

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# **Pearl Harbor Historic Sites Announce Launch of New Website**

**Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (February 23, 2012)** — The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites has launched its new website, **PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.** The website features descriptions containing historical information, tour operation and other facts on all four Pearl Harbor historic sites and also includes a calendar of events, map and tips on how to plan your visit.

The partnership between the USS *Arizona* Memorial, Battleship *Missouri* Memorial, USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park and the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor allows the website to serve as a portal for package deals and exclusive specials, saving guests time and money. For those interested in the whole Pearl Harbor experience the website features the new "Passport to Pearl Harbor" ticket options. The one day Passport to Pearl Harbor provides access to all primary Pearl Harbor historic sites for just \$55 per adult and \$30 per child. A two day Passport to Pearl Harbor is available for \$65 per adult and \$35 per child and is valid for seven days. Passport to Pearl Harbor passes include the USS *Arizona* Memorial Audio Tour, and admission to the USS *Bowfin* Submarine, Battleship *Missouri* Memorial, and the Pacific Aviation Museum.

"No longer will guests have to visit four or more websites to get information about Pearl Harbor. PearlHarborHistoricSites.org creates a central hub for those who want to learn more about the sites and plan their Pearl Harbor experience. With all the information in one place, it takes a lot of the guess work out of planning a visit," said Michael A. Carr, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. "With four historical sites for guests to explore, visitors can easily spend a full day or even two exploring the historic sites at Pearl Harbor. The Passport to Pearl Harbor gives people more flexibility to experience all the sites and offers a better value than if each site was purchased separately."

## **About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites**

Welcoming more than 1.6 million visitors each year, the Pearl Harbor attractions include several independent memorials and museums — some under the purview of the U.S. National Park Service and others operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, and in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, they carry forth the legacies of some of our nation's most treasured icons. Although Pearl Harbor is one historic destination, there are four distinct destinations to visit, each with its own story to tell. Each attraction is as compelling as the next and none that the visitor would want to miss.

# WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument (USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials)

The USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the recently designed WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The three ships' memorials honor and commemorate all members of

the U.S. Armed Forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors to the USS *Arizona* Memorial take a Navy launch to the memorial between 8 am. and 3 pm. The USS *Oklahoma* Memorial is located on Ford Island next to the Battleship *Missouri* and can be accessed via the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial shuttle bus. Access to the USS *Utah* Memorial is limited to those with military IDs. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information visit www.nps.gov/valr, www.PacificHistoricParks.org or call 808-954-8777.

## **USS** *Bowfin* **Submarine Museum** and **Park**

Adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, the USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park, operated as a private, non-profit organization, is dedicated to the sacrifice of more than 3,500 submarine personnel lost in World War II. This gallant band of brothers, compromising less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, sank more than 5.5 million tons of enemy ships, while sustaining losses of 52 submarines that remain on Eternal Patrol. The USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park is open daily from 7 am. to 5 pm. Combined general admission to the submarine and museum is \$10 per adult and \$4 per child 4-12. Military, kama'aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 423-1341 or visit www. *Bowfin*.org.

# Battleship *Missouri* Memorial

The battleship USS *Missouri* (BB-63) completed an astounding career spanning five decades and three wars — World War II, Korea and Operation Desert Storm — and is best known as the site of Japan's WWII surrender, which brought history's most devastating war to a close. Recently returned from dry-dock, the 887-foot, 45,000-ton "Mighty Mo" is open for visitors as the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial, operated as a private, non-profit organization on historic Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The Battleship *Missouri* Memorial is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm or from 8 am to 5 pm. during summer months (June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child 4-12. Military, kama'aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

## **Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, a private, non-profit organization, occupies the WWII hangars and control tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our nation's first aviation battlefield. Giving visitors a front-row seat to the Pacific Theater and presenting 28 aircraft and their stories, the museum was named "one of the Top Ten Aviation Attractions" by TripAdvisor. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child 4-12. Military, kama'aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org. Tickets and a free flight simulator coupon are available online.

###

## **Media Contact**:

Tyler Kruse (808) 539-3434 Tyler.Kruse@AnthologyGroup.com