

MO-JOE MINUTES

Battleship Missouri Memorial panelists: March 1, 2017 ~ 5:00 PM

J.M. – Jason Morrison, VP of Facilities & Engineering

T. L. – Project Manager

M.C. – Mike Carr, President & CEO

M.W. – Mike Weidenbach, Curator

What is the Superstructure and why was it important to the ship?

M.W.: From the main deck, you can see the horizon 3 miles away. But on the 08 level, visibility increases to 10 - 12 miles. Couple that radar and the Superstructure provides a very important viewing advantage.

Why are we doing this preservation project?

J.M.: We are treating this as one big project rather than several small projects mainly due to accessibility issues. Our small in-house crew simply cannot take on a project this large.

How is the work being done?

T. L.: Due to the fact that the ship remains open for visitors daily, we must do it in checks and balances, with safety at the forefront. This work is being done outside of a shipyard due to limited time and resources. It was important to us to complete this preservation effort while our doors remain open for guests.

J.M.: We are planning to add a proper drainage system with the preservation work to keep water from sitting on the decks, furthermore creating corrosion. You want rain to wash the ship but also you don't want it to hang around. We have an especially unique challenge with Hawaii's weather and salt air.

T.L.: This is defined as a complicated structure as there are a lot of levels and decks. We spent 34 days just on erecting the scaffolding and expect another 17 days to put up the containment. The yard arms themselves are severely damaged – and will be removed and restored off site.

T.L.: Most prep work is established during the day with our actual work being done at night. It's really no different than painting a room in your house, top down approach, all done in a controlled environment. Ships are harder because we're outdoors so we have to create that controlled environment.

How much does it all cost?

M.C.: We've estimated and allocated \$3 million. This project is being completely funded by the USS Missouri Memorial Association in most part thanks to the visitors that we welcome aboard each day.

How is this affecting visitors?

J.M.: In support of the work, we have closed the 04 and 05 levels which includes the flying and navigation bridges. We appreciate the patience of our visitors during this preservation effort.