

Remembering December 7th, 1941

Tuesday of this week marked the 63rd Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I trust that each time we raise our great countries' colors, we remember that fateful Sunday, December 7, 1941. Our lives as Americans changed forever and many of the great citizens in the 28th Senate District have vivid remembrances of that period of world history.

Pettis County was home of the name sake of Whiteman Air Force Base located in Knob Noster, Missouri. Lieutenant George A. Whiteman made the supreme sacrifice on that fateful day. He died during a heroic attempt to take off in a P-40 pursuit plane, and fight enemy aircraft staging a surprise attack against American Naval and Airbases in Hawaii. For his valiant efforts, the young, a Missouri native was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, our nation's second highest award.

Whiteman Air Force Base remains a jewel of our countries armed forces. It is home to America's B-2 Stealth Bombers and the 509th Bomb Wing. In addition, it serves as a base for other military units as well.

An Airbase is no better than the very fine, talented, young men and women who help make it all happen. My hat goes off to you for your efforts to defend our countries freedom. I think it is also important to remember, and thank the many fine men and women who have defended our nation's call to freedom. Your efforts will always be noticed. Thank you for your service, and may we all continue to pray for and thank all those who continue to defend our liberty this day.

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