

# BROADSIDE NEWSLETTER

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

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## We Remember... Captain Albert Lee Kaiss (1940-2018)

I met Capt. Kaiss, the USS Missouri’s last commanding officer, about six years ago as a docent aboard the Battleship Missouri. His distinctive voice of authority caught my ear. “Captain Kaiss?” I hesitantly asked as he turned to greet me, “Hi, son! How are you doing?” he replied with a handshake.



CAPT Albert Lee Kaiss

All of the docents knew who he was from the video recordings of the ship’s history. CDR Larry Doong, USN Ret., the ship’s last Chief Engineer, told us that Capt. Kaiss was the finest commanding officer he had ever served under. We believed it.

Capt. Kaiss would generously give his time to our tour guides, answering our many questions and giving us valuable insight into his experiences. In 2013 a Make a Wish family was aboard while he was visiting and the child was elated to meet “a real captain.” Capt. Kaiss graciously interacted with the family and took pictures with them.

On his last visit to the ship in 2015, I was fortunate to escort him and his family. Being present while he told them stories about his time aboard ship was fascinating. He remembered his crew by their full names, even recalling details like their hometowns and their families. This included the last U.S. Marine who stood guard outside of the captain’s cabin before the ship’s decommissioning. It was amazing.

He was a remarkable gentleman and there will never be another one like him. “We remember...”



Frank Clay  
Director of Visitor Operations  
USS Missouri Memorial Association



## Anniversary Events at the Battleship Missouri

January, 2019 marks two significant anniversaries for the USS Missouri. The first is the 75th anniversary of the launching of the USS Missouri on January 29, 1944. The second is the twentieth anniversary of the USS Missouri Memorial’s opening to the public. These events will be commemorated on Saturday, January 26, 2019 as part of our Living History Day celebration.



Living History Day reenactors

This begins a series of events culminating on the 75th Anniversary of the End of WWII on September 2, 2020. The USS Missouri was the location for the signing of the surrender document that brought about the end of WWII.

We remember the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives giving their “last full measure of devotion” during this historic conflict.

Please join us as we honor all those who serve their country with honor.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association is dedicated to preserving the Battleship Missouri and sharing her story and place in history.

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### Operation Santa 2018

The Christmas season is a time to spend with loved ones and share in the spirit of giving. For our military families, this can be difficult especially when a parent is deployed many miles from home.



*David & Patricia Suhs  
(Santa & his Helper)*

The Battleship Missouri will host “Operation Santa” Dec. 1-2, for U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force families attached to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A number of these families have deployed loved ones.

Participants will enjoy a special overnight encampment aboard the Battleship Missouri and enjoy a traditional holiday dinner, live music, and games. The highlight of the event will be a very special visit from Santa bearing gifts for all of the children.

This event would not be possible without the coordinated efforts of eighteen U.S. Government organizations, NGOs, and private corporations. Our special thanks goes out to all of the USS Missouri staff and volunteers who make this event possible and spread the joy of the season to the children of our military personnel.



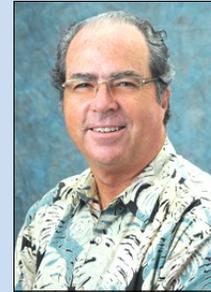
### Giving Thanks and Helping Others



For the 7th consecutive year, the USS Missouri Memorial Association will support the Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School as they conduct their annual food drive.

Each year, food items collected at the school along with donations at the Battleship Missouri total over 1,500 pounds of non-perishable goods. The USS Missouri Memorial staff will deliver collected items to the Hawaii Food Bank in support of local families in need.

The food drive will be held from November 1 - 14. You can participate by dropping off your canned goods and non-perishable food items on the pier near the Volunteer office. Thank you for helping others during this holiday season.



*Mike Carr, President/CEO*

The Battleship Missouri is scheduled to undergo repairs and preservation of the after portion of the ship’s superstructure including the 03 and above level structures, mast, yardarms, and decks (see green area below).



The completed project is expected to last thirty-years with minimal maintenance and enhance the appearance and safety of the ship. This project is in alignment with our mission to preserve the Battleship Missouri and share her story and place in history.

The USS Missouri Memorial will remain open to visitors throughout the duration of the project with special accommodations made to ensure visitor access and public safety.

Thank you for your patience and ongoing support of our commitment to preserve this historic treasure for future generations.

Mahalo,

Mike Carr, President/CEO  
USS Missouri Memorial Association