### Mighty Mo: June Scuttlebutt



Picture above: 2018 Fourth of July Picnic on the Pier

## USS Missouri sails again...on a Stamp!

One of the vital services provided to the crew was a full service onboard U.S. Post Office. Long before email, cell phones and FaceTime became commonplace, there was the welcome announcement of "Mail Call" and the arrival of hand-written letters and care packages from home which was a huge boost to the crew's morale...



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#### 5TH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC ON THE PIER!

You know the drill!

Purchase pre-sale admission tickets online to save. Pre-sale tickets cost \$10 for adults (\$15 day of) and \$5 for children ages 4-12 (\$10 day of).

Limited VIP tables available for \$600- seats 8 people, includes dinner buffet, cash bar and a mega Mighty Mo gift bag.



No pets or grills permitted.

This event is open to the public! Free shuttle service will be available for guests without base access from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Questions? Contact 808-455-1600 x231 or email rsvp@ussmissouri.org

More Info / Buy Tickets

# Artifact of the Month: Plaque Owner Certificate and Chipped Penny, Wadington Collection

By the 1980s the original plaque commemorating the Japanese surrender onboard USS Missouri was looking worse for wear. Forty years of polishing had slowly worn down the embossed letters, prompting the USS Missouri (BB-63) Association to begin fundraising to cast a new plaque. As part of their fundraising they asked for a modest, yet specific, donation: a penny.

These donated pennies would go towards making the new plaque. A chip was taken from each donated penny and the chipped penny, along with a certificate signed by Captain John Chernesky, was returned to the donor. These donors would come to be known as USS Missouri Plaque Owners.



In 1989, the original plaque was placed in the hands of the Naval History and Heritage Command and the new plaque-made from the chips of donated pennies-took its place on deck. Today, this particular certificate and chipped penny come to us from a crewmember, Edward Wadington, who served on board from 1944 to 1947. Wadington was a Storekeeper in the Supply Department during WWII and is one of our collection's many Plaque Owners.





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