

# **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.















Boeing B-17G "Sentimental Journey." The B-17 was a U.S. Army Air Force heavy bomber in World War II and was used extensively for daylight bombing missions against Axis Forces and strategic targets throughout Europe. These aircraft carried a crew of 10, bristled with thirteen .50 caliber machine guns and carried 6,000 bomb loads over a thousand miles into enemy territory. More than 12,000 B-17s were built and almost 5,000 were lost in combat. "Sentimental Journey" is one of the most authentically restored B-17s in existence and one of only eleven that are flying in the world today.



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.

#### More About the Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum

Based in Mesa, Arizona, the group was founded in 1977 as the 10th chapter of the CAF. It is comprised of 500 members, seven flyable warbirds that offer Living History "thrill of a lifetime" rides, and over 20 historic war aircraft on display. The fully-restored and rare B-17G and B-25J Bombers are the two main warbirds that conduct the Flying Legends of Victory Summer Air Show tour and visit approximately 40 cities throughout the United States and Canada. The military aviation museum has 55,000 square feet of historical airplanes, relics, and educational exhibits, in addition to a working mechanics hangar. An extensive gift shop with history memorabilia, clothing, toys, and collectibles, is onsite and also available online. A Trip-Advisor Winner of Excellence, it's one of the top-rated Edu-Venture attractions in Phoenix and regularly conducts tours for schools, businesses, and youth groups. www.azcaf.org



Governor Doug Ducey was elected on November 4, 2014 and was sworn into office on January 5, 2015, becoming Arizona's 23rd Governor. As governor, Ducey's priorities are growing the economy, creating jobs, improving outcomes in K-12 education and balancing the budget. A champion of limited government, economic development and Arizona businesses and families, Governor Ducey has pledged to work every day to ensure "Opportunity for All."

Prior to taking his oath as governor, Ducey served as Arizona's 32nd state treasurer, a position he held since his oath of office in January 2011. As Arizona's chief banker and investment officer, Ducey managed more than \$13 billion in state assets and served as an investment manager for local governments. He also served as chairman of Arizona's State Board

of Investment and State Loan Commission, as Arizona's Surveyor General and was a member of the State Land Selection Board.

Governor Ducey was born in Toledo, Ohio. He moved to Arizona to attend Arizona State University's business school, where he earned his bachelor of science in finance in 1986. Governor Ducey and his wife, Angela, live in Phoenix with their three sons, Jack, Joe and Sam.



Judge Rick Romley served four elected terms as the Maricopa County Attorney [1989-2004] and was appointed as interim Maricopa County Attorney in 2010. He has testified before the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives on the issues of violent crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, youth violence, public corruption and victims' rights. For these efforts, Rick has been the recipient of over 100 awards.

Since leaving office, Rick started his own firm. Clientele have included former Secretary for Veterans Affairs, James Nicholson, who asked Rick to come to Washington D.C. and be his Personal Advisor to oversee the data loss of personal information for over twenty-six million veterans and to enhance the VA's security protocols and infrastructure.

Rick and his wife, Carol, live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Rick joined the United States Marine Corps as a youth and served as a combat infantry squad leader in Vietnam until wounded in 1969. Rick received numerous commendations, including the Purple Heart. In 2001, Rick received two additional National Awards for his service in defense of our country: Life's Presidential Unsung Hero Award and America's Outstanding Disabled American Veteran of the Year. Mr. Romley was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.



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.



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



Rear Admiral Ron Tucker has over forty years of professional experience in the U.S. Navy and with the Bechtel Corporation. He held several senior management positions in Bechtel including Country Manager for Japan; Vice President of Strategic Planning and Region Management, Asia Pacific, and General Manager of Bechtel's Business Service Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

Prior to joining Bechtel Rear Admiral Tucker's career in the U.S. Navy included Assignments as Director of Installations, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific and Commander Task Force 73 in Singapore; and Director, Surface Warfare Plans and Programs in the Pentagon. He was the last Commanding Officer of the Battleship USS New Jersey (BB-62). He also commanded the Naval Station at Pearl Harbor and the Guided Missile Destroyer, USS Cochrane (DDG-21).

Rear Admiral Tucker is active in community, church, and charitable organizations. He served on the Board of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, raising \$54 Million to replace the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center and Museum. He was President of the Phoenix Council of the US Navy League, and served on the Board of the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations In 2009 he led a project that built an award winning Veterans Memorial in Anthem, Arizona, where he lives. In 2012 he was inducted into the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame.

He is a graduate of California State University, Northridge and the U.S. Naval War College.



Photograph by Marion Cartland

The USS Arizona Memorial, at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii, marks the resting place of 1,102 of the 1,177 sailors and Marines killed on USS Arizona (BB-39) during the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and commemorates the events of that day. The attack on Pearl Harbor and the island of O'ahu led to the United States' direct involvement in World War II.

The memorial, built in 1962, is visited by more than two million people annually. Accessible only by boat, it straddles the sunken hull of the battleship without touching it. Historical information about the attack, shuttle boats to and from the memorial, and general visitor services are available at the associated USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. The battleship's sunken remains were declared a National Historic Landmark on May 5, 1989.

The USS Arizona Memorial is one of several sites in Hawaii and elsewhere that are part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

# PROGRAM

10:15 a.m.

108th Army Band
Directed by CWO Steve Brining

Intro to Flyover
Marshall Trimble, State Historian

10:55 a.m.

Commemorative Air Force
Douglas C-47A Skytrain
Boing B-17 G "Sentimental Journey"

Master of Ceremonies
Rick Romley

Invocation

Chaplain (Capt) Lauralee Ozzello 161st Air Refueling Wing

Laying of Wreaths
Arizona Veterans Service Organizations and
Patriotic Groups

**Posting of the Colors** POW/MIA/KIA Honor Guard

National Anthem

SFC (USA Ret) Vern West, vocalist

Veteran's Band

Pleage of Allegiance
Maddie Rose Holler
Miss Arizona 2017

Recognition of Dignitaries
Rick Romley

Recognition of Veterans and Active Military

Intro to Arízona Governor

Col (USAF Ret) Wanda Wright

Director, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Special Remarks
Governor Douglas A. Ducey

Reading of Proclamation
Col (USAF Ret) Wanda Wright
Director, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

"Remember Pearl Harbor"
108th Army Band
Sung by SFC (USA Ret) Vernon West

Intro to Guest Speaker
Rick Romley

Guest Speaker
RADM (USN Ret) Ron Tucker

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 (Capt) Lauralee Ozzello
161st Air Refueling Wing

Releasing of the White Doves
Gene Stoltz

Lyrics to sing along

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

History in every century, records an act that lives forevermore

We'll recall, as in to line we fall, the thing 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

### PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

State of Arizona Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Unified Arizona Veterans Air Force Association, Frank Luke Chapter The American Legion Department of Arizona The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona American Legion Post 29 The American Legion Grand Canyon University Post 43 The American Legion Unit 44 The American Legion Ahwatukee Post 64 The American Legion Dwight Eisenhower Post 72 The American Legion Mary Ellen Piotroski Post 94 The American Legion Christopher J Lapka Post 105 The American Legion Women's Honor Society 20 & 4 Echelon 35 AMVETS, Department of Arizona AMVETS Dept. of Arizona, Ladies Auxiliary Association of the US Army Association of the US Navy, Phoenix Saguaro Chapter **Daisy Mountain Veterans** Disabled American Veterans Department of Arizona Disabled American Veterans Department of Arizona Auxiliary Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit 1 Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Glendale Chapter 20 The Enlisted Association/TREA Chapter 34 Ens. John C. Butler AZ Ch. DE & DD Sailors Association Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 163, Phoenix, AZ Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 163 Auxiliary Chapter XXV "Thunderbird" 173D Airborne Brigade Association Grand Canyon Chapter 187th Airborne R.C.T.

Honoring Arizona Veterans

Jewish War Veterans Department of Southwest

Jewish War Veterans Post 210

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619

Arizona Korean War Veterans Arden Rowley Chapter 122

Arizona Korean War Veterans General Brad Smith Chapter

AZ Chapter Third Marine Division Association

Marine Corp League, Old Breed Detachment #767

Arizona Semper Fi Vets

Military Officer's Association of America, Arizona Chapter
Military Officer's Association of America, Superstition Mountain
Chapter

Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 691
Military Order of the World Wars, Apache Trail Chapter
Military Order of the World Wars Phoenix Chapter
Scottish American Military Society Post 48
Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Archer-Ragsdale AZ Chapter
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Arizona
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9400
Vietnam Veterans of America State Council
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, State Council
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 432 West Valley
Vietnam Veterans of America, East Valley Chapter 1011
Women's Army Corps Veterans Assn. Chapter #68
Blinded Veterans Association, Arizona
Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol

Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol

Gold Star Wives of America

Phoenix VA Health Care System

American Resis the Biveter Association Sun City

American Rosie the Riveter Association, Sun City Chapter
Arizona State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Daughters of the American Revolution, Gov. George Hunt Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

Arizona Democratic Veterans & Military Families Caucus

MANA House

Family & Friends of the USS Arizona

Veterans Heritage Project

Honor Flight Arizona

Salt River Unit 155 of Military Women Across the Nation

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Margaret Warner

Wood Detached Tent #1

Perch Base of the Submarine Veterans

U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dept. of the Southwest Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dept. of the Southwest, Picacho Peak Auxiliary

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lew Wallace Circle Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic

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