

**Director
Naval History and Heritage Command**



presents the Museum Curatorial Excellence Award (Large Category) to

***BATTLESHIP MISSOURI
MEMORIAL***

For services as set forth in the following citation:

Battleship Missouri Memorial is recognized for going the extra mile to interpret and curate historical navy artifacts to accurately relay the history of Sailors and ships at sea during peace and war, specifically for creation of an exhibit titled "Divine Wind: Kamikaze and the Battle for the Pacific", and completing a new Education Resource Center within a repurposed building outside the main gate to the Museum. Led by curators Meghan Rathbun and Jane Fischer, the Memorial partnered with the Chiran Peace Museum in Minamikyushu, Kagoshima, Japan to improve visitor flow while increasing/improving artifacts on display, including farewell letters and poems from pilots, personal photographs, historical images and uniforms from both museums. The completed education center now houses additional artifacts from the Missouri, making them available to students and academic researchers for many future generations in a climate controlled facility. Such efforts are highly noteworthy, are in the highest tradition of the US Navy and as such, are worthy of being awarded the Museum Curatorial Excellence Award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Cox".

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