

BROADSIDE NEWSLETTER

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Naval Tradition Thrives on the Battleship Missouri

For the last ten years, the Battleship Missouri Memorial has hosted the Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Legacy Academy. In 2007, following the opening of the Chief Petty Officer Legacy Center onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the first USS Missouri Chief Petty Officer Legacy Academy was started. The Academy was initiated by area Chief Petty Officers along with retired Chief Petty Officer Harold Estes and staff at the USS Missouri.



Chief Petty Officer Legacy Academy—2017

The Academy is a five-day training period held in conjunction with CPO induction and is steeped in naval history, heritage, leadership, and tradition. Twice a year, the training program brings together chief selectees, Chief Petty Officers, and veterans to focus on naval heritage and leadership.

The USS Missouri program was modeled after a similar program on the USS Constitution which has been conducting their CPO Heritage program for twenty years. Other ships running a CPO Legacy Academy are: the USS Midway in San Diego, California and the USS Turner Joy in Bremerton, Washington.

What began in 2007 with the inaugural class of 22 has resulted in the graduation of over 650 selectees. This successful program furthers the USS Missouri Memorial Association's goals of education, and outreach to our military community.

We are proud to share a part in this training of future CPOs who will carry on the rich traditions of excellence in naval leadership.

Summer Fun Aboard the USS Missouri



Our first "Silent Disco" made a lot of noise aboard the Mighty Mo during our August community event. Over 100 participants rocked the dance floor on a cool summer evening under the stars and lights of Pearl Harbor.

With three live DJ booths and an appearance by the "GEICO gecko" this unique event prompted this comment: *"Silent Disco was a fun way to see the USS Missouri and be with friends and see a beautiful sunset!"*



Thanks to everyone who participated in our series of summer community events. We plan to sponsor another "Silent Disco" in the near future and continue the success of this popular event.

Please keep an eye out for information on our next community event and keep practicing those dance moves!

Veteran's Day Observance

The Battleship Missouri Memorial will bring all Veterans Day observances around the world to a close with a special ceremony on the ship's Fantail just before sunset on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. This year, special honor will be given to all servicewomen who have bravely chosen to take a stand and protect our freedom and liberty.



This event is free and open to the public. Complimentary round-trip shuttle service will be offered from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to the USS Missouri beginning at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to bobbieb@ussmissouri.org to arrange shuttle service and base access.

This annual ceremony serves as a tribute to all of our nation's veterans who have served, and to those who continue to serve—selflessly defending our nation and freedom. Please make plans to join us for this USS Missouri Memorial Signature Event as we commemorate the courage and sacrifice of all American veterans and honor the legacy of peace they helped to achieve.

A Living Legacy

The Battleship Missouri is a piece of living history. Standing watch over the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor where WWII began, this symbol of “peace through strength” is a living reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association is dedicated to preserving the Battleship Missouri and sharing her story and place in history. The Association is a federally recognized 501c3 non-profit organization and is not supported with government funding. Revenue for fulfilling our mission comes primarily from ticket sales, membership fees, and donations from generous supporters.

If you would like to financially support the mission of the USS Missouri Memorial Association you can give a secure donation online at

www.ussmissouri.org or if you prefer to send a check, please mail it to: **USS Missouri Donations Dept., 63 Cowpens St., Honolulu, HI 96818.** Your gift of any size is appreciated and will assist us with maintaining this icon of living history for generations to come. Mahalo.



Mike Carr, President/CEO

On Sept., 2, 2017, we celebrated the 72nd anniversary of the end of WWII on the Battleship Missouri. Our keynote speaker was LtGen David Berger the Commander of US Marine Corps Forces Pacific. Also speaking was RADM Brian Fort, the newly installed Navy Region Commander. We look forward to hosting this signature event every year.

We also recognized the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal with the theme: “*They Stood Tall, They Held the Line, and Set the Course to Peace.*” We honored those men who fought and died at Guadalcanal—the first land action by US forces in WWII.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII in the year 2020. We will kick off this significant anniversary with the celebration of the launching of the Battleship Missouri in January of 2019.

Please stay tuned and make plans to attend these key events as we acknowledge seventy-five years of history that changed the world and the strategic role played in that history by America's last great battleship, the Mighty Mo!

Mahalo,

Mike Carr, President/CEO
USS Missouri Memorial Association