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Mr. Patrick T. Brent
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Aloha Patrick,

Thank you for your tireless efforts to recognize our fallen Marine brothers of the USS ARIZONA. I commend you for your role in creating a tribute to these unassuming Soldiers of the Sea.

As has been proven repeatedly over the last 230 years, the US Navy and US Marine Corps are intricately intertwined by law, mission, and tradition. It is only fitting that Marines are appropriately recognized by a poignant and meaningful remembrance at Pearl Harbor. The flagpole memorial is a great complement to the USS ARIZONA, USS BOWFIN, USS MISSOURI, and the future Pacific Aviation Museum.

Please pass a special "mahalo" to RADM Mike Vitale for his assistance in providing a piece of the USS ARIZONA for the base of the flagpole.

With greatest respect and admiration,

PETER PACE

General, United States Marine Corps
Chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff