



PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

MEDIA ADVISORY

**U.S. Coast Guard Service Members Receive Free Entry
Into Pearl Harbor Historic Sites in Celebration of the Branch's Birthday**
*Free Admission Offered to Active-Duty Coast Guard Military Members, Retirees,
Dependents & Veterans*

WHAT: "Free pass days" available to U.S. Coast Guard service members in celebration of the branch's birthday on August 4.

U.S. Coast Guard active duty, retirees, dependents and veterans will enjoy free admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum and Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum and free self-guided audio tours and the Pearl Harbor Virtual Reality Experience from Pacific Historic Parks. A valid military I.D. must be presented at the Ticket and Information Booth at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center or onsite at each of the Historic Sites.

New this year, U.S. Coast Guard military members (active duty, reserves, retirees and veterans) and their dependents are welcome to assemble at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Bell Court at 3:30 p.m. for a special 4 p.m. USS *Arizona* Memorial boat program on the free pass days. This program is time and capacity dependent and will be capped at 145 visitor's total, first come first served. Military ID is required for participation. For additional questions about this offering, please email PERL_Info@nps.gov.

WHEN: **Saturday, August 6 & Sunday, August 7**

WHERE: **Pearl Harbor Historic Sites**
Battleship Missouri Memorial
Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum
Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum
Pacific Historic Parks

COST: FREE (U.S. Coast Guard active-duty, retired members and their dependents – ID required)

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.

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 <https://ussmissouri.org/>.

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum is located on Historic Ford Island, where bombs fell during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Walk the Pearl Harbor battlefield where the attack began, enter the bullet-scarred hangars, and see the control tower and aircraft of the battle, including a Japanese Zero and the B-17 Swamp Ghost. Hear the stories of World War II heroes and their response to the attack that changed our nation and world. Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum’s mission is to steward America’s first World War II aviation battlefield. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that depends on membership, volunteers, and donations for support. To join, volunteer or support, visit www.PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org.

Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum

Formerly known as the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum is located immediately adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center. Operated as a non-profit organization it is home to the WWII fleet submarine, USS Bowfin. The recently renovated 12,000-square-foot museum showcases informative and educational museum wings detailing the history of the U.S. Navy’s submarine force; a mix of traditional exhibits, multi-media, and interactive displays showing the importance of submarine warfare; exterior and interior displays of various submarines; and a new museum entrance that complements the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. 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.

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

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; email 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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