



## PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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#### **MILITARY RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION TO THE PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES THIS MEMORIAL DAY**

*The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites offer also extends to Reserves, Retirees, Auxiliary,  
and Dependents*

**Pearl Harbor, HI – (May 23, 2022)** – To honor those who have served in the Armed Forces, the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will offer *free* admission for all active-duty, retired, and dependents (anyone who has a valid military ID card) as well as any veteran who has a valid form of documentation. This promotion does not include dependents of veterans.

Present a valid military ID on Monday, May 30 and receive *free* admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum and free self-guided audio tours and the Pearl Harbor Virtual Reality Experience from the 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.

“This Memorial Day, we are honored to host all of our military heroes and welcome their families,” said Michael Carr, President, and CEO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “We hope everyone enjoys the new exhibits and tours now available and that our servicemen and women feel how much they are deeply appreciated.”

Experience multiple new activities throughout the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites, including the Legendary Naval Warriors – The World of Hiroyuki Sugano's Pencil Drawings exhibit at the Battleship Missouri. This exhibit is filled with a collection of Sugano's most intricate naval drawings and showcases short biographies of U.S. and Japanese Sailors who served aboard the ships.

The Alfred Preis Displaced exhibit, which was originally on display at the Austrian Cultural Forum in New York City, will also be making its way to the Pearl Harbor National Memorial to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the USS Arizona Memorial beginning on May 30.

In addition to the new exhibits, the Ford Island Control Tower Tour will be open to the public for the first time after undergoing a decade-long, multimillion dollar renovation. This impactful tour allows visitors to grasp the full scope of the attack that launched America into WWII with 360° view of the battlefield from the skies.

Lastly, don't miss the newly launched 90-minute narrated bus tours to view the USS *Utah* Memorial and the USS *Oklahoma* Memorial, presented by the National Park Service, in partnership with Pacific Historic Parks. These two memorials are located on an active-duty military base and is the perfect opportunity for visitors without base access to view them. Reservations are required through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

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### **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.

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'aina (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**

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](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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