



# Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
presents an author talk and book signing with  
*New York Times* bestselling author Craig Nelson author of  
PEARL HARBOR: FROM INFAMY TO GREATNESS  
Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Henry A. Wallace Center at the  
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will kick-off a series of events commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor with an author talk and book signing with **Craig Nelson**, author of **PEARL HARBOR: FROM INFAMY TO GREATNESS**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016, in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Nelson will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

The America we live in today was born, not on July 4, 1776, but on December 7, 1941, when an armada of 354 Japanese warplanes supported by aircraft carriers, destroyers, and midget submarines suddenly and savagely attacked the United States, killing 2,403 men -- and forced America's entry into World War II. **PEARL HARBOR: FROM INFAMY TO GREATNESS** follows, moment by moment, the sailors, soldiers, pilots, diplomats, admirals, generals, emperor, and president as they engineer, fight, and react to this stunningly dramatic moment in world history.

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Beginning in 1914, bestselling author Craig Nelson maps the road to war, with Franklin D. Roosevelt, then the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (and not yet afflicted with polio), attending the laying of the keel of the USS *Arizona* at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Writing with vivid intimacy, Nelson traces Japan's leaders as they lurch into ultranationalist fascism, which culminates in their insanely daring yet militarily brilliant scheme to terrify America with one of the boldest attacks ever waged. Within seconds, the country would never be the same.

Backed by a research team's five years of work, which produced nearly a million pages of documents, as well as Nelson's thorough re-examination of the original evidence assembled by federal investigators, this definitive work provides a blow-by-blow account from both the Japanese and American perspectives. Nelson delivers all the terror, chaos, violence, tragedy, and heroism of the attack in stunning detail, and offers surprising conclusions about the tragedy's unforeseen and resonant consequences that linger even today.

**Craig Nelson** is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *ROCKET MEN: THE EPIC STORY OF THE FIRST MEN ON THE MOON*, as well as several previous books, including *THE AGE OF RADIANCE*, *THE FIRST HEROES*, *THOMAS PAINE*, and *LET'S GET LOST*. His writing has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Salon*, *National Geographic*, and a host of other publications.

Copies of Nelson's book will be available for sale after the talk. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email [clifford.laube@nara.gov](mailto:clifford.laube@nara.gov) with questions about the event.

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Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D.

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