

A photograph of the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The white, curved memorial structure is in the foreground, with an American flag flying on a tall pole to its left. In the background, the rusted remains of the USS Arizona BB 39 are visible in the water. The sky is blue with some clouds, and palm trees are visible on the distant shore.

Commemorating Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony

December 9, 2023

12 noon

**Wesley Bolin Plaza
1700 W. Washington Street**

Phoenix, Arizona

The Attack on Pearl Harbor

At 7:55 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, a Japanese force of 183 airplanes conducted a surprise attack on U.S. military and naval facilities on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

During the attack, the Japanese focused on eliminating the battleships, as they were one of the biggest threats to the internal affairs of Japan and their campaigns for conquering Manchuria.

Stealthy Japanese planning permitted the attack on Pearl Harbor to remain undetected by U.S. intelligence. In the days before the attack, Japanese destroyers and battleships had led fighters, dive-bombers, high-level bombers, and torpedo planes into position to the north of the Hawaiian Islands.

Upon reaching Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, the torpedo bombers that had traveled in complete radio silence attacked the harbor in groups of twos and threes in a surprising, quick, and powerful attack, with the second fleet of Japanese aircraft blitzing the site an hour later.

The U.S.S. Nevada (BB-36) was the only battleship to get underway during the attack, but she was hit by one torpedo and at least six bombs while steaming away from Battleship Row, forcing her to be beached at Hospital Point.

Casualties to United States service personnel were 2,343 killed, 960 missing persons, and 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. The Japanese had dealt the U.S. a staggering blow because only 28 attacking airplanes were shot down.

Many other American Ships were damaged at Pearl Harbor, and many lives were lost. The salvageable ships that were recommissioned all played a big part in the remaining years of World War II and many missions after that.

On Dec. 8, 1941, the U.S. declared war on Japan. Germany and Italy, bound by a 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 entered World War II.



HONORED GUESTS



Pearl Harbor Survivor Ed Miklavcic Sr. (Will lay the Pearl Harbor Wreath.)

During the attack, Miklavcic was at the Wheeler Field Air Force Base in Oahu, HI, during the first wave of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Twenty-five dive-bombers dropped approximately 35 bombs on the hangars at Wheeler Field. The Japanese airplanes returned to strafe the fighting line, turning it into a river of fire. Four fighters from the 46th Pursuit Squadron could take to the air and attack the Japanese over southeastern Oahu. The second Japanese wave arrived and strafed the field but caused little more damage before the attack ended at 9:45 am. Eighty-three aircraft had been destroyed, 38 enlisted men were killed, and 59 men were wounded. Wheeler Field quickly recovered and played an essential role in World War II. The Seventh Air Service Command was established at Wheeler in 1944 to provide service and support for the B-29 bombers in the Marianas, which began massive raids against Japan that fall. Placed in care-taking status in 1949, Wheeler Field was reactivated during the Korean War and houses Army helicopters today. Following the attack at Pearl Harbor, Miklavcic continued to serve in the Pacific.



Mike Broomhead

Mike Broomhead hosts the Mike Broomhead show on KTAR News 93.2 FM. He uses his business and life experience to address the issues that Arizona citizens face today. When his brother Tom was killed in Iraq on Memorial Day in 2003, Mike began to speak out at the largest pro-troops rallies across the country. He was called upon to debate against the anti-war crowd on both television and radio and is now highly requested around the country to speak at events.



Brian Ishmael

Brian Ishmael is Honoring America's Veterans President. He is a U.S. Army veteran who served as a sergeant with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He serves as Assistant Vice President of Inside Sales and the Program Development Director for Synchrony Financial. Synchrony is a premier consumer financial services company delivering one of the industry's most complete digitally enabled product suites. Their services encompass a broad spectrum of industries, including digital, health and wellness, retail, telecommunications, home, auto, outdoors, pet, and more.



Secretary of State Adrian Fontes

Secretary of State Adrian Fontes was born in Nogales, Arizona, and lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Fontes served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1992 to 1996. He received a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in communication from Arizona State University in 1998 and a J.D. from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver in 2000. His career experience includes working as an attorney in the Denver district attorney's office, the Maricopa County attorney's office, and the Arizona attorney general's office, where he was an assistant attorney general. Fontes also worked as a certified election and registration administrator. He was elected Secretary in 2023.



Lt. Colonel Dana Allmond - Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Retired Army Lt. Colonel Dana Allmond - a mother, wife, and veteran - is a 1994 United States Military Academy graduate. After more than 23 years of active duty service, Col. 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. Col. Wright's decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.



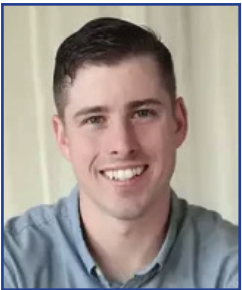
Senator Ken Bennett

Senator Bennett grew up in Prescott and helped run his family business, Bennett Oil Company, where he served as CEO for over 20 years. He was first elected to public office in 1985 when he was elected to serve on the Prescott City Council and served until 1989. He then served in the State Senate from 1999-2007, serving as Senate President from 2003 to 2007. He was then appointed Secretary of State in January 2009 to finish Jan Brewer's term and was subsequently elected to the post in 2010. He was reelected to the State Senate for his current term and represents District 1.



Mary Millben

Award-winning International Singer Mary Millben is a story of the American dream and a brand rooted in God, American patriotism, and love of country. A global symbol of faith, freedom, and unity, Mary is uniquely gifted to stir spirits worldwide in settings of patriotism, global causes, and gatherings of world leaders.



Keynote Speaker: Ian Parkinson

Ian Parkinson enlisted in the Army in April 2009, at 19, completing his basic training and infantry school at Fort Benning, GA, which was proceeded by airborne school.

His first duty station was at K-16 airbase in South Korea for a year. While in Korea, he served with both American and KATUSA (Korean Augmentee To the U.S. Army) soldiers in which they trained and guarded a highly valued military installation. From there, he was stationed at Fort Drum, New York, with the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry).

In the spring of 2011, he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan; there, he was part of a team that regularly conducted dismount (foot) patrols with the objectives of engaging Taliban forces, building rapport with the locals, and stabilizing the area of threats through security, local villager's trust & support, and clearing IEDs (improvised explosive device).

On June 6th, 2011, while returning to base from a patrol, he stepped on an IED that took both of his legs above the knee and inflicted a variety of other injuries, including Traumatic Brain Injury, fractured pelvis, shattered elbow, and shrapnel inflicted wounds. He was stabilized and ultimately underwent major surgeries and roughly 1 ½ years of physical rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center, TX (now San Antonio Military Medical Center).

During the rehab process, he re-learned to walk with the use of prosthetic legs and regained complete mobility and function. In 2013, he was medically retired from the Army, pursued a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, and works as an independent web developer.

PROGRAM

Music

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Band

Welcome

Emcee Mike Broomhead, KTAR News 92.3 FM

Commemorative Flyover

World War II Biplanes, Stearman Group

Raising of the 48-star flag

Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets

Invocation

Chaplain Rose Lawson, The American Legion, District 12

Presentation of the Colors

POW/MIA/KIA Honor Guard

National Anthem

Mary Millben, National Award Winning Singer

Pledge of Allegiance

Emily Ortiz, Miss Teen USA, National Miss

Presentation of the State Wreath

Arizona Department of Veterans Services

Presentation of the Pearl Harbor Wreath

Pearl Harbor Survivor Ed Miklavcic and his daughters

Presentation of the Wreaths

Lt. Col. Dana Allmond, Director, Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Veterans Service and Patriotic Groups

Recognition of Dignitaries

Recognition of Veterans and Active Military

Governor's Proclamation

Brian Ishmael, U.S. Army Veteran, President, Honoring America's Veterans

Introduction of the Secretary of State

The Honorable Adrian Fontes, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Introduction of Senator Ken Bennett

The Honorable Ken Bennett

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Mr. Jim Griffith, TriWest's Chief Network and Administrative Officer

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Ian Parkinson, Operation Enduring Freedom, U.S. Army Veteran

Armed Forces Service Medley

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

Firing Party

POW/MIA/KIA Honor Guard

"Taps"

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Band

Benediction

Chaplain Rose Lawson, The American Legion, District 12

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

"Remember Pearl Harbor" History – in every century, records an act that lives forevermore. We'll recall – as into 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.

At the conclusion of the program, you are welcome to watch the placement of thirteen roses by the American Legion Riders at the base of the gun barrels. The placement of the red roses commemorates the honor of "The Filthy 13", who were among the most notorious squad of fighting men in the 101st Airborne Division. The red roses signify the rain of blood that fell from the sky from the killed or wounded before they hit the ground.

You can also visit the USS Arizona Anchor, the Keel with the names of fallen Arizona servicemembers, along with seeing the gun barrel from the USS Arizona, signifying the start of World War II with the sinking of that battleship and the gun barrel from the USS Missouri, signifying the end of World War II. On September 2, 1945, and before representatives of nine Allied nations, the Japanese signed the official Instrument of Surrender, prepared by the War Department, and approved by President Truman on the deck of the USS Missouri.

MILITARY SERVICE SONGS

The Army Fight Song: First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation's might, And the Army Goes Rolling Along. Proud of all we have done, Fighting till the battle's won, And the Army Goes Rolling Along. Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on it way Count off the cadence loud and strong. For where'er we go, You will always know That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

The Navy Fight Song: Anchors Aweigh my boys, Anchors Away Farewell to college joys, We sail at break of day ay, ay, ay! Through our last night ashore, Drink to the foam, Until we meet once more. Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

The Marine Hymn: From the Halls of Montezuma To the shores of Tripoli; We fight our country's battles On land and on the 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.

The Coast Guard Hymn: 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 Paratus" is our guide, Our pledge, and our motto too. We're "Always Ready," do or die! HEY! Coast Guard, we are for you!

The Space Force Song: SEMPER SUPRA: We're the mighty watchful eye, Guardians beyond the blue, The invisible front line, Warfighters brave and true. Boldly reaching into space, There's no limit to our sky. Standing guard both night and day, We're the Space Force from on high.



**Honoring America's
VETERANS**

We're on a mission to salute our veterans and their loved ones by thanking, honoring, and recognizing them for their service and patriotism to our country. We remember the men and women who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor. And we honor our military and veterans for the price they pay for our freedom.

Learn more online at www.honoringamericasveterans.org.



WREATH LAYERS

- 173 Airborne Brigade
- American Gold Star Mothers
- Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society
- Archer-Ragsdale Arizona Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen
- Association of the United States Army
- Association of the United States Navy, Phoenix Saguaro Chapter
- Daughters of American Revolution, Arizona State Society
- Disabled American Veterans, Department of Arizona, Auxiliary
- Disabled American Veterans, Glendale Chapter 20
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Glendale Unit 20
- Fleet Reserve Association, National President
- Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 163
- Fleet Reserve Association, Ladies Auxiliary National President
- Fleet Reserve Association, Auxiliary Unit 163
- Gold Star Wives of America, Phoenix Chapter
- Honoring America's Veterans
- Jewish War Veterans, Copper State Post 619
- Marine Corps League, Old Breed Detachment #767
- Michael E Mahoney Chapter 691 Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Military Order of the World Wars, Phoenix Chapter
- Military Women Across the Nation, Salt River Military Unit 155
- Perch Base, U.S. Submarine Veterans, USSVI
- Perch Base, U.S. Submarine Veterans, World War II Veterans
- Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System
- Prisoners of War, Missing in Action and Killed in Action Honor Guard
- Rosie the Riveter
- Scottish-American Military Society, Post 48
- Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona
- Sons of the American Revolution- National Society
- Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Arizona Division
- Team Red, White, and Blue Phoenix
- The American Legion Department of Arizona
- The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona,
- The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 44
- Third Marine Division of Arizona
- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Arizona
- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9400
- Veterans Heritage Project
- Veterans Medical Leadership Council
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1011
- Vietnam Veterans of America, East Valley Chapter 1011
- Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Army Women United
- Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Saguaro Chapter 68

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And to all the veterans, community members, and others here with us today, we thank you for remembering the importance of Pearl Harbor..

**The team at Honoring America's Veterans,
thanks you for joining us.**



Solemnly Remembering Tremendous Acts of Courage and Sacrifice

Today we remember the more than 2,400 U.S. Service Members and civilians lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, including the 1,177 sailors and Marines who lost their lives on the USS Arizona that tragic day.

It is our special honor to serve those who have sacrificed and served in defense of the nation. We can think of no higher mission than to provide access to convenient, quality care that Veterans have earned and deserve.

*It's a mission we take seriously.
It's who we are. It's what we do.*



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