

December 7, 2012

Dear Friends:

Thank you all so much for allowing me to be a part of this ceremony. I am truly sorry I can't be with you in person today.

It's been more than 70 years since that "day of infamy." To be sure, its memory still lives on. But instead of the treachery and devastation of December 7, 1941, today we remember with solemn pride the men and women who helped our nation recover. We are stronger today because of the extraordinary gallantry of every veteran of that day and that era.

Their courage showed us how to respond in the face of danger and death. And their memory will continue to teach, to touch and to inspire each time we gather in remembrance of Pearl Harbor.

Thank you. May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Rockefeller IV". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "J".

John D. Rockefeller IV