

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR?

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Today is December 7, 2013 and there was no mention of Pearl Harbor or the cowardly attack by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. It was a day of infamy and all America rose up in anger and the war slogan mushroomed saying, "Remember Pearl Harbor". Hundreds of thousands lost or maimed in this terrible war. The years of shortage and suffering by the people of America and the lives that were lost or damaged. I noticed over the years a gradual decline in awareness and tribute for those lost that terrible day and the war that followed. Today few noticed or even mentioned Pearl Harbor. Most are not even aware of it.

Then I thought about our slogan, "Remember The Alamo" and those brave souls that died there. All in the past and long forgotten. Then I remembered the slogan, "Remember The Main" when old Teddy Roosevelt kicked butt in Cuba. By now, most of you will not be aware of the history surrounding these battle cries and will not be too interested in their significance. So why am I writing about these things that are no longer a concern for a great majority of Americans today?

I am just writing this down for the record in honor and cherished memory of those who gave life and limb for this country. I marched in battles and cared for the wounded in the Korean War that was called a "Police Action". I know the price we paid with our lives and I know the price paid before and after the wars in Honor to our flag and America. So I remember that Honor and sacrifice of all those that have served and will serve our nation in the future. I call upon you and the leaders of our nation to recognize and remember to honor those who have answered and will answer battle cries in service to America.

A nation that does not honor its warriors gradually becomes a nation without honor. So I am lifting my voice in plea for my country to regain and maintain its honor and integrity as a mighty nation under God and Christianity.

So, if you don't **Remember Pearl Harbor**, I understand. Please remember those who have died or suffered for this land that you live in so freely. Most times it is the thought that counts.

Somewhere in the middle, between the beginning and the end. Amen