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On the 66th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, an Arizona congressman has come up with a new idea to remember the ``day that will live in infamy."

Rep. Harry Mitchell, D-Ariz., wants to re-issue the name USS Arizona for a new aircraft carrier.

``It's a great way to honor, to have a living memorial to those who died 66 years ago," Mitchell said.

He said the idea came from a Mesa Navy veteran, Dan Tideman, and ``I hope this will help a grassroots effort that has been started by Dan to try to get this ship named after Arizona."

Tideman and Mitchell are eying an aircraft carrier slated for construction in 2012 as a new USS Arizona.

The original ship lies at the bottom of Pearl Harbor and is the final resting place for many of the battleship's 1,177 crew members who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941. It anchors the USS Arizona Memorial, a 184-foot-long structure which spans the mid-portion of the sunken battleship.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who helped achieve Allied victory in Europe during World War II, approved the creation of the Memorial in 1958. Its construction was completed in 1961 with public funds appropriated by Congress and private donations. The Memorial was dedicated in 1962.

According to its architect, Alfred Preis, the design of the Memorial, "Wherein the structure sags in the center but stands strong and vigorous at the ends, expresses initial defeat and ultimate victory....The overall effect is one of serenity. Overtones of sadness have been omitted to permit the individual to contemplate his own personal responses...his innermost feelings."

Contrary to popular belief, the USS Arizona is no longer in commission. As a special tribute to the ship and her lost crew, the U.S. flag flies from the flagpole, which is attached to the severed main mast of the sunken ship. The USS Memorial has come to commemorate all military personnel killed in the Pearl Harbor attack.