What’s at Stake: Reporter Frank Lockwood on December 8 wrote: “Wednesday, on the 75th anniversary of the unprovoked attack…” One thing is true here: it is the 75th, but the Pearl Harbor attack was provoked. The 75th anniversary is the 75th year leaders and apparently most of the public have repeated the “unprovoked” myth. It is well to remember the soldier and sailor victims for awhile, but after 75 years the assertion of a falsehood becomes the harmful illness of imperial delusion. For a quick cure, read Roland Worth, Jr., No Choice But War; then if you seek more understanding, read these newsletters, and then the 35 newsletters on US imperialism. Why does this matter? The myth of an abused exceptional nation beloved by god and history has led to a history of slaughter, our nation right now bombing seven other nations, and our trigger and targets ready for nuclear bombings. We can perhaps reduce this violence by rejecting the ignorant, jingoistic myth of the “unprovoked” Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, bombing, still celebrated after 75 years. And the increase in truth and peace can provide fertile ground for the study of books like Worshipping the Myths of World War II: Reflections on America’s Dedication to War by Edward W. Wood, Jr.
Remembered in the NADG, that has learned nothing about the provocations of Pearl Harbor:

Donald Stratton’s New Book
Lauren Bruner’s Recollections
Frank Lockwood’s Report with Dick’s Critique


http://www.independent.org/newsroom/article.asp?id=1930  See #5 for full text.

Remembered in the NADG 2016

Donald Stratton, All the Gallant Men (2016), recounts the battle that destroyed the U.S. Pacific Fleet on December 7, 1941, leading to the US declaring war on Japan on December 8. Stratton is one of only five living survivors from the USS Arizona. “Grit and Gallantry,” an excerpt from the book, was published in Parade (Oct. 30, 2016) in the NADG.

Audrey McAvoy. “Pearl Harbor Survivor Plans His Return.” NADG (Dec. 6, 2016). Lauren Bruner, one of five remaining survivors of the sunk battleship Arizona, gives his recollections of Dec. 7, 1941, and of his life after the war.

Frank E. Lockwood. “Pearl Harbor Survivor, Arkansan Joins Ceremony.” NADG (Dec. 8, 2016, p. 1). The “unprovoked myth” alive but racked with osteoporosis and hardening of arteries. “Wednesday, on the 75th anniversary of the unprovoked attack, [Harold] Mainer joined Vice President-elect Mike Pence, U.S. Sen. John McCain and other dignitaries at the National World War II Memorial….” God of the universe is drafted for approval: “The Logan County native looked on as a bugler played taps, and bowed his head as the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band played ‘Eternal Father, Strong to Save…” No reasonable person will claim
that the creator of the universe billions of years ago, a universe now composed of billions of solar systems within billions of galaxies, bestowed upon this nation his or her special favor. And Senator McCain reinforced that arrogant hyperbole by hymning the US empire: “…Wednesday’s ceremony marked ‘one of the dates on which history swung on its great hinge and the world was forever changed.’ Dec. 67 marks ‘the beginning our country’s rise to its pre-eminence among the nations of the world, a pre-eminence we maintain to this day, to our benefit and the benefit of humanity,' he said.” Preeminence in military power to dominate and destroy yes, but not by any other measure.

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