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## Bell High School Honors Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



**On Thursday (Dec. 7), in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, members of the Bell High School unit of the Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps had an opportunity for some hands-on history. The BHS JROTC cadets raised a flag to half-staff at their own flag pole at Bell High School. This flag was flown over the Battleship USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. It was lent for the occasion by instructor First Sergeant Jon Meinholz who had it from his Army re-enlistment while stationed in Hawaii in 1986. Since all battleships are named after states, the cadets had the eight state flags of the eight battleships in the harbor that day. They were the USS- Arizona (sunk/memorial), Oklahoma (sunk), Tennessee, West Virginia, California, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Maryland. The cadets had the opportunity to learn a little bit more about this pivotal day in the nation's history that propelled the country into World War II, and to honor the sacrifices made that day by brave men and women.**

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