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BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL WELCOMES JAPANESE VISITORS WITH CUSTOMIZED TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Pearl Harbor, HI – In an effort to further promote education and awareness about the USS *Missouri* and her place in history, the Battleship Missouri Memorial is now offering tours and services that cater to Japanese-speaking guests.

Located on Pier Foxtrot-5 in the waters of historic Pearl Harbor, the USS *Missouri* sits bow-to-bow with the sunken USS *Arizona*, which symbolizes the beginning and end of World War II. The majestic battleship is a living museum that visitors can explore and get a glimpse into her wartime experience with World War II, the Korean War and the Liberation of Kuwait.

“The Battleship Missouri Memorial is a popular attraction for visitors from all over the world, especially with our friends from Japan,” said Mike Carr, President and CEO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “Because of the pivotal role the USS *Missouri* played in bringing peace between the United States and Japan, we felt it was important to develop tours for our Japanese-speaking guests to ensure they have a fulfilling experience during their visit.”

The Battleship Missouri Memorial has three tours available for Japanese-speaking guests:

- **Japanese Standard Tour (30 mins)** – Available Daily from 8:00am to 3:00pm
A knowledgeable tour guide will provide a world-class tour filled with colorful stories about the ship’s history and life at sea and during World War II and behind the scenes. Discover thrilling details surrounding the Kamikaze attack on the *Missouri* and walk in General MacArthur’s footsteps and stand where he and the Japanese Delegation led by Foreign Minister Shigemitsu would end World War II together.
- **Japanese Audio Phone Tour (Self-Guided)** – Available Daily from 8:00am to 3:00pm
The Audio Phone (Acousti-Guide) Tour is filled with sound effects, historical and tactical information and special interviews from USS *Missouri* crewmembers. The tour allows visitors to walk the entire main deck, climb the superstructure, and visit the Kamikaze exhibit. Quantity is limited and guests are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Japanese School Group Tour (30 mins)** – Available Daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm
This 30-minute tour gives students a brief overview of the ship’s construction and history. The School Group Tour visits popular historical points of interest, including the pier, the bow, the Kamikaze deck, and Surrender Deck, where World War II officially came to an end.

General admission tickets are \$27 per adult and \$13 per child (4-12). School group pricing is available. For reservations, please call the Battleship Missouri at (808) 454-1434 or visit USSMissouri.org. For all groups, please contact reservations at least 48 hours in advance for confirmation.

Battleship Missouri Memorial

Since opening in January 1999, the Battleship Missouri Memorial has attracted more than 7-million visitors from around the world with a fascinating tour experience showcasing the USS *Missouri*'s unique place in history. Located a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, the Mighty Mo completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the "day of infamy" and sinking of the USS *Arizona* in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and ends with Japan's formal surrender aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

The USS *Missouri* had an astounding career over five decades and three wars – World War II, the Korean War, and Desert Storm – after which it was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial as a historic attraction and oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants, and donations.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission, which includes choice of an optional tour, is \$27 per adult and \$13 per child (4-12). Military, kama'aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For information or reservations, call (toll-free) 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org

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