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**PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY  
At the Arizona Capitol Museum  
Observed on December 5, 2008**

**PHOENIX, AZ (November 18, 2008)** — Arizona and the nation were shocked into World War II by the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. The Arizona Capitol Museum observes the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that catastrophe and sinking of the battleship *USS Arizona*, on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. Each year, more than a hundred veteran and civilians, young and old, gather at the Museum in the original Arizona Territorial and State capitol building to remember this event.

**Honoring the “Greatest Generation”**

Wars in Europe and the Pacific brought common cause to Americans in the military and on the homefront. “The response to the war at home and events in the Pacific give a close-up view of this critical period in our history,” says our keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Sutton, Chief Historian for the National Park Service. They tell about the “Greatest Generation” that left peacetime lives to protect their country and return to build a modern America. Sutton will also describe a new Park Service initiative that will continue to tell the story of the Greatest Generation. “History is about people, not monuments,” he says.

Attending the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day gives visitors an opportunity to experience the Museum’s most popular exhibit, *Flagship of the Fleet, the Life and Death of the USS Arizona*. The exhibit tells the story of the ship and its link to its namesake. Of special interest is the magnificent fifty-seven piece silver service that features nautical scenes and Arizona symbols and landmarks.

Dr. Sutton gave the keynote speech at the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary Pearl Harbor observance co-hosted by the US Navy in Hawaii. He has served on the History faculty at Arizona State University and for 13 years as Superintendent of the Manassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia. He is responsible for historical interpretation at the NPS’s 390 parks throughout the nation.

The 55,000 square foot Museum, located at 1700 W. Washington in Phoenix, tells the story of Arizona’s history from Territorial Days to the present through more than twenty exhibits. It is part of the State Library, the oldest cultural institution in Arizona, dating to the organization of the Territory in 1863.

**December 5, 2008  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Open to the General Public**

Arizona Capitol Museum  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Open: Monday – Friday 8:00 to 5:00  
Saturday 11:00 to 4:00

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