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National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 77th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony

HONOLULU, HI – On Friday, December 7, the National Park Service and the United States Navy will host the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 77th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony to honor and remember the 2,390 American casualties lost during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the island of Oahu on December 7, 1941.

The ceremony will begin at 7:50 a.m. and take place on the Ceremonial Lawn at the [Pearl Harbor Visitor Center](#). Pearl Harbor Survivors, WWII veterans, family members, and local dignitaries will be in attendance. Admiral Philip S. Davidson, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, will deliver the keynote.

A moment of silence will be observed at 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began. A ship will render pass-in-review honors to the USS *Arizona* and all Pearl Harbor Survivors. A missing man flyover conducted by the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard and the 19th Fighter Squadron, U.S. Air Force will follow.

“We are honored to welcome survivors, veterans, and witnesses to the commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day,” said World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Superintendent Jacqueline Ashwell. “Together we remember the events that took place 77 years ago, and honor the actions of brave individuals that continue to affect us today.”

The theme, “Forging the Future,” highlights events in 1943, the second year after the attack, as the United States rose to face challenges – both at war and on the home front – in order to achieve greater peace, freedom, and democracy in the world, including in Japan and in Europe.

According to Rear Admiral Brian Fort, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, “The brave veterans of World War II, including one of my grandfathers who served in the Army and one of my wife's grandfathers who served right here in Pearl Harbor, gave us a lasting peace we are committed to preserve. They forged the future, and we will always remember their legacy, service, and sacrifice here at Pearl Harbor.”

Highlights of the ceremony will also include music by the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet Band, a Hawaiian blessing, wreath presentations, a rifle salute by the U.S. Marine Corps, a vintage aircraft flyover, and Echo Taps in recognition of the men and women who survived the attack and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country on December 7, 1941. The ceremony will be broadcast live online.

Arrive early if you plan to attend in person. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will open at 6:00 a.m.

Tickets to the USS *Arizona* Memorial Program

USS *Arizona* Memorial programs will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 6:00 a.m. No reserved tickets will be available.

Bag Policy

Visitors are not allowed to bring items that offer concealment inside the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Such items include (but are not limited to) purses, handbags, fanny packs, backpacks, camera bags, diaper bags, and luggage. Visitors may bring wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, canes, umbrellas, jackets, sweaters, small wallets, medication, small cameras and camcorders, cell phones, and small sealable beverage containers. All items brought into the visitor center are subject to inspection.

The USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park has a bag storage facility near the entrance to the visitor center. This service will be available for free from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., after which a nominal fee will be charged. Additional information on the visitor center's bag policy is available at nps.gov/valr.

Attire

This event will take place rain or shine on the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center's Ceremonial Lawn: please wear appropriate footwear. Military are not obligated to be in uniform for this ceremony. Military members who choose to wear uniforms to the site are encouraged to wear Class B or better.

More Information

Visit pearlharborevents.com for more information about the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 77th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony, including a full schedule of events, details about parking limitations, the live broadcast, and more.

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