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December 7, 1941, Japan Attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. A total of 2,393 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded.



A VERY SPECIAL FLORIDA CHRISTMAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



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FROM THE POST COMMANDER
Gerald Donnelly
DECEMBER 2024



Greetings Comrades, FROM THE POST COMMANDER GERALD DONNELLY

On November 7th, Valerie Johns, Gerald Shuler and Bill Thompson evaluated essays and picked our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners. The Patriot Pen winner came from Putnam Academy. The Voice of Democracy winner came from Crescent City High School.

The Veteran Day Parade and ceremony at the Riverfront went very well. A special thanks to State Commander, Glenn Wright, for being our Grand Marshall. I would also like to recognize all who helped with the parade, color guard and providing the food and beverage services at the Post open house.

On December 7th, from 9 to 11 there will be a Christmas breakfast with Santa for local children. We will have Santa and provide gifts for all children. The post will start cooking breakfast at 0730.

Also on December 7th, the post will have the 993rd Reserve Unit for lunch at 1200 hours. This event is being catered by Holy Smoke BBQ.

We will also have a moment of silent prayer for those lost at Pearl harbor on this day in 1941.

On December 14th, we will be showing the Army/Navy football game starting at 3PM. There will most likely be a football pool for the game, along with Army/Navy bashing and final score wagering.

This will be immediately followed by bartender appreciation night starting at 5PM. Please sign up for a spot as a 1 hour guest bar tender at 5PM, 6PM, 7PM, or 8PM.

The Post will be closed on Christmas Day.

From the Commander a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commander,
Gerald Donnelly



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DECEMBER 7, 2024 AT 9AM

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PARTY
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
KIDS EAT FREE, ADULTS \$5**



Children of Veterans, 1st Responders and Scouting Families ages 0 to 12 are invited to have a meet and greet with Santa Claus.

**For any questions call Post Commander Jerry Donnelly at
(717) 965-3266**

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

December 4th at 10 AM, the Auxiliary will be wrapping gifts for the Children's Christmas Party.

December 7th will be the Children's breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11. Breakfast is free to all children under 12 and \$5 for everyone else. At noon, the Post is hosting a lunch for the Adopt-A-Unit. Lunch catered by Cowarts, Aux will be serving our wonderful Soldiers. Please come and help if you can serve.

December 11th is the monthly meeting at 7PM.

December 14th will be Bartender Appreciation Party.

December 20th the Auxiliary Dinner will be Sloppy Joes by Valerie.

HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE HOLIDAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Chialastri

Auxiliary President



Attack on Pearl Harbor

The **attack on Pearl Harbor** was a surprise military attack by the Japanese Navy at Pearl Harbor Hawaii, the United States, just before 8:00 a.m. (local time) on **Sunday, December 7, 1941**. At the time, the United States was a neutral country in World War II. The attack on Hawaii and other U.S. territories led the United States to formally entering World War II on the day following the attack.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was preceded by months of negotiations between the United States and Japan over the future of the Pacific. Japanese demands included that the United States end its sanctions against Japan, cease aiding China in the Second Sino-Japanese War, and allow Japan to access the resources of the Dutch East Indies. Anticipating a negative response, Japan sent out its Naval attack groups in November 1941 just prior to receiving the Hull note—which states the United States desire that Japan withdraw from China and French Indochina. Japan intended the attack as a preventative action. Its aim was to prevent the US Pacific Fleet from interfering with its planned military actions in South-east Asia against overseas territories of the United Kingdom. Over the course of seven hours, Japan conducted coordinated attacks on the U.S. held Philippines, Guam, and Wake Island; and on the British Empire in Malaya, Singapore and Hong Kong.

The attack on Pearl Harbor started at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian time (6:18 p.m. GMT). The base was attacked by 353 Imperial Japanese aircraft (including fighters, level and dive bombers, and torpedo bombers in two waves, launched from six aircraft carriers. Of the eight United States Navy battleships present, all were damaged and four were sunk. All but USS Arizona were later raised, and six were returned to service and went on to fight in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. More than 180 US aircraft were destroyed. A total of 2,393 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded, making it the deadliest event ever recorded in Hawaii. It was also the deadliest foreign attack against the United States in its history until the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

While there were historical precedents for the unannounced military action by Japan, the lack of any formal warning, as required by the Hague Convention of 1907, and the perception that the attack had been unprovoked, led to then President Franklin D Roosevelt, in the opening line of his speech to a joint session of congress the following day to famously label December 7, 1941,

"a date which will live in infamy".

ARMY

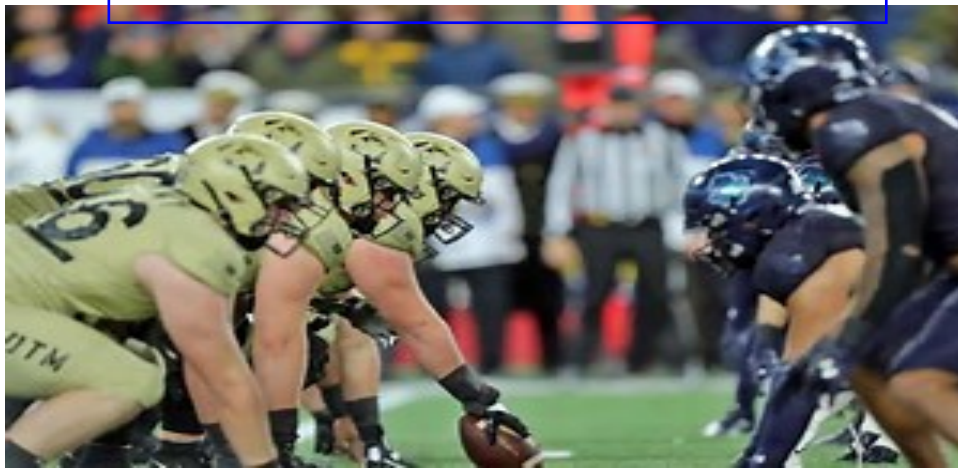


NAVY



FOOTBALL

December 14, 2024



The 2024 Army vs. Navy Game is set for Saturday, Dec. 14, at Northwest Stadium in Landover, Maryland, and will be broadcast live on CBS. This historic rivalry sees both teams vying for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy after each secured wins against Air Force. Army has dominated recently, winning six of the last eight matchups, but Navy holds a slight edge in the all-time series with 62 victories. With both teams showing strong offensive production, **this year's game promises to be high-scoring and fiercely competitive.**

- Army leads with six wins in the last eight contests against Navy.
- Navy holds a 62-55-7 all-time series advantage.
- Army ranks 4th in AAC with 35.3 points per game; Navy ranks 7th with 32.1 points.
- Navy is in a slump with three consecutive losses, scoring below 30 points in each game.
- Army has secured a spot in the AAC Championship Game, enhancing their playoff aspirations.

Following the Army-Navy clash, the focus will shift to the AAC Championship Game for Army, while Navy aims to regain momentum with an upcoming matchup against East Carolina.

The Army-Navy Game stands as a premier event, rich in tradition and rivalry, which will not only decide the winner of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy but also test the resilience of both teams amid their current trajectories. The Army-Navy Game is one of the most traditional and enduring rivalries in college football. It has been frequently attended by the President of the United States. The game has been nationally televised each year since 1945. Since 2009, the game has been held on the second Saturday of December. The series has been uninterrupted since 1930.

December 2024

Canteen Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 3:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday, Friday - 12:00 to 9:00 PM Sat - noon to 5:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Dec 1st</i>	Dec 2nd 5:30 PM Pizza Bowling	Dec 3rd 6 PM Bingo	Dec 4th 10:30 Aux Christmas Wrapping 7 PM Queen of Hearts	Dec 5th 7PM Darts / Bowling 7PM House Cmty	Dec 6th 6PM Hamburgers \$6.00	<i>Dec 7th</i> 9-11 Children Christmas Party 12 993rd Reserve Unit Luncheon PEARL HARBOR DAY
8	9 5:30 PM Pizza & Bowling	10 6 PM Bingo	11 7PM Post Meeting 7PM PM Queen of Hearts	12 7PM Darts / Bowling	13 6 PM Steak Night \$15.00	14 1 PM IN House Bowling 3PM ARMY/NAVY FOOTBALL 5PM Bartender Appreciation
15	16 5:30 PM Pizza & Bowling	17 6 PM Bingo	18 7PM Queen of Hearts	19 7 PM Darts / Bowling	20 6PM Aux Dinner Sloppy Joes By Valerie	21 WINTER BEGINS
22	23 5:30 PM Pizza & Bowling	24 1-3 PM EggNog Party NO BINGO	25 Merry- Christmas Post Closed	26 7 PM Darts/ Bowling	27 6PM Dinner TBD	28 In House Bowling Submariners Mtg
29	30 5:30 PM Pizza & Bowling	31 12-3PM New Years Eve Party NO BINGO	Jan 1st 12- Till Bloody Mary Specials & Bowling HAPPY NEW YEARS	Jan 2nd 7 PM Darts/ Bowling 7 PM House Comm	Jan 3rd 6PM Hamburgers \$6.00	Jan 4th
Jan 5	6 5:30 PM Pizza & Bowling	7 6 PM Bingo	8 7PM Post Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts	9 7 PM Darts/ Bowling	10 6 PM Steak Night \$15.00	11 1 PM IN House Bowling

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Tammy Spaulding
Jr Vice Commander	Jack Gibbs
Judge Advocate	Weldon Taylor
Adjutant	Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Chaplin	Kevin Donnelly
Surgeon	Rubin Myers
Service Officer	Bruce Howe
Trustees 1 yr	Weldon Taylor
2 yr	Valerie Johns
3 yr	William Thompson
Membership Chairman	Commander
Employment Officer	Weldon Taylor
Legislative Officer	John Dillingham
Disaster Preparedness/Relief	Bill Thompson
Historian	John Dillingham
House Committee Chairman	Gene Nieman
National Home for Children	Quartermaster
Communications/Media Relations	Commander

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman	Gerald Donnelly
Members	Commander and ALL Members

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA RELATIONS

Chairman	Commander
Members	Adjutant and Quartermaster

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Gene Nieman	
Members	Gerald Donnelly	Kevin Donnelly
	Gerald Shuler	Rubin Myers
	Jack Gibbs	Bruce Howe
Canteen Manager	Vickie Dixon	

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marian Chialastri
Sr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Jr. Vice	Malinda Taylor
Treasurer	Valerie French
Secretary	Jan Stephens
Chaplain	Kathie Thompson
Conductress	Sherry Smith
Guard	Robert Stephens
1Yr. Trustee	Sherry Smith
2Yr. Trustee	Joyce Donnelly
3Yr. Trustee	Kathie Thompson
Patriotic Inst.	Kathie Thompson

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
2nd	Nov 23	3349	Palatka	10 AM

Useful Web Sites

Get copy of DD Form 214 or other discharge documents: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Request Lost and Replacement Medals: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/public/awards-and-decorations.html>

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