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## Battleship Missouri Memorial Announces 'Free Pass' Days for Military

**Pearl Harbor (June 06, 2012)** — In 2012, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will commemorate the official birthdays of each branch of the U.S. military by offering free Mighty Mo Passes to respective active-duty and retired members and their dependents.

Mighty Mo Passes will be free for:

- Army from June 9 to 17 (birthday is June 14)
- Coast Guard from July 28 to Aug. 5 (birthday is Aug. 4)
- Air Force from Sept. 15 to 23 (birthday is Sept. 18)
- Navy from Oct. 13 to 21 (birthday is Oct. 13)
- Marines Corps from Nov. 10 to 18 (birthday is Nov. 10)
- National Guard from Dec. 8 to 16 (birthday is Dec. 13)

In addition, general admission to the *Missouri* is free for all guests attending the following two annual ceremonies held on the battleship:

- 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of the War in the Pacific Sept. 2, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
- Battleship Missouri Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony Nov. 11, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Mighty Mo Passes are all-in-one tickets to the *Missouri*, including admission and choice of a guided tour. Qualified visitors must present a valid military I.D. upon purchasing their Mighty Mo Pass, available at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center or onsite at Battleship Missouri Memorial ticket window.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those without access into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shuttle buses provide roundtrip transportation from the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center during operating hours. Standard admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 973-2494 on Oahu, toll-free at 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

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The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the day of infamy that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan's unconditional surrender aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Following an astounding career that spans five decades and three wars, from World War II to the Korean conflict to the Liberation of Kuwait, the "Mighty Mo" was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which operates the battleship as a historic attraction and memorial. The association oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants and the generosity of donors.

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