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FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ RETURNS TO PEARL HARBOR

Pearl Harbor (April 3, 2013) — The Naval Order of the United States has selected the Battleship Missouri Memorial as the permanent home of the Admiral Nimitz Sculpture. Crafted by Oregon artist, Rip Caswell, the 8 foot, 600 pound bronze statue pays tribute to the legendary World War II commander. The statue is scheduled to be unveiled in conjunction with the Battleship Missouri Memorial’s annual *End of World War II* ceremony on Sept. 2.

“We are honored and thrilled to host the statue and are sure that it will be a focal point for many years to come,” said Michael A. Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “FADM Nimitz was the United States’ signatory at the historic World War II surrender ceremony on the decks of the USS *Missouri* (BB-63). The reunion of these two icons of American history is a fitting homage to the day that peace was restored to the world.”

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm or from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or for 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” 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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