KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE

Scrapbook, diary preserve what happened so this important knowledge is not lost to new generations.

BY AARON CRUTCHFIELD

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LOCAL FEATURE

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The traumatic events of Dec. 7, 1941, left him with some animosity toward the Japanese, but over time it opened the door to a seemingly unlikely friendship with one of the attack’s top planners.

Although the contents of the diary are quite personal, there are some moments of levity, and it’s a glimpse into the kind of man he was. "My dad was the kind of man who could make you laugh or cry," Bottorff said. "He was like that all his life."

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"He and my dad met up and became friends, and would go fishing, and he would send us Christmas cards every year."

The interview and subsequent friendship actually didn’t touch much on the events of that day, said Kenneth, Jr. "It was more about getting to know one another and opening up lines of communication."

Soon after the interview, Bottorff’s friendship with one of the attack’s top planners, General Minoru Genda, bloomed into something more.

Bottorff has two sisters who are nurses. "They really understand the importance of that day," Bottorff said. "We have to remember."

Her chosen topic was the Pearl Harbor bombing. During his tour of duty in Japan, Bottorff attended high school in Japan. "I was there studying English and history," Bottorff said, "so every year, they taught English and history, and I had the opportunity to be assigned to the United States Naval Academy as a sophomore. Kenneth, Jr. and Kenneth Sr. were the CO of the dental clinic, while Kenneth Jr. was a senior and David was a freshman."

Bottorff has had the opportunity to visit Pearl Harbor and see the place where her dad saw so much.

"It kept at your heart what you go there, and the old is still coming up from the [USS] Arizona after all these years. You realize now to 9/11, and you don’t want it to be overshadowed because it was just so devastating at the time. It was something people need to remember."

Kenneth Longeway, Sr. stands with his son David (left) and Kenneth Jr. at the Naval Academy. The father and brothers of local resident Janis Bottorff each served in the Navy.

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BY KEN MORITSUGI

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will undergo surgery next week after an emergency appendectomy for appendicitis, his office said Friday.

Abe announced late Monday that he would leave for New York on Wednesday to attend a high-level meeting of the United Nations. The surgery comes two days before the visit.

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Barbara Demick
Los Angeles Times

The remains of this Pearl Harbor sailor, and many others, are finally coming home.

KEHNE, N.- Eberly Hopkinson Chop-

per was dazed with an American

flag that had hung above the state cap-

itol. Roy Northrum had admired the motor-

cycle as he was wheeled around the colon-

nial town square to the church where a military befitting cre-

ation was to play up the drum and another World War II

Band played "The Star-Spangled Banner." The funeral was

memorable this New England town had witnessed, for a young man who had per-

ished just past his 19th birthday. All that was lacking was the sense of loss, of what

might have been, was still palpable. Hopkins was one of

those who had joined the Navy shortly after the attack

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ions of American women and men who perished.

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The Oklahoma was one of the battleships sunk at

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

Aside from the Arizona, the Oklahoma suffered the most damage and highest

casualties in the Pearl Harbor attack. When the ship was

run aground, and moved to a more appropriate place. The

yard, his hair standing up,” the psychic told the

family later. “I think if my grandparents and my father,

were extremely close, sharing a bed-

room under the eaves of their farmhouse,

had been named for Hopkins-Boore.

hopkinson had never met before, had

bores were meticulously combing through

mortuary documents and found

identifying details so there was no need to

used her own time to go home?”, she

said. All unanswerable questions. Despite

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streamed down her cheeks as she

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