The 82nd Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack

Thursday Dec. 7 marks National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and is the 82nd anniversary since the attack in Hawaii that began the U.S.'s involvement in World War II.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese military made a surprise attack on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of service members and civilians, over a thousand injuries, the sinking of American ships and destruction of aircrafts. The next day, the U.S. declared war on Japan and entered into World War II.

According to the National Park Service, 2,403 service members and civilians were killed and another 1,178 people were injured in the attack. Two U.S. Navy battleships – the USS Arizona and the USS Utah – were also permanently sunk, and 188 aircraft were destroyed.

The U.S., under President Franklin Roosevelt, declared war with Japan the next day and officially entered into World War II. Roosevelt would famously call the date of the attack "a date which will live in infamy."

We honor the brave service members that lost their lives on this day 82 years ago.