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## *A Nation Remembers*

*65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor*



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#### **Navy Region Hawaii and National Park Service to host Pearl Harbor Survivors during week to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor**

*Tom Brokaw will present the keynote address at this year's historic 65th Anniversary Commemoration hosted by the National Park Service and U.S. Navy*

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII- The National Park Service and U. S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup> on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Kilo Pier from 7:40- 9:30 a.m. The theme of the program is "A Nation Remembers." The Kilo Pier venue looks directly out to the USS *Arizona* Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor Survivors and their families and friends from around the nation will join 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year's historic commemoration, "A Nation Remembers," will reflect on how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved throughout the years since World War II. During the war years, "Remember Pearl Harbor" became a battle cry for the nation, uniting the country to defend democracy and freedom. Today, "Remember Pearl Harbor" has taken on a different definition and provides an opportunity for reflection, a study of lessons learned and gratitude towards the Pearl Harbor veterans who served and those of their comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Former NBC Nightly News Anchor and Managing Editor Tom Brokaw will serve as the keynote speaker for the commemoration. Other guest speakers include the Governor of Hawaii Linda Lingle; Secretary of the Department of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne; Adm. Gary Roughead, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Ronald Sugar, chairman and chief executive officer, Northrop Grumman.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations, echo taps and recognition of the men and women who survived that December 7, 1941 and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 65 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. A U.S. Navy ship will render honors to the USS *Arizona*. Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s will fly over the memorial in a "missing man" formation.

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### **Public Access to the Commemoration**

The commemoration is free of charge and a limited number of seats are open to the general public. Due to strict security measures on Naval Station Pearl Harbor, only invited guests will be allowed access on base in their vehicles. General public wishing to attend the Commemoration will be required to board U.S. Navy boats departing from the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center which will transport them to Kilo Pier and the Commemoration site. Seats for the general public on the U.S. Navy boats and at the Commemoration are limited, and available on a first come, first serve basis. The first U.S. Navy boat for the general public will depart at 5:45 a.m. and last boat departs at 6:45 a.m.

### **Information**

For more information on the Pearl Harbor Day 65th Anniversary Commemoration, call the National Park Service at (808) 422-2771 or visit their Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/usar>; or contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 808-473-2888 or visit our Web site at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>

### **Security**

Due to strict security measures, personal cameras may be used at the ceremony, but no camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are allowed.

### **Dress Code**

Military dress is summer whites or service dress equivalent with ribbons, no medals.

The civilian dress code for the Commemoration is Aloha crisp attire (long slacks, collared shirts).

### **Children**

Due to the formality and length of the Commemoration, it is recommended that children be at least eight years old to attend.

### **Directions to USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitors Center**

#### **Car**

From the Honolulu/Waikiki area, take Ala Moana Blvd. /Nimitz Highway or H-1 Freeway West. While on H-1, look for the USS *Arizona*/Stadium exit, #15A. The USS *Arizona* Memorial is located off of State Highway 99 (Kamehameha Highway) about a 45-minute drive west of Waikiki.

#### **Public Transportation**

Honolulu public transit buses stop regularly at the Visitor Center and can be boarded in Waikiki. The #20 and #42 buses will take you to the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center.

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**Media Instructions:**

1. **Contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office in advance at 808-473-2888 OR from Dec. 5-8, stop by the Media Information Center to arrange for base credentialing, access and media escort. The Media Information Center is located at the Ohana Hale Building #103 at the Rainbow Bay Marina at Pearl Harbor (located just past the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center and USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park).**
2. **On Dec. 7, at 6 a.m., check in at the Media Information Center at the Ohana Hale Building #103 at the Rainbow Bay Marina at Pearl Harbor for transport and escort to the Commemoration site. Please be prompt and have your Joint Base Media Pass available.**
3. **Media covering the ceremony will also have the option to continue their coverage with a photo opportunity of the floral tribute/wreath presentations on board the USS *Arizona* Memorial directly following the completion of the ceremony, and then proceed onto the 11:30 a.m. Pacific Aviation Museum Grand Opening and the 12:30 p.m. USS *Oklahoma* Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony on Ford Island. Transportation and media escorts will be provided.**
4. **Live Satellite Feed of Pearl Harbor 65<sup>th</sup> Commemoration may be available. For details, contact:  
Lisa Ontai  
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4. **For more information and media access to other Pearl Harbor 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events occurring during the week of Dec. 2-8, media should contact Lisa Ontai of the National Park Service/Arizona Memorial Museum Association at 808-375-9352 or [ontai@pixi.com](mailto:ontai@pixi.com) or visit the media desk at the Pearl Harbor 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium at the Hilton Hawaiian Village from Dec. 2-5, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**