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Battleship Missouri Memorial Celebrates a Duo of 'Mighty' Anniversaries on February 2

Festivities and Admission are Free for Kama'āina and Military

Pearl Harbor, HI (January 25, 2013) — In celebration of the 69th anniversary of the launch of the USS *Missouri* (BB-63) from Brooklyn Navy Yard and the 14th anniversary of the ship's opening as a memorial in Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri Memorial is holding a day's worth of festivities on Saturday, Feb. 02. Free to kama'āina and military personnel, gates open at 8:00am. The day will feature numerous special events including band performances, educational demonstrations and activities, Battleship game stations, special tours and a volunteer recognition ceremony beginning at 10:30am on the ship's Fantail. Anniversary festivities will run until 2:00pm, with normal tours continuing until 4:00pm.

Free admission includes one "Mighty Mo Pass" per person and is valid for all active-duty and retired military personnel and military dependants with valid Department of Defense ID, as well as all Hawai'i residents with state photo ID (such as driver's licenses).

"The Battleship Missouri Memorial is a proud tribute to the military – the brave men and women who put it all on the line to protect our freedoms – and we welcome all of them to join us on Feb. 2 to celebrate two major anniversaries in the ship's history," said Michael A. Carr, the Missouri's president and chief operating officer. "We're also taking this opportunity to thank our countless volunteers who keep the Missouri looking ship-shape, and our wonderful kama'āina who have been such generous hosts for the past 14 years."

The Missouri is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For those without access into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shuttle buses provide roundtrip transportation from the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center during operating hours. Standard admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 973-2494 on O'ahu, toll-free at 1-877-644-4896 or visit ussmissouri.org.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience beginning with the "day of infamy" that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ending 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. Named one of Hawai'i's top 10 attractions by Pacific Business

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News the Battleship Missouri Memorial has welcomed over 5-million guests and starred in Universal Studios' Battleship.

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