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## **Pacific Historic Parks partners with Concrete Preservation Institute to win \$250,000 Preservation Grant for World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor**

(HONOLULU, HAWAII) Pacific Historic Parks (PHP) and the Concrete Preservation Institute (CPI) announced it will receive a \$250,000 grant provided by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument qualified for the grant as one of the top nine most voted for parks in the Partners in Preservation: National Parks campaign. Grant winners were determined solely by public voting on the National Geographic website during a six-week period from May to July 2016.

PHP and CPI will apply the grant to help restore one of the historic Battleship Row Mooring Quays at Pearl Harbor. The mooring quays are the last structures remaining from the attack on Battleship Row during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. They expect to break ground on the project in September 2016.

PHP and National Park Service (NPS) are partnering with the non-profit CPI as part of the larger five-year project to restore all six mooring quays that are part of the Monument. CPI is an approved Career Skills Program for the military available to active duty service members during their last 180 days of service. The preservation techniques applied will provide opportunities for military personnel to learn management and construction trades as they transition to the civilian workforce.

The national grant competition was sponsored by Partners in Preservation, a partnership between American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

### **About Concrete Preservation Institute**

CPI preserves landmark structures through their Field School that focuses on education, hands-on training, and unique life experiences for military service members seeking direction and connection for future careers. They also accept college students interested in the experience and working hand-in-hand with veterans. They assist their alumni transition into positions across the country in management, skilled trades, additional industry internships, and university degree programs. CPI also leads applied research & technology innovation, provides industry professional development and mentoring for local youth, and has a strong commitment to a culture of safety.

### **About Pacific Historic Parks**

Founded in 1979, Pacific Historic Parks is a non-profit cooperating association that supports and funds educational and interpretive programs for WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor; Diamond Head State Monument on the island of Oahu; Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai; American Memorial Park on Saipan; and War in the Pacific National Historical Park on Guam. For more information, visit [www.pacifichistoricparks.org](http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org).

### **About Partners in Preservation**

Partners in Preservation is a program in which American Express, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, awards preservation grants to historic places across the country. Through this partnership, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation seek to increase the public's awareness of the importance of historic preservation in the United States and to preserve America's historic and cultural places. The program also hopes to inspire long-term support from local citizens for the historic places at the heart of their communities. To date, Partners in Preservation has awarded \$16 million in support of historic places across the United States.

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