

Brittany Pointe Estates Veterans Affairs Committee



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Veterans' Corner by Bob Berger

Remembering The Greatest Generation

This December 7th, we will be remembering the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Hard to believe it will be the Eightieth Anniversary of the dastardly attack. Although we think of the battleships moored around Ford Island as our country's primary loss, I believe it was the 2341 service members who lost their lives that morning. They were the front line of defense for our country. Those individuals were the blunt force that was moved from the west coast to Hawaii specifically to stop Imperial Japan's aggressive actions in Asia and the Pacific.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on December 8, 1941 asked for a Declaration of War against Imperial Japan at a Joint Session of Congress. "The unity of the United States reached an all-time high. Every American alive at the time knows the cry **"Remember Pearl Harbor!"** Out of the ashes of the defeat came America's resilience and determination to preserve peace so that these dead shall not have died in vain."

The Greatest generation, who survived the Great Depression, now had to face not one but two powerful adversaries when shortly after our Declaration of War with Japan, Nazi Germany declared war on the United States. We have so much gratitude to those brave members of the greatest generation. It is right and proper that we remember them, and all who have served in uniform. During this year, I hope to have a series of articles written about the incredible accomplishments of the Greatest Generation's Veterans and the country that supported them every step of the way to victory. "Least We Not Forget."

