



PROCLAMATION SIGNING ON SURRENDER DECK OF THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

HONOLULU, December 18, 2019 — Hawaii Gov. David Ige signed an official proclamation this morning on the Battleship Missouri Memorial announcing the Blue-Ribbon Leadership Committee that will oversee the upcoming commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II. The committee will be responsible for creating and managing the formal commemoration events – with support from the Pearl Harbor historic partners, government, military, business and community leaders, and various sponsors.

"The 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II brings the focus of people and countries throughout the world to Hawaii as we celebrate the peace that was gained from that day. We honor all of the men and women who have answered the call of duty and embrace the sacrifice of those who served in WWII and in the decades that have followed," stated Gov. Ige.

Honorary co-chairs Gov. Ige and Adm. Phil Davidson, commander, U.S. Indo Pacific Command were joined by the 75th commemoration committee and its co-chairs Air Force Maj. Gen (retired) Daryll Wong and U.S. Navy Capt. (retired) Steven W. Colon.

Salute Their Service, Honor Their Hope is this year's commemoration theme in recognition of the veterans and civilians who served and contributed to the actions that led to the end of the war. Events begin Aug. 29, 2020, and include a welcome banquet, gala, educational forums, flyovers and culminates with the ceremony September 2, 2020.

Some events will be free and open to the public while others will be private and ticketed. WWII veterans local and abroad, plus a companion, will be guests at all events. Everyone is welcomed to experience this momentous occasion and its place in history that forged the path to peace.

More details and updates are available by visiting the official website at <u>75thwwiicommemoration.org</u> ###

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