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## 67th Anniversary Pearl Harbor

December 8th 2008--Elks Lodge Reno, Nevada



Elks Lodge Reno, Nevada conducted 67th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Commemoration Banquet. The event included US Fleet 1941 ship display. The Reno Gazette Journal, Channel 2 CBS, and Channel 4 NBC covered the story.

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### Display marks Pearl Harbor Day

Model ships are available to view

**IF YOU GO**

**WHAT:** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day dinner and memorial

**WHERE:** 5 p.m. Sunday, Elks Lodge, 597 Kumble Lane

**MEMU:** Salad, pork chops, spaghetti, veggies, garlic bread and dessert

**ADMISSION:** \$14 (call 771-3759 or 771-7190)

Japanese warplanes bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii 67 years ago, sinking American battleships and pushing the U.S. into World War II.

To mark Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, a display of 132 model ships from the U.S. Navy fleet in 1941 will be available for free viewing today and

Russell Sandlin adds tiny planes to the deck of a model aircraft carrier for his display of World War II era model ships at the Reno Elks Lodge for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Sunday.

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### Display/5 survivors to be honored

From 3C

Sandlin in the lobby of the Reno Elks Lodge, 597 Kumble Lane.

At least five survivors are scheduled to be honored Sunday in Reno during a memorial at the Elks Lodge: Erick Diprum, 89, of Reno; Jim Roche, 87, and Bill Parsons, 85, both of Sparks; and Dan Bowman, 87, and Bill Roney, 86, both of Gardnerville.

An estimated 4,000 to 6,000 military personnel from the Pearl Harbor attack were still living in 2008, according to data then from the Pearl Harbor Survivor Project.

The model ship collection is 1/700 of the fleet size and belongs to Reno resident Russell Sandlin, 57, a Vietnam veteran who was an E4 helmsman and quartermaster in the Navy.

Sandlin said this will be his first time meeting Pearl Harbor survivors.

"For me, it's a joining between one who was there in comparison to the collection of the U.S. fleet that exists now," said Sandlin, who grew as a printer at A. Carlisle & Co. of Nevada.

Sandlin began collecting and building model ships about 30 years ago.

"I went into a hobby shop," he said. "After two hours, I realized there was no representation of the American fleet."

About half the ships in Sandlin's collection, which expands every year, have been put together using materials from more than one kit.

His favorite ship has been the USS Helena, the last light cruiser weighing more than 10,000 tons that sank in 1943.

Sandlin recalled visiting the USS Karry Hawk as a child in 1961, but being drawn toward the ship built to replace the USS Helena.

"That incident drew me to the U.S. Navy and building model ships," he said.

Sandlin said he plans to continue adding to the collection until the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in 2016. Although there were 26 warships in 1941, he has more than one of some models.

"My intention is to donate this collection to Pearl Harbor, where it belongs," Sandlin said.

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Russell Sandlin adds tiny model planes to one of his model aircraft carriers.

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