



PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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Pearl Harbor Historic Sites offer free admission to military families this Memorial Day, May 28

What: Admission to all four Pearl Harbor Historic Sites (USS *Arizona* Memorial, Battleship Missouri Memorial, USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor) will be free this Memorial Day, May 28, for active-duty, reserve, auxiliary and retired U.S. military personnel and their dependants.

When: Monday, May 28, 2012 – Memorial Day

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Information: For more information on the four attractions at Pearl Harbor, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org

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 on the four attractions at Pearl Harbor, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument (USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials)

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 3 p.m. The

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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 5 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information visit nps.gov/valr, PacificHistoricParks.org or call 808-954-8778.

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, compromising 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 5 p.m. Combined general admission to the submarine and museum is \$10 per adult and \$4 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.

Battleship *Missouri* Memorial

The battleship USS *Missouri* (BB-63) completed an astounding career spanning five decades and three engagements — World War II, Korea and Operation Desert Storm — and is best known as the site of Japan’s WWII surrender, which brought history’s most devastating war to a close. 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 am to 5 pm. during summer months (June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 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-MIGHTYMO (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 28 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 \$20 per adult and \$10 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.

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