



Facts about Pearl Harbor

- December 7, 2006 marks the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor is the only battle with its own federally mandated day of remembrance and moment of silence.
- 2,390 men and women died during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Thousands more lived to fight on, rally a nation and save the world from tyranny.
- For 65 years, Pearl Harbor survivors have honored their colleagues who gave their lives during the attack on Oahu. Now, it's their turn to be remembered.
- Pearl Harbor represented the only attack on American soil in the 20th century.
- The youngest of the living Pearl Harbor survivors, those who were in their teens and early 20's in 1941, are now in their early-mid 80's.
- Every December 7, Pearl Harbor survivors and their families journey to the site of the attack to remember how their lives were changed that day.
- Given the age of survivors, this year—the 65th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor—marks the last planned Survivors Summit, a reunion of survivors in Hawaii.
- Thousands of Pearl Harbor survivors have already passed away. They are now unable to tell their stories. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Project is designed to help their families, friends and loved ones tell their stories for them.
- Stories must be shared! Thousands of personal survivor stories now live only in the memories of spouses, children, grandchildren or other loved ones. We must get out the scrapbooks and share the memories for future generations.
- We must share these stories with the next generation now so they remember, understand and honor Pearl Harbor.
- In addition to sponsoring the Pearl Harbor Survivors Project, the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund is charged with raising money to build a new museum and visitors center. The new facility will house an expanded state-of-the-art museum, a new research and educational center with a library and teleconferencing facility, an outdoor amphitheater, movie theatres for education and visitor orientation, an expanded book shop, and improved visitor space and facilities.
- Many visitors to Pearl Harbor stand in line for up to three hours to visit the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial.