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USS MISSOURI MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION APPOINTS JASON MORRISON AS CHIEF ENGINEER

Pearl Harbor, HI – (November 4, 2013) – The USS Missouri Memorial Association today announced the appointment of Jason Morrison as Chief Engineer for the Battleship Missouri Memorial. He started work today.

A Punahou School alumnus and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Morrison is in charge of the Memorial's overall maintenance and ongoing preservation efforts, as well as safety and ongoing major capital improvement projects for the organization.

Morrison's responsibilities range from maintenance of the retired battleship's topside surfaces and underwater hull to repairing the teak decks and keeping the electrical systems, plumbing and air conditioning operational for the comfort of guests, volunteers and staff members. He also serves as the Memorial's Environmental Officer, ensuring the "Mighty Mo" and its 1,000-foot pier are in compliance with federal and state laws.

"Keeping the USS *Missouri* in top condition and ensuring that the ship is preserved for many decades to come is one of our primary goals, and we have the ideal person to lead our plans for facilities improvements and maintenance in Jason Morrison," said Michael A. Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. "We're constantly working to enhance and diversify the onboard tour experience of the Mighty Mo and Jason's extensive background in naval architecture and engineering will prove essential to fulfilling our long-term objectives for the Missouri's preservation."

Prior to joining the Missouri's management team, Morrison worked as an engineer and naval architect for Phoenix International Holdings, Inc. in Honolulu for nearly the last three years. Before that, he served as a naval architect for the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard from 2008-2010.

Morrison served six years in the United States Marine Corps (2000-2006), achieving the rank of captain. He commanded units and assisted in the leadership of numerous overseas missions, and participated in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (two awards), the Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Morrison graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2000, then earned a Master of Science in Engineering, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan in 2008. He is a 1996 graduate of Punahou School in Honolulu.

Battleship Missouri Memorial

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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.

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