



# KIWANIS THIS WEEK

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**Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 9th, 2009**

**Program: Pearl Harbor Survivors Club**

# THIS WEEK

Program: December 7th, 2006

[Pearl Harbor at 65](#)

No one knows how just many Pearl Harbor survivors are still left among us, but there aren't many. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, of the 70,000 sailors and soldiers stationed at Pearl Harbor [only 5,000 remain alive](#).

On the USS Arizona alone, only 334 sailors survived the attack, and as of this year the association that coordinates reunions for the Arizona survivors can only account for 34.

The survivors of Pearl Harbor are now in their late 80's and early 90's, but most all remember that "day of infamy" sixty-five years ago as if it were yesterday. In [an interview with World War II Magazine](#), Donald Stratton, one of the survivors aboard the Arizona who was badly injured, describes the scene on December 7, 1941 as he and his fellow sailors realized they were under attack and scrambled to man their battle stations.

Stratton: "It was all happening very quickly and I didn't have much time to think. We were firing. There were only 50 rounds of ammunition in the ready box behind each gun,

and I could see that some of the crews had to break the locks off the boxes to load their guns. We were firing at the planes -- more or less at the high altitude bombers. We knew that the torpedo bombers and the dive bombers would be covered by the .50-caliber machine guns. We worried about the high altitude bombers, [but] we couldn't reach them. Our shells were bursting before they ever reached their altitude. WWII Magazine: At approximately 8:10 a.m., Arizona was hit by an 800-kg armor-piercing bomb just forward of No. 2 turret. The bomb penetrated the ship's deck and went off a few seconds later in the forward powder magazine. The subsequent blast gutted the ship, and the foremast and forward superstructure began to collapse." What do you remember of this blast?

Stratton: "We were hit once before -- aft on top of No. 3 turret -- and it bounced over the side. One went through the afterdeck and didn't explode. Then one hit up above on the starboard side -- it was big. It shook the ship like an earthquake. Then all at once there was a big explosion, which just raised the ship pretty near clear up out of the water and then back down. There was a ball of flame that went about 500 to 600 feet in the air, and it just engulfed the whole foremast up there where we were and the whole bow of the ship."

*Source of information Google.....*



**Statue of Liberty National Monument**

## Emma Lazarus' Famous Poem

**A poem by Emma Lazarus is graven on a tablet within the pedestal on which the statue stands...**

The New Colossus

You're not like the brazen giant of  
Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from  
land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset  
gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch,  
whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her  
name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-  
hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her  
mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin  
cities frame.  
"Keep ancient lands, your storied  
pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me tired,  
your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to  
breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teem-  
ing shore.

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

# RAFFLE

The pot has returned to normal....\$200 and 50 cards. Good Luck to all.



## Birthdays/Anniversaries

July 6<sup>th</sup> – B/D – **Nash Francis**  
                  **B/D – Larry Curtis**  
July 7<sup>th</sup> – **B/D – Bill Messner**  
                  12<sup>th</sup> - B/D – **Tom Claud**

# Inter-Clubs

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Harbor Front – **Tuesday**  
7:30 am, World Trade Center,  
Town Point Club, Norfolk.  
Contact **Wally** at 340-3500 or  
Contact **Brenda** at 291-2514.

## President's Corner

Harbor Party - Tickets to be sold.  
Work to be done. Get ready.....for  
October 1<sup>st</sup> at Town Point Park.

Don't forget to fill in the Health and Wellness information card that can be vital to us in case of emergency.

## PEANUTS REPORT

Peanuts NOT GONE. Call **Doug** at 408-5556 .

## FUTURE DATES

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

Board Meeting night – Second Tuesday in each month; Transystems office; 150 Boush Street, Suite 1000;  
Time: 5:30 PM

## Need to Support This:

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Food Bank - 9:00 am – 12:00 noon - Meet at Doumar's at 8:30 for a start then on to the Food Bank.

October 29th – 90th Anniversary

## "Then and Now"

We have about 22 business cards....that means good financial support for program sponsors. Anyone for a full page or half page? Ample room for additional cards.

If you have items of yesteryear and will share those please, please let us know.

## Fun Stuff Ahead

There are several plans in the works so stay tuned for more details.

## \$ Dues \$

The last quarter invoices are out. Please terminate ASAP. Thank you.....



## **Kiwanis Club of Norfolk** **Elected Officers and Committee Chairs**

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