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## **BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL ANNOUNCES SPECIAL TOUR ACCESS DURING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

### ***Free Pierside Tours Offered to Visitors Wanting to View the USS Arizona Memorial***

**Pearl Harbor, HI – (October 3, 2013)** – Starting Friday, October 4, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will begin offering special tour access in response to the federal government shutdown and subsequent closure of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, including a free interpretative tour experience from its pier of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

“We want to ensure continued access for our guests to see the Mighty Mo, while also supporting the expectations of visitors who came here to see the USS Arizona Memorial,” said Michael A. Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “Our pier offers the best possible vantage point from land and our tour guides will provide a very informative presentation about the USS Arizona Memorial and its place in our nation’s history.”

### **Battleship Missouri Memorial Tour Accommodations**

With the parking lots and ticket booths for the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument closed during the government shutdown, the *Missouri* is offering complimentary shuttle service near the Arizona Visitor Center providing round-trip transportation to the Battleship Missouri Memorial and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. Limited parking is available and bags are not permitted.

### **Special USS Arizona Memorial Tour Experience**

While the government shutdown is underway and the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument is closed, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will offer visitors a unique complimentary pierside interpretation of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and sinking of the *USS Arizona*.

The *Missouri’s* 1,000-foot pier extends to just a few hundred feet away from the *USS Arizona Memorial* and presents a memorable view of the historic monument. Visitors will receive a complimentary presentation from tour guides of the Battleship Missouri Memorial about the *USS Arizona* and the attack on Pearl Harbor, and will have the opportunity to take photos.

Purchasing tickets to the Battleship Missouri Memorial is not required for the special *USS Arizona* tour. In addition, visitors will have access to the *Missouri’s* gift shop and food facilities located on the pier.

### **Battleship Missouri Memorial**

The Battleship Missouri Memorial will continue to operate as normal and is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission, which includes choice of an optional tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 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](http://USSMissouri.org).

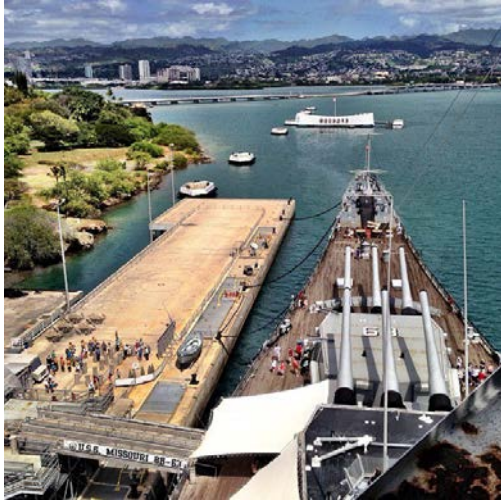
*The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship’s length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the “day of infamy” and the sinking of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan’s surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.*

*Following an astounding career that spans five decades and three wars, from World War II to the Korean conflict to the Liberation of Kuwait, the “Mighty Mo” was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial*

Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which operates the battleship as a historic attraction and memorial.

The Association oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants and the generosity of donors.

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**Link to image:** <http://i.imgur.com/0YOtJwb.jpg>

**Caption:** The *Missouri's* 1,000-foot pier provides visitors with the best view from land of the USS Arizona Memorial.



**Link to image:** <http://i.imgur.com/wVlx3Wm.jpg>

**Caption:** The USS Arizona Memorial and Battleship Missouri Memorial honor the battleships representing the beginning and end of World War II.

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