

# ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR 2000



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Left: USS West Virginia survivor, Richard Fiske (left) and former Japanese naval pilot Zenji Abe were the first two participants to sign the friendship scroll onboard the battleship Missouri on December 6. Fiske and Abe, though former adversaries, now have an almost 10-year friendship that has blossomed since the end of World War II. Each month Abe sends Fiske money from his home in Japan, to have Fiske place two roses onboard the USS Arizona Memorial in memory of all of the Sailors killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Above Left: Adm. Dennis C. Blair, Commander, Pacific Command (above, center) and his wife, Diane, drop flowers into the memorial well on the USS Arizona Memorial during the remembrance ceremony for the 59th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Blair was the keynote speaker during the event and spoke of the lessons learned from the attack. Blair asked, "Why do we remember Pearl Harbor?" "In part because it was an attack on U.S. soil," and that "Did we think that we could never be hit at home?" Blair added that "This was one of the greatest lessons of Pearl Harbor to Americans-the critical importance of clear thinking vigilance about danger."

Above Right: Naval Station honor guards carry the remains of USS Arizona survivor, Photographers Mate First Class Lewis P. Robinson for interment onboard Arizona. On the morning on December 7, 1941 Robinson was standing on the dock waiting to catch a shore boat to return to his ship. As the boat approached Arizona which had already received heavy damage, it was obvious that the crew had already been ordered to abandon ship. Robinson was then ordered onboard the USS Maryland and manned the starboard antiaircraft director on the forward mast, which had been his battle station on the Arizona.