



THE *"We Remember"* MISSOURIAN

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USS Missouri BB-63 Reunion

LIBERTY CALL ~ WILMINGTON, NC ~ SEPT 25 - 28, 2025

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's reunion! It is **September 25-28, 2025** at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton** in **Wilmington, NC**. To register online copy/paste this link directly in your search bar: www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Missouri2025 There you can conveniently fill out the reunion form and make your hotel reservations. If you prefer snail mail, you can print out the form located in the newsletter, fill it out and mail it, along with your check payment, to this address:

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510 **ATTN: USS Missouri BB-63**



Once all of the available group inventory in our block is sold, the link will default to the next best available rate at the hotel (if there are rooms available outside of the block). You have until **August 25th**, so don't delay! Let us know if there are any problems with your rooms.



Historic downtown Wilmington, NC

USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION 2025

Thursday 9/25 - Check-in time is 3 PM or later, but the Hospitality Room will be open and manned at 1:30 PM. Please come to this room upon arrival to check in with our USS Missouri host. You will receive everything you will need for the reunion. You may store your luggage in this room temporarily if your room is not ready.

Friday Morning 9/26 - We will visit the Battleship North Carolina. Transportation will be provided via water taxi, leaving at 9 AM on Conlon Pier Dock (located on the riverwalk directly behind Embassy Suites.) Return from Battleship NC Dock 11:45 AM. Upon return trip from Battleship NC, you may be dropped off at one of 3 dock locations: Chanders Wharf (restaurant options), Market Street (shopping and restaurants), or Conlon Pier at Embassy Suites.

Friday Afternoon 9/26 - A River Cruise is available from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Pick up and drop off at Conlon Pier. We will cruise north along the Historic Downtown and Eagles Island. Comfortable seating, restroom and a full service bar will be available. The hospitality room will be open all day. Our annual auction will be held that evening from 7 PM - 9 PM.

Saturday Morning 9/27 - The Association Executive Committee will meet at 9 AM, followed by the General Business meeting at 10 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend the General meeting. We will vote on locations for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 reunions. Only members may vote, so make sure to pay your dues before Saturday. If you have any questions about either meeting or *Plan of the Day* please contact Jeff Clemmer or Larry Geyer. The Hospitality Room will be open from 12 NOON until 4:30 PM.

Saturday Evening 9/27 - The Banquet Room will open at 6 PM with a cash bar. All shipmates are encouraged to attend. Dress is semi-formal. At 6:30 PM, all will take their seats and Memorial Services will commence. Directly following Memorial Services, the meal will be served. There will be a program and recognition of some of our shipmates following the meal. Our President, Jeff Clemmer will have closing comments. Once the banquet is complete, we will move to the Hospitality Room.

Sunday 9/28 - Breakfast for Missouri hotel guests and say farewells... until next reunion.



Three things you need to do to attend the reunion:

- 1) Be a member of the USS Missouri BB-63 Association.
- 2) Fill out the reunion registration form located at: www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Missouri2025
- 3) Reserve your hotel room by using the link on the online registration form or Call 1-910-765-1131, press 1 for reservations and use the group code: 934

Deadline for hotel reservations: August 25, 2025

USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION PLAN OF THE DAY

THURSDAY – 25 SEP 2025

- 1330 – Hospitality room opens; everyone check-in at hospitality room for your packet
- 1500 – Check-in at the Embassy Suites, Wilmington, NC
- 1700 – Dinner on your own (we will provide recommendations)
- 1900 – Welcoming by President in hospitality room
- 2359 – Hospitality rooms secured

FRIDAY – 26 SEP 2025

- 0800 – Breakfast in hotel restaurant
- 0900 – Water taxi to Battleship North Carolina
- 1145 – Water taxi returns from Battleship North Carolina
- 1215 – Hospitality room open
- 1300 – Lunch – on your own
- 1530 – River Cruise along Cape Fear river
- 1700 – Dinner – on your own
- 1900 – Hospitality room, auction of special items
- 2359 – Hospitality room secured

SATURDAY – 27 SEP 2025

- 0800 – Breakfast in hotel restaurant
- 0800 – Hospitality Room opens
- 0900 – Executive Committee meeting
- 0950 – Hospitality Room closes for meeting
- 1000 – Business meeting; called to order
- 1200 – Lunch on your own
- 1200 – Hospitality room opens
- 1600 – Hospitality room secured
- 1800 – Cash bar opens
- 1830 – Memorial Service/Banquet starts; take your seat
- 2000 – Meal complete, recognition, awards
- 2030 – Cash bar secure
- 2200 – President address
- 2230 – Banquet secured
- 2230 – Hospitality room opens when banquet complete
- 2359 – Hospitality room secured

SUNDAY – 28 SEP 2025

- 0800 – Breakfast in hotel restaurant
- 0900 – Farewells till next reunion, 2025
- 1100 – Checking out; clear hotel

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Clemmer @ (704) 349-3458 or clemmer5@aol.com or any other reunion team members.

USS Missouri BB-63 Reunion Registration Form

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter a quantity for each event you and your guests wish to participate in. Then total your costs and send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of a check or money order. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Missouri2025 (online registrations have a convenience fee of 4%). Registration form and payment must be received on or before **August 25**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of your completed form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form. (Returned checks will incur a \$20 fee)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: USS Missouri BB-63

OFFICE USE ONLY Check # _____

Received _____ Inputted _____

Don't forget CUT-OFF date is August 25!

	Price	# of Ppl	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
Friday, September 26: Battleship North Carolina tour	\$15	#	\$
Friday, September 26: Afternoon River Cruise	\$25	#	\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
Saturday, September 27: Banquet Buffet • Braised Beef Short Ribs • Tarragon Brown Butter Salmon • Honey Pecan Chicken • Garlic Mashed Potatoes • Seasonal Vegetables • Crisp Green Salad	\$52	#	\$
Total number in your party (including member, spouse, and guests)	-----	#	-----
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.	-----		\$

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND SPOUSE/GUEST NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR ON THE NAMETAG:

FIRST _____ LAST _____

YEARS SEVED (Ex. 1969-1970) _____ RATE/RANK _____

SPOUSE / GUEST NAME(S) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PH. # _____

DISABILITY / DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ PH. # _____

DO YOU NEED TO BE HYDRAULICALLY LIFTED ONTO THE BUS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURS? ☐ YES ☐ NO
(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

Hospitality Room:

Soda and water will be provided with sweet and salty snacks and restocked daily. Beer must be purchased from the hotel per North Carolina ABC laws.

You may check in two (2) days early and stay two (2) days extra for same price, per hotel availability. You will be responsible for reserving your own room.

(Special hotel room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly to the hotel staff upon reservation)

REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Missouri2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the President of the USS Missouri Association BB63

It has been 7 months since we have been together at our last reunion In Jefferson City Missouri. During our business meeting, we voted to have our next reunion in Wilmington, North Carolina near the berth of the Battleship North Carolina BB55. The Officers and Leadership have been working diligently to make this reunion a success.

The Hotel was selected, (Embassy Suites overlooking the harbor and USS North Carolina BB55 Memorial), and the Plan of the Day has been put together for a well-rounded Port Visit. We will kick off things Thursday with check-in in the hospitality room, name tags will be provided. Any paperwork, sign-ups and last-minute details will be taken care of then to ensure a smooth stay. The Plan of the Day will be posted in the Hospitality Suite.

Another event we have is the Auction to support our Scholarship fund. Please bring an item to auction off Friday night. 100% of the proceeds of the auction go to the USS Missouri Association Scholarship fund. This event was well received by the people who participated in the past few years.

As you know, we have our business meeting on Saturday morning where the crew members select next year's reunion location. It is time to have it on the West Coast and The Armed Forces Reunion Group suggested San Diego as our 2026 spot. This is not set in stone because we vote for our location, but planning is important to make it a success. I look forward to the discussions.

Lastly, we have brought back the raffle tickets to generate money to help our Association keep the costs down for the reunion, If you have not purchased a raffle ticket, please contact any of our Officers for tickets.

Thanks again for supporting the Greatest Battleship ever built and the best Sailors ever to sail the High Seas, I look forward to seeing everyone in Wilmington, NC this year.

Respectfully,
Jeff Clemmer

President USS Missouri Association BB63

Your Association Team consists of:

President – Jeff Clemmer

Financial Secretary – Ken Gallagher

Newsletter Editor – Cindy Clemmer

Membership Chair – Robert Whaley

Historian – Steven Snowden

Storekeeper – Norbert Rebholz

BB-63 Curator – Frank Clay

Vice President – Larry Geyer

Secretary – Bridget Kennedy

Scholarship Chair – John McKinney

Web Site Manager – Robert Whaley

Chaplain – Greg Mock

Master @ Arms – Alfredo Pantaleon

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

A lot has happened since our last reunion. Hurricanes, floods, fires, and mud slides, I hope everyone is ok. Last year's was our 50th Anniversary for our Missouri association. Small group of our shipmates were there, even some first time shipmates. I would to thank Jerry Miller for all he has done for our Association. Hopefully we will get more shipmates at this year's reunion. This marks my 19th year with the association. We are all lucky to be sailors from the Missouri. We were, we are, we will always be Missouri sailors.

Take care, see you all in September.

Larry Geyer

Vice president

USS Missouri Association

LETTER FROM THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

Aloha everyone,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at last year's reunion in Jefferson City, Missouri. As always, I was grateful to be able to attend and appreciate your hospitality. The tour of the Capitol building was great – such an amazing building! During that trip I also visited the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum in Independence. One of the artifacts on display is the silver champagne bottle cover Margaret Truman used to christen USS Missouri on January 29, 1944.

Final Call: We are seeking surviving WWII USS Missouri (BB-63) crewmembers to honor at our upcoming 80th Anniversary commemoration. We have successfully connected with: Mr. Ed Buffman, Mr. Lee Ray Broussard, Mr. John DeLeo, Mr. Doyle Boothroy, Mr. Judge Davis, Mr. Robert Kennedy, and Mr. Thomas Schoenecker. If you are aware of any others, please send me their contact information or ask if they or a family member can contact me. Each of them has been invited and plan to attend the 80th anniversary of the End of WWII commemoration events over the Labor Day weekend.

For planning purposes, we welcome all of our BB-63 crew to join us in this significant and historic milestone anniversary. Let's honor the Greatest Generation together.

The list of events includes:

An Evening of Honor: 80 Years of Remembrance - August 31, 2025 (Ticketed event)

- Join us for a welcome banquet at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, paying tribute to WWII Veterans, USS Missouri crewmembers who were



Frank with Mr. Lee Ray Broussard.



Frank with Mr. John DeLeo.

eyewitnesses of the historic Surrender, and the Greatest Generation. This ticketed event offers table sales to support and honor these heroes in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the End of WWII. Join us for an unforgettable evening of gratitude, remembrance, and legacy.

Steel Beach Picnic - September 1, 2025 (BB-63 Crew and families only)

- Crewmembers of the USS Missouri and their families are invited to a heartfelt reunion at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Hosted by former crewmember and BBQ Pitmaster Moe Cason, this special gathering offers great food, camaraderie, and sea stories about the ship they once called home. Join us for a feast that nourishes both the stomach and the soul.

80th Anniversary of the End of WWII Commemoration – September 2, 2025

(Public event – will also be livestreamed)

- Battleship Missouri Memorial will host a ceremony commemorating the End of WWII, honoring the Greatest Generation and marking the Surrender Ceremony that happened on the decks of the Mighty Mo. USS Missouri crewmembers, WWII veterans, military officials, and US and Japanese government officials will be in attendance.

If you are planning to come, or virtually attend the commemoration ceremony, we'd love to see any photos from your time aboard the Mighty Mo.

Please share using this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/pcUoxBdjOSIjH4r0OuPt>

You can also check here for the latest updates on our commemoration efforts:

www.ussmissouri.org/wwii

If you plan to attend these events in person, please contact me via email to let me know and I will add you to our RSVP list so you will receive information and updates from our Communications Team. Thank you to the shipmates who have already reached out to let us know you plan to attend – the list is quickly growing.

In November 2024, I traveled to Louisiana and Rhode Island to interview two more of our USS Missouri's WWII crew. Mr. John DeLeo served as a Seaman in FA Division and Mr. Lee Ray Broussard served on Admiral Halsey's Flag Staff as a Yeoman. Both gentlemen will be 99 years old by the time you read this and were direct witnesses to the Surrender Ceremony nearly 80 years ago. Their oral histories will be incorporated into our new Pathway to Peace exhibit, located in 2nd Deck.

The new exhibit is coming along well, and the first phase of installation was completed in December 2024. Pathway to Peace will focus on USS Missouri's WWII crew experience through traditional exhibit cases, as well as immersive and interactive elements to heighten the guest experience. It is scheduled to open to the public on September 2, 2025. Attendees will get an opportunity to view our newest exhibit following the Commemoration Ceremony.

If you or a shipmate are planning to visit the ship, please contact me ahead of time so I can make your complimentary reservations and VIP arrangements. We can do so much more for you if we know in advance that you are visiting.

The staff of the Battleship Missouri Memorial have a busy year ahead of us, and we remain committed to our mission of preserving the Battleship Missouri and sharing her story and place in history.

I wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2025.

Frank Clay

curator@ussmissouri.org

Curator, Battleship Missouri Memorial

U.S.S. MISSOURI (BB-63) ASSOCIATION, INC.

UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS VETERANS

"WE REMEMBER"



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I SUBMIT MY NAME FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE USS MISSOURI (BB-63) ASSOCIATION,
FORMED IN 1974 TO PROMOTE THE FRATERNAL CIVIC AND PATRIOTIC TIES
AMONG FORMER SHIPMATES WHO SERVED ABOARD THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI (BB-63)

Please print or type:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Years Served Onboard: 19 _____ to 19 _____ Rate/Rank _____

Type of Membership (circle one): New Renewal

Scholarship Donation: _____

Membership donations are \$25.00 per year and expire on December 31st of each year.

Your donation entitles you to all rights and privileges accorded in the bylaws of the Association.

Make donation payable to the **USS MISSOURI (BB-63) ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Mail donation and Application to:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

Robert H. Whaley III

USS Missouri Ass. Membership Chair

490 Hicks Creek Rd

Troutman NC 28166

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEAM

USS Missouri BB-63 Association, Inc.

ELECTED POSITIONS

President **Jeff Clemmer** (704) 349-3458
2307 Hillside Dr clemmer5@aol.com
Dallas, NC 28034

Jeff is responsible for all the actions of the Executive Committee and handles any complaints. He will continue to improve our services and ensure the Association grows and stays financially stable.

Financial Secretary **Ken Gallagher** (860) 682-3281
102 Wakefield Circle kens4gcell.kg@gmail.com
East Hartford, CT 06118

Ken Gallagher maintains our financial records and keeps all records in order. He also keeps us in good standing with the state and the IRS.

Secretary **Bridget Kennedy** (919) 607-1605
245 Lumberjack Ln Wbkennedy1991@gmail.com
Louisburg, NC 27549

Bridget is responsible for taking record of all meetings and maintaining a copy of the minutes.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Vice President **Larry Geyer** (562) 883-0702
1015 E. Carson St #6 BB63BM2@hotmail.com
Long Beach, CA 90807

Larry keeps the wheels turning with the operations of the association. He is in charge with setting up our reunion and is always available to answer questions.

Newsletter Editor **Cindy Clemmer** (704) 349-3422
2307 Hillside Dr cindyclemmer@yahoo.com
Dallas, NC 28034

Cindy gathers all the information provided to her via email and organizes documents into a readable format. She then creates the newsletter and provides an emailable copy to be distributed.

Chaplain **Greg Mock** (715) 225-9372
S197 Mock Rd
Mondovi, WI 54755

Greg is responsible for providing spiritual guidance and support for all members.

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Historian **Steven Snowden** (916) 705-6735
steven86336@yahoo.com

Steven builds on our history with interesting reads and photos. There are many memories made in the Navy and on the USS Missouri. We want to capture those stories and add them to our history.

Storekeeper **Norbert Rebholz** (412) 670-6555
104 Kimber Drive battleshipbosnmate@gmail.com
McMurray, PA 15317

Norbert has the responsibility of effectively running our ship's store and maintaining a stock of inventory. He brings an assortment of items to each reunion for purchase.

Scholarship Chairman **John McKinney** (207) 272-0447
76 Ocean House Rd jmckinney1maine@yahoo.com
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142

John gathers information on applicants seeking our scholarship toward college tuition. He answers any questions regarding scholarship applications and distributions.

Master at Arms **Alfredo Pantaleon** (201) 667-0218
171 Burke Ave libra666@juno.com
Staten Island, NY 10314

Alfredo is responsible for the Association's banner and colors. Under the direction of the President, he shall maintain order at all meetings and functions.

Web Site Manager & Membership Chairman **Robert H. Whaley III** (828) 455-9203
490 Hicks Creek Rd ussmissouriassnmembership@gmail.com
Troutman, NC 28166

Robert is responsible for creating and maintaining the USS Missouri reunion website, updating it regularly to keep information current. He has also taken on the task of bringing in new members to our association and maintaining all records regarding membership.

HONORARY POSITION

BB-63 Curator **Frank Clay** (808) 455-1600 ext: 229
USS Missouri Memorial 63 Cowpens Street frankc@ussmissouri.org
Association, Inc. Honolulu, HI 96818

Frank collects and maintains the exhibitions of precious collections of the USS Missouri BB-63. He keeps us informed with all the happenings at the USS Missouri and ensures that we will have a memorable tour when we visit.

USS MISSOURI BB-63 ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

This Scholarship Program is funded by the membership of the USS Missouri Association, Inc. These funds are set aside for the purpose of aiding progeny (child, grandchild, great grandchild, or legally adopted) of USS Missouri BB-63 members who have served aboard USS Missouri BB-63. This shall be to accomplish their goal in gaining a higher education in the college of their choice. There will be up to four awards each fiscal year and will be announced at the reunion. **Each award will be in the amount of \$1,000.00.**

The following are a few key requirements:

1. Applications will need to be filled out by the applicant.
2. The applicant must be pursuing higher education credits in a goal of gaining an Associate Degree or higher.
3. Applications must be received by USS Missouri Association by July 1 of the year applied for. Applicant may apply for this scholarship twice during their college years.
4. Applicant must be accepted or enrolled by date application is received.

The Chairman of Scholarships will examine application and present to three members of the Association for selection by August 10, so checks may be cut for individuals and handed off to the Scholarship Chairman.

Please submit applications to:

John McKinney

Scholarship Chairman

76 Ocean House Rd

Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142

UPDATE FROM JOHN: Four \$1,000.00 scholarships were given out in 2024!

We had seven applicants last year, all 4.0 students. Four scholarships were given out. Three applicants were carried over to this year. As of January 1st 2025, all 3 are alive and well and will still be in school during the fall of 2025. There have been many years that we received no applications at all.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____

HOME ADDRESS

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone number: _____

PARENTS INFORMATION

Father: _____ Mother: _____

USS MISSOURI BB-63 CONNECTION

Full Name of Reference: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Graduated from: _____ GPA: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of Institution: _____

Course of Study or Major: _____

Class grade (freshman, sophomore, etc) _____ Hrs this Sem. _____

PLEASE ATTACH ESSAY EXPLAINING WHY YOU QUALIFY FOR THESE FUNDS.

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All the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline for application is July 1st of the attending school year.

The amount of this scholarship is \$1,000.00

**Mail application to:
John McKinney
76 Ocean House Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142**

HISTORY OF OUR ASSOCIATION

We are a 501(C) 19 registered in the state of Connecticut. We were organized in 1974 and our Founders are:

- John T. Finn • Lou Dellaripa • William T. Walsh • Joseph G. Writh
- Thomas F. Fluck • Walter Yucka • Joseph Vella • Anthony Angarano

List of Presidents by Year and Locations of Reunions

1974	1st / New York City	John T. Finn
1975	Hartford, Connecticut	John T. Finn
1976	Seattle, Washington	John T. Finn
1977	Boston, Massachusetts	John T. Finn
1978	Kansas City, Missouri	John T. Finn
1979	Norfolk, Virginia	John T. Finn
1980	Orlando, Florida	John T. Finn
1981	Buffalo, New York	John T. Finn
1982	Charleston, SC	John T. Finn
1983	10th / Carlisle, Pennsylvania	Jack Haynes
1984	Portland, Maine	Jack Haynes
1985	Annapolis, Maryland	George Schuette
1986	Nashville, Tennessee	George Schuette
1987	New Orleans, Louisiana	Ralph Berry
1988	Long Beach, California	Ralph Berry
1989	Charleston, South Carolina	Ralph Berry
1990	Providence, Rhode Island	Anthony Allessandro
1991	North Norfolk, Virginia	Anthony Allessandro
1992	Chicago, Illinois	Anthony Allessandro
1993	20th / Orlando, Florida	Angelo Goffredo
1994	San Antonio, Texas	Angelo Goffredo
1995	Seattle, Washington	Angelo Goffredo
1996	Louisville, Kentucky	Angelo Goffredo

1997	Denver, Colorado	Herbert Fahr Jr.
1998	Honolulu, Hawaii	Herbert Fahr Jr.
1999	Jefferson City, Missouri	Herbert Fahr Jr.
2000	San Francisco, California	Herbert Fahr Jr.
2001	Buffalo, New York	John P. Sullivan
2002	Crystal City, Virginia	John P. Sullivan
2003	30th / Honolulu, Hawaii	John P. Sullivan
2004	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	John P. Sullivan
2005	Albuquerque, New Mexico	William D. Morton
2006	Portland, Maine	William D. Morton
2007	Nashville, Tennessee	William D. Morton
2008	San Antonio, Texas	William D. Morton
2009	Norfolk, Virginia	John Stempick Jr.
2010	Leslie, Illinois	John Stempick Jr.
2011	Mesa, Arizona	John Stempick Jr.
2012	Mobile, Alabama	John Stempick Jr.
2013	40th / Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	John Stempick Jr.
2014	Kissimmee, Florida	John Stempick Jr.
2015	Charleston, South Carolina	John Stempick Jr.
2016	Washington, DC	John Stempick Jr.
2017	Reno, Nevada	Joseph T. Doran
2018	Daytona, Ohio	Joseph T. Doran
2019	Norwalk, Connecticut	Joseph T. Doran
2020	San Antonio (Covid)	Joseph T. Doran
2021	San Antonio, Texas	Joseph T. Doran
2022	Charleston, South Carolina	Jerry Miller
2023	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Jerry Miller
2024	50th / Jefferson City, Missouri	Jerry Miller
2025	Wilmington, North Carolina	Jeff Clemmer

DUES 2025

**Check your membership card. Does it show 2025 or later?
If not, you have not paid any dues since the date shown!
Act NOW!!! Help keep our Association going!**

In order to run an organization such as ours, we need your help. By sending your donation early in the year, it gets your membership card early and helps us with our expenses and bookkeeping. It also keeps you on the mailing list! **Make the effort.** Put this notice with your **“BILLS TO BE PAID”** and send your check in the next mail. Dues can now be either mailed in or ***paid for on the website****. (Yearly dues are \$25.00.) Please indicate if you are paying for multiple years or donating to the Scholarship Fund.

Your check should be made out to: USS Missouri (BB-63) Association

Send payment to:

**Membership Chairman / Robert H. Whaley III
490 Hicks Creek Rd
Troutman, NC 28166**

Check appropriate box for dues:

2025 ☐

2026 ☐

2027 ☐

Yearly Dues are \$25.00

*Amount Dues: \$*_____

*Scholarship Fund Donation: \$*_____

*Total: \$*_____

***To make your payment via website, go to <https://ussmissouriassociation.com>
and follow the directions listed there.**

USS MISSOURI BB-63 COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPT. Callaghan, William McCombe, USN (USNA 1918) :VADM	11.06.1944 - 14.05.1945
CAPT. Murray, Stuart Shadrick (Sunshine), USN (USNA) 1919 :ADM	14.05.1945 - 06.11.1945
CAPT. Hillenkoetter, Roscoe Henry, USN (USNA 1919) :VADM	06.11.1945 - 31.05.1946
CAPT. Hill, Tom Burbridge, USN (USNA 1922) :ADM	31.05.1946 - 02.04.1947
CAPT. Dennison, Robert Lee, USN (USNA 1923) :ADM	02.04.1947 - 23.01.1948
CDR. Colwell, John Barr, USN (USNA 1931) :VADM	23.01.1948 - 24.02.1948
CAPT. Thach Jr., James Harmon, USN (USNA 1923) :ADM	24.02.1948 - 05.02.1949
CAPT. Smith, Harold Page, USN (USNA 1924) :ADM	05.02.1949 - 10.12.1949
CAPT. Brown, William Drane, USN (USNA 1924) :VADM	10.12.1949 - 03.02.1950
CDR. Peckham, George Edward, USN (USNA 1931) :RADM	03.02.1950 - 07.02.1950
CAPT. Smith, Harold Page, USN (USNA 1924) :ADM	07.02.1950 - 19.04.1950
CAPT. Duke, Irving Terrill, USN (USNA 1925) :VADM	19.04.1950 - 02.03.1951
CAPT. Wright, George Charles, USN (USNA 1925) :VADM	02.03.1951 - 18.10.1951
CAPT. Sylvester, John (Jack), USN (USNA 1926) :VADM	18.10.1951 - 04.09.1952
CAPT. Edsall, Warner Ryerson, USN (USNA 1927)	04.09.1952 - 26.03.1953
CAPT. North, James Robert	26.03.1953 - 04.04.1953
CAPT. Brodie Jr., Robert (Steve), USN (USNA 1927) :RADM	04.04.1953 - 01.04.1954
CAPT. Keith, Robert Taylor Scott, USN (USNA 1928) :VADM	01.04.1954 - 18.09.1954
CAPT. North, James Robert	18.09.1954 - 26.02.1955
DECOMMISSIONED 26.02.1955 - 10.05.1986	
CAPT. Kaiss, Albert Lee, USN	10.05.1986 - 20.06.1986
CAPT. Carney, James Allen (Al), USN	20.06.1986 - 06.07.1988
CAPT. Chernesky Jr., John Joseph, USN	06.07.1988 - 13.06.1990
CAPT. Kaiss, Albert Lee, CAPT USN	13.06.1990 - 31.03.1992



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 5, 2025

USS Missouri Zoom Meeting Agenda April 5, 2025

Officers Call and crew members/Guests attending online

Members attending: Jeff & Cindy Clemmer, Ken Gallagher, Bridget & Wayne Kennedy, Norb Rebholz, Robert Whaley, Alfredo Pantaleon, Mr. & Mrs. John McKinney

Raffle Ticket Sales Update: There were one thousand raffle tickets printed, do not have to be present to win, and the gun can be shipped to FFL after paperwork ATG screening complete. The association will pay for shipping of guns. Tickets have been sent to Officers to sell to anyone above the age of twenty-one.

Reunion Hotel update: (Embassy Suites) and Armed Forces Reunion inc. The price of the hotel will be \$199.00 and \$219.00 per night plus tax. The difference in the room price is the room that faces the battleship NC costs more. Armed Forces Reunion is managing our reunion this year for a price of \$17.00 per person, which the Association will pay for that fee. The banquet hall for Saturday is costing \$6000.00 for food and drink but this is for the hospitality room also, so we should meet that requirement. Parking is \$22.00 a night, but handicap parking with a placard park free. The city of Wilmington has a parking lot rental. The Association is on the hook for thirty-five rooms each night except for Wednesday. Wednesday there are fifteen total rooms required.

Registration Form Cost for reunion discussion: Armed Forces Reunion is managing our reunion this year for a price of \$17.00 per person, which the Association will pay for that fee. Food price will be set @ \$52.00 with the Association picking up the tax and servers fee of \$68.00 total. Bartender cost for the banquet is \$150.00 paid by the Association.

Battleship NC visit/other visit sites/Bus transportation: Entry Cost of the Battleship is \$10 plus tax and the water taxi fee is \$15.00. The Association will pick up the cost of the Battleship visit with the members paying the \$15.00 NC water taxi trip. A check will be sent to Battleship NC to pay for this from our Treasurer.

T Shirt and Golf Shirt Sales/Ball Cap and Coin Sales: T Shirt sales from the online sales by the Twisted Southern Sisters on our website have started, The Association makes \$5.00 off each shirt sale. The ball cap sales will stay with Norb, he is responsible for the ball cap and coin sales. Each member in good standing attending the reunion will receive one coin (80th Anniversary) and twenty-five coins will be given to the representatives attending the 2 September 2025 Pearl Harbor event honoring our members present @ the Surrender of Japan. Currently only seven have been identified from being onboard the Missouri on that date. Business cards will be given to the membership chairman for the Battleship Missouri visit also. Coin sales will also be sold for \$15.00 each at the reunion and through the ships store.

Financial update: No update other than money held in each account not to exceed \$50,000.00 which we have not at this time.

Membership chairman update: 6 members have passed, 105 members have renewed online, currently asking all to extend the opportunity to join via email, online and phone calls.

Newsletter items needed: President's welcome letter, anything of value you want published for membership.

Scholarship update: We have three qualified candidates with one more candidate needed.

Round Table discussion: Letter will go out to members and officers concerning asking for donations or items to be donated to the auction and raffle prizes (President will make the letter available to all) Newsletter will be going out as soon as the reunion details are finalized, please promote the website and ask member to join or update their membership

Next Meeting is 10 May 2025 Saturday @ 1300 note will be sent out to all.

CUSTOM USS MISSOURI COINS AVAILABLE

The commemorative coins shown were designed by Jeff Clemmer and David Ysaguirre and created by **SOS Custom Coins** of Perkinston, Mississippi expressly for the servicemen who served onboard the USS Missouri. SOS Custom Coins, in business since 1998, is owned and operated by Retired Senior Chief Bill Dixon. Bill served 26 years as a Seabee.

Every shipmate who attends this year's reunion in Wilmington, NC will receive a complimentary coin. Additional coins will be available for purchase from the ships store and at the reunion.



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2025 USS MISSOURI ASSOCIATION RAFFLE INFO



This year we are returning to the days of the previous reunions with a raffle. In the past there were cash prizes but this year we are offering cash prizes, but adding 3 (three) 1911 45 Caliber pistols engraved with the **USS Missouri BB63** on one side of the slide and **US Navy** on the other side. This is a custom engraving donated by a retired West Virginia State Policeman in honor of our Association with the Battleship Missouri. We are also adding a fourth pistol for the USMC Marines who served onboard to be raffled off.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased by contacting any of our Officers and myself. These pistols were donated, and all proceeds go to the USS Missouri BB63 Association.

2024 REUNION PHOTOS FROM JEFFERSON CITY, MO



A group of people are gathered in a room, likely a bar or social gathering. In the foreground, a man with a white beard and a grey t-shirt is seated at a table, looking towards the right. Next to him, a woman with long blonde hair is seated, wearing a purple shirt. On the table are several bottles of alcohol, including a large bottle of Jack Daniel's, and some food items. In the background, a man in a white t-shirt and a black cap is standing and gesturing with his right hand, possibly giving a presentation or toast. Other people are standing around him, some looking on. A green 'EXIT' sign is visible on the wall in the background. The overall atmosphere appears to be casual and social.



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Missouri State Capital Building

Tour of the building and grounds



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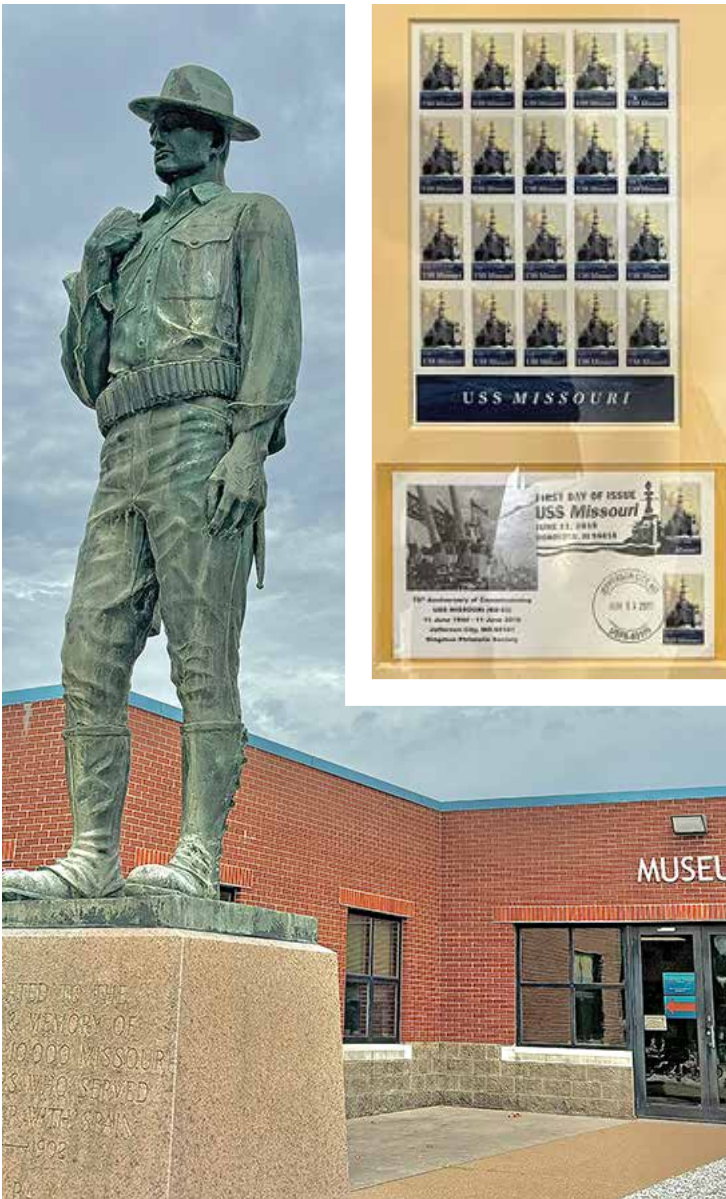


Saturday Night Banquet



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Museum of Missouri
Military History





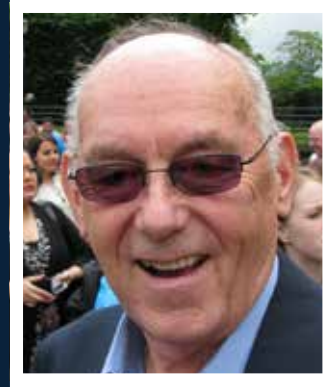
Donald Jodey Brundridge

September 5, 1945 - October 9, 2024

Hailed from: Kansas City, Missouri



Rest in Peace Shipmate



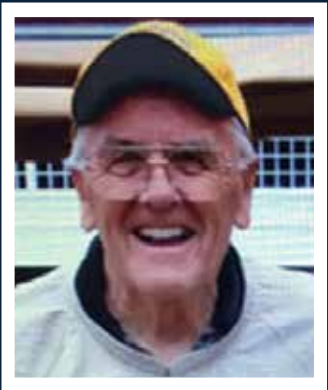
Lawrence B. Anderson

January 28, 1936 - November 13, 2024

Hailed from: Portland, Oregon



Rest in Peace Shipmate



Harley Donley, Jr.

October 21, 1930 - November 29, 2024

Hailed from: Cly, Pennsylvania



Rest in Peace Shipmate



James W. Geouge

June 4, 1932 - December 1, 2024

Hailed from: Hampton, Virginia



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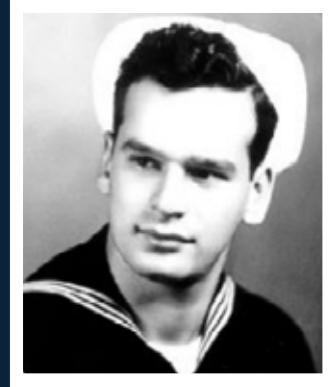
Robert "Bob" Malin

August 5, 1933 - December 21, 2024

Hailed from: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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Angelo S. Goffredo, Jr.

December 17, 1927 - December 24, 2024

Hailed from: Schenectady, New York



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Gerald W. Bunge

May 9, 1933 - January 20, 2025

Hailed from: O'Fallon, Illinois



Rest in Peace Shipmate



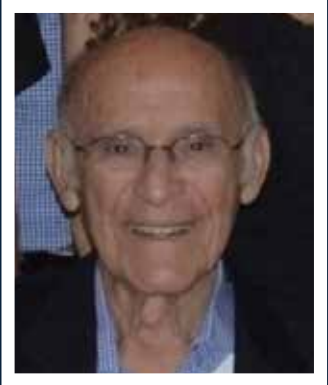
Earl Raymond Gerhard

October 22, 1931 - January 21, 2025

Hailed from: Chicago, Illinois



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Joseph T. Giardina

March 13, 1931 - January 25, 2025

Hailed from: Waltham, Massachusetts



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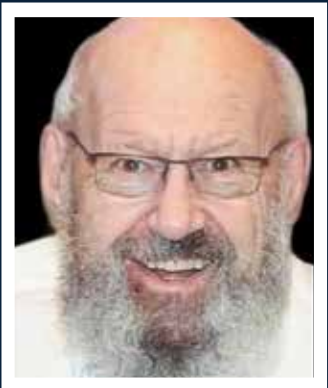
James A. Driscoll, Jr.

July 10, 1932 - February 11, 2025

Hailed from: Youngstown, Ohio



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Carl J. Stuka

August 12, 1930 - February 12, 2025

Hailed from: Janesville, Wisconsin



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John "Jack" Donahue

September 6, 1929 - February 16, 2025

Hailed from: Arlington, Massachusetts



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