



Superstructure Preservation Project **Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the Superstructure?

Any ship's superstructure consists of those parts of the ship extending above the main deck. In the case of the Battleship Missouri, the major structure rises approximately 110 feet above the main deck, with a mast that extends more than 50 feet beyond the major structure. The work currently being done on the Battleship Missouri's superstructure encompasses the forward fire control tower, forward stack, forward mast, and other components above the ship's fifth level. These are the tallest portions of the Battleship Missouri; some items receiving care loom roughly 175 feet above visitors as they traverse the pier en route to the ship.

What work is being done to the Superstructure?

The core of the work is focused on steel repairs and application of protective coatings to shield the "Mighty Mo" from the sun and corrosive weather effects from salt air. Additionally, replicas of two SLQ-32 electronic warfare antennas, as well as a radome involved in the operation of remotely piloted aircraft, will be fabricated and installed. The USS Missouri had this equipment before its decommissioning in 1992. By restoring the appearance of these prominent items, the USS Missouri Memorial Association will be one major step closer to meeting its historical preservation goal of restoring the battleship's overall appearance on December 7th, 1991. On that date, the USS Missouri took part in the 50th anniversary observance of the attack on Pearl Harbor—a capstone event at the end of the ship's 48-year operational history.

When will construction end on the Superstructure Preservation Project?

The preservation efforts have a target completion date of September 2017.

Will the construction be noisy or disruptive to the neighborhoods surrounding the Battleship Missouri Memorial?

The Association is taking all steps necessary to limit noise or disruption for the Missouri's neighbors on Ford Island and throughout Pearl Harbor. Restoration work will be done primarily during weekday night time hours when the Battleship Missouri is closed to museum traffic. Heavy industrial support equipment will be powered electrically from one of the ship's shore power bunkers, rather than noise producing portable diesel generators.

Will the construction impact traffic to or from Ford Island, the Battleship Missouri Memorial or the USS Arizona Memorial?

No. Traffic to Ford Island's historic attractions will not be impacted by the preservation being performed on the Mighty Mo.

Will the Battleship Missouri Memorial still be open during the Superstructure Preservation Project?

Yes. Hours of operation will be unaffected by this project. With the preservation work going on, the superstructure will be closed to the public. However, the rest of the ship will remain available for touring.

Will any of the tour times or availability change?

All onboard tours will operate as normal, with the exception of a rerouted tour path that does not include the flying and navigation bridges, as this is where some of the preservation project will be taking place. Visitor safety and experience is our number one priority and every precaution will be taken to ensure that guests aren't affected by the preservation work.

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 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 America's last and most famous battleship. The tours – either self-guided or led by a 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 the battleship during those wartime conflicts.

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