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BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL INVITES GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE ‘THE HEART OF THE MISSOURI’

New Tour Explores Previously Unopened Areas

Pearl Harbor, HI – Nov. 15, 2012 – Ever wonder what it takes to move a 40,000-ton ship at a speed of nearly 40 MPH or how the 16-inch guns fired a 2,700-pound projectile to an incredible 23 miles with pinpoint accuracy? ‘The Heart of the Missouri Tour’ will answer these and many frequently asked questions about America’s last battleship while guests stand in the very areas where crewmembers made it happen.

Starting tomorrow, Nov. 16, the Missouri’s knowledgeable tour guides take groups through areas never before available including boiler, plotting and engine rooms where they’ll get hands-on training with lessons on lighting one of the eight, three-story Babcock and Wilcox boilers and adjusting throttles releasing the steam that drives the ship’s massive propellers. Guests are also introduced to the ship’s last Chief Engineer, Larry Doong, as he provides video commentary throughout Broadway, the longest and widest passage on the ship.

“The Heart of the Missouri tour is a unique experience unlike anything we’ve ever offered at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. For the first time visitors will get to see how the Missouri worked,” said Mike Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “If the Missouri was a movie this would be the behind the scenes footage. You get to see where all the magic happened, how she was powered, how the guns were aimed and fired and tons more. This ship was really a marvel of her time and the Navy engineers thought of everything when they built the Iowa-class battleships.”

Advanced reservations are recommended as this intimate tour has a capacity of ten per group. Closed toe shoes are mandatory and tour is limited to guests ages 10 and above.

For guests’ safety this tour is not recommended for those with mobility constraints. Patrons must be able to climb ten sets of ladders, step over a dozen two-foot high obstacles and navigate through tight doorways and low overheads.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during summer months (June, July and August). Admission to The Heart of the Missouri Tour is \$25 per adult and \$12 per child. General admission, which includes choice of a four tours, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (Hawaii residents) and school group pricing is available. For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-644-4896 or visit www.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” that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan’s unconditional surrender aboard 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. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is one of Hawai'i's top 10 attractions according to Pacific Business News and starred in Universal Studios' Battleship.

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Area: Broadway

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Area: Crew artwork

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