

Week Ending Friday, December 12, 2003

**Executive Order 13319—
Amendment to Executive Order
13183, Establishment of the
President’s Task Force on Puerto
Rico’s Status**

December 3, 2003

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 13183 of December 23, 2000, as amended, is further amended as follows:

(1) Section 2 is amended by deleting the second and third sentences, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “It shall be composed of designees of each member of the President’s Cabinet and the Deputy Assistant to the President and Director for Intergovernmental Affairs. The Task Force shall be co-chaired by the Attorney General’s designee and the Deputy Assistant to the President and Director for Intergovernmental Affairs.”

(2) By deleting section 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “**Sec. 4. Report.** The Task Force shall report on its actions to the President as needed, but no less frequently than once every 2 years, on progress made in the determination of Puerto Rico’s ultimate status.”

George W. Bush

The White House,
December 3, 2003.

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**Proclamation 7742—National Pearl
Harbor Remembrance Day, 2003**

December 5, 2003

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

More than 60 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt told Americans that December 7, 1941, was “a date which will live in infamy.” On that morning, America was attacked without warning and without provocation. More than 2,400 Americans died and 1,100 were wounded. Our country was changed forever. Following that attack, our citizens responded with the strength and resolve that characterizes America in times of adversity, and that same spirit and courage carried us to victory in World War II. On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we honor the lives lost in that attack and salute the veterans of World War II. We also pay tribute to all those now serving America to advance freedom around the world.

The USS ARIZONA Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, stands as a monument to that ship’s 1,177 crew members who died as a result of the attack. Since the Memorial’s dedication, more than 40 million visitors have honored the heroism of these brave sailors and marines. Laura and I had the opportunity to visit the Memorial in October of this year. It is a fitting tribute to the lives lost in defense of our freedom during the greatest global conflict in history.

America’s liberty is sustained by the courage of the American people. Every generation of Americans has answered the call to protect the blessings of freedom and democracy. With the help of our friends and allies, the brave men and women of our Armed Forces are now engaged in a global war on terrorism. And as in the aftermath of the terrible attack on Pearl Harbor, our Nation will stay the course, and we will prevail.