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## **USS *Missouri* Memorial Association Welcomes New Board Member Susan Cowan**

**Pearl Harbor, August 20, 2012** — Susan Cowan has been named to the USS *Missouri* Memorial Association 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.

Cowan is currently the Vice President of Operations for Aston Hotels & Resorts, where she is responsible for 16 hotel and condominium properties. Prior to this position, she served as Vice President of Entertainment and Brand Marketing for Disneyland Resort and Chief Operating Officer for Brown and Cole Stores.

A distinguished graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Cowan was awarded the Navy's commendation medal for her unit's exceptional performance as well as the Captain Winifred Quick Collins Award for superior leadership and performance by a female officer Navy-wide.

Cowan holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and previously sat on the Board of Directors for Anaheim Memorial Hospital and Anaheim Transit Network.

*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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