

Pearl Harbor National Memorial

Pearl Harbor is the most popular visitor attraction in Hawaii with more than 1.6 million visitors per year.

Less than half a million of the 16 million WWII veterans are still alive.

Some 350 members of our greatest generation die daily.

The number of USS Arizona survivors is down to three.

We need to preserve the history that defines our nation.



Elks Pearl Harbor Campaign

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

The Inspiration for the Campaign

By Mike Luhr

Barbara and I had the idea on our Hawaiian visit to see Pearl Harbor Park. As we walked around the park looking at the exhibits, it was apparent the interpretive signs needed attention.

Some are faded worse than others, some are newer than others, some are black & white, and some are in color. All tell the story of what happened that 7th day in December 1941. They show what the harbor looked like then and now, and there is a list of all the vessels in harbor that morning.

I thought it was a shame that these National Park exhibits, which pay honor and respect to the men and women that died that day, along with the tens of thousands of armed service personnel that passed through Pearl Harbor in the Pacific Campaign, were in such a sad state.

The museum was thrilled. And, they had big ideas. Much like the Murrah Bombing Building Museum in Oklahoma City and the 911 museum in NYC, they want to install an interactive display with the pictures and stories of the survivors of that day in 1941.

Our order has a long history of supporting ideas and values that are part of our history; we contributed to the rebuilding of the USS Constitution, we contributed to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, and now we're coming together for this important cause.

The next few slides feature the current display.













Plan Your Visit

There are four sites, and each can take approximately 2 hours to see.

If you have time before or after your USS Arizona Memorial tour, consider visiting one or more of the other Pearl Harbor Historic Sites. Visit all the sites and enrich your understanding of America's role in World War II.



World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument

The monument encompasses several sites here and elsewhere. Pearl Harbor sites include the USS Arizona Memorial and Visitor Center; the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma memorials on Ford Island; Battleship Row mooring quays F6, F7, and F8; and six chief petty officer bungalows on Ford Island.

Alaska sites include the Aleutian Islands of Atka, Kiska, and Attu, which mark the northernmost reach of Japanese forces, California sites include Tule Lake Segregation Center National Historic Landmark and Camp Tule States into World War II. Throughout the Pacific theater over the following four years, epic land and sea battles to reclaim Japanese-occupied islands led to high losses of life for both sides, and for the islands' native peoples. Battlegrounds such as Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Guam, Peleliu, the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa are remembered for the heroic sacrifices and valor displayed there.

There were also sacrifices on the home front. Tens of millions of Americans rallied to support the war effort, often



Our Partner: Pacific Historic Parks

- <u>Their Mission</u>: To support the USS *Arizona* Memorial and other Pacific historic locations through education and interpretive programs, research, preservation, and restoration, to perpetuate the memory of events and honor the people involved in these sites.
- A 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization.
- The Cooperating Association at 4 National Park sites and the State's Diamond Head State Monument.

WHY ARE FUNDS NEEDED?

Fundraising Goals

- \$15,000 GOAL MET!
 - Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- \$270,000 GOAL MET!
 - Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits
 - Build new interactive displays to engage children
 - Modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens

All additional funds raised will be used to enhance and expand a virtual education program that will allow youth and adults across the country to "virtually visit" Pearl Harbor and learn about our history.

The National September 11 Memorial and Museum offers a powerful tribute to the victims of the 9/11 attack in New York City.

The goal is to open a similar exhibit in Hawaii to honor the 1,177 individuals killed Dec. 7, 1941 on the USS Arizona.





For further details, visit enf.elks.org/PH.

FAQs

Donations will not count toward your Lodge's ENF per-member-giving total or your personal ENF recognition levels.

Donations will be credited to each donor's record, just as with regular donations to the ENF. However, at this point, the plan is to publicize and display donations by state.

All donations must arrive at the ENF no later than November 11, 2020. This will allow us to tally final totals and present a check to Pacific Historic Parks during their annual Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony on December 7.