



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the USS Missouri Memorial Association?

The USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in Hawaii in 1994. The initial purpose of the Association was to relocate the USS *Missouri* to Pearl Harbor, then to establish, operate and maintain a national memorial commemorating the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1998, the ownership of the USS *Missouri* was transferred from the U.S. Navy to the Association. Now, the mission of the Association is to “preserve the Battleship Missouri and share her story and place in history.” The Association strives to provide a “world class experience that inspires, educates and motivates all nationalities and generations on the universal values of duty, honor, strength, resolve, sacrifice and peace.”

Why visit the USS Missouri?

The USS *Missouri* is a majestic living museum that provides a personal experience with one of America’s most beloved battleships. The tours – either self-guided or with a knowledgeable tour guide – provide a unique glimpse into the USS *Missouri*’s role in World War II, the Korean War and Liberation of Kuwait, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the crew who served aboard her during those wartime conflicts.

How is the Association preserving the Battleship?

Restoration and maintenance of the ship is a never-ending process. In October of 2009 the USS *Missouri* was taken into drydock at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for three months of extensive maintenance and preservation work. She emerged in shipshape sporting a refurbished hull, fresh coat of paint, and state-of-the-art cathodic protection and humidity detection technologies, the ship is now fortified against corrosion for decades to come.

Since returning from drydock the Association has made significant strides in the restoration and preservation of the ship. Notable projects include eight .50-caliber machine guns mounted on the perimeter of the historic ship’s main deck, ongoing dehumidification of the ship’s cofferdams and the restoration of the ship’s 53,000-sq. ft. teakwood decks.

How is the Battleship Missouri Memorial doing as an attraction?

The Battleship Missouri Memorial has been doing exceptionally well as an attraction, and has welcomed its 7 millionth visitor this past summer.

What are the Battleship Missouri Memorial’s hours of operation?

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended hours in the summer. Mighty Mo Passes are \$27 for adults and \$13 for children (4-12). The pass includes a single admission, plus a choice from one of three tour options. For \$25 more, guests may upgrade to the Heart of the Missouri Tour, a 90-minute guided tour that focuses the extensive

mechanics behind this Iowa-class battleship, which was designed for speed and firepower. Children must be age 10 or older for this tour. For visitor information or to reserve a tour, call toll-free at 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit ussmissouri.org.