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A STATEMENT

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Rear Admiral Charles D. Grojean, USN (Ret.), Distinguished Executive Director of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, has died at 85

Fredericksburg, Texas (December 8, 2008) – Rear Admiral Charles D. Grojean, USN (Ret.), a visionary leader in the movement to preserve and teach the history of World War II and to honor the veterans of that conflict, died early Monday, Dec. 8 at his home in San Antonio, TX. He was 85.

“Chuck Grojean was an inspiration to everyone associated with the Nimitz Museum and was totally dedicated to building it into the finest museum of its kind in the country.” Said John Kerr, Chairman of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation Board of Directors.

As Executive Director of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, Admiral Grojean guided the growth and development of the National Museum of the Pacific War from a small three-floor museum in the historic Nimitz Hotel in downtown Fredericksburg to an institution of national prominence. In recent years he led a capital expansion project that saw the completed renovation of the Admiral Nimitz Museum in 2007, raised \$16.5 million for the expansion of the George H. W. Bush Gallery, and created an endowment for the National Museum of the Pacific War. The new facility that he envisioned, scheduled to open next year, includes a new complex of exhibits on the history of World War II in the Pacific.

In 2006, Admiral Grojean wrote, *“We shall continue to bring to Fredericksburg thousands of people each year to visit the museum, to honor our veterans, to commemorate their sacrifices and deeds, and to teach future generations the lessons of World War II.”*

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation and the National Museum of the Pacific War have lost a dear friend and colleague who will be missed.

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