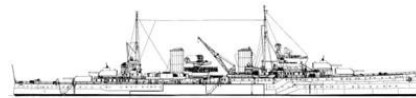
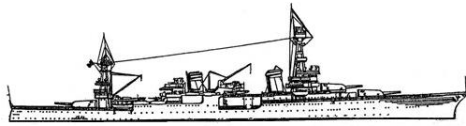


Optional Pre-“Day of Remembrance 2017” Activities

The 75th anniversary of the loss of USS *Houston* (CA-30) and HMAS *Perth* (D-29) is being remembered in various locations throughout Houston beginning Tuesday, February 28, 2017. All USS *Houston* Survivors, Families and Friends are invited to attend any of these events (except the private dinner on Wednesday, 1 March 2017 which is by invitation only). Special hotel room rates still apply at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Houston by the Galleria.



75th Anniversary of the loss of USS *Houston* (CA-30) & HMAS *Perth*

Houston-area Remembrances

February 28 – March 3, 2017

(Please provide own transportation Tues. – Thurs.)

6:30-10:00 pm Tuesday, 28 February 2017 - Archaeological Institute of America/Houston hosts screening of “Bridge on the River Kwai”, followed by discussion of the film and the POW experience. Dr. Jay Thomas, US Navy History and Heritage Command, will introduce the film and moderate the discussion. Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston 77030. Ticketed event.

6:00-7:30 pm Wednesday, 1 March 2017 - Australian National Maritime Museum exhibition, “Guardians of the Sunda Strait: The World War II loss of HMAS *Perth* and the USS *Houston*,” premieres with a private reception and presentation of Houston Grand Opera’s special song created in commemoration of the anniversary. The exhibition opens to the public Thursday, 2 March, and runs through 30 June 2017, after which it will travel to Sydney and Perth, Australia, for exhibitions. Julia Ideson Library, 550 McKinney Street, Houston 77002. (This event is by invitation only).

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, 2 March 2017 - Archaeological Institute of America/Houston and US Navy will present a lecture by Dr. Jay Thomas, US Navy History and Heritage Command, and CDR Scott Craig, RAN, Assistant Naval Attaché, Embassy of Australia, on the exploration and preservation of the wrecks of USS *Houston* (CA-30) and HMAS *Perth* (D-29). Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston 77030. Ticketed event.

1:30-3:30 pm Friday, 3 March 2017 - USS *Houston* (CA-30) Survivors’ Association and Next Generations® are invited for a special tour of the ANMM exhibition, with refreshments after. Julia Ideson Library, 550 McKinney Street, Houston 77002 – across the street from City Hall. Private event.

Note: A Bus will leave from the hotel at 12:30 p.m. to take guests to the exhibition

Day of Remembrance 2017

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Schedule of Events March 3-4, 2017

FRIDAY (March 3)

Registration & Hospitality Room 6 PM - 10 PM Hospitality

If you are joining the group for dinner on Saturday evening, please review the McKinley Bar & Grill's menu and let Sue know what you wish to order for dinner.

Dinner 6:30 PM Hotel

- Executive Director's Year-end Report-Special Video Presentation
- Announcement of Scholarship Winner
- USNA Scholarship Announcement
- Speaker: Don Kehn, Jr. previewing his soon-to-be published book, In the Highest Degree Tragic: the Sacrifice of the Asiatic Fleet in the East Indies during WWII
- Keynote Speaker: CAPT Mark Stacpoole, USN, will review his time as U.S. Naval Attaché in Jakarta, Indonesia and the status of efforts to protect the ships

Break

Video Presentations:

- Just A Common Soldier
- HMAS Perth Tribute to 33 Years of SSN-713 Service: Brothers In Arms
- Marine Survivor Ned Gallagher: "Recalling a WWII ship's sinking."
- 2015 Ceremony aboard USS *Sampson* over the *Houston* – Indonesian video
- Jim Hornfischer: "Ship of Ghosts: USS *Houston* at the Battle of the Java Sea"

SATURDAY (March 4)

Breakfast 10 AM – Noon Hotel

- Presentation: Houston Maritime Museum
- Keynote Speaker: Author Jim Hornfischer on his new book The Fleet at Flood Tide

Busses will depart from Doubletree promptly at 2:00 PM for the Memorial Service. Please be aboard by 1:45 PM.

2017 Memorial Service 3:30 PM Sam Houston Park
Dinner 7:00 PM McKinley Bar & Grill

Each guest is responsible for his/her own payment.