

Saved Round

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HONOR THE VALIANT DEAD—On Dec. 8, 1941, one day after the infamous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, eight Marines composed the firing detail, which honored 15 officers and enlisted men who fell defending Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay. The Navy unquestionably suffered the most from the air raid on Dec. 7, 1941, experiencing almost 3,000 casualties, but the Marine Corps suffered losses as well, defending the airfield at Ewa, the Navy yard, and most significantly, the ships in the harbor.

Dec. 7, 2016, marks the 75th anniversary of that fateful day which awakened “a sleeping giant.” Marines and Sailors did not let the country down during the dark days that followed; they fought back against the seemingly invincible march of Japanese Imperial forces in the Pacific, thereby further cementing their reputation before the eyes of the world and a grateful nation.

