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## **Hawaii Service Heroes Needed to Stitch The National 9/11 Flag for the Pearl Harbor Anniversary at the USS Missouri Memorial in Honolulu on December 7**

**Historic Stitching Ceremony to repair American Flag destroyed  
on 9/11 will include FDNY Firefighters and local volunteers**

**11/3/2010**– NEW YORK, NY – Destroyed in the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 and stitched back together seven years later by tornado survivors in Greensburg, Kansas, The National 9/11 Flag is a living testament to the resilience and compassion of the American people. It is the modern day version of The Star Spangled Banner. The New York Says Thank You Foundation is currently taking The National 9/11 Flag on a journey across America where local service heroes in all 50 states will be given the historic privilege of stitching the flag back to its original 13-stripe format using pieces of fabric from American flags destined for retirement in each state. Once the flag is restored and made whole again by the 10th Year Anniversary of 9/11, The National 9/11 Flag will become a part of the permanent collection of the National September 11 Memorial Museum being built at the World Trade Center.

**On December 7, 2010, The National 9/11 Flag will make its way to the USS Missouri Memorial, 63 Cowpens Street, Honolulu, HI from 12pm - 3pm where FDNY firefighters will assist local service heroes in an historic stitching ceremony to help sew the Hawaii restorative patch onto The National 9/11 Flag.**

### **You can nominate a local service hero for the honor of stitching The National 9/11 Flag**

The New York Says Thank You Foundation is asking local civic organizations and the public to nominate local service heroes from Hawaii who deserve the honor of stitching The National 9/11 Flag. Nominees can be people of all ages who are shining examples of service and sacrifice to their local communities and to the Nation and may be a wounded warrior, military veteran, first responder, educator, student, or volunteer service leader.

**Nominations must be received by November 28 and must be submitted online at [www.National911Flag.org](http://www.National911Flag.org) by clicking on "Nominate a Service Hero." In addition members of the public are invited to visit the website and "Sponsor A Stitch" for \$5 to help underwrite the restoration of this national treasure.**

### **The New York Says Thank You Foundation**

The mission of The New York Says Thank You Foundation is to commemorate the generosity extended to New Yorkers by Americans from all across the country in the days, weeks, and months following September 11, by sending volunteers from New York City each year on the 9/11 Anniversary to help rebuild communities around the United States affected by disasters. The New York Says Thank You Foundation is proud to be the national custodian for The National 9/11 Flag. For more info, see [www.National911Flag.org](http://www.National911Flag.org)