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BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL HOLDS JOINT REENLISTMENT CEREMONY

Ceremony Held in Remembrance of September 11th Tragedies



Pearl Harbor, HI – (September 11, 2013) – The USS Missouri Memorial Association hosted a Joint Reenlistment ceremony this morning in remembrance of the thousands of lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2001.

A total of 36 military personnel from all branches of the armed forces took an oath to recommit their undying service to our country and to the protection of its people. Major General Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Pacific Command, administered the sacred oath under the historic Gun Turret One aboard the USS *Missouri*.

“Today’s solemn occasion gave us all the opportunity to reflect and remember the lives sacrificed on this infamous day in history,” said Michael Carr, President and COO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. “Our deepest appreciation and gratitude go out to the service members and their families who have recommitted to serving in the armed forces, and for making the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and prosperity of our nation.”

Reenlisting service members that took part in today’s ceremonies were invited to fly their own National Ensigns, and received a commemorative flag certificate from the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

Since opening its doors in 1999, the Battleship Missouri 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. In 2012 alone, the organization held 1,007 military ceremonies.

Battleship Missouri Memorial

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from June through August). General admission, which includes choice of an optional tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child (4-12). Military, *kama‘aina* (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For information or reservations, call (toll-free) 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 that begins with the "day of infamy" and the sinking of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan's surrender aboard the 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 and volunteers.

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Caption: In remembrance of the lives lost during the September 11th attacks in 2001, 36 military personnel (back) from all branches of service participated in a Joint Reenlistment Ceremony aboard the USS *Missouri* under the historic Gun Turret One. The oath was administered by Major General Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army, Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command (front).

Links to images at top of release: <http://i.imgur.com/EiUYKF3.jpg> (left); <http://i.imgur.com/9vVrWti.jpg> (middle); <http://i.imgur.com/548wCJh.jpg> (right)

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