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PEARL HARBOR UNVEILS VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

(Honolulu, HI) – Three new virtual reality tours will be presented at a “Night at The Museum” reception on Sunday, December 4th at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m. HST. Pearl Harbor survivors and invited guests will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in this new addition to the visitor center’s educational efforts. Virtual Reality technology will allow 21st century visitors new ways to enjoy the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

The VR initiative is presented by the National Park Service in partnership with Pacific Historic Parks.

Designed to enhance a visitor’s experience at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, the new technology will immerse visitors through three virtual reality tours:

- Walk the decks of the battleship USS *Arizona* just before the attack
- Witness the attack on Battleship Row
- Visit the USS *Arizona* Memorial

“Committed to Remember, Honor and Understand -- we are pleased that the power of advanced technology will provide us with the tools to ensure that the legacy of those who sacrificed so much to ensure our liberties will continue to inspire generations to come,” said Neil Sheehan, chairman of the Board of Directors of Pacific Historic Parks. “Our three new Pearl Harbor virtual reality tours will be a unique way to learn, view and ‘feel’ what happened on December 7th during the infamous attack, and understand how it changed our world forever.”

Tom Gerrish, director of Information and Technology for Pacific Historic Parks said, “These new virtual reality tours — created by HDR, the National Park Service, and Pacific Historic Parks — showcase a unique blend of visual and fascinating educational content that is ideal for educators, students and just about anyone wanting to learn more about Pearl Harbor and the events that took place there. We are especially excited that these new virtual reality tours will also be available around the world so that people anywhere can experience Pearl Harbor.”

The Pearl Harbor virtual reality app and viewer may be purchased or rented at the USS *Arizona* Memorial ticket counter and will be available later online at phpstore.org.

Centered around December 7th, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the 75th Commemoration will focus the world's attention on Hawaii and provide a unique opportunity for visitors to experience events and memorials dedicated to the USS *Utah*, USS *Oklahoma*, and USS *Arizona*. A reception to honor Japanese American Veterans; *Remember Pearl Harbor* documentary premiere; "December 7th Remembered" gala tribute; Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band free live performance; Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade; keynote speakers; five nights of Movies on Waikīkī Beach, and four live benefit concert performances featuring Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year, Garth Brooks, and Trisha Yearwood are also planned.

The 75th Pearl Harbor Commemoration welcomes Hawai'i residents, visitors from across the country and around the world. Whether you're visiting Hawai'i during December or anytime throughout this anniversary year, learn more about the attack on Pearl Harbor and O'ahu, shop online for official memorabilia, and support our historic parks in any way you can.

For more information about the 75th Commemoration, its full schedule and other details, visit www.PearlHarbor75thAnniversary.com, email info@pearlharbor75thanniversary.com or call the toll free hotline at (877) 589-8898 or (808) 589-5592. You can also follow the festivities on social media, #pearlharbor75 and on Facebook.

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