Hundreds honor USS Arizona

Service remembers lives lost 62 years ago

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About 500 people gathered yesterday on the UA Mall to remember those killed on the USS Arizona, which sank 62 years ago.

The ceremony included music from the UA Marching Band, reading of poetry written by Pearl Harbor survivors, and the ringing of the USS Arizona bell by the long-time member of the USS Arizona Reunion Association.

UA President Peter Likins was present during the ceremony, and addressed the crowd.

"We will still respect the role of the military in defending our nation, advancing the cause of freedom throughout the land. We will still look back with the feelings of patriotism on the tragedy that was experienced," Likins said.

"We will still understand how critical it is that we come together in memorial service to look back upon the past, even beyond a century, to celebrate the achievements of those who have sustained our nation."

Professor Likins said that, as a freshman, he didn’t know how to find it.

"I didn’t know where the help was needed," Sloviter said.

"I didn’t know how to help somewhere, but she didn’t know how to find it."