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Edwin Carter and Donald Clegg Announce Retirement from USS *Missouri* Memorial Association

*Two Founding Directors of the Organization Retire After 18 Years of Service
to One of the World's Most Iconic Vessels*

Pearl Harbor (June 20, 2012) — At a dinner held in their honor, the USS Missouri Memorial Association (UMMA) bid a fond farewell and bravo zulu to founding board members Edwin Carter and Donald Clegg. The two men played integral roles in the effort to get the USS *Missouri* (BB-63) moored in Pearl Harbor and directly attribute to the success that the Battleship Missouri Memorial enjoys today.

“We will forever be indebted to Ed and Don. Without their undying efforts there literally would be no Battleship Missouri Memorial in Pearl Harbor,” said Mike Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “The success and notoriety we experience today would have never been possible without these extraordinary men. Through their 18 years of guidance we were able to revitalize the nearly 70-year-old ship into the icon she deserves to be, preserving her for future generations. Today most of the ship is open to tours, private events and educational programs. I’m proud to say we’re also anxiously awaiting the arrival of our 5 millionth visitor this summer.”

Carter and Clegg served on the board since its inception, Carter as Chairman and a Founding Director and Clegg as a Founding Director. Both have been pillars to the UMMA and have received emeritus status with the board. Four-and-a-half years later their dream became a reality as the USS *Missouri* (BB-63) was towed from Bremerton, Washington into her current home at pier Foxtrot 5 in Pearl Harbor.

“One of my biggest thrills in life occurred in 1998, when the Navy donated the ship to us and we finally brought her into Pearl Harbor,” said Carter, “I personally called former President George H.W. Bush – who we named Honorary Chairman – and reported the ship had arrived safely. President Bush was pleased to know that the ship, who valiantly served our country for over five decades, would be well taken care of.”

Don Clegg will forever be known as the fun loving board member who used to give his own personal tours of the ship.

“When I first saw the ship in Bremerton, I remember thinking how dreary and worn out she looked. It was a lot of hard work and restoration, but we managed to put that well deserved ‘awe’ factor back into her and I’m glad we are now able to share her with the

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world. The Missouri is a symbol not of war but of peace and the realization that peace is not only a state of being, peace is a sign of accomplishment. It is a reminder to all people that all too often peace must be fought for. I have been fortunate and honored to be a part of the beginning and preservation of the USS Missouri Memorial,” said Clegg.

Susan Cowan and Elliot Mills will fill the two vacant board seats. Cowan is a distinguished graduate of the United States Naval Academy and has served as the Vice President of Operations at Aston Hotels since 2006. Mills is a product of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is the Vice President and General Manager of Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa.

The Battleship *Missouri* Memorial is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm or from 8 am to 5 pm during summer months (June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. Military, kama`aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-MIGHTYMO (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” 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.



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