with a copy of the book, "Ship of Ghosts" by James D. Hornfischer which gives a very complete history of USS *Houston*. Don Kehn, Jr., Historian of both the survivors' Association and the Naval Order that built the monument in Sam Houston Park, downtown Houston, also gave some of the history of the ship in addition to presenting the Ambassador with an artist's drawing of HMAS *Perth*, the Australian cruiser that also sank in the Battle of Sunda Strait on March 1, 1942. Past Commander General of the Naval Order,

Captain Carter Conlin gave some welcoming remarks from Mr. John K. Schwarz, Executive Director of the USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors Association and Next Generations and gave some additional history of the ship's bell that is mounted at the top of the monument in Sam Houston Park. He also presented the Ambassador with a brochure that summarizes the battle and the history of the monument. Ambassador Beazley expressed his appreciation to Ms. Grob for the display sponsored by the University of Houston that features both USS *Houston* and HMAS *Perth*. He explained his interest in this particular part of World War II history by explaining that he had grown up in Perth, Australia where the subject is very well known. This is the second visit that the Ambassador has made to Houston to pay homage to the memory of the two ships and their crews.



Ambassador Kim Beazley observes a  
model replica of the USS *Houston* at  
UH's M.D. Anderson Library



Captain Carter Conlin, Ambassador Kim Beazley,  
and UH's Special Collections Coordinator Julie Grob



## Original Teak Decking of USS *Houston* CA-30 (update to Dec. 2012 article)

As reported in the December 2012 Blue Bonnet, a piece of the original teak wood decking of the USS *Houston* CA-30 was obtained by the Association. It has now been placed inside the case which houses the beautiful model of the ship at the National Museum of the Navy in Washington, D.C.



Mounted teak decking

The story of how this piece of original teak decking came to the Association is a long one! From the research which has been done, here is what we know. During one of her overhauls on the west coast in the mid-1930's, the *Houston's* teak decking was removed. A man named Roy Coats, who served on the ship from 1934 to 1937, was present when the decking was removed and apparently managed to obtain some pieces of it.

Mr. Coats founded the Maritime Museum in San Pedro, CA, which opened in 1980. Otto Schwarz, founder of this Association, visited the museum in 1992. At that time, Roy Coats gave him this particular piece of decking.

Shortly after Otto passed away, Michael Aufiero, builder of the case in which the ship model sits in Washington, D.C., mounted the teak decking on a beautiful piece of mahogany wood and had an engraved plate made to

describe it. Trudy Schwarz made it part of her home "memorial" to Otto.



USS *Houston* model with mounted teak decking

After the ship model was installed in the National Museum of the Navy, Trudy came up with the idea of adding the decking piece to the ship model case where it will be seen and enjoyed by many people. The museum's curator, Ed Furghol, agreed that it would be a good fit and Dana Wegner, Curator of Ship Models for the US Navy, and his team performed the insertion of the decking piece into the ship model case.



USS *Houston* CA-30 model with mounted teak decking

The Association is grateful to Trudy Schwarz for donating the decking piece and to both gentlemen at the museum for their help and support in making the ship model the wonderful remembrance that it is. It just keeps getting better and better!

## Open Letter from the HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM



The Houston Maritime Museum is working with the *USS Houston* CA-30 Survivors Association and Next Generations to pay tribute to the “Galloping Ghost of the Java Coast.” The absence of a display about the *Houston* is a major void in the Museum’s exhibits devoted to WWII. At this time, we have collected numerous artifacts, documents, photos and a 6-foot, unfinished model of the *Houston*, but need YOUR help to ensure that we can develop the best exhibit possible to be debuted at our new museum at the Port of Houston in 2014.

Please consider donating any items you can - photos, items from ship’s stores, models, etc. Your generous donations will become part of a permanent exhibit that will be seen by thousands of people and will help perpetuate the memory of the ship and her crew.

**Help us commemorate the Houston with the world class exhibit it deserves!**

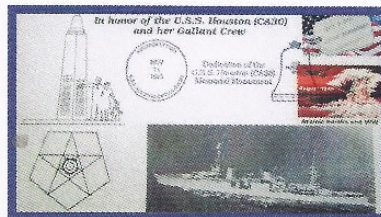
Please contact Heather Schiappa for additional information at:

(713) 666-1910

or

[Heather@HoustonMaritimeMuseum.org](mailto:Heather@HoustonMaritimeMuseum.org)

Thank you in advance for your consideration!





## In Memoriam

USS *Houston* CA-30

Our sincere condolences to the  
families of survivors  
Reese Howard and Jack Feliz.

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Reese Howard, USN

4/12/22 - 1/9/13  
Bee Spring, KY



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**Jack Feliz USN**

4/15/11 – 2/8/13  
Palm Springs, CA



## In Memoriam

USS *Houston* CA-30

Our sincere condolences to the families of Louisa Albers and Audrey Kelley.

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**Audrey Kelley**

12/25/28 – 5/1/13  
Basehor, KS

Widow of USS *Houston* survivor  
Harry Kelley, USN



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## Louisa Albers

3/20/24 – 2/6/13  
Port Huron, MI

Widow of USS *Houston* survivor  
Aaron Albers, USN





## In Memoriam

## USS *Houston* CA-30 Next Generations (NGs)

Our sincere condolences to the families of Tom Schilperoort and Dorothy Hekking

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## Tom Schilperoort

11/27/46 - 1/9/13  
Modesto, CA

Son of USS *Houston* survivor  
Clarence "Skip" Schilperoort, USN  
and Mary Schilperoort



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## Dorothy Hekking

10/26/13 – 3/1/13  
Waxahachie, TX

Wife of Fred Hekking  
(Son of Dr. Henri Hekking,  
Dutch doctor of POWs)



## Remembering....

In addition to remembering those of our USS *Houston* family who have passed on from this life, we also remember those from the HMAS *Perth* and the “Lost Battalion” who forged such close bonds with our *Houston* crewmen while enduring the same treatment as prisoners. They too will never be forgotten.

## In Memoriam

## “Lost Battalion”

131<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
U.S. Army

Our sincere condolences to the families of  
J.W. Hoover and W.F. Matthews

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**J. W. Hoover**

8/8/21 – 4/17/13  
Denison, TX



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## W. F. Matthews

9/27/19 – 2/26/13  
San Angelo, TX



## In Memoriam

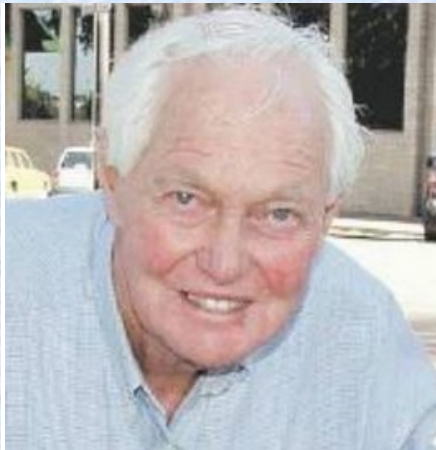
### HMAS *Perth*

Our sincere condolences to the  
families of *Perth* survivors  
Frank Chattaway and Lloyd Munro.

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#### Frank Chattaway

2/11/20 – 1/8/13  
Goulburn, Australia



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#### Lloyd Munro

5/6/13  
Carrara, Queensland, Australia  
(picture not available)

## HMAS *Perth*

### Notes from “down under”

#### *Perth*’s Captain Hector Waller – Update

As initially reported in the December 2010 Blue Bonnet, HMAS *Perth*’s Captain Hector Waller was being considered for a posthumous “Victoria Cross for Australia” (“VC”). We are sorry to report that the Australian Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal made the decision to withhold the VC from all thirteen military and naval personnel who were being considered – including Captain Hector Waller.



Captain Hector Waller  
HMAS *Perth*

The VC is the highest award available to Australian military personnel, in recognition of heroism during battle. This medal is equivalent to the American Congressional Medal of Honor which was awarded posthumously to USS *Houston*’s Captain Rooks.

### HMAS *Yarra* Crew to Receive Unit Citation

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal says crew members of HMAS *Yarra* will be awarded the Unit Citation for Gallantry for their actions in February and March 1942 in World War II. The case was considered at the same time as the inquiry into retrospective awards of the Victoria Cross for thirteen servicemen which included *Yarra*’s Lieutenant Commander Robert Rankin and crewman Ronald Taylor along with Captain Hec Waller of HMAS *Perth*. Although no individual awards were granted, all the crew will receive the unit citation for two actions in southeast Asia at the outbreak of WWII with Japan.

While Japanese aircraft attacked Singapore on February 5, *Yarra* went alongside the burning troop transport *Empress of Asia*, rescuing more than 1800 soldiers. On March 4, *Yarra* was escorting a convoy of merchant ships to Australia when three Japanese heavy cruisers and two destroyers approached. Commander Rankin ordered the convoy to scatter while *Yarra* held off the Japanese warships. The *Yarra* was struck repeatedly by enemy shells but the 151-strong crew fought on. There were only thirteen survivors of which none are alive today.



## ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day – April 25<sup>th</sup> – is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

ANZAC stands for “Australian and New Zealand Army Corps”. When war broke out in 1914, Australia had been a federal commonwealth for only 13 years. The new national government was eager to establish its reputation among the nations of the world. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition which had as its objective to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul) in Turkey. After meeting fierce resistance, the campaign dragged on for eight months. Allied forces were evacuated at the end of 1915. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. April 25<sup>th</sup> soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in the war. The date was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916. In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include Australians killed in all the military operations in which Australia has been involved. Today, Australians hold commemorative services (typically held at dawn), ceremonies and marches nationwide.

This year for the first time, the USS *Houston* banner “marched” in a commemorative parade alongside that of HMAS *Perth*’s banner. The march ended at Melbourne’s Shrine of Remembrance. The USS *Houston* Survivors Association and Next Generations sent the banner over to Australia so it could be proudly displayed. The three *Perth* survivors attend were the two banners next to each commemorated *Perth* fought and bonds that were men of the two Japanese during the following 3 ½ years. To view a film of the parade and hear the full story, see the following link: <http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2013/s3745480.htm>.

The Association wishes to express its gratitude to Pattie Wright and Peter Johnston of the HMAS *Perth* Association for coordinating the appearance of the USS *Houston* CA-30 and HMAS *Perth* banners marching side by side during the ANZAC Day Parade.



USS Houston and HMAS Perth banners march side by side



## HMAS *Perth* Memorial Services

### Ballarat, Australia



David Manning

Members of the HMAS *Perth* Association attended the POW Memorial at Ballarat, Australia, on February 10, 2013 and laid a wreath on behalf of *Perth's* WW2 POW's. According to the *Perth Pundit*, "*Perth* 1 POW David Manning is the mainstay of this service." David is a great friend of the USS *Houston* Survivors Association and keeps in touch with Trudy Schwarz.

### Melbourne, Australia

Family and friends of the HMAS *Perth* held a Memorial Service on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, Australia, to commemorate The Battles of Java Sea and Sunda Strait and particularly the



*Perth* survivor Fred Lasslett (in wheelchair),  
*Perth* family and friends,  
Lt. Billy Wright, USN (in uniform)

HMAS *Perth* and USS *Houston* crew. Lt. Billy Wright, USN represented the USS *Houston*. HMAS *Perth* survivor Fred Lasslett, accompanied by his son Norm, was able to attend in spite of the hot temperature. Following the wreath-laying

ceremony, the group held a service under the *Perth* and *Houston* trees in the Garden of Remembrance. (*Houston* is the only foreign ship to have its own tree in the Garden of Remembrance signifying the close ties between our *Houston* men and those of the *Perth*.) Following the service, refreshments were provided before Pattie Wright gave a rousing talk on her recently published book Ray Parkin's Odyssey. (See page 12 of the August, 2012, Blue Bonnet for a review of the book.)



USS *Houston* & HMAS *Perth*  
commemorative flowers and  
certificates



*Perth* survivor Fred Lasslett (left) and  
Lt. Billy Wright, USN (right)  
under the USS *Houston* tree





American POWs in Japan including USS *Houston* CA-30 and 131<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery "Lost Battalion" survivors.

FRONT SHIRT		Alphabetic	
GARCIA A.G.	131 ARTILLERY	BAINES DAN	131 ARTILLERY
LAWLEY G.P.	131 ARTILLERY	BATTLES L.B.	131 ARTILLERY
McFARLAND TEX	USMC	BEVEL B.V.	USN
HURF M.C.	USN	BRANUM DELTAN. D.	131 ARTILLERY
WOOTAN TOM S.	131 ARTILLERY	BUKOWSKY E	131 ARTILLERY
KREKEN RED	USN	DERKIK C	131 ARTILLERY
MAPROS		DICKERSON W.D.	131 ARTILLERY
GEE JIMMY	USMC	FERGUSON J.A. *	USN
HAMMOND ROY H.		GARCIA A.G.	131 ARTILLERY
FERGUSON J.A.	USN	GEE JIMMY	USMC
BAINES DAN	131 ARTILLERY	GOODMAN JULIAN DR	
BUKOWSKI E	131 ARTILLERY	HAMMOND ROY H.	
DERKIK C	131 ARTILLERY	HERFAN R.J.	USN
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WILKER M.	USN	KREKEN RED *	USN
STARR M.C.	USN	LAWLEY G.P.	131 ARTILLERY
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WEHRING T.B.	132 ARTILLERY	McFARLAND TEX *	USMC
BEVEL B.V.	USN	PIKE G.D.	131 ARTILLERY
BATTLES L.B.	131 ARTILLERY	QUICK FRED B.	131 ARTILLERY
DICKERSON W.D.	131 ARTILLERY	SALDANA R.A.	131 ARTILLERY
<b>SHIRT REAR</b>		SCROGGINS H.	131 ARTILLERY
<b>QUICK FRED B.</b>	131 ARTILLERY	STARR M.C.	USN
GOODMAN JULIAN DR		WEEKS R.S.	USN
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PIKE G.D.	131 ARTILLERY		

### POWs in Japan

The picture above and the list on the left were sent to the Association by an Australian ex-POW Neil MacPherson who was captured on Java and worked on the Burma-Thai Railway along with many American survivors from the USS *Houston* CA-30 and the "Lost Battalion". He was sent to Japan in January 1945 and spent the rest of the war working alongside Americans there. It is not clear how the list of names on the left correlate to the men pictured. (Editor's Note: The list at left incorrectly lists the following men as members of the 131<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery but they were actually Marines and members of the USMC: Bukowski, E; Battles, L.B.; and Quick, Fred B.)



## NEW BOOKS

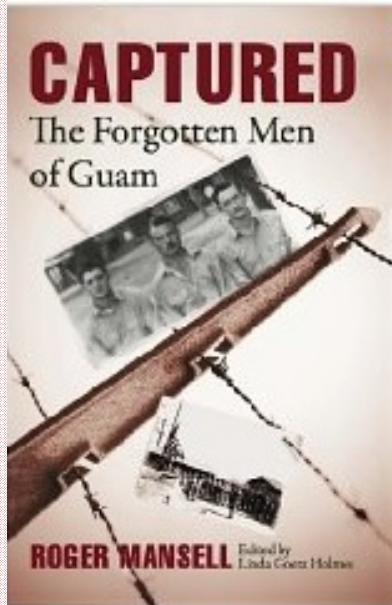
### **CAPTURED: The Forgotten Men of Guam**

By Roger Mansell and Edited by Linda Goetz Holmes

Published October 2012

Amazon.com describes this book as follows: "In the years before the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, Guam was a paradise for the Navy, Marine and civilian employees of Pan American Airways, who found themselves stationed on the island. However their apprehension about the fate of the island increased as they anticipated a Japanese attack in the fall of 1941. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Guam was bombed and the Japanese invasion soon followed.

In the takeover of the island, the brutality against the captive population, and then immediately and civilian personnel to Japan, including five Navy nurses and her baby Charlene, who were aboard the Swedish ship *Gripsholm*. In *Captured*, Mansell tells the story whose story until now has largely interviews with survivors, diaries documents the movements of men as they went from one slowly starving as they performed companies. Meanwhile, he suffered by Guamanian natives during especially as the Japanese prepared this U.S. possession in 1945.



Japanese practiced a swift Americans as well as native removed the American military. Only a lucky few escaped, dependent Ruby Hellmers and transported back to America in mid-1942.

of the captives from Guam, been forgotten. Drawing upon and archival records, Mansell American military and civilian Japanese POW camp to another, slave labor for Japanese describes the brutal horrors Japan's occupation of the island, for American forces to re-take

Moving stories of liberation, transportation home, and the aftermath of these horrific experiences are narrated as the book draws to a close. Mansell concludes that America's lack of military preparation, disbelief in Japan's ambitions in the Pacific, and focus on Europe all contributed to the captivity of more than three years of suffering for the forgotten Americans from Guam as the Pacific War raged around."

Editor/Author Linda Goetz Holmes is well-known to many in this Association for her previous books Unjust Enrichment, Guests of the Emperor, and 4000 Bowls of Rice. She is an historian with expertise in World War II and Prisoners of War.



### **Memorial Day**

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Arlington National Cemetery decorates each grave with a flag. This day has special significance for members of this Association since so many USS *Houston* CA-30 crewmen gave their lives.



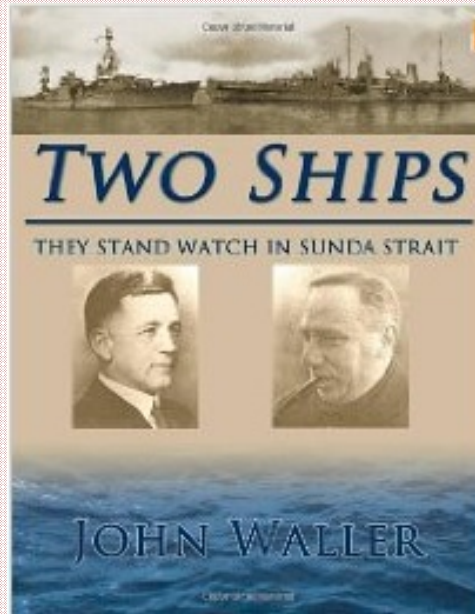
## **TWO SHIPS: They Stand Watch in Sunda Strait**

By John Waller

(son of HMAS *Perth* 's Captain Hector Waller)

Published December 2012

Amazon.com describes this book as follows: "World War II started in Europe with Germany attacking Poland on 1 September 1939. Britain and France gave Germany two days to withdraw from Poland, but she did not. The two countries then declared war on Germany. For a while not much happened till Germany launched a blitzkrieg with France, Netherlands, and Britain had her back to the wall, unrestricted submarine warfare. but supported Britain through Western countries were between Japan and the USA of fuel oil to Japan embargoed. sneak attack on Pearl Harbor 7 intention was to obtain fuel oil Indies. In a massive southward almost to the shores of use Australia as a springboard Japanese, as well as a major role with her back to the wall, could not do this. But before the above could be put into place the Japanese had overrun the Netherlands East Indies, who surrendered on 9 March 1942. Many Allied assets were lost in this process, including our two ships, USS *Houston* (CA-30) and HMAS *Perth* I, who were sunk together at the north end of Sunda Strait, with great loss of life, including the two captains. Our story describes the events leading up to this sinking, and the subsequent events whereby the Netherlands East Indies became the Republic of Indonesia after the Japanese surrender."



### **RAN (Royal Australian Navy) White Ensign**

During battle, commissioned ships of the RAN will fly a large Australian White Ensign at the foremast of single masted ships, and at the mainmast of two masted ships. Throughout World War II this was common practice and perhaps one of the most famous examples of this was during the Battle of the Sunda Strait, when HMAS *Perth* (I) was in action against superior Japanese forces with the USS *Houston*. Lieutenant Hamlin, USN, a survivor of the *Houston* described *Perth's* appearance in this action as follows; "There was *Perth*, a beautiful white bone in her teeth . . . three battle flags streaming . . . smoke pouring . . . firing all the time . . . rapid salvos . . . shells falling all around her . . . It was one of the finest sights I have ever seen." Reprinted from "Perth Pundit", Issue 1, 2013, page 10.

## NOW HEAR THIS!

### Scholarship Update

We are making a special appeal to you for donations to the Internal Scholarship Fund. Please consider a tax deductible donation directly to the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$100, \$50, or any amount you can afford. Please remember that every dollar you give (100 %) goes directly to the Fund. Please mail your check payable to: **USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association**. Also, please indicate "Scholarship" in the memo portion of your check.

Please mail your donation to:

Mrs. Pam Foster  
370 Lilac Lane  
Lincoln, CA 95648

Next year's Scholarship Award will be \$3,000.00. Please remember that the window of opportunity begins on June 1 and ends on November 1, 2013. Please encourage your family members to apply for this award.

To apply for the scholarship, please go to:

[www.usshouston.org](http://www.usshouston.org)

Scholarship

Scroll to bottom of page and "Click here to download the Application Packet."

If you do not use the internet, please call me at 440 736 7233 to request an Application Packet.

Or, you can write to me at:

Jane Matthews  
836 Kendal Drive  
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Please remember the purpose of this Scholarship is to perpetuate and honor the memory of the *USS Houston* (CA-30,) her extraordinary men, and their contribution to securing our freedom. We very much need your donations in order to continue to award Internal Scholarships in the future.

Thank you,

Jane Matthews, Scholarship Chairman

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### Past "In House" Scholarship Winners

2004 - Gene Bankhead-grandson of Gene Crispi  
2005 - Katy Fort-granddaughter of Cecil Chambliss  
2006 - Gerald Agin-grandson of Gerald Agin  
2007 - Jenny Garrett-granddaughter of Joe Garrett  
2008 - Raymond Davis-great nephew of George Davis, Jr.  
2009 - Alex James-great nephew of John Stefanek  
2010 - Kevin Swick-grandson of John Reilly  
2012 - Cody Karcher, great grandson of Richard H. Gingras

### Past US Naval Academy Foundation Scholarship Winners

2010 - Stephen Scales- Midshipman 2/C Scales is majoring in Ocean Engineering, is in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Company and is scheduled to graduate in May, 2013.  
2011 - Lenu Gilchrist, III - Midshipman 3/C Gilchrist is majoring in General Science, is in the 12<sup>th</sup> Company and is scheduled to graduate in May, 2014.

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### *USS Houston CL-81 and USS Houston CA-30 Reunion 2013* August 20-24, 2013

The *USS Houston* CL-81 and CA-30 combined reunion for 2013 will be held in Chicago. Planned activities include an architectural boat ride to see sights of Chicago with a guide to tell us the story of Chicago and its architecture, a stop at a pizza restaurant for some famous "Chicago pizza", a "windshield tour" of Great Lakes Naval Base, a buffet lunch and Memorial Service.

The hotel is the Holiday Inn and Suites in Rosemont (suburb of Chicago) which has parking available, an airport shuttle and a great restaurant.

For more information, contact Donna Rogers at 717-792-9113.



**ANNOUNCING**  
**Three Scholarship Winners!**  
*by Jo Klenk*

Jane Matthews, chair of the Scholarship Committee of the USS *Houston* Survivors Association, announced the 2013 scholarship winners at the reunion in Houston, TX. This year, two “in-house” scholarship awards were given to Laura Reilly, granddaughter of John (and Teresa) Reilly, and Maggie Tuttle, great niece of Howard (and Silvia) Brooks. A third scholarship was awarded to Midshipman Robert Sutherland for his final year of college preparatory school by the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation from the perpetual fund established by this Association in memory of the USS *Houston* and her crew.

Two of the winners were able to be present and speak briefly at the reunion – Midshipman Robert Sutherland and Laura Reilly.

**MIDSHIPMAN ROBERT Z. SUTHERLAND**

The 2013 US Naval Academy Foundation Scholarship winner is Robert Z. Sutherland. This permanent memorial scholarship was established by the USS *Houston* CA-30 Survivors Association in memory of the ship and her men.

Robert graduated from Billy Ryan High School in Denton, Texas. He was a four-year varsity swimmer and water polo athlete. During swimmer, he set four school Team All-State selections, two Regional record, two District well as the title of team Captain Water Polo, he accumulated selections, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Team MVP titles, and was team and senior years. Robert was two years as a Patrol Leader swim instructor at his local



his four year career as a records and acquired two 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State selections, a Swimmer of the Year titles as his junior and senior years. In four 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region All-State selection, two regional captain his sophomore, junior also a Boy Scout where he spent along with being a Life Guard and water park.

Robert attended The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He was selected to 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Eastern Prep in water polo, and was named Player of the Year by his teammates. He was able to crack the all-time top ten times in the 200 Individual Medley (backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and butterfly) on the swim team.

Our sincere congratulations go out to Robert Sutherland, our 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship recipient from the US Naval Academy!

*Continued on page 21, “Laura Reilly and Maggie Tuttle”*

**Comment from a scholarship winner’s family member:** “What is so wonderful about the [scholarship] process is that whether an applicant wins or not, they receive such an education and an appreciation for all the men that fought in the war and those that are still fighting today.”



## LAURA REILLY and MAGGIE TUTTLE

### 2013 USS *Houston* CA-30 Scholarship Winners



**Laura Reilly** is the granddaughter of John David Reilly, Sr. and Teresa Reilly. She is currently a senior attending high school in Pasadena, California. She expects to graduate in June 2013. Laura is in the process of applying to a number of universities.

Laura is involved in a number of activities including the President and Co-Founder of the H2O Club, Senior Student Representative, Visual Arts Conservatory, Varsity Swim Team and Mock Trial (pre trial lawyer.) Her awards include Certificates for Excellence in Spanish, International Relations, Chemistry, AP English Language, Christian Scriptures and Spanish 3 Honors. Additional awards are the National Merit Scholarship Program, National Honors Society, National Spanish Exam – Silver Award, California Scholarship Federation, High School Swimmer of the Year, Rose Bowl Aquatics Swim Team and the Girl Scouts.

Laura also volunteers her time as the Assistant Swim Coach on Rose Bowl Aquatics “Stingray” Swim Team for developmentally disabled children, helped organize summer camp activities as an Assistant Counselor, taught English lessons and worked on beautification projects at an elementary school in Costa Rica, and is a teaching assistant at Armory Center for the Arts.

The memory of her grandfather was an important one in her life and that of her family. Although her grandfather died when she was six months old, she heard his courageous story and that of his crewmates retold for many years by her grandmother, father, aunts, uncles, cousins and family members. Laura stated that she was honored to be related to such a brave and courageous man who was so devoted to his country and who lived his life with such integrity.

**Maggie Tuttle** is the granddaughter of Donald W. Brooks, the youngest brother of Howard Brooks. Maggie states that her grandfather was a wonderful man and very similar to her great Uncle Howard. She feels that her grandfather smiles down on her whenever she and Howard are together.

Maggie graduated from the Allen D. Nease High School in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. She did attend the University of Florida and is now currently enrolled in City College of New York majoring in Engineering. Maggie volunteers at the Gowanus Conservancy in Brooklyn, New York, Housing Works Bookstore in New York, New York and Charity: Water in New York, New York.



She participates in the following clubs: Engineers without Borders, The Society of Women Engineers, Concrete Canoe National Competition and Habitat for Humanity. All of these clubs are at the City College Chapter. She works for Take Me to the Water as a swimming instructor. Maggie also tutors Math and Physics while attending school.

Maggie states that she saw more of her Great Uncle Howard when she moved up north. She has developed a special and close relationship with him. She says that she looks forward to visiting him; and, she tries to do that as often as possible. He is her favorite person in the entire world.

Congratulations to our two 2013 Internal Scholarship Winners!

## Crew Spotlight

by Marlene Morris McCain

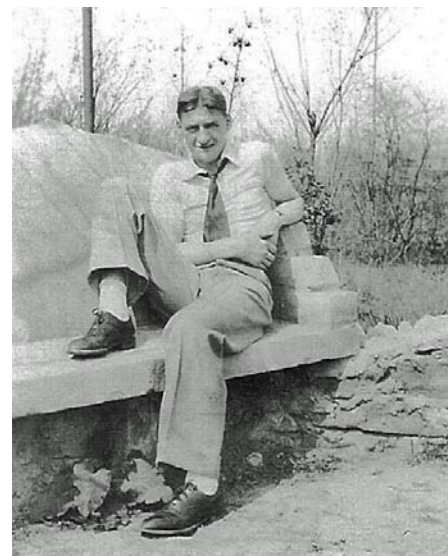


### Severyn F. Dymanowski, Mus1C

Severyn F. Dymanowski was born in Gary, Indiana, the 7<sup>th</sup> of 8 children. At the early age of 9 years, he learned to play the violin and, by the time he was in high school, was also playing the trumpet. He graduated from high school in 1934 with a longing to travel and see new places, but the Depression prevented his finding a job that would provide for that. Severyn was tall, an excellent swimmer, and a firm believer in physical fitness. He liked to work out and keep in shape, so he volunteered for a year in the CCC, hoping that he would be sent to New Mexico to fight forest fires. However, his assignment was to Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton, IN – not far from his home in Gary. He fulfilled that obligation, glad of the opportunity to work out-of-doors and keep fit. At the end of that year, he went to work in the steel mills. By early 1938, the longing to travel was still with him and he enlisted in the US Navy.

Leaving home in April 1938, Severyn went to Norfolk, VA, for boot camp and also completed Fleet Music School there. While in music school he played violin in the orchestra and trumpet in the band. With orders to ship out after the first of the year, Severyn went home on leave for Christmas, 1938. Returning to Norfolk after New Year's, he sailed through the Panama Canal, bound for "China Station" and service aboard the USS *Augusta*, the flagship of the Asiatic Fleet. With him went his camera; he always carried it and loved to take pictures of the things he saw. Reaching China, he proudly served in the *Augusta's* shipboard band and orchestra. He corresponded often with his family at home, but with the world's situation deteriorating rapidly in 1939 and 1940, he was unable to come home again on leave.

The *Augusta* moved to Philippine waters in late October 1940, and in November, the flag was transferred to *Augusta's* sister ship, the USS *Houston*. Severyn, called "Steve" by his friends, was reassigned, along with the other 17 men of the ship's band, to the *Houston*. Being based in Manila, the *Houston's* orchestra was often called upon to play ashore in such venues as the Manila Polo Club and the Army/Navy Club. The musicians played Morning Colors, Noon Concerts, and for song time ahead of the evening shipboard movies; but each one also had a battle station – and while in the South Sea Islands during the summer of 1941, there was a lot of time spent in "war games."



Severyn Dymanowski, Mus 1C

The *Houston* was at Iloilo, Panay Island, when word came that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. The war was now no longer "games" and the *Houston's* duties included escort and convoy duties during December and January. In early February 1942, the *Houston* was hit by a bomb that destroyed her #3 Turret, reducing her firepower by one-third. Still, she gallantly fought on through the month of February. By the night of February 28<sup>th</sup>, following the Battle of the Java Sea, *Houston* and HMAS *Perth* refueled at Batavia, Java, and then headed for Australia via Sunda Strait. They did not make it; about 11:30 pm they ran into a Japanese



invasion fleet. *Perth* was sunk quickly, and *Houston* fought on alone. Shortly after midnight, the #2 Turret was hit and set afire, and the “abandon ship” call was given. Severyn left his battle station and met fellow band member and friend, Walt Schneck, at the forward stack. They sat a moment, smoking and thinking about what to do next. Someone hollered out “put out that cigarette – the smoking lamp’s out!” – an odd command since the ship was burning from stem to stern. Then came another command to not abandon ship. The *Houston* was still moving too fast for the men to be able to get in the life rafts safely. Severyn and his friend Walt each returned to their battle stations. When the second “abandon ship” call was given, Walt moved to obey the order, but this time his friend did not join him.



USS *Houston* Band Members:  
Severyn Dymanowski is 2<sup>nd</sup> from left  
playing trumpet

The individual picture of Severyn Dymanowski included with this article was found among the possessions of another shipboard friend and musician, Edgar Morris. It was possibly taken during the time that Severyn was in the CCC. On the back of the photo, Edgar had simply written, “Severyn F. ‘Steve’ Dymanowski, Mus1C – USS *Houston*. Played trumpet in *Houston* Band. Didn’t get off the ship.”

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## Happy 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday, Luther Prunty!

Luther Prunty of the “Lost Battalion” celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday Friday with his wife Dorothy and with visits from his two daughters – Gail Bialas and Marsha Canright, his two granddaughters, Liz Hull and Lindsay Canright, and from his two great grandsons, Kaden and Evan Hull, ages 8 and 3. He feasted at the Green Frog, got lots of calls from friends and relatives, opened presents, ate a sugar free birthday cake, and – most important – went to the ranch with his son-in-law, Mike Bialas, and granddaughter’s husband, Brian Hull and other family members, to check out the cattle, drive the fence lines, and get as close as he could to the log cabin where he was born during a snow storm in 1912. Luther was born near Cundiff, TX, on his family’s ranch, which he runs to this day.



Luther Prunty, age 101, of the “Lost Battalion”  
With great-grandsons Evan (3) and Kaden (8) Hull

## USS HOUSTON ITEMS FOR SALE

DVD "Last Stand" (8 oz.) \$20.00

Bumper Sticker (1-3 is 1 oz.) \$2.00

Challenge Coin (3 oz.) \$10.00

Bell or Monument Lapel Pin (specify type)

(1-6 pins is 1 oz.) \$3.00

Ship Lapel Pin (specify silver or gold highlights)

(1 - 3 pins are 1 oz) \$4.00



Polo Shirts - Short Sleeve, Navy Blue  
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Men's - sizes M-2XL-\$25.00

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(Shipping Weight-10oz.)



T-Shirts (size Medium) (9 oz.) \$10.00

T-Shirts (size Small, large, and X-Large) (9 oz.) \$20.00

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Ship of Ghosts book (about the USS Houston),

autographed by author James Hornfischer (2.2 lb) \$30.00

Shipping Costs:

1 oz. - 6 oz.= \$4.00

7 oz. - 12 oz.= \$7.50

13 oz. - 5 lb.= \$10.50

Note: USPS Ground Service Only

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**USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association**

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836 Kendal Drive

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Items Ordered, Size and Quantity

Questions? Email: [Jane@USSHouston.org](mailto:Jane@USSHouston.org)

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("USS Houston CA-30 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation", 10 oz) \$5.00



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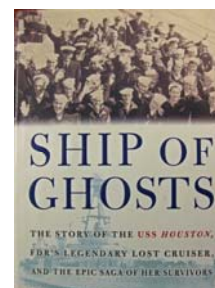
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Ship of Ghosts  
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## Welcome Aboard!



*We extend a hearty  
welcome to those who  
have recently joined the  
Association.*

Bernice Harapat

John Waller

Son of Captain Hec Waller of HMAS Perth

### Membership

Our USS *Houston* "family" continues to grow weekly as more and more folks are wanting to know about the gallant crew of USS *Houston* CA-30. Members do not have yearly dues. However we do operate based on the generosity of our membership. Annual donations are gratefully accepted. We invite you to join with us. Click on <http://www.usshouston.org/memberform.pdf>, fill it out and send it in.

### Association

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**USSHouston.org**

Our primary website

**USSHouston.blogspot.com**

Also... check out our  
Facebook group page at

**USS *Houston* CA30**

**Survivors:** Do any of you remember James Mathieu? A family member has contacted the Association and would like any information you can give in addition to what is already known about him. James Mathieu was assigned to the USS Houston in December 1941. He was killed on February 4, 1942. Please contact Dana Charles at [contact@usshouston.org](mailto:contact@usshouston.org) if you have any information about this crewman. Thanks!

## Thank you

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

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in memory of Lanson Harris  
Ervin and Lila Miller  
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Laura Evelyn Stevens  
Linda and Charles Swick  
Leland Stewart  
John Waller

## Financial Report

*by Pam Foster, Treasurer*

November 17, 2012– April 22, 2013

### Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$13,105.86
Receipts	+2,150.55
Expenses	-1,500.00
Ending Balance	<b>\$13,756.41</b>

### General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$9,039.47
Receipts	+9,402.81
Expenses	-6,132.87
Ending Balance	<b>\$12,309.41</b>



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