

## The Sum of our Year: December

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It's that time of our year again, December, 2011. While most of us look forward to the upcoming Holidays, we should all think about those who are serving our nation, at home and around the world. We all want to be with our families at the holidays, but as we know it is not always possible to do so. Those who serve our Nations Armed Forces do so at a very high cost. Many, if not most of them are away from their families and friends and are often at risk for their lives. How many of us stop and think of what they do for us all? Many of us in The SUVCW are aware of these issues, but how many of The Average Citizens of this country even give a thought? Not Enough in my mind, and that is something we need to change. If you are truly interested in what our Nation stands for, get involved! At your Camp and Department Level, go to schools, volunteer, and present Patriotic Ideas and examples to all you can! Talk about service to our young people, present historic programs about The Civil War and its everlasting effect on our country. Remember, Walk the Talk.

December 7, 2011 marked the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On December 8, 1941 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed The Congress and asked for a Declaration of War. His famous "Day of Infamy" speech rallied our country against The Evil Axis Powers. He led us and encouraged us to do our part to win Through to "Absolute Victory". He led us, and Thanks to "The Greatest Generation" They won for us all. We cannot forget this, or what all our Armies and Navies, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard do for us today. In This Season Of The Prince of Peace, Hanukkah, and all other religious remembrances let us strive to honor all of their deeds, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

I wish everyone Peace and Joy. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah