



75th WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

September 2, 2020

Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i





SALUTE THEIR SERVICE, HONOR THEIR HOPE



TO PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF PATRIOTISM AND THE SACRIFICE OF OUR GREATEST GENERATION

It was on board the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, that General MacArthur, Admiral Chester Nimitz and representatives of the Allied Powers accepted Japan's formal surrender, bringing to an end the bloodiest war in world history. The heartfelt words of General MacArthur, spoken on that day, are still with us:

"It is my earnest hope, and indeed the hope of all mankind, that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past -- a world founded upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance, and justice."

— General Douglas MacArthur,
September 2, 1945

Aligning with the sequence of history, and coming full circle, it is our privileged duty to preserve the legacy of patriotism and the sacrifice of our Greatest Generation, commemorating their indelible mark upon world history. We are mindful that this historic tribute may be the last commemoration to include participation of remaining WWII survivors.



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Dear Friends,

We are honored to serve as the Co-Chairs of the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II commemoration committee. Alongside our Presenting Sponsor, Linda Hope who represents the Bob Hope Legacy as a part of the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation, we encourage you to join us in commemorating this historic occasion by supporting two seminal events in 2020, marking the end of the war in Europe and the Pacific.

Our hope is that these events will preserve our nation's memory of a time when the United States persevered with selflessness and courage in the face of tyranny. We also hope to inspire our fellow citizens and freedom-loving people around the world by celebrating the legacy and character of those who have been called America's "Greatest Generation."

World War II was perhaps the single greatest unification of the American people in our nation's history. The sacrifices demanded by the global conflict touched every citizen. Military service became commonplace. Americans capable of donning a military uniform dutifully raised their hands. The oath of service was pledged by citizens of every stripe. The burden was not carried by a mere few.

Those who did not wear the uniform supported those who did. Women entered the workforce in historic numbers to keep American industry running. The American Red Cross mobilized to collect blood donations and furnish aid to the sick and wounded. Every American made daily sacrifices at home to keep gasoline and critical materials flowing to the frontlines. Even famous entertainers like Bob Hope and his peers committed their time and energies to not only entertain the troops as they served, but to energize fund raising efforts for this country's war efforts. All these people were patriots and heroes.

Americans responded to World War II with one of the finest examples of joint commitment to our country and to each other. Since our Founding Fathers, no generation has better understood the peril of division. They recognized that above all else, we are all Americans bound by common, timeless values. Through the World War II generation's resiliency, spirit and patriotism, the United States and our allies were victorious, and America emerged as a global leader.

We need your help. Please join our campaign to commemorate the End of World War II. The events planned in Washington, D.C. and Oahu next May and September, including historic flyovers, may be our last opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans and our heroes, celebrating the impact they had on our lives.

The history made by the World War II generation is too precious to lose to time. The accomplishments of the "Greatest Generation" are too valuable to forget. Together, we can preserve the legacy of World War II and remind our nation of what can be achieved by the American spirit.

Sincerely,

Bob and Elizabeth Dole
Honorary Co-Chairpersons

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Presenting Sponsor



Dr. Mark T. Esper
Secretary of Defense

Dr. Mark T. Esper was born on April 26, 1964, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He is a 1986 graduate of the United States Military Academy and received his commission in the Infantry. Upon completion of Ranger and Pathfinder training, he served in the 101st Airborne Division and participated in the 1990-91 Gulf War with the “Screaming Eagles.” He later commanded a Rifle Company in the 3-325 Airborne Battalion Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2007 after spending 10 years on active duty and 11 years in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

After leaving active duty, he served as Chief of Staff at The Heritage Foundation think tank, followed by service as legislative director and senior policy advisor to former Senator Chuck Hagel. He was a senior professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations and Senate Government Affairs committees, policy director for the House Armed Services Committee, and national security advisor for former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. During the President George W. Bush administration, he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiations Policy at the Pentagon.

From 2006-2007, Dr. Esper was the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Defense and International Affairs at Aerospace Industries Association. He was the national policy director to Senator Fred Thompson for his 2008 presidential campaign, and was a Senate-appointed commissioner on the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Dr. Esper later served concurrently as the Executive Vice President for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Global Intellectual Property Center and as Vice President for Europe and Eurasian Affairs from 2008-2010. Before being nominated as the Secretary of the Army in 2017, Dr. Esper was the Vice President for Government Relations at the Raytheon Company.

Dr. Esper is a recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. Among his many military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Dr. Esper holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a doctorate in Public Policy from George Washington University. Dr. Esper and his wife, Leah, have been married for 30 years and have 3 adult children.

The Honorable Mark T. Esper was sworn in as the 27th Secretary of Defense July 23, 2019. He served as Acting Secretary of Defense from June 24, 2019, to July 15, 2019. Dr. Esper served as the Secretary of the Army from Nov. 20, 2017, to June 24, 2019, and from July 15, 2019, to July 23, 2019.



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Gen. Mark A. Milley *Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

General Mark A. Milley is the 20th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, and the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman on October 1, 2019, General Milley served as the 39th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

General Milley has had multiple command and staff positions in eight divisions and Special Forces throughout the last 39 years to include command of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division; the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division; Deputy Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division; Commanding General, III Corps; and Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command.

While serving as the Commanding General, III Corps, General Milley deployed as the Commanding General, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

General Milley's operational deployments include the Multi-National Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt; Operation Just Cause, Panama; Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; and three tours during Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. He also deployed to Somalia and Colombia.

In addition to his bachelor's degree in political science from Princeton University, General Milley has a master's degree in international relations from Columbia University and one from the U.S. Naval War College in national security and strategic studies. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI National Security Studies Program.

General Milley and his wife, Hollyanne, have been married for more than 34 years and have two children.



Adm. Philip S. Davidson *Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command*

Adm. Phil Davidson is the 25th Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), America's oldest and largest military combatant command, based in Hawai'i.

He served as the commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Naval Forces U.S. Northern Command. He previously served as the commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, and the commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO, while simultaneously serving as the deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Davidson is a 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. His earlier sea commands included Carrier Strike Group 8/Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group, USS Gettysburg (CG 64), and USS Taylor (FFG 50).

Ashore, Davidson has served in fleet, interagency, and joint tours as a flag officer; he was previously the director, Maritime Operations, U. S. Fleet Forces Command, the senior military advisor to the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (SRAP) at the State Department, and the deputy director for Strategy and Policy in the Joint Staff/J-5.

He served earlier in his career in policy, strategy, and operations billets on multiple tours with the U.S. Pacific Fleet staff, the Navy staff and the Joint Staff, and as the Navy's military aide to the vice president of the United States. He has a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, and a Bachelor of Science in Physics.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V," a Superior Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State, and other personal, service, unit, and campaign awards.



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Governor David Y. Ige *Governor of the State of Hawai'i*

Governor David Y. Ige was sworn in as the eighth governor of the State of Hawai'i on December 1, 2014. Governor Ige was born and raised in Pearl City and is the fifth of six sons of Tokio and Tsurue Ige. He is the first governor of Okinawan descent in the United States of America. He attended public schools in Pearl City and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he met his wife, Dawn Amano-Ige.

After college, while working for GTE Hawaiian Tel, a career that spanned 18 years, Governor Ige earned a master's of Business Administration degree in Decisions Sciences at UH Mānoa. In 1986, Hawaii Business Magazine named him one of the university's Top 10 MBA students. He went on to become a successful electrical engineer and project manager with a 34-year career devoted to information technology, telecommunications, networks, and responsible public policy.

Governor Ige began his political career in 1985 after being appointed by then-Governor George Ariyoshi to fill a vacant seat in the Hawai'i House of Representatives. In 1994, he was elected to the Hawai'i Senate where he represented his home district of 'Aiea / Pearl City until 2014.

Governor and Mrs. Ige have three children—Lauren, Amy and Matthew who are currently pursuing their careers on the mainland.



Captain Steve Colón *U.S. Navy (Ret.), Chairman, USS Missouri Memorial Association*

Colón is the Association's new chairman replacing the late Tim Guard. In July 2019, Colón returned to the Association as a board member again, which he previously served from 2012 – 2018. Colón is president of Hunt Development Group LLC's Hawai'i Division overseeing development activities on O'ahu, Island of Hawai'i, Maui and Kaua'i. In 2006, he retired as a Captain after serving 26 years in the Navy and Navy Reserve. Colón graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 and earned his Master of Business Administration in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1990. One of his career highlights was serving aboard the USS Adroit (MSO-509)

during Operation Desert Storm as the Operations Officer. Adroit escorted the USS Missouri (BB-63) into combat operations in support of the ground war and was witness to the mighty Battleship's 16 inch gunfire. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for valor.



Michael Carr *President & CEO, USS Missouri Memorial Association*

Michael Carr was appointed to lead the USS Missouri Memorial Association in 2008 and has since led the Battleship Missouri Memorial to its most successful years.

Carr has positioned the iconic historical attraction to expand its reach within Hawai'i and generate increased interest from both westbound and eastbound visitors. The Battleship Missouri Memorial has welcomed aboard more than 9-million guests since opening on January 29, 1999.

A former U.S. Army officer, Carr has been a Hawai'i business executive and active in local community organizations since 1977. His current community support includes serving as the President of the Historic Naval Ships Association.

Carr's previous professional experience includes serving as President of Polynesian Adventure Tours for 15 years and holding management positions with Bank of Hawaii and its affiliates for 14 years.



75th WWII COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



LEGACY OF PEACE AERIAL PARADE

WELCOME MUSIC

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band & U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band

PASS AND REVIEW

USS Michael Murphy

INTRODUCTION

Michael Carr

PARADE THE COLORS

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Honor Guard

“NATIONAL ANTHEM”

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, sung by MU2 Emily Kershaw

“HAWAII PONO‘I”

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, sung by Julius Mina

INVOCATION - “THE QUEEN’S PRAYER”

sung by Marlene Sai

USS MISSOURI MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Michael Carr

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CAPT Steven W. Colon, USN (Ret)

WELCOMING REMARKS

Governor David Ige, State of Hawaii

VIDEO MESSAGE

General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

GUEST SPEAKER

Admiral Phillip Davidson, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Mark Esper, U.S. Secretary of Defense

“GOD BLESS AMERICA” (VIDEO)

USN Petty Officer 1st Class (Ret) Generald Wilson

INTERNATIONAL WREATH CEREMONY

MOMENT OF SILENCE

RIFLE SALUTE

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

TAPS

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, MU3 Dakota Keller

MISSING MAN FORMATION

“AMAZING GRACE”

Pipe Major Kim Greeley, Bagpiper

BENEDICTION

Captain James Edwards, U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific Chaplain

FIREWORKS (VIDEO), DONATED BY CITY OF NAGAOKA

CLOSING REMARKS

Michael Carr



WWII VETERANS



HAWAII VETERANS

Refugio Alcon
Unit #E co 15th Inf. USAFIP-HL
Hometown: Sarraat Iloos Norte

Victor Arreola
Cpl, 3rd B, 121st Inf., USAFILNL
Hometown: Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur

Oscar Bangui
P/C, "F" Co. 44th Int. Regt. (PS) USA
Hometown: Solano Cagayan, Philippines

Saldme Calderon
CPL, 4Q CO 2nd BN Hunters ROTC
Hometown: Angono, Rizal

Raymond Ching
Technical Sgt., Army
Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Walter Ching
MMC2, Navy
Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Arthur Ching
PFC, Army
Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Narzal Concepcion
Pvt., Army Recognized Guerrilla
Hometown: Magugpo Tagum City,
Davaodel Norte, Philippines

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Col, Army / USAF
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Pvt., 8131st SV Unit (AGRS)
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William Lum
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Paul Newman
Cpl, Army
Hometown: Somerset, PA

Wendell Newman
PFC, Army
Hometown: Seruce st. Suffield, CT

Theodore Richardson
Cpl, USMC
Hometown: Scranton, PA

Arthur Shak
1LT, Army Air Corps
Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Lambert Wai
Staff Stargent, Army
Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Joseph Young
Cpl, Army Air Corps
Hometown: Honolulu, HI

MAINLAND VETERANS

These WWII veterans, who have been in communication with us during the last 1 - 2 years, had truly hoped to be here with us to join the Commemoration. Names in **BOLD** are of those who were witness to the September 2, 1945 Surrender either on board the USS *Missouri*, or on another ship in Tokyo Bay, or in the air.

Those veterans who have passed in 2020 are noted with an asterisk(*).

Fame Academia
Seaman-Oiler / Petty Officer 1st Class,
US Merchant Marines / Navy
Hometown: MANILA, PHILIPPINES -
SUBIC BAY

Carlyle Agrelius
Corporal, Marine Corps
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Arthur Albert *
E6, Navy
Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Gordon Barker
MM3C, Navy
Hometown: Springfield, MA

Albert Blumer
2nd Class, Navy, Gunners Mate
Hometown: Dunaba, CA

Doyle Boothroy
AerM2, Navy
Hometown: Goodland, KS

Thomas Bristol
Sgt, Army Air Corps
Hometown: Fair Lawn, NJ

Jack Brock
S1, Navy
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Lee Broussard
Y3C, Navy
Hometown: Loreauville, LA



WWII VETERANS



Edgar Buffman
Gunnernate, 2nd Class, Navy
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Robert Chapman
PFC, Army
Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Andre Chappaz
Tec5, Army
Hometown: San Francisco, CA

James Climo
S/Sgt, USMC
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Judge Davis
Seaman, 1/C, US Navy, Divison F
Hometown: Union City, TN

Donato Defilippis
Seaman First Class, Navy
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Arthur Del Rey
AOMIC, Navy
Hometown: Pasadena, CA

Farlan Dubarry
Sgt. 1st Class, Army 96th
Hometown: Seattle, WA

Lindsey Edwards
FC3, Navy
Hometown: Gentry, ARK

Herbert Elfring
Captain, Army - 251st Coast Artillery
Hometown: San Diego, CA

Manuel Flores
Buck Sgt, USMC
Hometown: Boston, MA

Donald Fosburg
S2C Radiomax, Navy
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Armando Galella
BATTALION SERGEANT MAJOR, Army
Hometown: North Tarrytown, NY

Richard Grantham
Quarter Master 3rd Class, Navy
Hometown: Pasadena, CA

Edward Greenfield
Lieutenant, Navy
Hometown: New York, NY

Chester Gross *
ART 2. Aviation Radar Technician
AT1 Aviation Technician, Navy
Hometown: Malden, MO

William Haller
AOM2, Navy
Hometown: Martinsville, NJ

Elmer Halley
Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class,
Navy Medical Corpsman
Hometown: Huntsville, MO

Thiele Harvey
Pvt, USMC
Hometown: Odessa, TX

Stuart Hedley
S1c, Navy
Hometown: Buffalo, NY

Clayton Hilliard
Sgt, USMC
Hometown: Kenosha, WI

Jack Holder
AMM1, Navy
Hometown: Newcastle, TX

William Hook
Cpl, USMC
Hometown: New York, NY

Robert Jackson
SAO 2nd Class, Navy
Hometown: Monroe, WI

Robert Kemp
QM3, Navy
Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Robert Kennedy
ETM2, Navy, Electronic Maintenance
Hometown: Canisteo, NY

Walter Kocher
Navy
Hometown: Benton, PA

Dean Ladd
LTC, Marines
Hometown: Spokane, WA

Elmer Larsen
Staf Serf, Army Air Corps
Hometown: Marinette, WI

Leo LeGoy
RT3, Navy
Hometown: Reno, NV

Joseph Leonetti
F-1 Class, Navy
Hometown: Chicago, IL

Albert Liberatore
MoMM/1, Navy
Hometown: Scranton, PA

Donald Long
Commander, Navy
Hometown: Barnum, MN

Albert Machado
Sgt, Army Air Corps
Hometown: New Bedford, MA

Neal McCallum
Cpl, USMC
Hometown: Candor, NC



WWII VETERANS



Robert McGranaghan
SIC, Navy
Hometown: Albany, NY

Hugh McNaughton
AOM 3C, Navy / V PB27
Hometown: Portland, OR

Donald McPherson
Ensign, Navy Air Corps
Hometown: Adams, Nebraska

Jimmie Monsoor
CPL, USAAC
Hometown: Lacrosse, WI

Charles Montanaro
Oiler, Merchant Marine
Hometown: San Diego, CA

Eugene Morse
EM-3, Navy
Hometown: Spokane, WA

Lincoln Mott
RM Tech3, Navy
Hometown: Tuckerton, NJ

Gilbert Nadeau
Signal Man, 3rd Class, Navy
Hometown: Beverly, MA

Robert Nichols *
Navy
Hometown: North Adams, MA

William Parsons *
Radioman 1st, Navy
Hometown: May, ID

Calvin Pascetta
Chief Gunner, Navy, USS New Mexico
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Lewis Patteson
LT., Navy
Hometown: Smiley, TX

Gerald Pedersen
PPC, Marine Corps
Hometown: Long Beach, CA

John Pildner
PFC, Army
Hometown: North Cumberland, PA

William Pinto
Wiper, US Merchant Marine (WWII)
Army (Korean War)
Hometown: Rodea, CA

Douglas Plate
VADM, Navy
Hometown: New York, NY

Jay Roberts
Coxswain, Navy
Hometown: Spring City, TN

Bobby Ross
Head Messman, Merchant Marine
Hometown: Mobile, AL

Kenneth Saff
1st. Lt., Army Air Force
Hometown: Kane, PA

Phillip Saggione
Seaman Second Class, Navy
Hometown: Wilmington, DE

Gilbert Sanchez
52/ 2nd Class Radar, Navy / Coast Guard
Hometown: Ruth, NV

Thomas Schoenecker
SN2, Navy
Hometown: Albany, NY

Gordon Scott
Chief Petty Officer, Navy
Hometown: San Francisco, CA

John Scott
EM-1, Navy, USS Malloy
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

John Siewert
M1/C Quartermaster 1st Class, Navy
Hometown: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Jerry Smith
Navy
Hometown: Winnsboro, LA

Edward Souza
CRM Chief Radioman, Navy, USS Remy
Hometown: Santa Clara, CA

Harold Staggs
Torpedo Man 2 1st Class, Navy
Hometown: Pasadena, CA

Beatrice Thayer
Army Air Corps
Hometown: Reno, NV

Edward Tremper
Corporal, USMC
Hometown: No Plainfield, NJ

Thomas Vaucher
Lt. Col., Army Air Corps
Hometown: Mission, TX

Joe Watson
Fireman First Class, Navy
Hometown: APPOMATTOX, VA

Kenneth Wells
PFC, 6th Marine Division
Hometown: Attawa, OH

Robert Wheeler
Muscian 1st Class, Navy
Hometown: San Diego, CA



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