



## PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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### **THE PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES SEEK DONATIONS TO BRING 16 STUDENT-TEACHER TEAMS TO HAWAII FOR SACRIFICE FOR FREEDOM® INSTITUTE**

*Annual Program Offers Immersive Student-Teacher Learning Focused on WWII History*

**Pearl Harbor, HI – (May 2, 2022)** – The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites, in partnership with National History Day, will host 16 student-teacher teams from across the country this July as part of Sacrifice for Freedom®. The program provides students and teachers the opportunity to visit Hawaii and experience history first-hand at Pearl Harbor and other unforgettable World War II sites. It is offered at no cost to the educators and students.

The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites has created a [GoFundMe](#) campaign with a goal of raising \$80,000 to provide travel, lodging, educational programming, and Hawaii experiences for the 16 competitively chosen student/teacher teams selected to participate this summer. All donations are greatly appreciated and 100 percent tax-deductible in the U.S.

Sacrifice for Freedom®: World War II in the Pacific Student & Teacher Institute program is designed by National History Day® (NHD) to educate students about the sacrifice of war, the cultural history of Hawai'i and the legacy of Silent Heroes®, who are buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

Prior to the institute, students select and research the lives of a Silent Hero. After a week of being steeped in WWII history, students then give a eulogy at the servicemember's grave.

Past participants noted the institute provides a significant professional development experience and that the research and Hawaii-based learning activities challenged their thinking and expanded their perspective on history.

"These students and teachers spend months learning about people from their communities who died during World War II and all of the historic events that took place in the Pacific," said Mike Carr, President and CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. "It is very fulfilling to see our younger generations so interested in history and dedicated to honoring all our Silent Heroes. This is a great program to support, and we encourage everyone to do the same."

Traditionally, the nonprofit organizations that comprise The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites have covered the costs for Sacrifice for Freedom®. This year, however, as the organizations attempt to rebuild from the pandemic, The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites asks for the public's help in sharing the values of our Greatest Generation with the leaders of tomorrow.

#### **About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites**

Welcoming more than 1.5 million visitors each year, the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites include three independent memorials and operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, in partnership, they carry forth the legacies of several of our nation's most treasured icons, enduring tributes to the valor and sacrifices of our veterans during a time when the future of our nation and the world truly

hung in the balance. The result is a powerful visitor destination and cumulative educational experience that has grown. For more information, visit [www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org](http://www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org).

### **Battleship Missouri Memorial**

Since opening in January 1999, the Battleship Missouri Memorial has attracted more than 9-million visitors from around the world with a fascinating tour experience showcasing the USS *Missouri's* unique place in history. Located a mere ship's length from the USS *Arizona* Memorial, the Mighty Mo completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the "day of infamy" and sinking of the USS *Arizona* in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and ends with Japan's formal surrender aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

The USS *Missouri* had an astounding career over five decades and three wars – World War II, the Korean War, and Desert Storm – after which it was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial as a historic attraction and oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants, and donations.

Safety is our top priority. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is taking additional steps to assure guests will have a safe and healthy experience touring the Mighty Mo. We respectfully ask all visitors to abide by state of Hawaii safety guidelines while on site.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission is \$34.99 per adult and \$17.49 per child (4-12). Military, kama'āina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For information or reservations, call (808) 455-1600 or visit [USSMissouri.org](http://USSMissouri.org).

### **Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum**

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum is located on Historic Ford Island, where bombs first fell in the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and is America's World War II battlefield. It is from this hallowed place that planes first rose up in defense of Pearl Harbor in the attack that launched America into the war that would define a generation. Our collection of 70+ aircraft in two battle-scarred World War II-era hangars tell the stories of that fateful day, the battles that marked the Pacific Theatre, and the rise of American innovation that followed in the decades to come. The bulkhead of the USS *Arizona* joined our collection in 2020 and the iconic red-and-white-striped Ford Island Control Tower will open in 2022, adding two infamous pieces of American history to our Museum and cementing Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum's reputation as the "#1 Historical Spot Worth Travelling For" as named by TripAdvisor®. Guests are invited to take to the skies in our state-of-the-art 360-degree Fighter Ace 360 Flight Simulators. Enjoy Ford Island as the aviators of the Pacific did in our 1940s-themed Laniakea Café. Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. General admission is \$25.99 per adult and \$14.99 per child 4-12. A special guided Legends of Pearl Harbor tour includes an action-packed hour of history, as well as a behind-the-scenes tour of The Shealy Restoration Shop. Military and kama'aina discounts are available. For more information, call (808) 441-1000 or visit [www.PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org).

### **Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum**

Immediately adjacent to the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum campus features the WWII fleet submarine, USS *Bowfin*. Launched on December 7, 1942, *Bowfin* was nicknamed "The Pearl Harbor Avenger" and made nine war patrols during WWII. Since opening to the public in 1981, over 10 million visitors from around the world have explored and experienced what it was like to serve aboard a WWII submarine. The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum is one of the few museums in the world where visitors can learn about and be inspired by the proud history and bright future of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force – the Silent Service during WWII, the Cold War, and Today and into the Future. This award-winning museum features a mix of traditional exhibits, multi-media, and interactive displays.

The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. General admission is \$21.99 for adults and \$12.99 for children aged 4-12. Military, kama'aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. Admission includes an audio tour that is available in seven languages (English, Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Korean and Chinese). For more information, call (808) 423-1341 or visit [www.bowfin.org](http://www.bowfin.org)

### **Pacific Historic Parks**

A non-profit that is the official cooperating association of the National Park Service, Pacific Historic Parks operates the museum store on the grounds of the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. PHP offers the self-guided tour narrated by actress Jamie Lee Curtis. She walks you through 29 stops on the museum grounds and aboard the USS *Arizona* Memorial. PHP also offers a Virtual Reality Center that allows you to witness the attack on Pearl Harbor as never seen before. The digital experience **Air Raid Pearl Harbor** is part of the Passport package. It provides the timeline of the attack and places you on the deck of the USS *Utah*, one of the battleships destroyed December 7, 1941. The VR Center also rents a second compelling VR for \$7.99. **Skies Over Pearl** puts you in the cockpit of a Japanese fighter plane as it departs the carrier Akagi and heads for Oahu military airfields and Pearl Harbor. Visitors who have viewed the narrated VRs recommend seeing them before touring the USS *Arizona* Memorial and the two World War II museums on the park grounds. There are also earlier generation VRs available for \$5.99. You can walk the deck of the USS *Arizona* on the day it was attacked. You can also go underwater and see the mammoth guns never fired in battle and view the place USS *Arizona* survivors have their remains interred to join their fellow shipmates in eternity.

To make reservations for the audio and VR tours, go to [pacifichistoricparks.org](http://pacifichistoricparks.org); email [tours@pacifichistoricparks.org](mailto:tours@pacifichistoricparks.org); or call 808-954-8759 or toll free (U.S and Canada) at 1-866-332-1941.

### **Pearl Harbor National Memorial**

Pearl Harbor National Memorial (caretaker of the USS *Arizona* Memorial and facilitator for the USS *Arizona* Memorial Program), a unit of the National Park Service is a fee free site and not included in the "Passport to Pearl Harbor" program. Reservations and admission fees are not required to enter the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, walk the grounds, or view the museums.

Reservations for the USS *Arizona* Memorial Program are strongly recommended. The same-day first-come first-served ticket distribution program has been discontinued.

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