



## Elks Supporting Pearl Harbor Preserving History For Future Generations

## Pearl Harbor National Memorial on Oahu, Hawaii

PGER Michael T. Luhr announced that the Elks are in the early stages of a collaboration with Pacific Historical Parks for new signage and interactive displays at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. The goal is to raise \$1.00 per Member by next year's convention in 2020. Luhr came up with the idea for new signage during his Hawaii trip in January. When touring the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, he noticed that some signs were faded, and others weren't in color. Luhr said he thought the appearance of the signs was a shame to the 16 million veterans from World War II, particularly the five veterans aboard the USS Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attacks who are still alive today. After months of working out details, the plan for the memorial will be to provide funding for new signage with the Elks' name and logo prominently shown, and to install an interactive display with the pictures and stories of the survivors of the Pearl Harbor attacks. The Elks will work with Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. Luhr said he is willing to take in the challenge of raising funds. "Our Order has a long history of supporting ideas and values that are part of our history," Luhr said. "I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our Veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"