

DESERT HARBOR—A 55+ COMMUNITY—APACHE JUNCTION, AZ—DECEMBER 2022

This is a re-print of an article from December 2008 written by resident Bob Mayo about former resident Larry Lepic who was at Pearl Harbor that day.

DAY OF INFAMY

By Bob Mayo

Shortly we Americans will observe the 67th anniversary of a December morning in 1941 when forces of the Japanese empire attacked the military installations of the United States at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. That date, December 7th 1941, was rightly described by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as "a day that will live in infamy." With the passage of time many have forgotten the horrors of that quiet Sunday morning, but there are those who will never forget that time. One of an ever-dwindling number of those that were there that day is Larry Lepic who has lived here at Desert Harbor during the winter months with his wife Marge since 1998.

Larry was born December 19th, 1920, in Mauston WI, the youngest of 5 boys. The family lived on a farm near Mauston until 1929 when the family moved to Chicago, IL, just in time to face the great depression that began in the fall of that year. Despite the difficult years Larry managed to eventually graduate from trade school. He then worked at a full-time job while attempting to also attend college, which was less than ideal. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Chanute Field, IL in May of 1939, hoping to benefit from the schooling and experience it offered. After the usual fits and starts most military veterans would recognize, Larry was trained as a Machinist and as an Aircraft and Engine mechanic. Following training he was selected for assignment to Hawaii. While traveling across country for transport to Hawaii Larry had his first look at Apache Junction. In his words it "had one hand pump gasoline station that also sold sandwiches." Upon arrival in Hawaii, Larry was assigned to the 18th Pursuit Group as an Aircraft Crew Chief, and later assigned to the Hawaiian Air Depot assembling B-17 engines.

On the morning of December 7th after a Saturday night on the town Larry like many others was awakened by the sound of bombs going off. Like others he and his buddies believed it was a US Navy training exercise but very soon realized that Pearl Harbor was actually under attack and over the radio heard that all military personnel were to report to their units. Larry and one of his buddies could see that the large hangers at the Air Dept where they worked had been completely destroyed so they chose to drive another buddy to his unit at Schofield Barracks next door to Wheeler Field in a 1936 Terreplane station wagon.

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While trying to get to Schofield Barracks they were forced to jump out of the car and take cover under the car and in a ditch to escape a strafing attack by Japanese planes. When they were able to continue on, they were pulled over by a motorcycle policeman who directed them to follow him to the Queen's Hospital. There, the rear seats were pulled out and replaced with stretchers, a Red Cross Flag was put on the station wagon and they were instructed to go pick up casualties. On their first return to the hospital in Larry's words, "The doctor chewed us out and said, 'Bring me some live ones'. The poor guy was gut shot and didn't have a chance. We must have looked pretty green as the doctor gave us each a shot of whiskey. More trips, more whiskey, and pretty soon we were throwing them into the station wagon." Larry has written an unpublished autobiography which includes much more sometimes graphic information about that morning at Pearl Harbor, but which is much too long to be included here.

Larry went on to become an officer in the Army Air Corps, later the U.S. Air Force. He piloted many types of multiengine aircraft including the B-29, B-47 and B-52, finally retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1965. He worked a number of jobs before becoming the manager of Bellingham Municipal Airport in Bellingham, WA in 1970. Larry was also active in the Veteran of Foreign Wars, serving as Post Commander and late as the District 15 Commander. He worked at Bellingham until finally ending his working career in 1981.

While Larry is certainly not the only survivor of that day at Pearl Harbor in December 1941, and in fact there may even be others here at Desert Harbor, he is representative of all those who survived as well as those who did not. His memories of that day provide us with a very personal insight into that terrible event in our history. His memories amply demonstrate why vigilance is a virtue and that the experiences and sacrifices of all our military personnel and their families, past and present, must never be forgotten.





Marj & Larry

From the President's Desk—Sandy Baumstark



It's time to decorate the clubhouse for the most blessed time of the

year. We will decorate on Monday December 5 at 11:30. We have a lot of decorations and lights to go up and two trees to make beautiful.

December will bring us joy, with all the wonderful music and singing.

Sunshine Acres children's choir will entertain us on December 14 at 5:00.

ArchWell Health will supply cookies for us.

December 17th is our annual Christmas parade and caroling. So get those golf carts and bikes decorated and join in the parade at 6:00.

Wear your Ugly Christmas sweater (or pretty one).

Refreshments will be served along the route.

We are having The French Dipper food truck on December 20, 4:00-6:00.

On Christmas Day we are having a pot luck dinner at 4:30. Ham will be provided, so bring a dish to pass. Don't forget to sign up early.

New Year's Eve, Alberto will be here to supply the music.

Merry Christmas

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The holiday season is upon us, and it is a time for celebrating with family and friends. We all have a lot to be thankful for here in Desert Harbor. Not everyone in Apache Junction is as fortunate as we are. There are many families unable to give their children a magical Christmas they deserve.

We can change that for a few families this holiday season. I have been in touch with the Apache Junction chapter of the Salvation Army and have received 20 Christmas Angel tags for local children so they can wake up to a wonderful Christmas morning.

A Christmas Tree is in the clubhouse with the Angel tags. Each tag has a child's name we can help this year. Next to the tree is a table with a sign-up sheet listing each child's name and age. Please fill in your name and lot number for the tag you are taking. (There are a few children with the same names so please make sure you place your name on the correct line. Also, verify the child's code number on the tag to the one on the sign-up sheet).

If there are no tags left on the tree and you would like to help, please call Stu Olson (480 332 4822) and he will contact the Salvation Army for additional Angel Tags. Take your tag to the store and purchase new items listed on the tag (or something similar).

RETURN ALL TAGS AND UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH FROM 10AM-NOON

Let's make this a special holiday season for as many children as we can!

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



DOW JOHNSON

Dow recently moved into lot #32 from here in Arizona and will be a full time resident.

Dow enjoys radio controlled aircraft, firearms and hunting.

He has 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Please welcome Dow to Desert Harbor.



JOLEEN KIRKWOOD

Joleen recently moved into lot #88 from Montana and will be a part time resident.

Joleen is still working on her hobbies.

She has 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Please welcome Joleen to Desert Harbor.

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The In Park Ladies Luncheon was on Tuesday, November 1st. There was just a few ladies that were able to make it but we still had fun and great conversation.

Unfortunately if we don't get more ladies this month, we may not continue going forward.

All ladies are welcome this is great way to meet and get to know your neighbors!! I hope to see lots of you on December 6th.

Thank you, Lori Johnson







Music Music Music

Steve Briggs, a very talented musician, was here for a great night of entertainment. He played several instruments and played 2 hours without a break. There was about 80 people there to enjoy his music. Linda Lewis won \$62 in the 50/50 drawing.



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Desert Harbor's Hoe-Down

Beth Chartrand and her crew of workers did an outstanding job of putting this evening together. With fair skies and mild temps predicted, they decided to go all out and have the Bee Line Hiway Band perform outside. The food was set up inside but everyone took their plates outside to enjoy their dinner, the music and the beautiful evening. The weather stayed great until much later in the evening, but by that time the delicious food, the spirits and the dancing kept us warm. Colleen Kitzman and Ron Passage were the lucky ones to split the 50/50 drawing. A big thanks, too, to the Hostesses who did their usual awesome job of cleanup.









November Ladies Lunch Out

So sorry I missed our Ladies Luncheon Out this past month! Had a nasty cold and surely did not want to pass it on! Thank you Sherry for helping me out yet again!

I heard nothing but the best remarks lunching at The Walk On's. Thank you everyone who attended and wish I could have been there.

For the month of December, the ladies have chosen " Echo 5 " on Power Rd and Mc Dowell. It will be our Christmas Luncheon.

Now don't forget-- SAME TIME, SAME FUN! Be at the Clubhouse before 11 as we leave promptly at 11 and we car pool as necessary.

Call me for any reason, to add you to our list or to remove you, or just to say Hello! My number is 602-703-0220

Echo 5 address is: 2855 N Power Rd. Mesa, 85215. Please come and "Let's be Merry." See you on Tuesday December 20th!

Bea 602-703-0220





DESERT HARBOR GOLF

Continues at Apache Creek on Thursdays at noon.

We play 18 holes and we also play closest to the pin and skins game if you want to get in.

Call Don Baumstark at 262-909-3244 if you are interested.

Thank you.

Hi everyone, my name is Deloris Marshall in lot 24 -

I have been reaching out to various vendors to advertise in our monthly newsletter. If you have used a business and feel that they did a great job, were reasonably priced, respectful and would recommend them to our community members please let me know. Please grab a business card from them and drop it in my cubby, #24. I will contact them to see if they would be interested in advertising in our newsletter.

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Residents Meeting - November 5, 2022

President Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and we stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board Members were present. Board Member Rhonda had to leave before the meeting began. Norman Blakey from Copper Canyon Law introduced himself and gave a few examples of wills and trusts. He said he would be there through our meeting and would be happy to answer any questions we might have after the meeting. Sandy thanked him for treating us to donuts that morning. Sandy asked about any new residents but there were none present. She welcomed back our residents who have been gone during the summer months. Richard Nienkark made a motion that we accept the October Residents Meeting minutes with a second by Michelle Nord. There was no discussion about the Treasurer's Report and Connie Riter made a motion to accept the report with a second by Gen Horne.

President Sandy wished our former President, Dave Borchardt, a very Happy Birthday and we all sang Happy Birthday. She thanked Board Member Beth for all of her hard work on the Hoe Down. It was an awesome party with lots of residents present, delicious food, and great music. She thanked Denise and Steve Haws and Terry and Michelle Nord for smoking the pork and Ron Passage, Wayne and Kenny for the set up and take down.

Our yearly Patio Sales will be on Saturday, November 12th from 7 AM to 1 PM. Rich Nienkark and James Genso will put up the banners on the outside wall on Monday, November 7th. You can pick up a flag for your driveway this morning after the meeting. We have talked to the office and they have promised to have the gate open early Saturday morning. Carol Rysavy asked about the Bake Sale containers and they will be available in the clubhouse late on Friday afternoon the 11th. Yes, we will also have our usual walk around the community starting at 5 PM on Friday evening so you have an opportunity to see what your neighbors have for sale and what you can't live without! Don't forget to bring things you don't want to sell to the clubhouse in clean and usable condition.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we need Hosts and Hostesses for the dinner. We have volunteers who will bake the turkeys but we can't have the dinner without others to help with it. Please sign up to help.

The Ballots for the Revised By-Laws will go out on November 15th. If you are not at home the ballot will be taped to your door. We asked if anyone was interested in Chair Exercises. No one responded. Bonnie Harrison has a sign up sheet for volunteers for the Patio Sale. Please see Bonnie after the meeting. Stu Olson raised the question about supporting a family for Christmas. Deloris Marshall had nothing to add about our advertisers. Connie Riter is going to put up the Veterans display boards on Sunday, November 6th and they will be up until after our park wide patio sale. Keith Weller asked about a Pickle Ball court but there really isn't a place for one in our community. Brentwood West has courts and is a sister park so maybe if a few of our residents are interested they could play there. Carol Rysavy also mentioned the Multi Generational Center as a possibility. In January we are only going to give 1 ticket with your name on it for the Birthday drawing. We will be having Food Trucks and will keep you posted on the dates and menus. Paws and Claws will be here to pick up their donations on November 16th.

Gen Horne won the \$82 50/50 drawing. Don Baumstark won the \$10.00 Birthday gift and the residents in the house drawing were not present. If you get a Birthday ticket, please remember to bring it to the meeting.

Remember...Steve Briggs will be back to perform solo on Saturday, November 19th from 6-9 PM. Wayne Miller made a motion to adjourn with a second by Fran LeVeque.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Nienkark, Secretary



Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success...

There were about 70 residents and guests. The turkeys were delicious with stuffing and gravy. We had mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn casserole, green bean casserole, salads, homemade dinner rolls, and desserts. Everything was so good.

Terry and Michelle Nord and Leon and Diane Schmitz were our main hosts. Bill McEwen was there to help with set up and help too.

The turkeys were cooked by Stu and Robin Olson, Dave and Bev Borchardt, Jerry and Dianna Stai, Denise and Steve Haws, and Sandy and Don Baumstark.

A special Thank You to all who helped clean up after the feast.

The 50/50 was split between Jerry Stai and Mary Stutleen. They each got \$50.

We played Card Bingo afterwards with 6 tables with 24 people,



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Bunco Results by Becky Gardner

Hello everyone!

Our Bunco winners for November 3rd

Most Buncos won by Heather Alvarado. Most wins won by Cheryl Sunderman followed by Sidney Gardner and Linda Edwards. Most losses won by Mark Vasold and Jackie Hatfield had last Bunco!

November 17th

Sid Gardner had most Buncos and 3rd most wins. Jackie Hatfield had most wins followed by Heather Alvarado. Joyce Myers had most losses.

Thank you everyone for coming!

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We look forward to the Spring 2023 tournament.

First Place Dick Norman
Second Place John Brassell
Third Place Don Childer
Fourth Place David Coffin





VETERANS DAY November 11, 2022

Thank You Desert Harbor Veterans







Thank You Village Medical For the Pizzas

PATIO-BAKE-BOOK-FOOD-WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

On November 12, 2022 Desert Harbor held its annual fall white elephant, bake and book sale with outdoor food available. There were approximately 20 individual patio sales going on also. It turned out to be great weather but did not have the usual busy traffic coming through. However the club did quite well on sales and were able to have a big donation going over to Sunshine Acres, so success all round!!

Here is a breakdown of how we fared:

Food \$595.00 Bake \$268.00 Book \$173.25 Outside \$371.40 Total \$1408.25

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7-8 cups bread cubes

1 1/4 cup milk

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup maple syrup

4 eggs

1-15 oz. can pumpkin

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 tsp. Ginger

1/4 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 tsp cardamom

1/4 tsp salt

- 1. Mix all ingredients together, except bread
- 2. Mix in bread cubes carefully
- 3. Spray 8x8 pan
- 4. Pour into pan and cover with plastic wrap Let stand 30 minutes
- 5. Preheat oven Remove plastic wrap and Bake 35-40 minutes Cool slightly and serve with cool whip or ice cream

Medical equipment and misc. items available for resident use. These are stored at Barb Winget's house which is lot #61.

If you need something please call Barb at 602-432-1893.

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2 bath bench w/back	1 walker w/seat & wheels
5 foldable walkers	1 clip on handle for bathtub
1 standalone cane	3 standard canes



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If you would like to purchase a name tag, there is a sheet in the back of the Clubhouse to order one. Please PRINT YOUR NAME, your lot number, the

State from which you came, and if you need a pin back rather than a magnetic back. I will order them after the resident meeting each month.

They are \$10.00 each and you can pay for them when they come in.

Thanks, Connie Riter Lot 81

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

DAY	NAME	LOT
1	Sharon Schupbach	93
1	Rollie Schnell	64
6	Joe Brower	167
7	Deloris Marshall	24
7	Jill Genso	57
8	Rich Nienkark	192
9	Michelle Nord	110
12	Crys Hora	42
13	Sydney Gardner	70
17	Ed Kelly	69
18	Jim Harrison	40
20	Becky Gardner	70
22	Lee Kleinschmidt	13
22	Sue Mershon	200
23	Richard Anderson	39
24	Ken Miller Jr	161
25	Eileen Lervold	90
26	Jeff Broadhead	187

ANNIVERSARIES

DAY	NAME	<u>LOT</u>
16	Ken & Bonnie Miller	161
17	Hank & Justine Hilliard	101
31	Clif & Linda Edwards	153
31	Art Allen & Marie Ryan	71



If you wish to add your birthday and/or anniversary or make any corrections to the list, please call Dick Smith at 480-983-5819

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

DAY	NAME	LOT
1	Dick Norman	54
1	Letty Meeroian	11
5	Dorothy Darling	132
7	Jerry Stai	102
9	Linda Edwards	153
9	Wayne Miller	161
9	Mike Morris	146
12	Esther Lough	123
12	Kathy DeKock	89
13	Missy Durbin	133
18	Terry Peterson	34
18	Keith Weller	12
19	Dan Nohr	58
20	Peter Jackson	55
24	Jan Lofthus	119
30	Julayne Filip	85

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DAY	NAME	<u>LOT</u>
16	Richard & Lori Raney	120
17	Jim & Kathy Leach	148
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GARBAGE Picked up every Monday and Thursday morning (please don't put your food

garbage out the night before because the Coyotes love to rip it open unless you can put it in a garbage can with a lid on it). The garbage truck can

come as early as 6:30 am.

If one of the following holidays falls on a Monday or Thursday the garbage

will be picked up one day later:

Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day

RECYCLE We have two recycle dumpsters that are on the west side of the clubhouse

outside. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: NO GLASS ITEMS.

There is a small container on the west side of the clubhouse that is marked Aluminum Cans Only. Please rinse cans and put in plastic bags.

Our club gets money for the aluminum cans.

Aluminum Cans Only, Nothing Else.

MAIL The mail person that delivers our mail will put the "red flag" up when he/she

is done. If you have outgoing mail, just put it in the outgoing mail slots and it

will be picked up.

Please do not put the red flag up, let the mail person do it.

WEB SITE www.desertharboraz.net

You can find lots of information there including updates to our calendar

NAME BADGES Custom made full color name badge with your name & lot number, \$10.00.

Sign up sheet in clubhouse. Connie Riter, lot #81, 315-657-3078

FOOD BANK There is a cardboard box in the clubhouse marked "Food Bank". Please

bring non-perishable items to put in the box. Please do not bring outdated

or expired items, we just have to throw them away.

MEDICINE DISPOSAL You can drop off your old prescription medications at the Apache Junction

Police Dept., 1001 N Idaho Rd., Monday through Thursday from

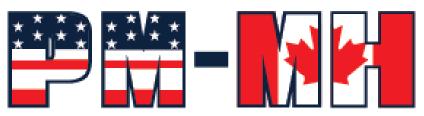
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

DRIVERS LICENSE & TITLE-REGISTRATION

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AM	6:30 Water Workout 10 to 11:30 Ping Pong	6:30 Water Workout 10 to 11:30 Ping Pong	6:30 Water Workout 10:00 Crafting	6:30 Water Workout	6:30 Water Workout 10 to 11:30 Ping Pong	7am Coffee Donuts
PM Poker 12:30 5pm Football Clubhouse	1:30 Wii Bowling 6:30 Bingo 6:30 Billiards	2:30 Pizza Lot #131 6:30 Bean Bag	Noon to 2pm Water V-Ball 12:00 noon Mexican Train 6:00 Poker	Noon Golf 12:30-3:00 Quilters 6:00 Poker 6:30 Billiards	2:00 Genealogy 5:00 Happy Hour	Noon to 2pm Water V-Ball Poker 5:30

Chri	etry. Istmos			1 10am BUNCO	2	3 9am Resident Meeting
4	5 11:30am Decorate Clubhouse	6 12 Noon Ladies In Park Luncheon	7	8 10:30am Cribbage	9	10
11	12	13	14 5pm Cookies ArchWell 6pm Sunshine Acres Singers	15 10am BUNCO	16	17 6pm Caroling
18	19	20 11am Ladies Out of Park Luncheon 4pm Food Truck 6pm Card Bingo	21	10:30am Cribbage	23	24
25 XMAS Dinner 4pm HH 4:30 Food	26	27	28	10am BUNCO	30	31 NY Eve Party 8:30 to 12:30