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## **Honoring Nebraska's Heroes WWII and Pearl Harbor Scholarships Celebrate Veterans Day**

LINCOLN, Neb. (Nov. 11, 2025) — This Veterans Day, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF) honors the memory and legacy of Nebraska servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II through two special scholarship programs: the *Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund* and the *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award Fund*.

The *Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund* provides scholarships to high school seniors from school districts that encompass the hometowns of Nebraska sailors who remain entombed in the U.S.S. *Arizona* following the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. Two Lincoln servicemen, GM1C Edward J. Clough and Lt. Adrian B. DePutron, have been memorialized by their families through contributions to this scholarship fund.

GM1C Edward Clough was killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and remains aboard the *Arizona*. His sister, Helen, honored his memory through a gift that helped establish the *Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund*. Lt. Adrian DePutron, killed during the Battle of the Bulge on January 20, 1945, while serving with General Patton's Third Army, was memorialized by his aunt, Marjorie Barstow, who enhanced the scholarship program through a generous estate gift.

Complementing this effort, the *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award Fund* was created by Colonel Barney Oldfield, a Tecumseh, Nebraska native, and his wife Vada. Their gift honors the 22 Nebraskans who were killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor and remain entombed in the U.S.S. *Arizona*. The fund provides awards to high school seniors who apply for, but do not receive, the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship.

Over the past decade, \$81,590 has been awarded through the *Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund* and \$14,038 through the *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Fund*, supporting Nebraska students and preserving the memory of the state's World War II heroes.



“These scholarships remind us that behind every historical event are the personal stories of courage, sacrifice, and family legacy,” said Leslie Fattig, Executive Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. “Each student recipient carries forward the memory of Nebraskans who gave everything for our freedom.”

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation extends its heartfelt gratitude to the donors and families who continue to make these scholarships possible, ensuring that the stories of Nebraska’s heroes live on through future generations.

Applications for the 2025-2026 scholarships are now open. Students who apply for these scholarships must attend a Nebraska high school in school districts encompassing the hometowns of Nebraskan sailors entombed aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. More information and applications can be found at [nshsf.org](https://www.nshsf.org).

### **About Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation**

For more than 80 years, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has worked to ensure that Nebraska’s history isn’t just preserved, it’s actively shared, explored, and reimagined. Through private donations, the Foundation supports projects across the state that restore historic places, expand access to educational resources, and bring new life to local stories. Signature programs like *WanderNebraska* invite people to connect with the state’s past in fresh, meaningful ways, whether by visiting a small-town museum, discovering a hidden landmark, or exploring a piece of forgotten heritage.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of donors who believe in the power of history to shape communities, inspire new ideas, and connect generations. By supporting the Foundation, you help ensure that Nebraska’s story continues to grow—reaching more people, more places, and new paths forward.

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