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ROCK MUSICIANS – MARSHALL CATCH MEMORIALIZE THE USS ARIZONA IN SONG

MONTANA BAND TAPPED TO PERFORM AT MEMORIAL'S 70th ANNIVERSARY EVENT IN HONOLULU – DECEMBER 7TH

Rock Band Honors Military as Tribute to Own Family Veterans

(October 11, 2011 . Los Angeles, CA) The Montana-based rock band, **MARSHALL CATCH**, is celebrating the release of their patriotic single “**The Ballad of the USS Arizona**” with a special performance commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in Honolulu Hawaii. Pacific Historic Parks and the National Park Service are co-sponsoring a full week of special events in December to commemorate the anniversary of the "date which will live in infamy". *The Enduring Legacy - 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Commemoration* will mark this important anniversary for our nation and **MARSHALL CATCH** will be there to honor our World War II veterans and the life of the Battleship USS Arizona.

MARSHALL CATCH was inspired to compose this tribute song from the perspective of the ship herself. Moved by its 30 year life of service prior to WW II, the band's ballad captures the history and personality of the Arizona itself in four stirring verses, each presenting a specific era from her time of service and of the people's lives she touched. From transporting our WW I Doughboys home from Europe to securing the sparkling seas of the Pacific, about the stalwart battleship singer/songwriter Luke Lautaret declares, "There is so much history inside the story of the Arizona, I wanted to do my best to set that free and give it meaning to my own generation, which has largely forgotten the sacrifices that were made."

It has been almost seven decades, a full lifetime for many, since America was thrust into war on that bright Sunday morning of December 7th. Lautaret knows of the estimate that our WW II veterans are passing on at a rate of about 1000 per day. Few of these brave men and women of the "Greatest Generation" may be left to grace the grounds of a 75th memorial service. It was during the creative process of composing “**The Ballad of the USS Arizona**” that Lautaret and company discovered their band's own, very personal, connections to those veterans of WW II. The members shared with one another the sacrifices and heroism of their own family members. Lautaret's great-uncle was captured and stoically survived being held prisoner in a German POW camp, drummer Jared Denney's great-uncle was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his daring aerial exploits and guitarist Aaron Danreuther's grandfather fought courageously across the Italian peninsula and was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroics. That inspiration held strong within Lautaret, and he explains, "The song became a powerful example of the heritage each of us holds, in addition to a work of art that we are very proud of. 1177 men were lost aboard the Arizona when Japanese planes bombed our sleeping Pacific fleet that day. This song was written to honor those that battled so heroically at Pearl Harbor, in spite of such overwhelming devastation. In order to bring this history to as many Americans as possible, I wanted the song to have a modern sound, I wanted it to make an impact on the younger generations that don't often pay attention to events that transpired so long ago."

The band offers a download of the song through iTunes with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the Montana local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Prior to the band's journey to Hawaii, they will perform at various fundraisers in and around their home base, raising money to help with their trip to the *The Enduring Legacy - 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Commemoration*.

MARSHALL CATCH is Luke Lautaret on lead vocals and guitar, Aaron Danreuther on lead guitar/vocals, Aidan Foshay on bass, keyboard and drummer/vocalist Jared Denney.

To watch the video for "The Ballad of the USS Arizona," go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKys9_8r5pc

To watch Marshall Catch discuss the song, go to:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhMzUol5oHs>

To watch news story on the band/song by CBS station KPAX, go to:
<http://www.kpax.com/news/kalispell-band-pays-tribute-to-pearl-harbor-attack/#!prettyPhoto/0/>

For more information on the band and to download the single, visit:
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