

# Welcome

National Archives and Records Administration offers today's lecture through the Know Your Records Program

Program begins at 2 p.m. EST December 19, 2019



### **About the National Archives**



The National Archives Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. Of all documents and materials created in the course of business. conducted by the United States Federal government, only 1%-3% are so important for legal or historical reasons that they are kept by us forever.

Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you.



# **About the Know Your Records Program**



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# Digitizing Records from Pearl Harbor



Supervisory archives specialist Eric Kilgore will provide an overview of the partnership between the National Parks Service and the National Archives' to digitize the records of all Pearl Harbor casualties, starting with the USS Arizona. Potentially, this project will enhance the research and education about the men who fought and died on December 7th.



# Presenter's Biography





**Eric Kilgore** 

Eric Kilgore is a Supervisory Archives Specialist at the National Archives at St. Louis and has been with the agency since 2010. He serves as the Research Room Supervisor for textual and microfilm records. Mr. Kilgore holds a BA and MA in History from the University of Missouri. Since 2015, Mr. Kilgore has worked with the National Park Service to digitize the records of the casualties at Pearl Harbor, beginning with the USS Arizona.



# Pearl Harbor Casualty Project

The National Park Service in Partnership with the National Archives

DECEMBER 19, 2019



## **USS** Arizona



### **Quick Facts:**

- Pennsylvania-Class Battleship
- Commissioned October 17, 1916
- 608 Feet Long
- 30,000 Tons
- Twelve 14 inch Guns
- Crew of 1,514 (December 1941)



### USS Arizona Statistics



- 1,177 Sailors and Marines killed (77.7%)
  - Of the 88 men that comprised *Arizona*'s Marine Detachment, only 15 survived

### **Arizona Family:**

- 38 sets of brothers served aboard the Arizona, 23 were lost
- 1 Set of twins (John and Delbert Anderson). Only John survived
- 3 sets of (3) brothers. One brother from each set survived
- Out of 79 individual brothers, 63 perished
- Of those 63, only 4 were recovered
- Only 1 set of brothers survived the attack
- A father and son served and perished together

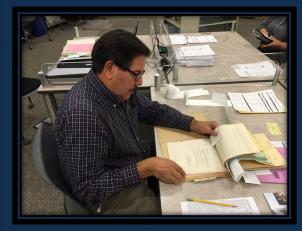


# USS Arizona Memorial



# The Partnership Project





Pearl Harbor National Memorial Chief - Historian Daniel Martinez

- Justification Why now?
- Project goals
- Initial scope limited to the USS Arizona
- First comprehensive review of all 1,177
   Official Military Personnel Files
   (OMPF) of Navy and Marine Corps
   personnel killed on the USS Arizona



# Record Groups

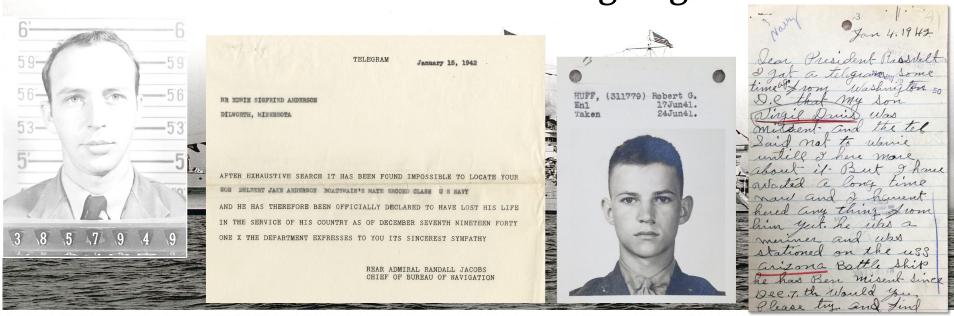
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- Record Group 24 Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel
- Record Group 127 Records of the United States Marine Corps

Location: National Archives at St. Louis



"We had no idea what we were going to find."











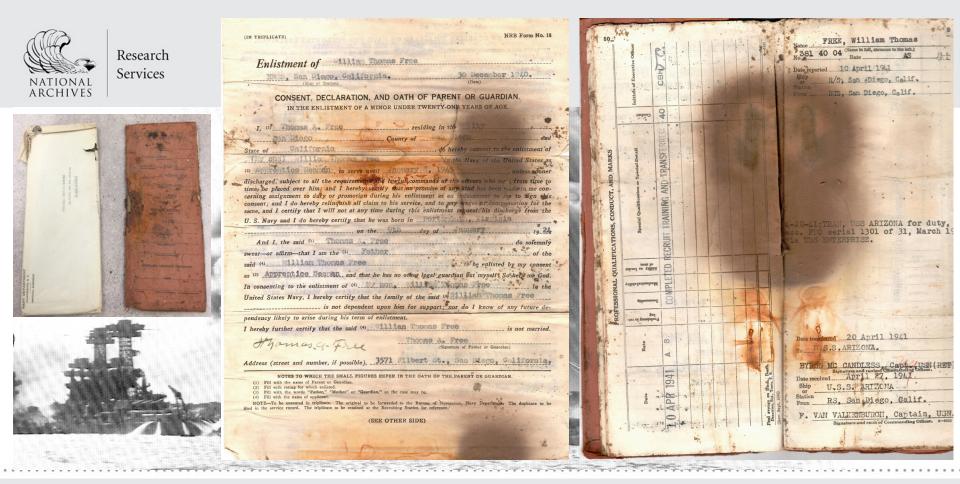
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8	me to the recruiting officer prior to enlistment. I am not a member of the Naval Reserve, Naval Militia, Marine Corps Reserve, National Guard, or Army Reserve.			BYRON MC CANDLESS, Capt. USN (RET)	
8	Fourth: I have had this contract fully explained to me. I understand it, and certify that no promise of any kind has been made to me			Signature and rank of Commanding Officer.	
	concerning assignment to duty, or promotion during my enlistment. I understand that if I become a candidate for the Naval Academy and fail to pass the entrance examinations, I will be returned to general service.			Date received 10 October, 1941	-
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	do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of			Station Bo C - Te C - Te	
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	Thomas Augusta Free			Signature and rank of Commanding Officer. 6-611	
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TELEGRAM / Miss Myrtle Harie Free 3571 Filbert Street San Diego, Galifornia THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR FATHER, THOMAS AUGUSTA FREE, MACRIETOT'S MATS PIRST CLASS, U.S. NAVE. also your DROTTER, WILLIAM THOMAS PREE, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS, U.S. HAVY MISSING FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF IN THE SERVICE OF THE COUNTRY X THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR GREAT ANXIETY AND WILL FURNISH YOU FURTHER INFORMATION PROMPTLY WHEN RECEIVED X TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES PLEASE DO NOT DIVULGE THE NAME OF SHIP OR STATION REAR ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS

TELEGRAM

January 23, 1942

Miss Myrtle Marie Free

R #9, Box 1106 c/o Otto Adams

Houston, Texas

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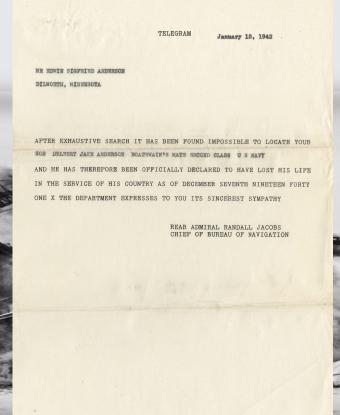
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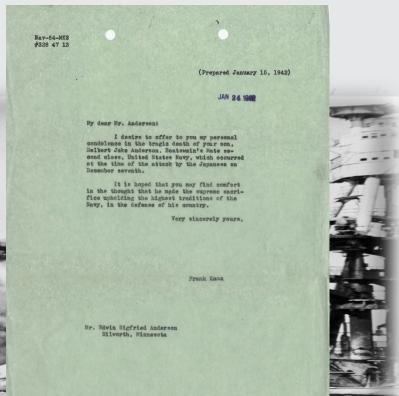
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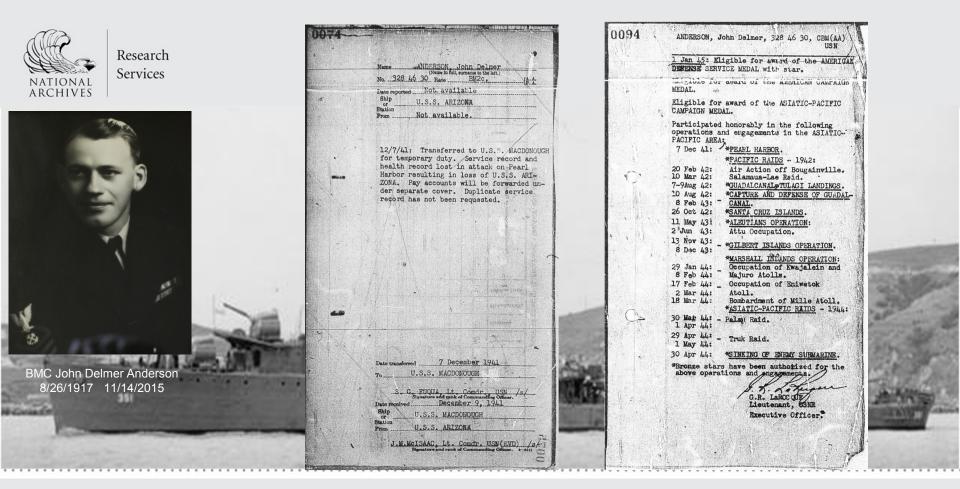
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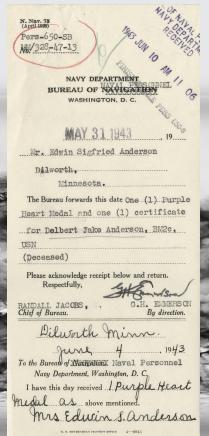


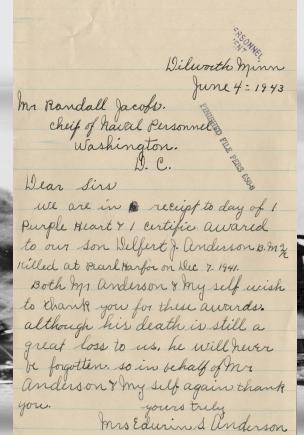




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John Delmer Anderson poses next to Delbert "Jake" Anderson's name at the USS *Arizona* Shrine Wall December 2014 (nps.gov) BM2c John Delmer Anderson 11/14/2015 (Interred 12/7/2016)





# D. W. FINCHER

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Sergeant Dexter W. Fincher USMC 2/22/1917 – 12/7/1941

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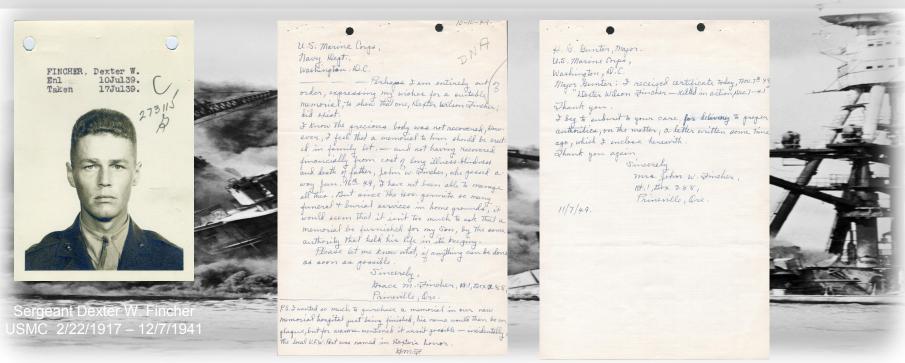
It is with profound regret that I have to inform you that your son, Sergeant Dexter M. Fincher, U. S. Marine Gorps, who has been reported missing since the Japanese attack on Peerl Harbor, T. H., under circumstances indicating death, has been officially declared dead by the Navy Department as of 7 December 1941. On behalf of his many comrades in the Corps, and myself, I wish to express heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement.

There is little I can say to lessen your grief, but it is my earnest hope that the knowledge of your son's splendid record in the service, and the thought that he nobly gave his life in the performance of his duty may in some measure comfort you in this sad hour.

Most sincerely yours,

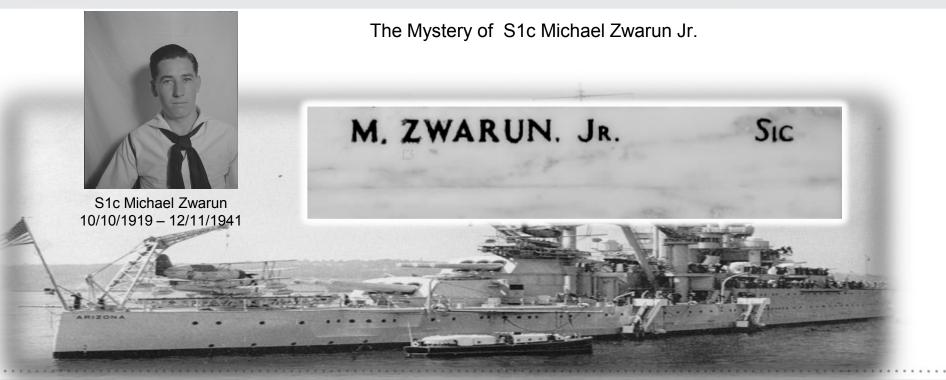
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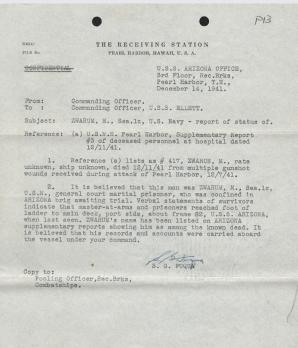


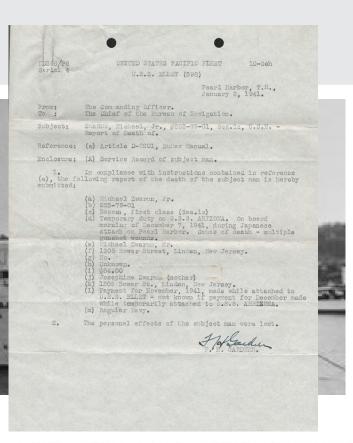


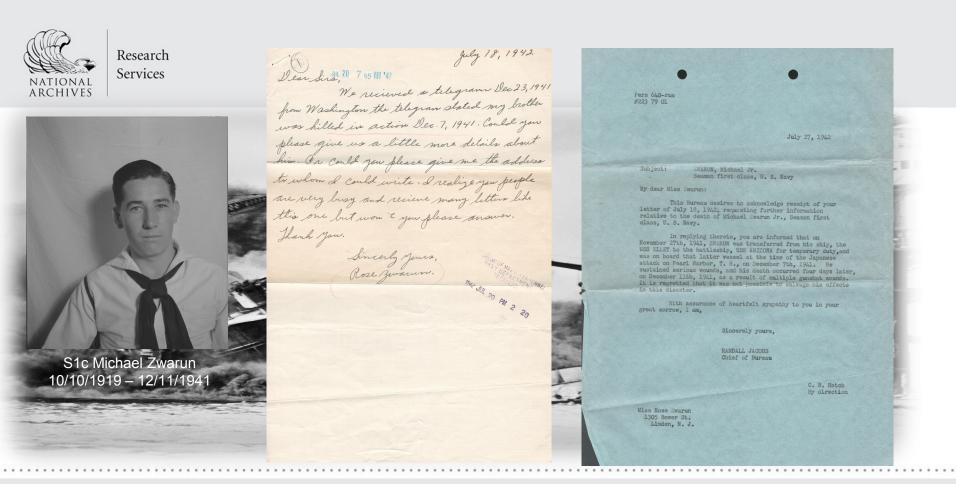
















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MRS. LUCILLE IOWA KELLERMAN

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McCLEARY, WASH.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR

SON ........ , LAUPEN FAY BRUNER, FIRE CONTROLMAN THIRD CLASS, U.S. N.

HAS BEEN WOUNDED IN ACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY AND IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY X THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR GREAT ANXIETY AND WILL FURNISH YOU FURTHER INFORMATION PROMPTLY WHEN RECEIVED X TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES PLEASE DO NOT DIVULGE THE NAME OF HIS SHIP OR STATION

REAR ADMIRAL C. W. NIMITZ CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION





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from your decision stating, Suste, "Lauren Fay Bruner F. C. 1/4 U. S. M. has been wounded in action in preformance of his duty ... ..... and will furnish you further information promptly." I have received no information conserving him since. I do feel that I should know something about him and where he is. Whether in some hospital or abourd some ship and what one; and why I can't get some letter or word from him. other mothers have



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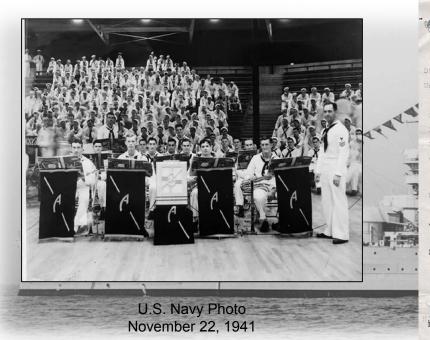


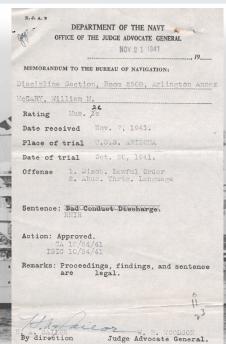
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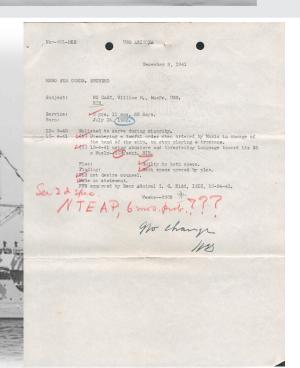


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