******REMINDER MEDIA ADVISORY******
Commissioning Capital Campaign Gets Underway for U.S.S. MISSOURI Nuclear Attack Submarine
News Conference Set for Aug. 21 at National World War I Museum

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WHAT: News conference to announce capital campaign to raise $300,000 to commission new nuclear attack submarine U.S.S. MISSOURI (SSN 780).

WHEN: 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 21, 2009. A tour of the museum for MISSOURI commanding officer and crew will take place at 9 a.m.

WHERE: J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum (Liberty Memorial), 100 W. 26th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64101.

WHO: News conference will feature remarks by Navy CDR Timothy A. Rexrode, commanding officer of the MISSOURI and retired RADM Stanton Thompson, a native of Missouri and co-chairman of the U.S.S. MISSOURI Commissioning Committee.

Also making remarks will be Bill Kanaga, President of the Greater Kansas City Council of the Navy League of the United States; Greg Graves, Chairman and CEO of Burns and McDonnell; and Mike Haverty, Chairman and CEO of Kansas City Southern on behalf of the Kansas City Southern Charitable Fund; and Scott Presnell, Director of Marketing for Parisi Artisan Coffee.

INVITED: U.S. Sens. Kit Bond (R-MO) and Claire McCaskill (D-MO), as well as U.S. Reps. Emmanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Sam Graves (R-MO) and Ike Skelton (D-MO), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

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Media outlets are asked to RSVP for the news conference.

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