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USS Missouri Memorial Association Welcomes Vice Admiral, USN (Ret) Michael Vitale to Board of Directors

Pearl Harbor (May 6, 2013) — The USS Missouri Memorial Association today announced that Vice Admiral, USN (Ret) Michael Vitale has joined its Board of Directors.

The Association's Board is charged with overseeing the Battleship Missouri Memorial's mission to deliver a unique visitor experience as a premier historic attraction and museum.

“VADM Michael Vitale achieved a stellar career of leadership for the Navy, both here in Hawaii and overseas, and we're delighted to have him join our Board and provide his expertise as we make the visitor and educational experience of the Battleship Missouri Memorial even more enjoyable,” said Michael A. Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

VADM Vitale retired in April 2012 after 34 years of service in the U.S. Navy. In his most recent Navy position, he served as Commander for the Navy Installations Command in Washington D.C., where he led the operations of 70 worldwide installations and oversaw 60,000 employees.

Previously, as a flag officer, VADM Vitale led two Navy Regions, one at Pearl Harbor overseeing two bases, and the other in Jacksonville, Florida with 22 bases. His military background also includes earning a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington D.C.

VADM Vitale currently serves as Executive Director of the Applied Research Lab at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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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