

Remembering Pearl Harbor

On the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, I would like to take a moment to honor those who lost their lives on that fateful day as well as those who survived the unprovoked attack on our nation. The events of December 7, 1941, set in motion the valiant defense of freedom by millions of men and women in our armed forces during World War II. We remember them as the greatest generation because of both their courage and their unspeakable sacrifices to preserve our nation and the ideals we cherish. On behalf of myself, my family, and those I represent, I honor their service and thank all of our veterans, past and present, for wearing the American uniform.

As the events at Pearl Harbor becomes more distant from the present, I want to ensure that we remember the stories of those who were there. Last year, I had the opportunity to record the story of Mike Sotak, a Pearl Harbor survivor who now lives in Happy Valley, CA. Although some of you may have seen this video before, I wanted to share it again so that we all may remember what happened on that day:



