

The Richelieu Léger Family Association, Inc. Familiar Faces

Who is Evelyn?

Evelyn (Perry) Lege was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Hawaii had very strict war-time conditions throughout the war: blackouts, gas/food rationing, barbed-wire beaches, dusk curfews, air raid drills, and even at schools, many buildings were used by the many services. Working for the war effort was uppermost in everyone's minds during those war years, and Evelyn was no exception. Immediately after graduating from High School, she went to work at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, eventually becoming personal secretary to five different Rear Admirals who were successive Shipyard Commanders.

Shortly after WWII began, she met a young sailor, a submariner from Abbeville, La. (John Lege) who became her husband in Honolulu shortly after the end of the war. They eventually settled in Napa, California when John began work for the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. He retired as a Project Engineer in the Design Division. They have four sons and now have four grandsons. Over the years Evelyn gave private piano lessons, and eventually retired from the Napa Valley Unified School District. She has volunteered as the Music Minister at their Parish Church for over thirty years, serving as organist and choir director.

Evelyn says "John and I have a wonderful mutual hobby of collecting our family histories, and this love and interest in family, even though I am not a Cajun, became the motivational factor in the founding of the Richelieu Léger Family Association. I pay tribute to Butch, our President, for agreeing to "give it a try" to organize a Léger Family Association, and successfully so; to Ranson, our Historian, who gave me much encouragement and inspiration with his dedication to Léger History; to Sue (Lege) and Ken Neveux for their support in Acadiana to get us started, to Loubert Trahan, for giving me a "name" for possible contact to begin



with at the '99 Congrès in Louisiana. Thus the Richelieu Léger Family Association became a reality. We have an active Association that Légers everywhere can be proud to belong to. Let's keep it strong by active support."