



Battle of Okinawa veteran visiting Hawaii to announce countdown to events commemorating 70th anniversary of the end of World War II

88-year old Marine announces 6,000 mile cross-country motorcycle ride in May, around the world wreath laying ceremony in August

WHAT:

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, an 88-year old Marine veteran of the invasion of Okinawa, the final battle of World War II, will be stopping in Hawaii on Monday, March 23, to help raise public awareness about the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II by riding a motorcycle from the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor to the gravesite of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the National Memorial of the Pacific Cemetery.

WHO:

Heilman will be joined at the National Memorial Cemetery by representatives of Dignity Memorial, Bugles Across America, the American Legion Riders, and other groups that are planning a special public ceremony as part of an around the world wreath laying that will take place on Sunday, August 16 to conclude the 70th Anniversary Commemorative Weekend.

Heilman will announce his plans to ride his motorcycle 6,000 miles from Quantico Marine Base in Virginia to Camp Pendleton, CA and back during the month of May.

WHEN & WHERE:

Sunday, March 22

Arrival at Honolulu International Airport on Sunday, March 22, at 5:35 PM

Monday, March 23

Visit to USS Missouri (63 Cowpens St. Pearl Harbor) at 10:15 AM

Visit to National Memorial of the Pacific Cemetery (Punchbowl), Noon

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