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PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS NAMES EDUCATION INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HONOLULU (July 30, 2014)—Pacific Historic Parks announced today that it has hired Terri Watson as Executive Director of the organization’s newly formed education institute, effective August 25, 2014. The name of the institute is still under development.

Working closely with the National Park Service at WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Watson will be responsible for leading the start up and launch of the institute: developing pilot programs with Pearl Harbor Historic Site partners, establishing strategic partnerships with local and national organizations, and leading fundraising and development efforts.

“With the help of the Potrero Group, Terri was chosen from more than 160 job applicants from across the nation. We are confident that her skills, education and military background are the perfect fit for our education institute. I look forward to welcoming her to Hawaii and working with her to develop a comprehensive education program,” said Gene Caliwag, President and CEO, Pacific Historic Parks.

Watson has more than 30 years of non-profit leadership experience with demonstrated knowledge and expertise in public-private partnerships, social entrepreneurship, fundraising, and organizational development. She recently earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of Wyoming and will be relocating to Hawaii from the San Francisco Bay area.

Most recently, Watson worked as the Executive Director of the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association and LightHawk. She served as an Aviation Officer flying both helicopters and airplanes in the United States Army from 1984-1997 and currently owns her own consulting business.

For more information about Pacific Historic Parks, visit pacifichistoricparks.org.

About Pacific Historic Parks

Founded in 1979, Pacific Historic Parks is a non-profit cooperating association that supports and funds educational and interpretive programs for WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor; Diamond Head State Monument on the island of Oahu; Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai; American Memorial Park on Saipan; and War in the Pacific National Historical Park on Guam. For more information, visit www.pacifichistoricparks.org.

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