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(Neb)-Twins Killed In Pearl Harbor Attack To Be Reburied In Lincoln

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The remains of Lincoln twins who joined the Navy together and died together in the battleship Oklahoma during the December 7th, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor have been returned to Lincoln for burial with separate ceremonies planned for this Saturday.

Rudolph and Leo Blitz were 17 when they left Lincoln High to join the Navy in 1938 and had been stationed at Pearl Harbor for a year and a day when the Oklahoma went down.

The Blitz twins were among the sailors whose bodies couldn't be identified after the attack and were buried at a Honolulu cemetery. Their remains were unearthed in 2015 and eventually identified by DNA.

This Saturday's ceremonies will be held in succession at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery with two flag-covered caskets, two 21-gun salutes, two invocations, and two flags presented to their surviving sister, 93-year-old Lincoln resident Betty Pitsch. Her DNA helped bring her older brothers home.