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USS Missouri Memorial Association Recognizes Outstanding Volunteers

In 2012 Volunteers Amassed Over 33,700 Hours

Pearl Harbor — On a day that celebrated the 69th anniversary of the launch of the USS *Missouri* (BB-63) from Brooklyn Navy Yard and the 14th anniversary of the ship's opening as a memorial in Pearl Harbor, the USS Missouri Memorial Association (UMMA) recognized all of their outstanding volunteers. In 2012 volunteers at the Battleship Missouri totaled over 5,695 volunteer days for 33,706 hours – an average of 15 volunteers and 92 hours per day.

“The Missouri simply could not be what she is today without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. In just the past year these volunteers have aided us with everything from the restoration of the officers' berthing areas, opening new areas below decks for our new Heart of the Missouri tour, installation of the new teak deck, assisting in our development department and much more,” said Michael Carr, President and COO of UMMA. “A special Bravo Zulu goes out to those volunteers and organizations awarded today.”

Awardees are:

Bernie Perriera – **USS Missouri Memorial Association Award**, given to the outstanding volunteer of the year

James Weinenger – **USS Missouri Memorial Association Legacy Award**, given to the outstanding military person.

Emi Ige – **Truman Centennial Award**, given to the outstanding senior volunteer

Jeff Eck – **Big Guns Award**, given to the volunteer that can “do it all”

Marcos and Mason Zavala – Outstanding Military Support

Senior Chief Ian Moore – Outstanding Military Support

Organizations recognized:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Key Clubs of Hawai'i
715th Military Intelligence Battalion
Tripler Army Medical Center
Sea Bees NAVFAC Self-Help

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The Battleship Missouri is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For those without access into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shuttle buses provide roundtrip transportation from the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center during operating hours. Standard admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 973-2494 on O‘ahu, toll-free at 1-877-644-4896 or visit ussmissouri.org.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship’s length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience beginning with the “day of infamy” that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ending 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. Named one of Hawai‘i’s top 10 attractions by Pacific Business News, the Battleship Missouri Memorial has welcomed over 5-million guests and starred in Universal Studios’ Battleship in 2012.

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