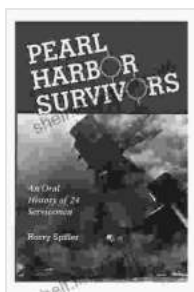


Pearl Harbor Survivors: An Oral History of 24 Servicemen

On December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The attack killed over 2,400 Americans and crippled the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Pearl Harbor Survivors is an oral history of 24 servicemen who survived the attack. The book tells the stories of these men, their experiences during the attack, and their lives after the war.

The servicemen interviewed for the book come from all walks of life. They served in a variety of roles, from sailors to Marines to airmen. They were stationed on a variety of ships and aircraft, from the USS Arizona to the USS Nevada to the USS Enterprise. They experienced the attack from different perspectives, from the deck of a burning ship to the cockpit of a fighter plane. But they all shared one thing: they survived.



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The Servicemen

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Here are brief biographies of each of the servicemen:

- **John D. Bulkeley** was a Navy pilot who was flying a patrol mission over Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred. He shot down two Japanese planes before his own plane was damaged and he was forced to bail out. He survived the attack and went on to become a successful naval aviator.
- **William H. Dickey** was a Marine who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.

- **Joseph E. Foss** was a Marine pilot who was flying a combat air patrol over Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred. He shot down three Japanese planes before his own plane was damaged and he was forced to bail out. He survived the attack and went on to become a successful Marine aviator.
- **George H. Gay Jr.** was a Navy pilot who was flying a patrol mission over Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred. He shot down one Japanese plane before his own plane was damaged and he was forced to bail out. He survived the attack and went on to become a successful naval aviator.
- **William Halford** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Nevada. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **William G. Hull** was a Marine who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Louis E. Koppen** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **William L. Larsen** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Nevada. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Harry L. Martin** was a Navy pilot who was flying a patrol mission over Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred. He shot down one Japanese plane before his own plane was damaged and he was forced to bail

out. He survived the attack and went on to become a successful naval aviator.

- **John P. McCarthy** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **George K. McKelvey** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Donald K. Moore** was a Navy pilot who was flying a combat air patrol over Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred. He shot down one Japanese plane before his own plane was damaged and he was forced to bail out. He survived the attack and went on to become a successful naval aviator.
- **William H. Mullinnix** was a Marine who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Joseph F. O'Flaherty** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Charles W. Phillips** was a Navy pilot who was flying a combat air patrol over Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred. He shot down one Japanese plane before his own plane was damaged and he was forced to bail out. He survived the attack and went on to become a successful naval aviator.
- **Joe R. Purcell** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he

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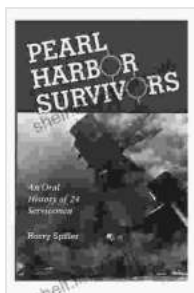
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- **George E. Ray** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
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- **Carl O. Schrieber** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Arthur J. Sullivan** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.
- **Paul E. Thomas** was a Navy sailor who was stationed on the USS Arizona. He was below deck when the ship was attacked and he survived by climbing out through a porthole.

The Attack

The attack on Pearl Harbor began at 7:55 AM on December 7, 1941. Japanese planes attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in two waves. The first wave of attackers consisted of 183 planes, which attacked the battleships USS Arizona, USS California, USS Nevada, USS Oklahoma, and USS West Virginia. The second wave of attackers consisted of 171 planes, which attacked the ships USS Shaw, USS Utah, and USS Cassin. The attack lasted for two hours and 40 minutes, and it resulted in the deaths of over 2,400 Americans and the sinking of 19 ships.

The servicemen interviewed for Pearl Harbor Survivors experienced the attack from different perspectives. Some were on the deck of a burning ship, while others were in the cockpit of a fighter plane. But they all shared one thing: they survived.

Here are excerpts from the servicemen's accounts of the attack:



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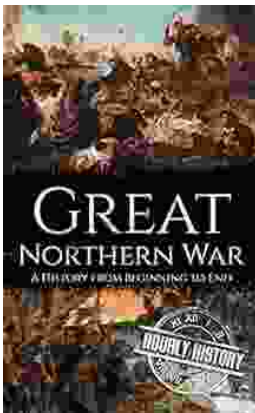
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