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Battleship Missouri Welcomes USS Missouri (SSN-780) to Pearl Harbor

The USS Missouri Submarine (SSN780) arrived at its new home port in Pearl Harbor next to the retired Battleship Missouri on January 27, 2018. The “Mighty Mo” welcomed the USS Missouri (SSN-780) with a reception aboard the Memorial. Lt. Gov., Mike Parson, of the state of Missouri, attended the gathering for 80 crew members and their families.



Battleship Missouri & USS Missouri (SSN-780)

“The Battleship Missouri is not abstract history. Here you can walk the decks, touch the ship, and feel what it must have been like,” said Michael Carr, President and CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, *“You can stand on the Surrender Deck and see the Arizona Memorial where World War II began for America. There are a few places in this country where you can get that emotional attachment to our history.”*

Lt. Gov. Parson presented a proclamation recognizing January 27 as USS Missouri Day in honor of the two naval warships that have served under the State of Missouri’s name. The proclamation celebrates the arrival of the USS Missouri (SSN-780) to Pearl Harbor and its transfer to the Pacific Fleet.

George Howell, Commander of the USS Missouri (SSN-780), commended his crew for their sacrificial service to their country and the legacy of naval excellence they represent. Commander Howell was presented with a unique plaque made of original teakwood from the Battleship Missouri for display on the USS Missouri submarine.

These two vessels now share a common home along with a shared namesake. The state of Missouri is well represented by an icon of naval history: the Battleship Missouri, and the active duty commitment of the USS Missouri (SSN-780).

Operation Santa

The USS Missouri Memorial’s “Operation Santa 2017” hosted an overnight encampment for children of deployed families stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The event included a tour of the Mighty Mo, and was followed by a gourmet Christmas dinner. A special message was crafted by each child for their deployed family member. The overnight event ended with an Hawaiian-style breakfast and a special appearance by Santa.



Honoring the flag at Operation Santa

“To see every child with a big smile on their face meant we made a positive impact on them this Christmas season,” said Dan Parsons, Director of Education at the USS Missouri Memorial Association. *“These activities allow our future generation to experience this living piece of history and take part in honoring her legacy, and really understand why their parents serve our country.”*

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

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Living History Day

History came to life at the Battleship Missouri Memorial for Living History Day. Celebrating the anniversary week of the USS Missouri’s launching in 1944, this event provides an opportunity to invite the local community for a sun-filled day of fun and history.

“Living History Day is a day to look back and honor the USS Missouri and all the men and women who have fought for America’s freedoms,” said



Celtic Pipes & Drums of Hawaii

Michael Carr, president and CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

Along with tours of the ship, attendees viewed exhibits provided by various historic Hawaii organizations, displays of military vehicles, wartime memorabilia, and re-enactment presentations from the World War II era. Free admission was offered

to Hawaii residents and members of the Armed Forces. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is proud to host this event for our community.

Friendship Ceremony & Peace Signing

Students from the United States, Japan, and Australia gathered onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Dec. 8, 2017 for a friendship ceremony and peace signing, culminating a research project: “War and Peace in the Pacific 75.”

Each participating school had to re-search, write, and edit, a short video documentary—focusing on the war from the perspective and culture of their home town.



Friendship Ambassadors

“While the Mighty Mo is a memorial for many, it serves as a living piece of history for our youth,” said Dan Parsons, Educational Director of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. *“The best learning happens out of the classroom and aboard this ship where our youth get a different view that’s up-close and personal.”*

A variety of educational programs and experiences are open to teachers, students, and parents who would like to explore over 70 years of history onboard the Battleship Missouri.



Mike Carr, President/CEO

In late January, the last scaffolding was removed to reveal the refurbished and freshly painted superstructure—including the fire control tower, main stack, and yardarms.

The project was completed just in time to welcome the submarine Missouri SSN-780 (story on p. 1). Although there are still a few loose ends, the ship looks magnificent and certainly appears like the flagship she has always been.

In addition, the Navigation Bridge visitor experience has been completely renovated. It now includes a multi-directional audio reenactment of the commands and sounds heard when the USS Missouri entered Pearl Harbor on her last voyage in December 1991.

One of the many additional projects completed includes the ADA access ramp providing a smooth entry onto the ship. We are consistently working to enhance our visitor experience and improve the storytelling of this remarkable ship.

Stay tuned for more exciting news about future projects!

Mahalo,

Mike Carr, President/CEO
USS Missouri Memorial Association