

June 3-4 declared Aleutian Commemoration Days

Gov. Jay Hammond has declared June 3-4 as World War II Aleutian Campaign Commemoration Days and asked all state residents to reflect on the "destruction and suffering which the war caused to the communities of Unalaska and Dutch Harbor and on the lives of many Alaska Natives impacted by the struggle."

Hammond's official Executive Proclamation also asked state residents to consider which steps can be taken 40 years after the attack to help the Aleutians recover from the ravages of the war.

It will be 40 years ago on June 3 that the first wave of attack bombers from the Imperial Japanese aircraft carrier

"Junyo" first attacked Unalaska/Dutch Harbor.

In the next two days the planes repeatedly strafed the small village and killed 78 Americans and destroyed 14 airplanes and one ship.

As a result of the attack many citizens of the Aleutians were removed from their homes without warning.