

## **Pearl Harbor Day Commemorative Ceremony**

The Texas Commandery of the Naval Order of the United States will host its annual Pearl Harbor Day Commemorative Ceremony on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Galveston Naval Museum at Sea Wolf Park.

Admission to the ceremony is open to the public and free between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

The ceremony will begin at 11am.

The facility is located at 100 Seawolf Pkwy, Galveston, TX 77554

Texas Commandery Commander, Captain W.O. King, USN (ret), will deliver the welcoming remarks, acknowledge special guests, and set the scene for the commemoration.

The keynote speaker is Colonel Travis Koch, USAF (Ret.)

Additional speakers include representatives from the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors who will make remarks and place a Hawaiian flower lei on the waters in remembrance of the survivors and those lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Additionally, the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors will dedicate a special bench and storyboard in honor of all Pearl Harbor victims after the ceremony.

## Background info:

The Naval Order of the United States (NOUS) was founded in 1890 and is the oldest American hereditary exclusively naval society. From its beginning, the Order has had a dedicated interest in Naval History and has encouraged its recording and preservation. The Order has a provision for membership based upon lineal descent, which ensures a strong continuing interest in the deeds and accomplishments of companions and their forebears in perpetuity. The Order's linkage of present companions with their predecessors forges a common bond of responsible, honorable service to our country. Naval Order membership nominally includes active and retired members of the United States maritime services: Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.