

National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans  
Department Theme: United in Service for Veterans



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December shines bright as a month to express love of America. Fly your United States Flag proudly to remind others that American Democracy is a way of life that is a wonderful gift from those that have served our country. Truly, throughout this month we are fortunate to be able to speak and worship freely – without fear- under the Stars and Stripes. May your month be filled with spreading joy and love of country to others!

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### Patriotic Decorations are a Great Way to Promote Americanism!

Encourage members to:

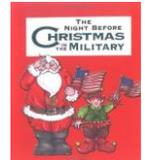
- use the colors Red/White/Blue in their holiday decorating.
- incorporate decorations that include the US Flag.
- Place a tree within the community that is decorated in patriotic style such as; small US flags, Buddy Poppies, and ornaments with names of veterans: strive to make this tree a statement of American Pride shining for all to enjoy.



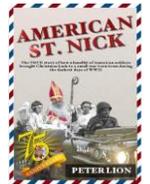
### Holiday Books to Recommend-

#### *Night Before Christmas in the Military*

by [Sue Carabine](#) (Author),  
[Shauna Mooney Kawasaki](#)  
(Illustrator)



**American St. Nick:** A TRUE story of Christmas and WWII that has never been forgotten  
by [Peter Lion](#) (Author)



83<sup>rd</sup>  
Commemoration

Pearl Harbor Remembrance: view/share this website: <https://www.pearlharborevents.com>

Did you know?

- The attack on Pearl Harbor-
  - lasted for only one hour and fifteen minutes.
  - created a wave of patriotism and outrage.
    - 30 days after the Pearl Harbor attack 134,000 Americans enlisted in the military.

Each year on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

### SPACE FORCE



On Dec. 20, 2019, the U.S. Space Force was established, creating the first new branch of the U.S. armed services in 73 years.

**Mission:** -to secure the nation's interests in, from, and to space

Motto: "Always above"



Founded On  
Dec. 13, 1636  
making this its  
388<sup>th</sup> year!

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

### NATIONAL GUARD

- Founded in 1636 as a citizen force in the Massachusetts Bay Colony- composed of three militia regiments
- **The Guard Mission** is to always respond with speed, strength, and efficiency, helping to defend American freedom and ideals.
- Guard members hold civilian jobs and maintain part-time military training.
- Motto: "Always Ready, Always There!"