

Japan-US Joint Memorial Ceremony

# **Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor**



Thursday, December 8, 2023

9:30 a.m. ~ 10:30 a.m.

Banyan Tree, Ford Island



CONSULATE - GENERAL OF JAPAN





# **Program**

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**Welcome**

**Moment of Silence**

**National Anthem of the United States and Japan**

Pacific Fleet Band

**Remarks**

Consul General Yoshinori Kodama  
Consul General of Japan in Honolulu

Rear Admiral Stephen D Barnett  
Commander Navy Region Hawaii

**Special Message by**

The Japanese Parliamentary Group for World Federation  
Under Secretary-General Masakuni Tanimoto

**Keynote Speaker**

Mike Carr, President & CEO  
The Battleship Missouri Memorial

**Wreath Presentation**

**Closing**



## **Consul General Yoshinori Kodama**



### **Consul General of Japan in Honolulu**

Yoshinori Kodama assumed his office as Consul General of Japan in Honolulu in October 2023. As a career diplomat, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1990, and his earlier postings were at the Embassies of Japan in UK, Cambodia, Malaysia, Belgium, and at the Ministry headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. Prior to his current position, Kodama served as Minister at the Embassy of Japan to Malaysia (2014-2017); Minister at the Embassy of Japan to Belgium (2017-2018); Minister at the Mission of Japan to NATO in Brussels (2018-2020), and, most recently, as Minister at the Mission of Japan to ASEAN in Jakarta (2020-2023).

## **Rear Admiral Stephen D Barnett**



### **Commander, Navy Region Hawaii**

Rear Admiral Barnett is a native of Columbia, Tennessee. He is an alumnus of Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and holds a Master of Business Administration from Troy State University. An accomplished naval flight officer, Barnett served with VP- 46, VP-5 and VP-30; deployed on board John C. Stennis (CVN 74), and commanded VP-47 while stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. As a squadron commander, he flew over 950 sorties which comprised over 5,000 hours, and completed more than 250 missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a Flag Officer, he recently served as the Commander, Navy Region Northwest and Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

## **Michael Allen Carr**



### **President and Chief Executive Officer, USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc.**

Michael has been serving as the President and CEO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial since 2008. Under his leadership, the Battleship Missouri Memorial focused on creating a neutral exhibit of the history of World War II from the viewpoints of both Japan and the United States, which fostered peace and reconciliation between the two nations. Michael was conferred the 2022 Fall Imperial Decoration, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, for his contributions to promote understanding and friendship between Japan and the U.S.



## Message by Diet Member Seishiro Eto

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Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, United States of America,  
And Consul General of Japan in Honolulu.

I am honored to have the opportunity to send a special message in this "Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor".

I would like to express my deep respect to all those who are involved in this event, and to those who have participated in it from various parts of the world, including from afar, for their efforts to make it an annual event, which began in 2016 when then President Obama and

Prime Minister Abe both visited Pearl Harbor on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I also deeply appreciate the tolerance of the United States of America. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives in the unfortunate history that took place here 82 years ago, whether from the United States of America, Japan, or various other countries, and to express my deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

We, the Japanese Parliamentary Group for World Federation, are an organization aimed at building a system where the world unites to strive for World Peace. Our organization includes more than 100 Japanese National Diet members of the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors. It also includes Prime Ministers, and Speakers of the National Diet, etc. The World Federalist Movement of Japan is not only the National Diet Members. Civil society organizations, religious leaders' groups, academic groups, and local governments also participate in the Movement, which, of course, interdenominational and nonpartisan. According to the data at hand, in Japan, in December 1945 following World War II, senior Diet member Mr. Yukio Ozaki who is still revered in Japan as the "God of constitutional politics", submitted to the Diet a resolution on our movement. Then, in the years commemorating the establishment of the United Nations and Japan joining the United Nations, the House of Representatives and the House of Councilor adopted resolutions of "search and quest for a roadmap to World Federation". We will continue to strive for peace in the world.

In the midst of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, and the chaotic situation in East Asia, I would like to deliver my message in the hope that this ceremony will overcome history to continue as a symbol of reconciliation and friendship between the United States and Japan, and to deepen the bonds between the people of both countries and the rest of the world.

Thank you very much. The best health to you.

8 Dec. 2023

President of the Japanese Parliamentary Group for World Federation,  
64th. Vice-Speaker; the House of Representatives, 57th. Minister of State for Defense,  
Member of the House of Representatives of Japan; Seishiro Eto

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seishiro Eto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Seishiro" and the last name "Eto" clearly distinguishable.