DEAR EDITOR,

It was so uplifting to me to see the giant American Flag at half staff at Wells Fargo Bank on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Just as most of us remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we first heard/saw the events of 9/11, so it is for some of us concerning the shooting of President John F. Kennedy, and so it is for a few of us who are old enough that we do not need a history book for us to remember Sunday, December 7, 1941. Seventy years ago on that day far more people were killed by the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor than on 9/11.

It was early Sunday morning (mid-afternoon here) when Sgt. Joseph Lockhard in Hawaii, saw signals on his radar panel that indicated a large fleet of aircraft approaching and reported to his superiors. They ignored his report and said it could not be correct. Later, when a civilian foreman at Kaneohe Airport telephoned the Air Force that Japanese planes were coming in to attack, he was told, “You must be seeing things, go to bed and sleep it off.”

Within a few hours the US fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor had been all but wiped out. Now fast forward, it is now the 25th Anniversary Reunion of the Pearl Harbor Attack. Survivors and their families are returning for the celebration from all over the United States. But there is one man returning from Japan. Who is he? Captain Mitsuo Fuchida. And who was he? The lead plane commander of the attack on Pearl Harbor. And why was he returning? To lay a wreath at the Memorial at Pearl Harbor! You see, Captain Fuchida had a “heart operation” — that is, he had a new heart. He had become a Christian. So stay tuned, same time, same station for the “rest of the story.”

Warren L. Reed,

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