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Elliot Mills Joins USS *Missouri* Memorial Association's Board of Directors

Pearl Harbor, (August 9, 2012) — The USS *Missouri* Memorial Association welcomes Elliot Mills 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.

Mills brings 20 years of experience in resort management to the Battleship Missouri Memorial. He is currently the Vice President and General Manager of Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa, Ko Olina, Hawaii. He is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the resort, composed of 359 hotel rooms and 481 two-bedroom equivalent vacation villas.

Prior to his position at Aulani, Mills was general manager of the Kauai Marriott Resort. He also held various executive and resort management positions on Kauai, Maui and Oahu. Mills holds a degree in travel industry management from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and completed the Cornell Hospitality Management General Managers Program.

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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