



“... a date which will live in infamy”

PEARL HARBOR, HI – On December 7, 2016, many dignitaries met at the site of the Japanese attack on the American fleet here. They memorialized those lost in the attack that occurred Seventy-Five years ago. The attack propelled the United States into World War II.



PEARL HARBOR, HI – USS Arizona Memorial lays across the hulk of the ship that was sank by the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. 1177 crew members lost their life that day.

On December 8, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke those now famous words to Congress, "*Yesterday, on December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy...*" just before asking the joint session of Congress to declare a state of war against Japan.

The dignitaries at the 75th anniversary ceremonies included ...

One of the ceremonies included the interment of two USS *Arizona* survivors. The following is quoted from the National Parks Service pertaining to the ceremony.

The interment ceremony, which takes place at the USS *Arizona* Memorial, is unique to the U.S. Navy in that the USS *Arizona* is the only ship that returns the cremated remains of a survivor who found himself aboard that ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Nearly 80 percent of the crew was wiped out when the forward magazines exploded and the ship then foundered in less than nine minutes. This special service invites the family members to participate in the ceremony in which the urn of the survivor is placed in the well of turret No. 4 by National Park Service and Navy divers. This year will be the first time in which two interments -- for John Anderson (Boatswain's Mate, Second Class) and Clarendon Hetrick (Seaman, First Class) -- will take place. Their families, along with invited guests and dignitaries, will witness this rare commemoration honoring their service and dedication to the U.S. Navy and the battleship *Arizona*.



PEARL HARBOR, HI – The U.S. Flag flying over USS Arizona.



PEARL HARBOR – USS Arizona Memorial Wall located at rear of the memorial. The names of the 1177 crewmembers lost are honored here.

Two of our own had the privilege to visit the site of the Pacific Historic Parks, located at Pearl Harbor. The August 2016 visit to Hawaii by Deb Kerr and her husband Rob included meeting three of the Pearl Harbor survivors. To all of those lost and those serving on that fateful date... MAHALO.

Our two visitors were also able to tour the USS Missouri, where the instrument of surrender was signed to end World War Two.

While at the national park, the three took tours of various museums, viewed a documentary movie of the attack and took an excursion aboard a US Navy ferry vessel to the USS Arizona Memorial, where they spent approximately fifteen minutes to honor those lost on that "... date which will live in infamy".



PEARL HARBOR, HI – Oil from USS Arizona continues to leak to this day. Approximately four quarts a day leak out of her fuel cells, creating a sheen on the waters of Pearl Harbor.