



# PH@75

## A Symposium Commemorating the Attack on Pearl Harbor



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Few events are so ingrained into the American psyche and popular culture as the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Despite its centrality in America's "road to war" narrative, most Americans know little about the events that led up to the actual event.

Our abridged understanding goes something like this: "On December, 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan launched a sneak attack against the United States without provocation. Japan's ambassadors had been engaged in discussions with American diplomats as a smokescreen, masking the true intention of the 'evil empire': world domination."

This retelling of the events is inaccurate and does a disservice to history. As the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack approaches, we are sure to see numerous commemorative activities and news stories. Our hope is that this @Series symposium will restart the dialogue on the road to war, provide greater understanding of the events that led to the Pearl Harbor attack, and provided a corrective to the popular historical narrative.



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8:00-8:30

**Breakfast**

8:30-8:50

**Introductory Remarks:**

David Wittner, *Utica College Center for Historical Research*

Frank Jacob, *Queens Community College—CUNY*

"The Russo-Japanese War as the First Step on the Road to Pearl Harbor"

9:00-9:50

Carl Boggs, *National University*

"From Pearl Harbor to the 'Asian Pivot': Contours of U.S. Imperialism in the Pacific"

10:00-10:50

**Coffee Break**

10:50-11:00

David Ulbrich, *Rogers State University*

The U.S. Marine Corps and the Coming of Pearl Harbor: A Study of Prescient Planning"

11:00-11:50

William Ashbaugh, *SUNY-Oneonta*

"The Last Chance to Avoid War between Japan and the United States: Summer 1940 and Connecting the Asian War to the European War"

12:00-12:50

**Lunch**

12:50-1:50

Paul Thompson, *Society for Military History*

"Orange, White, and Red: Pearl Harbor and the Militarization of the American Homeland"

2:00-2:50

Hal Friedman, *Henry Ford College*

"Strategy, Culture, and the Language of Defeat: Changing Interpretations of Japan's Naval Demise in Post-1945 Japanese Naval Historiography"

3:00-3:50

**Coffee Break**

Tom Pollard, *National University*

"Misremembering Pearl Harbor: Stereotypes, Xenophobia, and Racism"

3:50-4:00

Walter Grunden, *Bowling Green State University*

"FDR Knew! Myth as History: The Pearl Harbor Conspiracy Theory 75 Years After"

4:00-4:50

**Reception**

6:00—

