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Steve Colón To Join USS *Missouri* Memorial Association's Board of Directors

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 2, 2012 — The USS *Missouri* Memorial Association welcomes Steve Colón as a member of its Board of Directors, which oversees the association's mission to create and maintain a fitting memorial to the people and historic events reflecting our nation's proud legacy of duty, honor, strength, resolve and sacrifice.

A Navy veteran and retired Captain, this will not be Colón's first time leading the Mighty Mo. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for his brave efforts as the Operations Officer of the minesweeper USS *Adroit* (MSO 509), which escorted the USS *Missouri* into firing position the night before the start of the ground war during Operation Desert Storm.

Currently Colón is the President at Hunt Development Group LLC's Hawaii Division, and oversees development activities, consisting of seven projects on three islands encompassing over 2,000 acres, 1,460 homes and 1,000,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space. He holds an MBA in finance from the University of Pennsylvania and a BS from the United States Naval Academy.

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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