

75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which thrust the United States into World War Two. The attack killed over 2,400 individuals with another 1,200 left wounded. The USS Arizona suffered 1,177 deaths alone, of which 3 men that died were from Charles City, IA.

Opening of Ceremony – Christopher Anthony

Invocation – Debra Lincoln

Presentation of the Colors – Bill Vetter USMC, Jerry Vetter USMC, Russell Ball USA, Jerry Riece USA, Patrick Lumley USN, Ben Cordes USAF & Naomi Biontany USAF

Pledge of Allegiance – All in Attendance

National Anthem – Jessica Hyde

Wreath Presentation to commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor – Boy Scout Troop 1078

Honor to the 3 known men from Charles City that perished on the Arizona

John Doran Hayes

Arnold Alfred Wilcox

Ray Milo Wilson

Introduction of a Special Guest, Mr. Francis Riley
a Pearl Harbor Survivor – Christopher Anthony

Special Speaker – Command Sergeant Major
Rachel Fails, Iowa National Guard

Honor to all World War Two Veterans –
Presentation of United States Ceremonial Flag by
the Ladies Auxiliary, Mary Mooberry

Acknowledge the World War II Veterans present

Moment of Silence to honor those that sacrificed
their lives for our country – one minute of
silence

Taps – Derek LaBarge & Carter Johanningmeier

Closing Comments – Christopher Anthony

Benediction – Al Whiteside



75th Anniversary Ceremony Committee

Charles City Historic Preservation Committee in conjunction with
Christopher Anthony, Steve White, Maria Deike, Mary Ann Townsend,