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PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS OFFERS FREE PEARL HARBOR VIDEO CONFERCING ORIENTATIONS FOR TRAVEL GROUPS COMING TO HAWAII.

HONOLULU, HI – Pacific Historic Parks (PHP) is now offering FREE videoconferencing orientations for groups traveling to Hawaii who plan to visit the WWII Valor in the Pacific at Pearl Harbor and the new \$56 million Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Videoconferencing sessions are arranged prior to departure and include an orientation on Pearl Harbor and its history, as well as information about the USS *Arizona* Memorial, the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and the other Pearl Harbor Historic attractions – Battleship Missouri Memorial, USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park, Pacific Aviation Museum and USS *Oklahoma* Memorial.

A highlight of the live videoconference includes interaction with actual Pearl Harbor Survivor veterans who will share their personal accounts of that fateful day.

Pacific Historic Parks has been offering Pearl Harbor educational videoconferencing seminars to schools throughout the world for years. The new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Research and Education Center has now allowed Pacific Historic Parks to expand their educational services to include travel groups coming to Hawaii.

“Our new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center receives dozens of Eastbound and Westbound groups every day, many who have no historical background of our destination or attractions before they arrive,” says Tom Shaw, President and CEO of Pacific Historic Parks. “This new service will greatly enhance the experience of travel groups planning to come to Pearl Harbor by providing them with a complete educational orientation of the USS *Arizona* Memorial and an overview of the many new historical attractions available for them to visit.”

Groups interested in Pacific Historic Park’s FREE videoconferencing orientation program can visit www.pacifichistoricparks.org or call Paul C. Heintz, Education Director, Pacific Historic Parks, at 808-954-8744, or send an e-mail to pheintz@pacificihistoricparks.org. To participate in Pacific Historic Parks videoconferencing seminars, all that is needed is a computer laptop and webcam.

About Pacific Historic Parks

Formed in 1979, Pacific Historic Parks (PHP) is a non-profit cooperating association with the National Park Service whose mission is to support and fund educational and interpretive programs for the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor; American Memorial Park on Saipan; War in the Pacific National Historical Park on Guam; and Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai.

Today, funding is generated through PHP's online retail sales and park site bookstores, audio tour programs, public membership support and fundraising campaigns. Recently, PHP successfully lead a \$56 million capital campaign for the reconstruction and expansion of the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center. The center was renamed the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and was dedicated on December 7, 2010. For more information, visit www.pacifichistoricparks.org or call (808) 954-8777.

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