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## **Battleship *Missouri* Memorial Honors Outstanding Volunteers**

*Volunteer 'ohana gave nearly 40-thousand hours to the Missouri*

**Pearl Harbor (Feb. 03, 2012)** — At its annual volunteer recognition ceremony the USS Missouri Memorial Association recognized 13 individuals and groups who generously donated their hard work and time to the preservation of the historic ship over the past year.

“We have an amazing group of volunteers here at the *Missouri* working in all departments and in every area of the ship; from restoration of our teak deck, serving as tour guides, event support, assisting with curatorial duties and everything in between,” said Keven Williamson, the *Missouri*'s volunteer director. “In 2011 we had over 5,000 volunteers who gave a total of 37,912 hours to the *Missouri*. Each volunteer makes a difference and the ship wouldn't be what it is today without them. We can't thank them enough.”

The following volunteers were honored:

### **Roy Taira - USS *Missouri* Memorial Award**

Given to the outstanding volunteer of the year. Roy volunteered 730 hours of his time and keeps the old teak deck serviceable by mending, covering and patching.

### **U.S. Navy Petty Officer David Carlyle – USS *Missouri* Memorial Association Legacy Award**

Given to the outstanding military person, active or reserve. Petty Officer Carlyle and his command have adopted the bridge since the *Missouri* came out of drydock in Jan. 2010 and have since kept it shipshape.

### **Bill Hennelly – Truman Centennial Award**

Given to the outstanding senior volunteer. Bill serves aboard the *Missouri* as a tour guide and assists *Missouri* staff with his wealth of historical knowledge.

### **Dave and Marilynn Zavas – Big Guns Award**

Given to volunteers who can do it all. Dave and Marilynn made the teak shop their home away from home and have rebuilt benches and podiums, along with varnishing and painting various areas of the ship.

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**Bob Albin – Lifetime Achievement Award**

Bob has been with the *Missouri* since it arrived in Pearl Harbor 13 years ago and has amassed over 15,000 volunteer hours in that time. Along with constructing our new teak deck, Bob shapes fancy teak including flag stands, bell stands, frames, etc.

**U.S. Navy Senior Chief Tony Chance– Lifetime Achievement Award**

Senior Chief Chance has been a tremendous asset to the *Missouri* and a person who can always be depended on to help. He assisted greatly in gathering military support for our events.

**U.S. Navy Petty Officer Amy Miller– Outstanding Volunteer Support Award**

Given to a volunteer who goes above and beyond. Petty Officer Miller assists in salvaging parts from inactive ships in Middle Loch for use aboard the *Missouri*.

The following groups were recognized for their outstanding service:

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**Navy Information and Operations Command (NIOC)**

**Kiwanis Club of Pearl Harbor**

**Executive Transport Detachment Hawaii**

**Naval Oceanography Anti-Submarine Warfare Detachment Kaneohe Bay**

**Pacific Islands Institute and Road Scholars**

*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 spanned 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.*

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