



PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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Armed Forces Birthdays Celebrated with ‘Free Pass’ Days at Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

Free Admission Offered to Active-Duty Military Members, Retirees And Dependents

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (May 21, 2014) – The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites today jointly announced that active-duty Armed Forces members, retirees, and dependents are invited to enjoy ‘Free Pass’ days to celebrate the birthday of their respective U.S. military branch this year (see schedule below).

Paid admission is being waived for tours of the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, and USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park. Presenting a valid military I.D. at the Ticket and Information Booth at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center or onsite at each Pearl Harbor Historic Site is required.

Walk up tickets to the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which includes boat tours to the USS *Arizona* Memorial, are free and available daily.

Michael A. Carr, President and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial, noted, “Considering the sacrifices of our military members, their families and the veterans who came before them to ensure our freedom, it’s an honor to celebrate our nation’s Armed Forces birthdays and invite them join us in historic Pearl Harbor.”

<u>Service Branch</u>	<u>Free Pass Days</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
U.S. Army	June 14 and 15	June 14
U.S. Coast Guard	August 2 and 3	August 4
U.S. Air Force	September 20 and 21	September 18
U.S. Navy	October 11 and 12	October 13
U.S. Marine Corps	November 8 and 9	November 10
U.S. National Guard	December 13 and 14	December 13

About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

Welcoming approximately 1.7 million visitors each year, the Pearl Harbor attractions include several independent historic sites – some under the purview of the U.S. National Park Service and others operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, and in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, they carry forth the legacies of some of our nation’s most treasured icons. Although Pearl Harbor is one historic destination, there are four distinct sites to visit, each with its own story to tell. Each attraction is as compelling as the next and none that the visitor would want to miss. For more information, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

Battleship Missouri Memorial

The battleship USS *Missouri* (BB-63) completed an astounding career spanning five decades and three wars – World War II, Korea and Operation Desert Storm – and is best known as the site of Imperial Japan’s surrender to end World War II and restore peace. The 887-foot, 45,000-ton “Mighty Mo” is open for visitors as the Battleship Missouri Memorial, operated as a private, non-profit organization on historic Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm or from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during summer months (June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$25 per adult and \$13 per child 4-12. Military, *kamaaina* (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, a private, non-profit organization, occupies the WWII hangars and control tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our nation's first aviation battlefield. Giving visitors a front-row seat to the Pacific Theater and presenting 43 aircraft and their stories, the museum was named "one of the Top Ten Aviation Attractions" by TripAdvisor®. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child 4-12. Military, *kamaaina* (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 441-1000 or visit PacificAviationMuseum.org. Tickets and a free flight simulator coupon are available online.

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

Adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, operated as a private, non-profit organization, is dedicated to the sacrifice of more than 3,500 submarine personnel lost in World War II. This gallant band of brothers, comprising less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, sank more than 5.5 million tons of enemy ships, while sustaining losses of 52 submarines that remain on Eternal Patrol. The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Combined general admission to the submarine and museum is \$12 per adult and \$5 per child 4-12. Military, *kamaaina* (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 423-1341 or visit Bowfin.org.

WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument

The USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the recently designed WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The three ships' memorials honor and commemorate all members of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors to the USS Arizona Memorial take a Navy launch to the memorial between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The USS Oklahoma Memorial is located on Ford Island next to the Battleship Missouri and can be accessed via the Battleship Missouri Memorial shuttle bus. Access to the USS Utah Memorial is limited to those with military IDs. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information visit nps.gov/valr, PacificHistoricParks.org or call 808-954-8778.

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