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**National Museum of the Pacific War to Host Patriot Day Program Remembering Lives Lost on 9/11
Kerrville Resident Bill Groneman , a Captain with the NYFD on 9/11, to be the Museum's Special Guest**

WHAT: The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX is hosting a special commemoration remembering the tragic loss of the 2,819 people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. Visitors will be encouraged to share their recollections of that day.

There will be a presentation of the 50-minute Lou Reda production HERO SHIPS: USS New York followed by a discussion program. The USS New York, one of the most technologically advanced vessels in America's arsenal, was forged from the steel of the World Trade Center.

Bill Groneman, a Captain with the NYFD on September 11, will be a special guest at the Museum's Patriot Day. He will be available to share memories and experiences, as well as answer questions, after the screening of the film. Mr. Groneman is now retired from the NYFD and is a resident of Kerrville, TX.

HERO SHIPS: USS New York is one film in a 13-part series shown on HistoryInternational.com. This episode reveals how the latest ship named "USS New York" was assembled.

The Patriot Day film and program are free of charge. Visitors who want to tour the Museum will be able to do so with the purchase of a regular admission ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.Nimitz-Museum.org.

WHO: The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission Property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, will host the Patriot Day commemoration program and film.

WHEN: Patriot Day is on Thursday, September 11, 2008. The film will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Admiral Nimitz Museum's historic Ballroom. The discussion program will be immediately following the film.

WHERE: The Ballroom of the Admiral Nimitz Museum is located at 340 East Main Street in Fredericksburg, TX.

CONTACT: Dolores Young, 830-456-6997 to make coverage and/or interview arrangements. Ms. Young's e-mail address is young@nimitz-museum.org. The Museum's website is www.Nimitz-Museum.org.

Mr. Groneman is available for comment by appointment only before the event. He will also be available for comment at the Museum immediately before and after the event.

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