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Pearl Harbor 80th & Hawaiian History and Culture

December 2-8, 2021

Eighty years ago, in December 1941, the United States was pulled into the largest and most destructive war in human history. In the end, the allies triumphed over the fascism of Germany, Italy and Japan. The latter nation, by attacking the American Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, ensured a titanic struggle for mastery of the vast ocean and its periphery would be waged to the end.

This will be the last major opportunity to mingle with veterans of the Greatest Generation, especially those who are Pearl Harbor survivors (an 18-year old in December 1941 will be 98 today!). This Pearl Harbor guided tour will take us to the island of Oahu in Hawaii to examine the beginnings of America's involvement in the great struggle. We will visit two ships, lying end-to-end, that encapsulate the war – the USS *Arizona*, under its memorial, where the war began that terrible Sunday morning, and the USS *Missouri*, on whose decks the allies accepted

complete Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945. We will also see numerous other sites of the war, from ships, submarines and aircraft to Army garrisons and mountain observation points. We will attend several significant WWII remembrance events throughout the week and incorporate them into the itinerary as the schedule is announced.

In addition to the Pearl Harbor tour, we will also visit many places associated with Hawaiian history from its founding as a kingdom under Kamehameha through American whaling and missionary arrivals and on to the US agricultural and financial interests that led to the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893 and the annexation of Hawaii as a US territory in 1898. The incredible story of this civilizational intersection will unfold as we visit critical sites.

Finally, no visit to this beautiful, sun-splashed island would be complete without visits to its gorgeous beaches and small towns for optional snorkeling, swimming, diving, hiking, golfing and just relaxing. From our spectacular Waikiki beachfront base at the beautiful and historic Moana Surfrider Hotel, we will spend a week in paradise and come away far richer for the experience!

The itinerary is subject to minor change as the 80th Commemoration committee begins to announce activities and celebrations. We will continue to add events to the itinerary as they become available. We expect commemorations at numerous military sites, including Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield in addition to Pearl Harbor.

Day 1, Thursday, December 2nd: Aloha and Expedition Arrival

- Welcome! Arrival and check-in at our Waikiki Beach hotel, the beautiful and historic Moana Surfrider. A Westin Resort & Spa, widely known as the "First Lady of Waikiki," our historic hotel first opened its doors in 1901 and offers a seamless blend of Victorian elegance and contemporary comfort. Boasting an unbeatable beachfront location, the hotel is just steps from the immaculate shores of legendary Waikiki Beach and within walking distance of Honolulu's most beloved shopping, dining and entertainment attractions.
- Social Hour on the Verandah of Waikiki’s oldest hotel, the Moana Surfrider, for a glorious island sunset.
- Group dinner at the Moana Surfrider Beachhouse restaurant, with an overview of the week’s events

Day 2, Friday, December 3rd: Hawaiian History from the Local Angle

- Breakfast
- Visit Pali Heights to discuss the 1790s island unification under King Kamehameha I and the battle of Pali Cliffs (also called Nu'uanu) where the king's Big Island warriors defeated and crushed the Oahu defenders in May 1795. Thousands perished from the heights of these spectacular cliffs. But the result was formidable – unification.
- Visit Queen Emma's Summer Palace – the royal family at ease in Victorian splendor. In the hills above Honolulu, halfway to the mountain heights.
- Visit Iolani Palace – America's only royal palace. This beautiful and amazing building had phones and electricity before the White House and Buckingham Palace! Constructed on holy ground and replacing an earlier palace, this one was created in 1879-82.
- Lunch at downtown Honolulu restaurant.
- Walking tour of Historical Honolulu including Chinatown, the old port, and scenes from *From Here to Eternity.*
- Social hour and sunset on Waikiki
- Dinner on your own in Waikiki

Day 3, Saturday, December 4th: Pearl Harbor and World War Two

- Breakfast
- Visit the Pearl Harbor Visitor's Center at the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which tells an incredible story through film, exhibits and more.
    - USS *Arizona* Memorial – a sublime white memorial that hovers directly above the ship and her 1000 fallen men, and a testament to America's remembrance
    - USS *Bowfin* submarine — the "Avenger of Pearl Harbor" that sunk an amazing number of Japanese ships and tonnage during an incredible nine patrols from 1942-45!
    - USS *Missouri* battleship – the finest class of battleships ever built, she saw much action in the final year of the war and on her decks WWII ended in Tokyo Harbor as the Japanese surrendered to the Allied Powers represented by General Douglas MacArthur — critical to see on any Pearl Harbor tour
    - Pacific Aviation Museum at Ford Island Airfield – an amazing collection of 100 years of aircraft on the very site where Japanese dive bombers struck on December 7th
- Lunch on your own on Ford Island
- Visit the National Cemetery of the Pacific in the Punchbowl – a spectacularly beautiful and calm resting place for tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines from WWII to present, including so very many from the famed 442d Regiment and Ernie Pyle, "the Soldier's Reporter". This cemetery is designed in the incredible and inimitable style of the American Battlefields & Monuments Commission cemeteries of Europe and the Far East, as Hawaii was not yet a state when the cemetery was built.
- Social hour and sunset on Waikiki
- Group dinner at Duke's on Waikiki, named for the famed Olympian and Hawaiian personality Duke Kahanamoku

Day 4, Sunday, December 5th: The Beauty of Oahu – The North Shore

- Breakfast
- Driving tour of Schofield Barracks – icon of the US Army from WWII to present (stage of "From Here to Eternity"). Schofield has a lengthy history as one of the US Army's great forts – two divisions, the famed 24th and 25th grew out of the Hawaiian Division in 1942 and went on to have spectacular careers in every conflict since.
- Wheeler Army Airfield is part of the Schofield complex and signs of the 1941 attack still dot the field along with current helicopters.
- Visit Dole Plantation – agricultural influences in Hawaii from the 1800s to present. The Dole family held outsized economic and political influence for decades. While most of the pineapple we eat no longer comes from Hawaii, this plantation provides an overview of its criticality.
- On your own lunch
- Matsumoto's Shave Ice and shopping in the national historic district of quaint Haleiwa
- Drive the famed North Shore, with beach stops at Sunset Beach, the Banzai Pipeline and Waimea Bay; option to play in the waves at Waimea Bay! The very best surfers gather every year on the world's most iconic and famous beaches!
- Dinner on your own in Waikiki

Day 5, Monday, December 6th: The Beauty and Enjoyment of Oahu – This is a Day of Options!

- Breakfast
- Optional visit to Hanauma Bay to snorkel, dive or relax on the beach in the underwater state park and beach. The ocean-filled remains of a blown-out volcano is truly awe-inspiring. (On own expenses; EHE will make arrangements).
- Afternoon on your own to enjoy the beach, golf or go on whale watching cruise
- Lunch on your own.
- Optional hike to the summit of Diamond Head Crater – spectacular views and wartime tunnels and observation points. A walk to the top takes us through military fortifications and beautiful flora for an unforgettable view.
- Social hour and Waikiki sunset
- Group dinner at the Moana Surfrider in the casual beach area

Day 6, Tuesday, December 7th: Official 80th Anniversary Ceremonies

- Breakfast
- We will attend National Remembrance Ceremonies at Kilo Pier with many dignitaries. This will be one of the last opportunities to mingle with veterans from WWII and, especially, survivors of Pearl Harbor (an 18-year old in December 1941 will be 98 today!).

  This is the capstone event of the week! The backdrop of the harbor, with all the modern naval warships, is a spectacular setting. The events begin at dawn, at the moment the attack occurred 80 years ago.

- On your own lunch in downtown Honolulu
- Attend other commemorative events as available.
- Group dinner in Waikiki at the famed Royal Hawaiian, the "Pink Palace of the Pacific!"

Day 7, Wednesday, December 8th: Mahalo & Aloha!

- Breakfast
- Visit Fort DeRussy on Waikiki for wrap-up discussion of Hawaii in WWII & the famed 442nd Regiment "Go For Broke" Japanese-Americans. Fort DeRussy is one of the original posts on the island and commemorates the military history of some of America's most famed soldiers. No unit of similar size received as many awards for valor in all of World War II!
- Our expedition will be complete by noon.

Important Information for Your Upcoming Trip to Pearl Harbor

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Covid-19 Precautions: While we certainly anticipate that the Covid-19 crisis will be behind us in December 2021, Essential History Expeditions will ensure adherence to all Covid-19 recommended precautions in place in December 2021. Breakfasts will be included at the hotels, lunches will be primarily on your own at onsite cafes where available, and group dinners will be at restaurants with excellent outdoor dining space at the hotel or within walking distance from the hotel. Essential History Expeditions will provide hand sanitizer after each stop. This trip is predicated on the successful opening of all included sites by December 2021. If by chance we cannot travel in December 2021, Essential History Expeditions will refund the full deposit and any additional payments.

SMU Center for Presidential History and Essential History Expeditions Partnership: Essential History Expeditions is thrilled to partner with SMU's Dr. Jeffrey Engel on this Pearl Harbor 80th commemoration trip. Dr. Engel is founding director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University and a Senior Fellow of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies. Author or editor of ten books on American foreign policy, his latest is *When the World Seemed New: George H.W. Bush and the End of the Cold War*. Essential History Expeditions' president, expert historian and guide, Lt Col (Ret) Dr. Brian DeToy served as Director of the Defense & Strategic Studies program at the United States Military Academy, West Point from 2007-13. He has appeared in numerous documentaries for programming such as History, Discovery, A&E and Military channels. He is also an accomplished author and presenter at international history conferences. The two professors make a highly engaging and lively leadership duo for the trip!

Inclusions: Hotel nights arriving December 2nd and departing December 8th, meals as identified on the itinerary, entrance to sites and events as identified on the itinerary, transportation while on tour.

Exclusions: Airfare to and from Hawaii, transportation between the airport and hotel, alcohol.

Lodging: We will stay at the incomparable Moana Surfrider Hotel on the Waikiki beach. The reservation is for a Historic Banyan Deluxe room, which is one category up from the base room and does not include an ocean view. If you would like to upgrade to a larger room with an ocean view, please contact me and I will check availability and provide a quote for the upgrade, at the pass-through rate for the hotel. Please see the Moana Surfrider website here for more information on room categories.

Additional Hotel Nights: If you would like to extend your stay in Hawaii before or after the tour, I would be happy to make hotel reservations at the Moana Surfrider at the pass-through rate (no mark up). Please email me sheryl@historyexp.com if you are interested in extending your stay and I will provide information on rates.

Accommodations: Please let us know if you have any medical, dietary or mobility limitations or issues so we can make every effort to accommodate you and provide the best experience possible. If you have dietary restrictions, I can help ensure restaurants can accommodate you if I know in advance. Please also let me know if you require a walk-in shower rather than a tub/shower.

Airport Transfer: There is an airport Waikiki shuttle between the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL) and the Moana Surfrider hotel. Click here to make a reservation.

Travel Insurance: We offer travel insurance through TravelEx. Please contact Sheryl if you are interested in a quote for travel insurance.

Family Connection: As we prepare for this trip, could you let us know if you had any relatives with ties to Pearl Harbor or WWII? If you can give us the name and unit or organization, we will identify a time/place we can include that story in the touring.

Earbuds: We will use audio units to ensure everyone can hear Dr DeToy clearly. We will have earbuds available but if you have pair you prefer, please be sure to bring them.

Character Presentations

Brian has developed a list of roles for people to portray. This is entirely voluntary and optional but highly encouraged! For those who would like to do this, it will make the trip even more worthwhile as you dig into understanding a person who was critical to the history. Here's how it works: Brian will let you know at what location(s) he will ask you to speak to the group and for how long. He will give you a short list of possible talking points and questions you may want to address. No worries, at all – Brian is prepared to speak and lead the entire trip. But we are confident it will be more enjoyable if we hear some other voices. For some others of you, he will provide a short reading that he will call on you to read at a specific point. There's no preparation required at all for those.

Overview: The intent of the character presentations is to allow expedition participants to dive a little deeper into the specifics of an important historical person and event(s) and share their knowledge with the rest of the group. We have found that the research entailed in developing the character presentation results in a more robust overall understanding of the people and events that shaped the events under discussion. In short, the work put into understanding a piece of the smaller picture aids greatly in understanding the larger work.

Actual Presentation: As a specific character you will have 8-10 minutes to present your character and discuss your actions and results. That is not a whole lot of time, so you will need to practice some brevity. The time will go quickly. Do not worry about if you forget something,

etc. I will be there to ask leading questions, etc. If you have a general character, the first time you speak, take an extra minute or two to introduce your character. After that, each time you speak you will just need to let us know who you are again without the details. Anytime you feel your character would have something to add, just chime in.

The general gist is to tell us a little about yourself – age, education, experience prior to your action; then what your mission was and how your unit was organized and what your plan was. Follow this with what decisions you were faced with, which decisions you made and the results of those decisions and actions. Finally, a brief minute of what happened to you after the event and later in life.

The key is to do your research for the presentation, get into your character (remember, this is in "first person" so speak as "I") and have fun!

Each character and topic is listed below, and given a location of where they will be expected to speak. If you have another character or topic you would like to add, do not hesitate to suggest them:

- General Walter Short, US Army Commander, Hawaii Garrison
- Admiral Husband Kimmel, US Navy Pacific Fleet Commander
- Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, Japanese Task Force Commander
- Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, commander of Japanese naval aviation at PH
- Seaman Doris Miller
- 2LT George Welch, US Army Air Force
- James Jones, soldier in Hawaiian Division
- Chief Yeoman Albert Thomas Dewitt Wagner and the story of his baby, Nancy
- King Kamehameha I
- Queen Liliʻuokalani
- James Dole (of pineapple fame)
- Discussion of the war service of the submarine, USS Bowfin
- Discussion of the war service of the USS Missouri

Please contact Brian at brian@historyexp.com if you would like to participate.

Movies/Shows:

- *From Here to Eternity*
- *Tora, Tora, Tora*
- *Pearl Harbor*
- *The Winds of War*
- *Hawaii (based on the Michener historical novel)*

Reading: If you want to do some reading beforehand, we recommend:

- *Hawaii,* James Michener

- *At Dawn We Slept,* Gordon Prange
- *Infamy,* John Toland
- *Sunday in Hell: Pearl Harbor Minute by Minute*, Bill McWilliams
- *The USS Arizona*, Joy Waldron Jasper, James P. Delgado and Jim Adams
- *A Hawaiian Reader,* A. Grove Day and G. Day