

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 295 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL











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A Day Which Will Live in Infamy December 7th, 1941

This past friday we remembered those who perished and survived the Japanese attacked on Pearl Harbor.
More than 16.1 million American



answer President Roosevelt's call. The average time in service was only 16 months. Many who served were discharged and left the service behind, while many joined the American Legion.

Keeping the camaraderie of service alive was beneficial for those who served. As units came home they kept their ties by joining or starting American Legion Posts. Banding together served as a highly beneficial for several reasons, the 1st is they know what you have been through, having been there they know how to help and lastly they appreciate you for your service.

On friday, there was a news story on a WWII soldier who was presented with the

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soldier who was presented with the Bronze Star. I learned back in May after the passing of Post 295's oldest member, Bart Trimboli (104) that all WWII soldiers who were awarded the



Combat Infantryman's Badge we also awarded a Bronze Star.

The WWII regulations did not formally prescribe a specific combat service period establishing the infantryman's eligibility for



being awarded a Combat Infantryman Badge, thus, in 1947, the U.S. Government implemented a policy authorizing the retroactive awarding of the Bronze Star Medal toWorld War II veteran soldiers who had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, because the CIB was awarded only to soldiers who had borne combat duties befitting the recognition conferred by a Bronze Star Medal.

Both awards required a commander's recommendation and a citation in the pertinent orders. General Marshall initiated this after Medal of Honor-recipient Major Charles W. Davis noted to him that: It would be wonderful, if someone could design a badge for every infantryman who faces the enemy, every day and every night, with so little recognition.

If you received a CIB during WWII or a loved one and they did not receive a Bronze Star contact us.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Bring an unwrapped toy to the next Post 295 meeting is on Thursday, December 13th, 7pm at the Grill Room of the Montgomery Village Golf Course.

Post 295 will provide toys for needed veterans in our area.



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