

# Today Is 25th Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor Attack

By MALCOLM BARR  
PEARL HARBOR (AP) — A quarter-century ago, at precisely 7:15 a.m. Hawaii time, a bomb struck a fuel storage tank between Hickam Field and Pearl Harbor, and Pvt. Frank Frucci looked at his watch.

"Bernie, it's five before eight. If we're going to make it to Mass, we'd better hurry," said Frucci, 24, of Niles, Mich., as he peered through a window from the third floor of his barracks trying to see what all the noise was about.

At the same time, Pfc. Gabriel Christie of Brooklyn, N. Y., waiting outside his barracks for his buddies, heard an explosion. He thought: "Hick, the Navy's working at was games on a Sunday."

And Sgt. Bernard Tortora of Staten Island, N. Y., heard his wife call him to the door of his quarters as she watched black smoke billow into the blue, sunny sky.

Today, Tortora—a full Air Force colonel—has a desk in the bullet-scarred barracks building which 25 years ago was occupied

by Frucci, Christie and several hundred other young men of the Army Air Corps. Tortora lived just down the street.

Christie, a master sergeant now, has a desk in the same building and probably will be retiring next year.

The old barracks is headquarters, U. S. Pacific Air Forces, and Frucci is a restaurant operator in Niles. He is also chairman of his state's Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and as such he is re-visiting Hawaii on this 25th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl.

He met Christie and Tortora by chance on a nostalgic visit to the base, saddened because his friends "Bernie"—Bernard Cullinane of Kalamazoo—died earlier this year.

Frucci is among an unprecedented number of visitors in Hawaii for the Pearl Harbor anniversary. About 3,000 are to take part in ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific overlooking Honolulu, while another smaller memorial service is scheduled at Pearl Harbor.

Many, like Frucci, are survivors of the attack. Others are relatives of the 2,409 military men and women who were killed on that clear Sunday morning 25 years ago.

Pearl Harbor was the primary target of the Japanese dive bombers, torpedo planes and horizontal bombers, but adjacent Hickam Field also took much of the enemy's fire power. It was left a mass of smoking wreckage in

minutes, and not one U. S. plane got off the ground.

The first fuel storage tank to be hit—the one seen from the barracks window by Frucci—was at Hickam. Later, Frucci and his buddies were to dodge Japanese strafing bullets in a vain effort to get planes into the air.

With all U. S. aircraft seriously damaged or destroyed, however, wave upon wave of Japanese planes were able to concentrate on famed "Battleship Row" within Pearl Harbor.

In 110 minutes, eight battle-wagons were sunk or disabled, more smaller vessels were left sunk or sinking, 2,409 persons were dead, 1,178 were injured, and America was plunged into World War II.

Of the ships sunk, the most

famous is the USS Arizona, still a commissioned vessel of the U.S. Navy and a tomb for 1,102 men trapped in her compartments when she settled to the bottom at her berth.

Today, a gleaming white memorial straddles the Arizona, a tribute to those who died Dec. 7, 1941.

The harbor is quiet. A visitor sees few ships. Since that day 25 years ago, the U. S. Navy has dispersed its Pacific Fleet rather than have the bulk of the vessels riding at anchor in one place.

Oil slicks sometimes appear around the memorial, formed by tiny droplets escaping from the barnacle-encrusted Arizona hulk and bursting to the surface in a kaleidoscope of color. "Old Glory" flies proudly above the monu-

ment, signifying the ship's commissioned status. Parts of the battleship can be discerned eight feet below the surface.

A marble wall within the three-year-old monument is inscribed with the names of the men who died aboard the Arizona.

Frucci, looking over the scene of the holocaust 25 years later, spoke for all Pearl Harbor survivors when he said: "We consider what happened in Hawaii 25 years ago to be a part of history. . . . None of us is here to fight the war over again. Pearl Harbor is as much a part of American history as Valley Forge. . . . What happened at Pearl Harbor should be remembered so that such a thing is never permitted to happen again."



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER ATTACK**  
The memorial over the sunken battleship Arizona sits on shimmering water off Hickam Field at the big U. S. Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This is approximately the view that Japanese pilots had 25 years ago today when they made their bombing runs out of the sun at the base. (AP Wirephoto)

## 57 Corps Seniors Named For DMS

Fifty-seven Texas A&M seniors have been designated Distinguished Military Students for 1966-67, announced Col. D. L. Baker, commandant.

To be selected for DMS, a senior cadet must rank in the top 50 per cent of his academic class, the top third of his military science class, successfully complete ROTC summer camp and be recommended by the professor of military science.

Selection as DMS can lead to Distinguished Military Graduate ranking, which qualifies a cadet for a commission in the Regular Army upon graduation, Colonel Baker pointed out.

In 1965-66, 22 seniors were Distinguished Military Students.

The honor was accorded Joel Aldape, Charles Berry and William Maule of Fort Worth; James Bassham, Sulphur Bluff; Robert Batte, Italy; Robert Benson, Merkel; Gordon Bentzen, George Davis, Kenneth Korb, Robert McConnell, Robert McKee and Harold Schade of San Antonio.

Also Dennis Blanton, Dayton; Franklin Brooks and John Nelson Jr., Balboa, Canal Zone; Michael Bryan, Abilene; Edward Carrigo, Fort Sam Houston; Ronnie Clark, Gainesville; Melvin Cockrell, Randolph House, Douglas Marshall and Robert McLeroy, Houston; Eddie Joe Davis, Henrietta; John Davis and Richard Mergen, El Paso.

Also Thomas DeFrank, Arlington; Thomas Edgar, Freeport; John Hammond, Rockville, Md.; Lawrence Heitman, Burns Flat; William Hindman, Terrell; Donald Houston, Freeman Jarrell, Robert Lackland and James Phillips, Dallas; Ernest Hudgens, Lufkin; Charles Jones, Winnie; Kim Keisling, Eagle Pass; David Kocian, Hallettsville; Paul Kornfuhrer, Victoria; William Markham, Orange; James McDaniel, Rockdale; Gary Menzies, Dover, Del.; Robert Miller, Bloomington, Minn.; Jim Mitchell and Terry Smith, Amarillo.

## Four GRE Dates Slated By CTC

Graduate record examinations will be given at Texas A&M on four dates during the second portion of the 1966-67 school year, announced university officials.

The national program for graduate school selection will be given at the Counseling and Testing Center on Jan. 21, Feb. 25, April 22 and July 2, announced S. Austin Kerley, center director. Dr. Walter Varvel of the Education and Psychology Department administers the exams.

Application for a test must be made 18 days before the date desired. Forms and information may be obtained at the Counseling and Testing Center, Room 107, Academic Building.

Special institutional tests for seniors graduating in May will be given Dec. 2-3 by Kerley.

## Air Force Chief Hosted By A&M

The Association for Computing Machinery graduate student chapter hosted the Strategic Air Command data processing deputy chief for his principal speaking engagement during a visit at Texas A&M Tuesday and today.

Col. William M. Ratchford and three systems analysts met with the ACM chapter Tuesday evening in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Air Force officers' presentation included a 20-minute film on "SAC Computer and Control Systems," a discussion of computer hardware, system development and management of large computer systems and a question-answer session.

Other officers from the Offutt AFB command control facility at Omaha, Neb., included Major William S. Price, Major Preston E. Bradley and Capt. Charles E. Fischer. Price and Fischer are A&M graduates.

During the two-day visit, the SAC contingent briefed 106 senior AFROTC students during normal classroom periods and conferred with A&M Data Processing Center officials.

## Shadrack Houston, Ag Staffer, Dies

Shadrack Houston Sr., 51, an employee of Texas A&M's Animal Science Department since 1963, died Tuesday, the victim of an apparent heart attack.

Houston died about 12:20 p.m. near the meat laboratory where he worked.

Funeral services are pending at Daniel Funeral Home in Bryan.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine, two sons and a daughter.

Houston lived at 702 Moss in Bryan.

## Holiday Schedule For Faculty, Staff

Faculty and staff members will return from the year-end holidays a day before Texas A&M students, University President Earl Rudder reminded Monday.

Holidays begin at noon Saturday, Dec. 17, for students who will resume classes Jan. 3.

Faculty-staff ranks start their holidays at 5 p.m. Dec. 22 and return to work Jan. 2.

"Students petitioned for an extra day to escape the heavy Jan. 1 traffic and the Board of Directors approved the additional day for them," Dr. Rudder pointed out.

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## Roundtables To Begin Discussions Thursday



**AGS LEND HAND**  
Eager Aggies assist Peace Corps recruiters will provide information on all aspects of Geri Deskin, left, and Mary Jackson in setting up their booth in the MSC lobby. They will provide information on all aspects of the Peace Corps today through Saturday.

## Sgt. Johnson Awards Marine Medal Of Honor In Austin

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson draped the Medal of Honor around the neck of a Marine Corps hero of Viet Nam Tuesday and said that "gallantry above and beyond the call of duty" are words that never seem to grow old.

Sgt. Robert Emmett O'Malley, 23, of Woodside, Long Island, nervously licked his lips. He had won the nation's highest award in a battle with the Viet Cong, killing at least eight of the enemy and suffering three wounds from shrapnel and gunfire.

In a colorful ceremony on the plaza between the post office and federal building in Austin, Johnson presided at the tenth award of the Medal of Honor for valor in Viet Nam — the first for a Marine.

"I can think of only one gift sufficient to honor men like this," Johnson said. "We can assure this man and we can assure every man who wears our uniform that their cause is a good cause. That the principles they stand for are sound principles. That the battle they are fighting deserves their bravery."

Declaring that this cause deserves the patience and fortitude of citizens, Johnson jabbed at critics of his Viet Nam Policy.

"Although three times wounded and facing imminent death from a fanatic and determined enemy, he steadfastly refused evacuation and continued to cover his squad's boarding of helicopters while, from an exposed position, he delivered fire against the enemy until his wounded men were evacuated."

He said of the cause "far outweighs the reluctance of men who exercise so well the right of dissent but let others fight to protect them from those whose very philosophy is to do away with the right of dissent."

Now a reservist who plans to go to college, O'Malley was restored to active duty for this one day so he could wear his Marine dress blues.

Members of his family were flown from New York for the event — his mother and father, brothers and sister. Seven of his comrades who were in the action in which O'Malley risked "his own life above and beyond the call of duty" arrived from Marine Corps bases in this country.

Two of the brothers are former Marines and one still is in the corps.

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The nation's military high command was on hand to honor the young man with the big Irish smile who was a corporal back on Aug. 18, 1965.

The citation for the Medal of Honor read by Secretary of the Navy Paul Nitze, said in part: "With complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. O'Malley raced across an open rice paddy to a trench line where the enemy forces were located. Jumping into the trench, he attacked the Viet Cong with his rifle and grenades and singly killed eight of the enemy."

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## Panel Highlights SCONA Session

Roundtable co-chairman for the 12th Student Conference on National Affairs, which got under way here today, have been announced by Chairman Bob Heaton.

Heaton said the 17 round-table co-chairmen will comprise eight roundtables in which student delegates will discuss the conference theme, "Europe and the U. S.: Challenges of Nationalism and Cooperation," and sub-topics.

Each roundtable allows approximately three hours for discussion. Two or more of the co-chairmen keep sessions moving by introducing various ideas on the topic and encouraging students to express their views.

The first round-table is set for 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

An estimated 240 delegates from universities and colleges throughout the nation, Canada and Mexico also will hear three major speakers and a panel discussion.

ROUNDTABLE CO-CHAIRMEN include:

The Honorable Yves Rodrigues, Consul General of France, Houston.

Dr. William A. Luker, Business Analysis and Research Department head, Texas A&M.

John Savaso, Dow Chemical Company, Freeport. Savaso has worked on European assignments for Dow.

Dr. L. A. Fabel, visiting professor of foreign language, German Department, University of Houston.

The Honorable Tore Hoegstedt, Consul General of Sweden, Houston.

Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department head, Texas A&M. Dr. Timm also is chairman of a United States committee to study the agriculture phase of the Common Market.

The Honorable Gerald Simpson, British Consul General, Houston.

## 55 Telephoners Attend Two-Day A&M Symposium

Texas A&M's Telephone Training Division of the Engineering Extension Service is hosting a two-day telephone plantman's symposium which ends today.

Ed. W. Kerlick, chief of electric and telephone training for TEES, said 55 foremen and supervisors from all areas of Texas are participating in sessions at A&M's Research Annex.

Special sections concerned cable carriers, buried plant termination, fault location, trunk termination and repeaters.

H. D. Bearden, Engineering Extension director, welcomed participants at the opening session Tuesday.

## E. E. Dept Gets \$500 Grant-in-Aid

A \$500 Atlantic Pipe Line Company grant-in-aid has been made to Texas A&M's University's Electrical Engineering Department, announced Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson.

The operational grant was awarded for the scholastic year 1966-67. It was presented by R. G. Dulaney, vice president and manager of the Dallas company.

## MAJOR ANTHONY A. Smith, representing the U. S. Military Academy's Social Sciences Department, West Point, N. Y.

Dr. Carl E. Shafer, A&M associate professor of agricultural economics and sociology.

Squadron Leader Derrick B. Adams, Royal Air Force, exchange officer serving as associate professor of political science, U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Honorable Jaime de Ojeda, second secretary, Spanish Embassy, Washington, D. C.

Niles Hansen, University of Texas Economics Department associate professor.

John E. Horner, diplomat in residence, Tulane University Political Science Department, New Orleans, La.

HORST HOLTHOFF, second secretary, embassy of the federal republic of Germany, Washington, D. C.

George M. Gillet III, assistant director, the Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Joseph S. Shannon, Texas Peace Center director, Houston.

Dr. David Woodward, A&M History and Government Department assistant professor.

SCONA delegates were guests of honor today for a review of A&M's Corps of Cadets. They will get another taste of campus activity at the Town Hall concert by Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

**TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE** includes roundtable discussions of some of the conference sub-topics, including "The Problem of French Nationalism," "Control of Nuclear Weapons," "Alternatives to NATO," "A Step Toward a United States of Western Europe?," "U. S. Investments and the Balance of Payments," "Trade with Developing Nations," "The Third Communism," "Trade and Cultural Relations," "The Berlin Wall," and "Europe's Balance of Power."

A panel presentation, "NATO — Revise or Abandon?," is tomorrow's featured event. General Robert J. Smith, president of Pioneer Texas Corporation, will moderate the discussion. Panelists include Yves Rodrigues, consul general of France, based in Houston, and Gerald Simpson, consul general of Great Britain, also based in Houston.

THE PANEL is set for 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom, as is Friday's major address by John E. Horner, U. S. State Department Senior Fellow at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. His subject is "The Changing Satellites."

Saturday's round-up speaker following a noon luncheon is Richard Wilson, bureau chief for Cowles Publications, Washington, D. C. Wilson's address is tentatively set for 1:30 p.m., the final event of SCONA XII.