

ROLL CALL

October 2020 Newsletter

GUEST SPEAKER—MR. DERRICK SOUTH—WWII US NAVY VET



The battleship USS Pennsylvania was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 but escaped serious damage due to being in drydock. During the war she served in the Aleutians and provided fire support for numerous invasions, Marshall Islands, Marianas, Palau, Philippines, and finally Okinawa. With the Japanese surrender days away Pennsylvania was hit by a Japanese torpedo while anchored in Buckner Bay, becoming the last major warship damaged in the war. This month's speaker will be Derrick South who served on the Pennsylvania from mid 1943 to the end of the war and was present for many of these engagements including the Battle of Surigao Strait, the last naval action in which battleships fought it out against each other. Mr. South was also on board when a Japanese plane slipped into Buckner Bay and dropped a torpedo that killed 20 sailors on board just two days before the Japanese announced that they were surrendering. The Pennsylvania was in action on the first day of the Pacific War all the way to the end. Come join us as we listen to a sailor who was there to witness history.

LUNCHEON OCTOBER 23RD! RSVP NLT OCTOBER 18TH—GET A TICKET—LIMIT 200!



Never has "every vote counts" mattered more than 2020!

If you need an application for an absentee ballot, email mary@roll-call.org

The deadline to turn it in is 23 Oct. Don't wait! Do it today!

Need a ride to vote on 13 Oct—Nov 3rd? Let us know!

<https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/reqabbm.shtml>

**EARLY VOTING STARTS
OCTOBER 13TH!**

DISTURBING TREND OF ERASING OUR HISTORY!

We received this information from two of our members concerning social media and our history. I have the full letter if you would like me to forward it to you. Here is just a portion of it:

Saving Military History One Soldier At A Time

Army Air Corps Library and Museum is dedicated to the memory of all who served, nothing more or less.

Open Letter to All Veterans, Friends, Families, Citizens.

What would you say or think when two Non-Profits, the Army Air Corps Museum and the Sons of Liberty Museums facebook pages have been completely deleted? The personal accounts of the two admins who happen to be the organizations' executive directors also found the chopping block. There was no warning, no 'facebook jail' or suspension. None of our posts were fact checked only history in stories and photos enjoyed by our followers. This happened sometime Monday, Oct. 5, 2020.

Our slogans and mantra is "Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time" as we provide historical accounts of the men and women of all branches of service from the Revolutionary War to present day. We honor the service those 'Sons of Liberty' who have sworn an oath to defend the constitution and defend it against all enemies both foreign and domestic.

So what problem does facebook have with these two very patriotic and non-political organizations? What problem do they have with our veterans and their service? These groups have been on facebook for over 10 years with no problems but in a blink of an eye they are gone as if they never existed; no reason given.

We continue to send out our monthly e-newsletter and build upon our half-million web pages but we have lost touch with thousands of facebook followers if they are not on our newsletter list. Please signup for our newsletter and get others to do so enabling us to maintain contact.

We thank you for your support.
Robert Coalter, Jason Weigler.
Executive Directors



Servolution!

Servolution is headed by one of our Roll Call members and veteran, Jason Malewiski .

Their mission statement is:

Our mission is to build an alliance between churches, businesses, governments, and others to provide solutions to meet the needs of the community. We envision creating opportunities for the blessed to be a blessing. We exist to serve others by showing God's love in practical ways. Simple acts of kindness can open hearts to the love of Jesus. Together we can make a difference.

They have an event coming up and can really use help. If you have time and can help, please see the information below to **communicate directly with Servolution.**

Blitz #8 Weekend #1 starts Friday, Oct. 16th

To our loving community,

In less than 10 days its Blitz weekend – we need YOU!!!

PLEASE RSVP on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/122301295467>

We will be meeting at each of the houses with our teams at 8 am. We will assign houses and send out those addresses on Wednesday the 14th to ensure each of you knows where you are assigned.

We will be following CDC recommendations and masks will be required through the entirety of the weekend when social distancing is not possible. We are on a mission to spread love not COVID-19!

If you or someone you know is capable of filling some of these gaps below please respond to this email and we will get you plugged in where appropriate. We are so excited to see everyone at the Blitz! We have been trying to get this off the ground since last April, COVID has slowed us down but it will not stop us. These communities need us and we won't quit until all these needs are met. Thank each and every one of you for your continued support, the love in this commUNITY never ceases to amaze us!

Needs List:

House #1- 67 y/o house fire victim from 2018.....needs help to demo and replace burnt wood around the house, electrical, HVAC, hot water, tile, garage doors finish sheetrock, install door & windows, build awning, build deck/steps, paint house.
Needs still not met: a 3 ton HVAC unit, Insulation, Carpet Installer & Dumpster

House #2 -77 y/o disabled Air Force Veteran couple - Unable to finish their home -- need help with deck and wheelchair ramp, electrical, plumbing, sheetrock, flooring, tankless hot water heater, HVAC, painting interior and exterior, demo & removal of the current house.
Needs still not met: an HVAC unit, skirting, cabinets, flooring installer, electrical, painter, removal of the old house, & a dumpster.

House #4- 62 y/o Widow (husband passed in 2016) - the porch is rotting, old wood frame windows don't lock or open properly, the back screen door is broke, need a walk-in shower, new front stairs, and bathroom flooring.

Needs still not met: a 2nd contractor to help lead the project, a deck builder, window installer, electrical, and a painter.

If you see something on this list that you or someone you know can help us with PLEASE reply to this email and we will get you plugged in and get you the information you need to make it happen. We will also be giving each of you a big thank you on our social media channels and get your team added to our preferred list of contractors on our website. You can check that out here <https://www.servolutionnetwork.com/jasons-list>

If you are unable to attend the Blitz but would like to donate to the cause you can do so here: <https://servolutionnetwork.kindful.com/>. Thank you for your support!

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!

We would love to hear from our members on what you think we should concentrate on in 2021

Are you interested in serving in a board position? (all volunteers, including board members are unpaid volunteers)

We would love to bring in someone to be our social media guru, maybe a database manager, etc. If you have ideas, please share them with us as this is YOUR organization!

Cards for Veterans!

Veterans Day! Truett Wilson Middle School would like to recognize our veterans by sending out a special card or letter to each of our vets this year. Much in the way Wayside has done throughout the pandemic. Please email mary@roll-call or complete the form on the tables at the next luncheon to give your consent for them to include you.

WWII Vets! There are two groups in Europe who have reached out to us via David Huntley and Bob Sparenberg to send Christmas cards to our vets this year. Please let us know if you are okay with us providing that information as well.

It is absolutely amazing to know that so many want to show their appreciation. Teaching the young people about history is more important now than ever!

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