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NORTH KINGSTOWN TO COMMEMORATE PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Members of the North Kingstown Parades Committee invite area residents to take part in a special ceremony at 1 PM, Wednesday, December 7 to pay homage to those lost in the Japanese air attacks on Oahu and Pearl Harbor that took place on that same date in 1941. This will take place at a portion of the municipal parking lot adjacent to Wickford Harbor and by 61 Brown Street (behind the former Walgreens) in Wickford village. The 1 PM start time matches the hour of the first attack- Eastern Standard Time.

The site of the event will be spotlighted by the free flying flags of the states that gave their names to the nine battleships that were present at Pearl Harbor on that day.

This had first been instituted by a former parades committee member to mark the 75th anniversary of the attack and to honor her late father who was a 19 year-old sailor from Fall River, Massachusetts serving aboard the lead ship of a new class of seaplane tenders- U.S. Curtiss. Pearl Harbor was the vessel's first duty station.

The 1994 Congressional legislation that put National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day into place calls for all flags to fly at half staff on this day.

The event will go forward rain or shine.