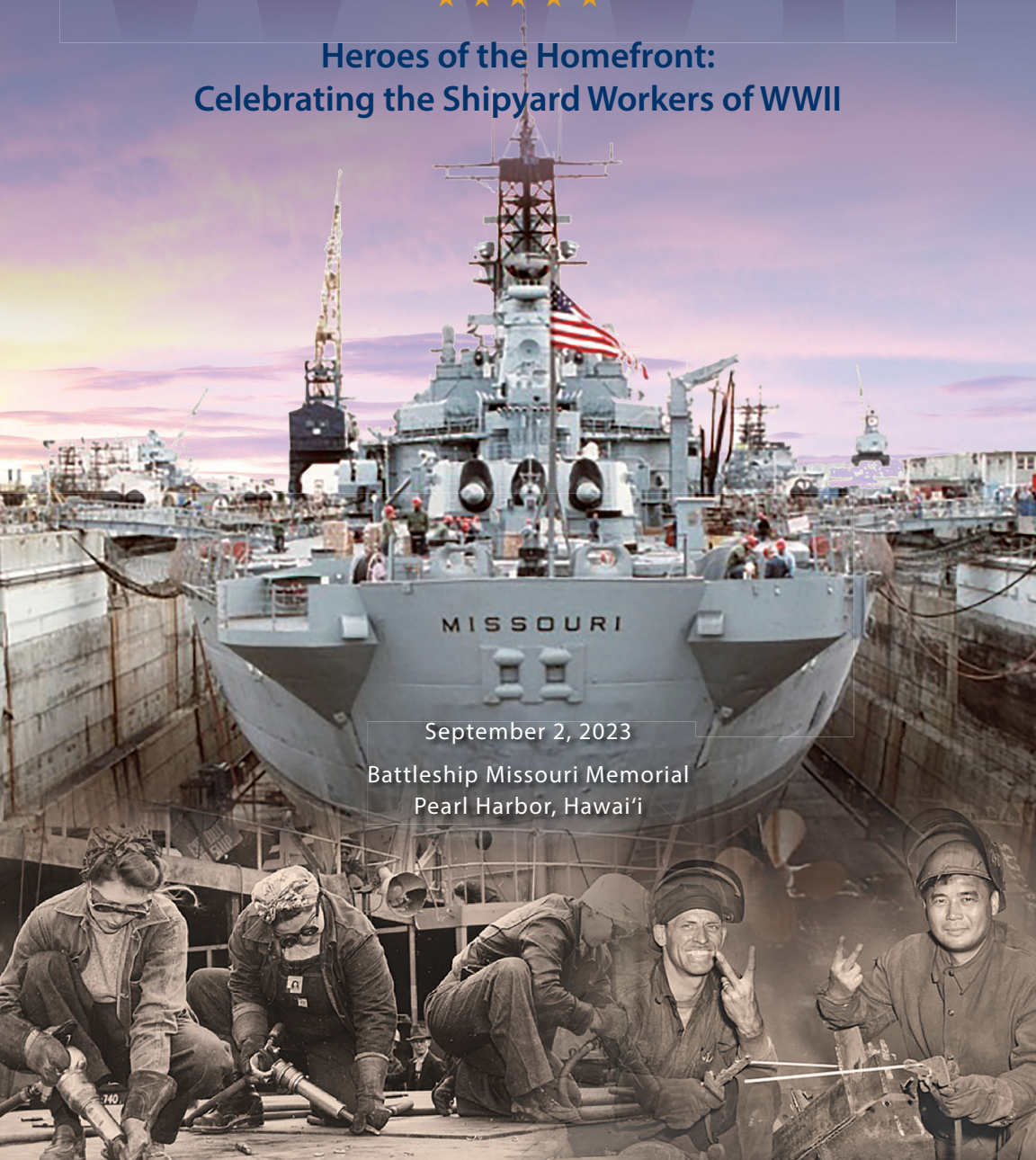


78th Anniversary of the End of World War II



**Heroes of the Homefront:
Celebrating the Shipyard Workers of WWII**



September 2, 2023

Battleship Missouri Memorial
Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i

W E L C O M E

Roy Yee

Former President,
USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc



Roy J. Yee served as a business consultant to Raytheon Constructors and Engineers and the State of Hawai'i. Fluor Government Group engaged his services to pursue opportunities in the Pacific from 2001 to 2021.

After graduation, Roy joined the General Electric Company in San Francisco and was assigned to the Honolulu office as a field engineer. He was then transferred to the Lynn, Massachusetts, Instrument Department, where he served as process control instructor for power plants, industrial processes, and turbines.

Roy then returned to his family's company, KEMS Inc. After the sale of KEMS Inc., he became president of the Honolulu Shipyard from 1986-1989.

Roy joined Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI) as vice president of marketing and later served as vice president of public affairs.

Roy became involved in the Battleship Missouri Homeporting proposal to help increase the ship repair work by raising awareness among community and decision makers.

O P E N I N G A D D R E S S

RADM Alma Grocki

U.S. Navy (Ret.), Board of Directors,
USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc



Rear Admiral Alma Grocki joined the Board of Directors for the USS Missouri Memorial Association in August 2017 upon completing a 35-year career with the United States Navy.

Admiral Grocki holds the distinction of being the first woman from Hawai'i appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

She was subsequently transferred to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, serving as Senior Ship Superintendent. In that role, she became the first woman officer to accompany her repaired submarine on post-availability sea trials.

In 2013, Admiral Grocki was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff for Fleet Maintenance, Commander, in the U.S. Pacific Fleet. She completed her career as Deputy Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command.

Admiral Grocki's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

D I S T I N G U I S H E D G U E S T S P E A K E R

Captain Ethan Fiedel

Operations Officer
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility



Captain Ethan Fiedel is a New Jersey native and a 2001 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree with Merit in Naval Architecture. His post-graduate education includes a Naval Engineer's degree, a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and a Master of Science degree in Engineering and Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After completing Nuclear Power School and Nuclear Prototype Training, Captain Fiedel reported to USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) in Groton, Connecticut. During his tour, PROVIDENCE participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, conducted operations in the Mediterranean Sea, and completed the first 688 Engineered Overhaul (EOH) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Upon detaching from PROVIDENCE, he reported as the Squadron Operations Officer to COMSUBRON 22, embarked on USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39), and served in that role until the squadron's disestablishment in 2007. Captain Fiedel served as the Repair Officer onboard EMORY S. LAND, overseeing more than 700 Sailors in the execution of SUBSAFE and other critical repairs and Fly-Away Team missions supporting U.S. and allied vessels; during his tenure on LAND, Repair Department was awarded the Repair Readiness Red "R" and the tender was awarded the Battle "E."

Captain Fiedel's shore assignments include serving as Deputy Project Superintendent for SSBN, SSGN, and CVN CNO availabilities at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, USS CHEYENNE (SSN 773) Project Superintendent for its Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Submarine Watch Officer for Commander Task Force 69 in Naples, Italy, and as the Deputy Assistant Program Manager for Configuration and Modernization Management, In-Service Submarines, in Washington, D.C. He recently transferred from COMPACFLT as the Maintenance Requirements Officer. Captain Fiedel is the current Operations Officer at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Beyond the Navy, Captain Fiedel is a licensed Professional Engineer in the field of Naval Architecture, earned his Project Management Professional certification, and achieved a LEAN Yellow Belt certification.

Captain Fiedel is married to the former Jennifer Dunn of Northfield, New Jersey and has a son, Weston and a daughter, Emmalyn.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Rear Admiral Blake L. Converse

Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet



Rear Admiral Blake Converse is a native of Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds Master of Science degrees in Space Systems Engineering and Applied Physics from the Naval Post Graduate School.

His career as a nuclear submarine warfare officer includes assignments aboard USS Lapon (SSN 661), USS Olympia (SSN 717), and USS Minneapolis-St.-Paul (SSN 708) as the executive officer. Command assignments include commanding officer, USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) from February 2006 to February 2009 and commander, Submarine Squadron 6 from October 2012 to August 2014. Ashore, he served as radiological controls officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force; special assistant to Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command; deputy commander of Submarine Squadron 17; Prospective Commanding Officer Course instructor at Naval Reactors headquarters; and chief of staff to Commander, U.S. Submarine Force.

As a flag officer, he served as director, Joint and Fleet Operations (N3), U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Submarine Group 9 in Silverdale, Washington, and commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor Hawai'i.

Converse is currently the deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (five awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Joint Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit awards. In 2008, he was awarded the Rear Admiral Jack N. Darby award for Inspirational Leadership and Excellence of Command.

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PROGRAM

WELCOME

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Joint Service Color Guard, U.S. Pacific Command

NATIONAL ANTHEM & HAWAI'I PONO'I

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Rear Admiral Alma Grocki
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

RIFLE SALUTE

Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i

ECHO TAPS

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

AMAZING GRACE

Rick Jackson, The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i

BENEDICTION / "ETERNAL FATHER"

Lt. Col. Jason Barker, HQ PACAF Deputy Command Chaplain
U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

CLOSING REMARKS

Roy Yee

HEROES OF THE HOMEFRONT

CELEBRATING THE SHIPYARD WORKERS OF WWII

During the global turmoil of World War II, shipyards nationwide ramped up their production to support the war effort. Extensive mobilization initiatives were undertaken to swiftly expand shipbuilding capacity and meet the urgent demands for warships.

Amidst the war's chaos, the shipyards experienced a remarkable workforce transformation. Women, minorities, and immigrants entered the scene, defying traditional gender and racial roles



to fill positions that had been predominantly held by men. Overcoming obstacles, they made invaluable contributions to the shipbuilding process.

The shipyard workers' stories during this period were nothing short of extraordinary. Their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment played a pivotal role in constructing and repairing the formidable naval vessels that turned the tide of the war.



World War II spurred remarkable advancements in shipyard innovation and technology. The exhibition showcases groundbreaking techniques like prefabrication and assembly-line processes, enabling the rapid production of ships on an unprecedented scale.

The shipyard workers faced numerous challenges, including long hours, hazardous working conditions, and the constant threat of enemy attacks. The exhibition underscores the sacrifices they



made in support of the war effort, often enduring immense pressure and personal hardships.

Despite these trials, the shipyard workers developed a strong collective spirit and camaraderie, forming a tight-knit community that exemplified their resilience, determination, and unwavering dedication to the common cause.

Their pivotal role in securing victory during the war reverberated beyond those years, shaping the post-war industrial and economic landscape.



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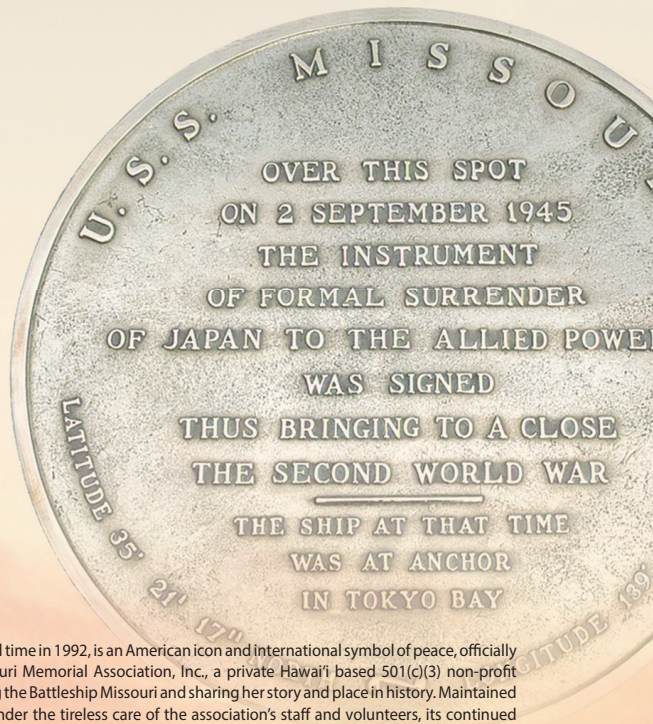
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