

USS MISSOURI NOTABLE EVENTS

1941 | JANUARY 6

The USS Missouri's keel was laid at the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard. Her armament included the main battery of nine 16 inch-barrel guns and twelve 5 inch-barrel anti-aircraft guns. Iowa-class battleships were designed for speed and firepower.

1944 | JUNE 11

Ceremonies were held at the New York Navy Yard for the USS Missouri's commissioning.

1945 | AUGUST 14

President Truman announces that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II.

1986 | MAY 10

Over 12 thousand supporters gathered at pier thirty-two, just inside the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge, to attend the ceremony that would officially re-commission the USS Missouri. It cost approximately \$475 million to modernize her in preparation for support efforts in the Persian Gulf

1991 | MARCH 21

The USS Missouri conducts patrol and armistice enforcement operations in the northern Persian Gulf before sailing for home.

1992 | MARCH 31

The USS Missouri was decommissioned for the final time; the last active service battleship in the world, her departing officers and crew the last battleship sailors.

1944 | JANUARY 29

The Missouri was launched from the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard - Christened by Margaret Truman, daughter of then Senator Harry S. Truman.

1945 | APRIL 11

Japanese "Zero" Kamikaze hits the USS Missouri's starboard side. The pilot was given a military burial at sea the next day, which remains to be one of the most compassionate stories of that devastating war.

1945 | SEPTEMBER 2

The Missouri secured its place in history as the site of Japan's formal surrender to the Allied Forces ending World War II.

1991 | JANUARY 17

At 0140 (1:40 a.m.) the USS Missouri was the first battleship to fire Tomahawk cruise missile at Iraqi targets as Operation Desert Storm commenced.

1991 | DECEMBER 7

The Missouri's final operational mission occurred when the battleship led a contingent of ships into Pearl Harbor as part of the commemoration to mark the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that thrust America into World War II.

1998 | MAY 4

The Navy made it official, transferring the Mighty Mo's care to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, a 501c3 entrusted with the care and preservation of America's last Battleship. Today she serves as a floating tribute to her crew and illustrious Naval career spanning five decades and three wars.