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**USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL TERRAZZO FLOORING REPLACEMENT SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

Final phase will complete a three year restoration project.

HONOLULU (September 4, 2015) — Pacific Historic Parks announced today that the final phase of the USS *Arizona* Memorial restoration project is scheduled to begin in September 2015. The third and final phase of the restoration project will replace the terrazzo flooring on the Memorial. Over the years, the Memorial has weathered natural exposure from the elements, salt water spray, and foot traffic from more than 50 million visitors.

“The site is significant to so many people,” says Rhonda Loh, acting superintendent for World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, National Park Service. “By replacing the terrazzo floor we are helping to ensure that the Memorial will continue to be a place where individuals can come to honor those men who died aboard the USS *Arizona*.”

“A visit to the USS *Arizona* Memorial is one of the most impactful experiences in Pearl Harbor,” says Gene Caliwag, president and CEO of Pacific Historic Parks, a non-profit cooperating association of the National Park Service. Pacific Historic Parks has led the effort to restore the USS *Arizona* Memorial, working with public and private entities to collect the approximately \$468,000 needed to complete the phase three repairs.

“We are proud to work with the National Park Service at World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and Hawk Contracting Group in our continued stewardship and effort to ensure that the Memorial is protected and preserved for future generations,” Caliwag continues. “Pacific Historic Parks is especially grateful to the many friends and donors who have made it possible through their generous philanthropic support of all phases of the Memorial’s restoration.”

Phase three, work on the terrazzo flooring, is scheduled to begin on Sept. 8 with construction work carried out by Hawk Contracting Group over a period of 50 working days. The terrazzo flooring covers approximately 4,650 square feet. The USS *Arizona* Memorial will remain open during the period of construction. No work will be done while visitors are on the Memorial. The flooring project will be done in sections, and visitors will be prevented from walking on the sections of flooring under active work. During part of this time visitors won't be able to walk into the Shrine Room, but will still be able to look into that room through the doorway.

Phase one of the restoration started in June 2012 and involved the replacement of skylights, railings and doors; repainting the interior and exterior; installing LED light fixtures; and repairing concrete irregularities. Phase two, completed in November 2014, replaced the Shrine Room wall that lists the names of the 1,177 marines and sailors who lost their lives on December 7, 1941. Work for phase one and two of the restoration also was carried out by Hawk Contracting Group.

For more information about the restoration of the USS *Arizona* Memorial and to donate, visit www.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 Molokai; American Memorial Park on Saipan; and War in the Pacific National Historical Park on Guam.

About World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument

One of over 400 units in the National Park Service, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument preserves and interprets the stories of the Pacific War, including the events at Pearl Harbor, the internment of Japanese Americans, the battles in the Aleutians, and the occupation of Japan. This year, over 1.7 million individuals will visit the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, making it the largest visitor destination in Hawaii. Learn more at www.nps.gov/valr.

About Hawk Contracting Group

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