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73rd Anniversary of the End of WWII

The end of WWII on September 2, 1945 was an event that changed the world. The hard won peace was sealed with the signing of the instrument of surrender aboard the Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on that historic day. The most destructive war in the history of mankind ended with the stroke of a pen and with words of reconciliation and hope.



General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, offered conciliatory words of hope on behalf of all war-torn nations:

“...It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past – a world founded upon faith and understanding – a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish – for freedom, tolerance and justice....”

Please join us to commemorate the end of WWII and to also honor the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The 442 became the most decorated unit of its size in U.S. military history. In less than two years of combat, the unit earned more than 18,000 awards, including 9,486 Purple Hearts, 4,000 Bronze Stars and 21 Medals of Honor.

This event will take place at the Battleship Missouri, 63 Cowpens Street, Ford Island, 2 September 2018 at 0902. For additional information, please contact Bobbie Brock, 808.455.1600 (x220), or bobbieb@ussmissouri.org.

Battleship Missouri Participates in Local Charity Walk

On Sat., May 19, 2018, twenty three representatives of the Battleship Missouri joined an estimated 7,000 participants in the 40th annual Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association's 5.25 mile Charity Walk in Honolulu.



USS Missouri Charity Walk participants

Walkers were treated to food, drink, and fun at checkpoints along the walk route. Checkpoints were operated and supplied by local hotels and partner organizations. Over 10,000 walkers on six islands raised \$2.5 million for local charities.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association has received grant funding in prior years as a participating non-profit organization. This year, we anticipate a grant award for the Association's education department.

Special thanks to all donors and walkers who supported and participated in this special event.

Picnic on the Pier



Summertime at the Battleship Missouri is a time for family, fun, and fireworks! On July 4, 2018, the Battleship Missouri opens its pier for a fantastic fireworks display over the waters of Pearl Harbor in commemoration of America's Independence Day. Visitors are invited to purchase tickets to this family event and celebrate our nation's independence from our historic location.

This July 4 celebration marks 242 years since the original signing of the Declaration of Independence. We remember those who serve and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The USS Missouri Memorial salutes our nation's veterans and their families. Mahalo!

ADA Elevator Installation

In our ongoing commitment to continuously improve our visitor's experience aboard the USS Missouri; various projects are undertaken with this goal in mind. One of our most recent improvements is the new ADA elevator installation. The elevator safely transports visitors to the upper level Surrender Deck.

In addition, the ship is ADA accessible from the pier with the recently installed access ramp.

These improvements provide convenient access to all of our guests in need of ADA compliant access to the Battleship Missouri.

Stay tuned for further developments in our commitment to preserve America's last battleship for future generations.



Mike Carr, President/CEO

There are many significant restoration projects underway at the Battleship Missouri. Some are obvious and visible to the public and some are unseen, below water, or far below decks.

Our Engineering Crew deserves a great deal of thanks for the very hard work they are doing below decks to keep the ship watertight and rust free—it is a monumental task.

Now that we have signed a long term lease for the pier, we will be announcing important future plans to improve and expand our visitor and staff facilities on the pier. Included in those plans is the preservation of the many historic artifacts and documents sent to us by members like you and your families.

These items help us share the story of the Battleship Missouri with over 600,000 visitors each year. Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission.

Mahalo,

*Mike Carr, President/CEO
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