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BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL HOLDS JOINT REENLISTMENT



Pearl Harbor (December 07, 2012) – As a part of the Pearl Harbor December 7 ceremonies, more than 50 military personnel from all branches of service participated in a Joint Reenlistment Ceremony under the infamous Gun Turret #1 of the Battleship Missouri at 10:15 a.m. this morning. Lieutenant General Stanley T. Kresge, Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the Deputy Theater Joint Force Air Component Commander to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, administered the oath. The ceremony concluded with a performance of the National Anthem by the 25th ID Army Band.

Since opening in 1999, the Memorial has hosted reenlistments, promotions, commissioning's, retirements and change of command ceremonies for sailors, soldiers, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen on nearly a daily basis. Earlier this year the Battleship Missouri was presented the Navy's Retention Excellence Award. More commonly known as the "Golden Anchor," this award is traditionally given to active service naval vessels for meeting or exceeding crew retention goals. The Battleship Missouri first received this award in 2005 and is the only non-active vessel to ever receive this prestigious honor. The award was presented to the battleship in honor of its continuing service, providing a venue for reenlistment ceremonies to members of any branch of the U.S. military.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the "day of infamy" that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan's unconditional surrender aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Following an astounding career that spans five decades and three wars, from World War II to the Korean conflict to the Liberation of Kuwait, the "Mighty Mo" was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which operates the battleship as a historic attraction and memorial. The association oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants and the generosity of donors. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is one of Hawaii's top 10 attractions according to Pacific Business News and starred in Universal Studios' Battleship.

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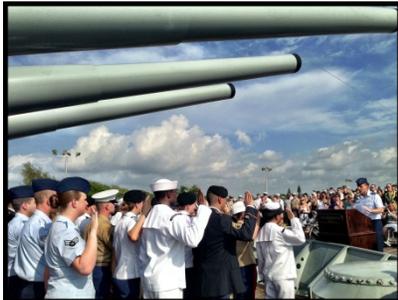
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