



***Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 7, 2016
Wesley Bolin Plaza
Phoenix, Arizona***



DECEMBER 7, 1941

“A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY...”

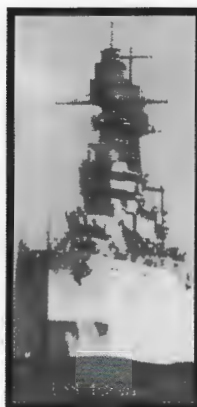


At 7:55 A.M. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, a Japanese force of 183 airplanes attacked U.S. military and naval facilities on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands without warning. For 30 minutes, dive bombers and torpedo planes struck airfields and naval vessels. After a 15 minute lull, a second attack was launched, consisting of a wave of 170 planes at 8:40 A.M. This attack lasted one hour. Casualties to United States service personnel were:

2,343 killed 960 missing 1,272 wounded

All eight U.S. battleships at anchor in Pearl Harbor were either sunk or damaged and 151 American planes were destroyed on the ground. At a cost of only 28 attacking airplanes shot down, the Japanese had dealt the U.S. a staggering blow.

On December 8, 1941 the U.S. declared war on Japan. Germany and Italy, bound by treaty with Japan, declared war on the U.S. on Dec. 11 the U.S. then declared war on these two Axis partners of Japan. The United States had entered World War II.



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Douglas C-47A "Old Number 30." This specific aircraft was delivered to the U.S. Army Air Force in early 1943 and assigned to the 60th Troop Carrier Group (TCG). "Old Number 30" and her crews operated from Airbases in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. From those bases it carried paratroops and towed gliders into battle, delivered supplies, munitions and medical supplies and evacuated wounded and war orphans. It flew many highly classified missions for the Office of Strategic Services at night behind enemy lines into Yugoslavia. Some of the missions supported an operation where over 500 downed airmen were rescued from behind enemy lines during the war. "Old Number 30" participated in the Allied invasions of Sicily and Italy as well as the North Africa, Greece and Balkan Campaigns. The 60th TCG and its crews were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation, the military's highest unit award.



North American B-25J Mitchell Bomber "Maid in the Shade." This aircraft was delivered to the U.S. Army Air Force in June 1944 and assigned to the 437th Squadron, 319th Bomb Group at Serraggia Air Base, Corsica. The blue ring painted on its engine nacelles and blue twin vertical stabilizers identified aircraft of the 437th Squadron. "Maid in the Shade" also carried Battle Number 18 on its twin vertical stabilizers just as it does today. While in Corsica "Maid in the Shade" flew 15 combat missions during WWII against German logistics targets in Italy and Yugoslavia. Most of these targets were rail lines, railroad bridges and the anti-aircraft batteries the Germans installed to protect the targets.



Beechcraft C-45 Expediter is a military version of the Beechcraft 18 and was used primarily during WWII as a multi-engine pilot trainer and transport for military staff and passengers. Other versions of the C-45 were used as navigation and gunnery trainers.



Rear Admiral James Symonds, USN, Retired, is a veteran of 35 years of service in the US Navy. He was a Naval Flight Officer and Naval Aviator with eighteen years of flying service in three operational A-6 Intruder squadrons with deployments on four different aircraft carriers. He commanded Attack Squadron ONE SIX FIVE at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. He amassed 4,000 flight hours in the Intruder and over 1,000 carrier landings.

He completed Navy Nuclear Power training and was the Executive Officer of USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69). He commanded USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13), an amphibious ship, and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), a nuclear powered aircraft carrier, with a crew of over 3,000.

As a Flag Officer, he was first assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff in Washington, DC, where he was the Director of Environmental Readiness (N45) for the Navy.

His last tour of duty was as Commander, Navy Region Northwest in Silverdale, WA. He led 3,000 Sailors and civilians providing strategic planning and daily operations at four major Navy installations in Washington state.

Rear Admiral Symonds and his wife, Anne, have three children and three grandchildren. They reside in Chandler, AZ.



Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Director Wanda Wright is the third generation of her family to serve in the U.S. military. She has three decades of military experience. As a 1985 United States Air Force Academy graduate, Colonel Wright began her military career as Deputy Budget officer with the Tactical Air Command at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with a follow-on assignment to Davis-Monthan AFB as the Budget Officer.

Leaving active duty in 1990, Colonel Wright joined the Arizona National Guard. During the next 21 years, she served in various positions including accounting and finance officer, communications officer, executive officer and, finally, as the Director of Staff for the Adjutant General in Phoenix. Among her proudest achievements was to serve as Air Commander of Operation Jump Start from June 2006 – December 2008 during which she commanded more than 4,000 airmen from 52 states and territories on our Southwest border.

Colonel Wright holds a B.S. in Management from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a M.B.A. from Webster University in South Carolina, a M.P.A. from the University of Arizona and is completing her M.A. in Educational Leadership from Arizona State University.

Colonel Wright's decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal.



Official state historian Marshall Trimble is the author of more than 20 books on Arizona. He's one of the state's most popular speakers and performers appearing frequently on stage, radio and television as a goodwill ambassador for the state.

Often referred to as the "Will Rogers of Arizona," he can deliver anything from a serious history lecture to a stage concert with his guitar of Western folk music, tall tales and true stories. He answers questions about the Old West from readers all over the world in True West Magazine's popular column, "Ask the Marshall."

A former Marine, in 2004 he was inducted into the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame.

In 2007, the Arizona Office of Tourism honored him with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his many years of service to his native state. During Arizona's Centennial he was honored as one of "Arizona's Most Inspiring Leaders."

He was inducted into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame in 2011. That same year he received the Al Merito Award from the Arizona Historical Society in recognition for lifelong distinguished service in promoting Arizona history.

In 2012 he was selected for the U.S. State Department's "Cowboy Hall of Fame Tour," a goodwill trip to Kyrgyzstan to visit our troops and share American cowboy culture with the people of that country.

The Historical League of the Arizona Historical Society named him one of seven "Historymakers" for the year 2014. That same year he received the "Semper Fi" Award from the U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

PROGRAM

10:15 a.m.

Veteran's Band, directed by:

CWO2 (USA Ret) Tony Gonzalez

Intro to Flyover

Marshall Trimble, State Historian

10:55 a.m.

Commemorative Air Force

Douglas C-47A Skytrain

B-25J Mitchell Bomber

C-45 Expediter

Invocation by Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt Col) Larry Fowler

Luke AFB Chaplains Office

Laying of Wreaths

Arizona Veterans Service Organizations and Patriotic Groups

Master of Ceremonies

Marshall Trimble

Posting of the Colors

POW/MIA/KIA Honor Guard

National Anthem

SFC (USA Ret) Vern West, vocalist

Veteran's Band

Pledge of Allegiance

Maria Martens

Gold Star Mom

Recognition of dignitaries

Marshall Trimble

Recognition of Veterans and Active Military

Reading of Proclamation

Wanda A. Wright

Director, Arizona Dept. of Veterans' Services

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

Veteran's Band

Sung by SFC (Ret) Vernon West

Intro to Keynote Speaker

Marshall Trimble

Guest Speaker

RADM (Ret) James Symonds

Armed Forces Service Medley

Please stand during the playing of the service song you or a loved one served in

Firing Party

The American Legion Post 29

"Taps"

SFC (USA Ret) Vern West

Benediction

Chaplain (Lt Col) Larry Fowler

Luke AFB Chaplains Office

Releasing of the White Doves

Gene Stoltz, Owner

Veteran's Band

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

History – in every century,
records an act that lives forevermore.
We'll recall – as in to line we fall,
the things that happened on Hawaii's shore.
Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR –
As we go to meet the foe –
Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR –
As we did the Alamo.
We will always remember –
how they died for liberty,
Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR –
and go on to victory.



THE ARMY SONG

Over hill, over dale, we have hit the dusty trail
And the Army goes rolling along. In and out,
hear them shout Counter march and right
about And the Army goes rolling along. Then
it's Hi! Hi!Hey! The Army's on the way Sound
off your numbers loud and strong. For where
e'er you go, you will always know That the Ar-
my goes rolling along.



SEMPER PARATUS (Always Ready) Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, We place our
trust in thee. Through howling gale and shot
and shell, To win our victory. "Semper Para-
tus" is our guide, Our pledge, our motto too,
We're "Always Ready" do or die! HEY! Coast
Guard we fight for you!



THE MARINES' HYMN

From the halls of Montezuma To the shores of
Tripoli We fight our country's battles In the air,
on land and sea; First to fight for right and
freedom And to keep our honor clean We are
proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.



THE AIR FORCE HYMN

Off we go into the wild blue yonder Climbing
high into the sun; Here they come, Zooming to
meet our thunder At 'em boys, give 'er the gun.
Down we dive, Spouting our flame from under
Off with one hell of a roar! We live in fame, or
go down in flame, Hey! Nothing can stop the
U.S. Air Force



ANCHORS AWEIGH

Anchors Aweigh my boys, Anchors Away Fare-
well to college joys, We sail at break of day ay,
ay, ay! Through our last night on shore, Drink
through the foam, Until we meet once more
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.



HEAVE HO! My Lads, Heave Ho! Merchant Marines

Heave Ho! My lads, heave ho! It's a long, long
way to go, It's a long, long pull with our hatches
full Braving the wind, braving the sea, Fighting
the treacherous foe, Heave Ho! My lads, heave
ho! Let the sea roll high or low, We can cross
any ocean Sail any river, give us the goods and
we'll deliver Damn the submarine! We're the
men of The Merchant Marine!

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

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The Civil Air Patrol

The Marine Corps League, Old Breed Detachment

Unified Arizona Veterans Association



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