Battleship Missouri Memorial • Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i

Thursday, November 11, 2021



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VETERANS DAY

# Plunset Teremony

HONORING OUR

Veterans and the 30th Anniversary of the End of Operation Desert Storm

# WELCOME

# Michael Carr President & CEO USS Missouri Memorial Association



Michael Carr was appointed to lead the USS Missouri Memorial Association in 2008 and has since led the Battleship Missouri Memorial to its most successful years.

Carr has positioned the iconic historical attraction to expand its reach within Hawai'i and generate increased interest from both westbound and eastbound visitors.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial has welcomed aboard more than 8.5 million guests since opening on January 29, 1999.

A former U.S. Army officer, Carr has been a Hawai'i business executive and active in local community organizations since 1977.

His current community support includes serving as the Immediate Past President of the Historic Naval Ships Association.

Carr's previous professional experience includes serving as President of Polynesian Adventure Tours for 15 years and holding management positions with Bank of Hawaii and its affiliates for 14 years.

#### OPENING ADDRESS

# CAPT Steve Colon, USN (Ret.)

USS Missouri Memorial Association Board of Directors



CAPT Steve Colón is the Association's new chairman replacing the late Tim Guard. In July 2019, Colón returned to the Association as a board member again, which he previously served from 2012 – 2018.

Colón is president of Hunt Development Group LLC's Hawai'i Division overseeing development activities on O'ahu, Island of Hawai'i, Maui and Kaua'i.

In 2006, he retired as a Captain after serving 26 years in the Navy and Navy Reserve. Colón graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 and earned his Master of Business Administration in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1990.

One of his career highlights was serving aboard the USS Adroit (MSO 509) during Operation Desert Storm as the Operations Officer. Adroit escorted the USS Missouri (BB 63) into combat operations in support of the ground war and was witness to the mighty Battleship's 16 inch gun fires. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for valor.

# CAPT Ken Jordan, USN (Ret.)

Last Executive Officer of the USS Missouri BB-63



CAPT Ken Jordan retired from active duty in the Navy in 2000 after 29 years of service. He retired in May 2019 from government civilian service after 19 years as the Director, Fleet Warfare Requirements, Programming, Force Structure, and Analysis for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. This position served as the principal lead for naval warfare, programming and force structure requirements for the Pacific

Fleet.

CAPT Jordan graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He also holds a master's degree in Finance from National University. While on active duty as a naval officer, he was a proven sub-specialist in Finance and in Command & Control.

CAPT Jordan's military career included command and tours on six ships: USS Agerholm (DD 826), USS Alacrity (AG 520), USS Decatur (DDG 31), USS John A Moore (FF 19), command of USS Rentz (FFG 46), and USS Missouri (BB 63) as Executive Officer.

CAPT Jordan has extensive experience on Navy three and four star staffs, focused on Navy warfighting requirements and warfare capabilities at the highest levels in both Navy and Joint environments. He is a combat veteran, participating in numerous naval gunfire tours in Vietnam, the American evacuation operations from Iran, and combat operations in the Persian Gulf Desert Storm. Personal military awards he received includes the Legion of Merit (3), Bronze Star with the Combat V, Meritorious Service Medal (3) and Navy Commendation. Civilian awards he received included the Distinguished Civilian Service Award and two Superior Civilian Service Awards for performance, and one Meritorious Civilian Service Award for a Life Saving Action.

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

# **Rear Admiral Timothy Kott**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Timothy Kott is a native of Newport, Rhode Island and raised in a Navy Family. He is a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York. He holds a Master of Science in Management (Financial Management) from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

His sea tours include assignments as Navigator, USS Flatley (FFG 21); commissioning Combat Information Center Officer, USS Ramage (DDG 61); Operations Officer, USS Mitscher (DDG 57); Operations Officer, USS Hue' City (CG 66); and

Executive Officer, USS Hopper (DDG 70). He commanded USS Hopper (DDG 70) from 2008 to 2010 where Sailors were recognized for their achievements with two consecutive Battle "E" awards, the 2008 Spokane Trophy, and the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award for Pacific Fleet Destroyers. His major command tour was aboard USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) from 2013-2015 during which Sailors were recognized for earning three consecutive Battle "E" awards, the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award for Pacific Fleet Cruisers, and the Secretary of the Navy Award for Surface Combatants.

Ashore assignments include duty as a Budget Analyst, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Surface Warfare Directorate (N96); as combatant commander Joint Exercise Program Manager, the Joint Staff, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate (J7); as Ship and Submarine Programs Section Head, and Branch Head for Program Planning and Development (N801), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources, Programming Division (N80).

Flag officer assignments include assignments as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Allied Joint Force Command Naples, Italy and as Commander, Carrier Strike Group ONE embarked onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70).

Kott assumed command of Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, in June 2021.

He is the recipient of various personal, unit, and campaign awards, to include the privilege of having served with 11 Battle Efficiency Award winning crews throughout his career.

# VETERANS DAY SUNSET CEREMONY

PROGRAM

## WELCOME

Michael Carr, President & CEO USS Missouri Memorial Association

#### PARADE THE COLORS

Joint Service Color Guard, USINDOPACOM

# **NATIONAL ANTHEM & HAWAI'I PONO'I**

U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Band, Paradise Brass Quintet

# INVOCATION

Commander Jeffrey Ross, Chaplain Marine Forces Pacific

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# DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKER

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# GOD BLESS AMERICA

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# RIFLE SALUTE

Marine Forces Pacific

## TAPS

SGT Steven States
U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Band

# AMAZING GRACE

Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i

# BENEDICTION

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# CLOSING REMARKS

Michael Carr, President & CEO USS Missouri Memorial Association

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