

*The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. –*  
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Transcript of Joint Address to Congress, December 8, 1941

Today, on this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country on that fateful Sunday morning in 1941.

Our men and women in uniform, then working as teachers, bus drivers, factory workers, executives, farmers, and from all walks of life, joined or were drafted into service to support the effort both on the front lines and the homefront. They did so with honor, dignity, and zeal both to preserve our freedoms and liberate people and nations in the European and Pacific theatres. The country was united for a common cause.

There are few living veterans who experienced the attack at Pearl Harbor, and today we hope you will join us in honoring them and remembering those who died in service to our country. [Visit the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative website to find more information.](#)

Today, not only do we thank you, our veterans, for your service, but every day we also reiterate, we will never forget.

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