



THE *"We Remember"* MISSOURIAN

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NUMBER 8

USS Missouri BB-63 Reunion

LIBERTY CALL ~ SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA ~ SEPTEMBER 15-20, 2026

We are excited to welcome everyone to this year's reunion! The event is from **September 15-20, 2026**, at the **Double Tree by Hilton Bayside**, located in the beautiful city of San Diego, California.



To register online, please copy and paste this link directly into your browser's address bar:

www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSMissouri26.

There, you can easily complete the reunion registration form and book your hotel accommodations.

Once all rooms in our reserved block are booked, the link will automatically show the next best available hotel rate. You have until August 16th to secure your spot, so don't wait! Please reach out if you encounter any issues with your room reservations.



USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION 2026 HOTEL INFO

Double Tree by Hilton San Diego Bayside

We will be staying in this waterfront hotel in Point Loma, located just 1.3 miles (a 5-minute drive) from San Diego International Airport. It features an outdoor pool, a 9-hole putting green, and a complimentary airport shuttle. Located along the San Diego Bay across from the marina, it is a short walk to Liberty Station and 4.9 miles from downtown's Gaslamp Quarter and Petco Park. You may enjoy the outdoor heated pool, a hot tub, a 24/7 fitness center, and on-site dining.



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/USSMissouri26
- 3) *Reserve your hotel room by using the link on the Online Registration Form or Call 619-221-3058 for reservations*

Deadline for hotel reservations: August 16, 2026

USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION 2026

Tuesday 9/15 - Check-in time is 4 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.

Wednesday 9/16 - You are free to explore the hotel and any local sights on your own. ***Liberty Station, Historic Old Town, SeaWorld, City Center, Gaslamp Quarter/Petco Park*** and ***Cabrillo National Monument*** are all less than 5 miles from the hotel. The hospitality room will be open all day.

Thursday 9/17 - We begin the day with a chartered harbor cruise for our group with ***“Romancing the Wind” Yacht Service***. We will have our own exclusive private sailing yacht. The hospitality room will be open all day.

Friday 9/18 - We visit the ***USS Midway Museum***. After touring the aircraft carrier we will also visit the ***Liberty Park Market***, featuring food vendors, artisans, breweries and shops. The hospitality room will be open all day. Our Annual Scholarship Auction/Beer Bash will be held this evening from 7 PM - 9 PM.

Saturday Morning 9/19 - 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. This is an election year. We will vote on the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Only members may vote, so make sure to pay your dues before Saturday. A Ladies Putting Tournament will take place at 11 AM on the hotel grounds. The Hospitality Room will be open from 12 NOON until 4:30 PM.

Saturday Evening 9/19 - 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. Michael Carr, President of the USS Missouri Memorial, will address the crowd. Our President, Jeff Clemmer will have closing comments. Once the banquet is complete, we will move to the Hospitality Room.

Sunday 9/20 - Breakfast for Missouri hotel guests and say farewells... until next reunion in NEW ORLEANS 2027!



USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION PLAN OF THE DAY

TUESDAY – 15 SEP 2026

- 1330** – Hospitality Room opens; Everyone check-in at hospitality room for your packet
- 1600** – Check-in at the Double Tree by Hilton Bayside, San Diego California
- 2100** – Hospitality Room secures

WEDNESDAY – 16 SEP 2026

- 0800** – Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant
- 0900** – Hospitality Room opens
- 1700** – Check in for Association in Hospitality Room (pick up packet)
- 2100** – Hospitality Room secures

THURSDAY – 17 SEP 2026

- 0800** – Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant
- 0900** – Hospitality Room opens
- 0915** – Muster for Harbor Cruise (for all those who signed up online)
- 1700** – Check in for Association in Hospitality Room (pick up packet)
- 2100** – Hospitality Room secures

FRIDAY – 18 SEP 2026

- 0800** – Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant
- 0900** – Muster for USS Midway Tour / Liberty Park Market
- 0900** – Hospitality Room opens
- 1800** – Scholarship Auction / Beer Bash
- 2100** – Hospitality Room secures

SATURDAY – 19 SEP 2026

- 0800** – Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant
- 0900** – Hospitality Room opens
- 0900** – Executive Committee Meeting
- 0950** – Hospitality room closes for Business Meeting
- 1000** – Business Meeting: Call to Order
- 1100** – Ladies Putting Tournament
- 1500** – Hospitality Room secures
- 1800** – Cash Bar opens in Banquet Room
- 1830** – Memorial Service/Banquet starts; take your seat
- 1930** – Introduction of President Michael Carr (USS Missouri Memorial)
- 2000** – Meal Complete / Recognition / Awards / Raffle Winners
- 2130** – President Address
- 2230** – Banquet Secures
- 2359** – Hospitality Room Secures

SUNDAY – 20 SEP 2026

- 0800** – Breakfast Hotel Restaurant / Farewells till next reunion in New Orleans 2027
- 1200** – 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 Reunion Registration Form

Double Tree San Diego, 4875 North Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92106 Phone Reservations: 619-221-3058

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/USSMissouri26 (online registrations have a convenience fee of 4%). Registration form and payment must be received on or before August 16, 2026. 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

OFFICE USE ONLY Check # _____

Received _____ Inputted _____

Don't forget CUT-OFF date is August 16, 2026!

	Price	# of Ppl	Total
<u>MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Registration Fee	\$20	#	\$
Total number in your party (including member, spouse, and guests)	-----		-----
<u>TOURS</u>			
Thursday, September 17: Harbor Cruise with Romancing the Wind (No charge - Limited to 35 people)	\$N/A	#	\$
Friday, September 18: USS Midway & Liberty Park Market (Lunch on your own)	\$50	#	\$
Saturday, September 19: Reunion Social and Auction (No charge - please enter the number of people, if attending)	\$N/A	#	\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
Saturday, September 19: Mexican Ole Buffet	\$55	#	\$
<u>RAFFLE TICKETS</u>			
Raffle Tickets	\$10	#	\$
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 _____

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).

(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/USSMissouri26

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the President of the USS Missouri Association BB63,

The 2026 reunion is only a few months away! Hope you are in the process of booking your travel arrangement for this year's reunion in beautiful San Diego California at the Double Tree Bayside by Hilton (15-20 September). Do not wait, get the word out and let us make this reunion another success. VP Norm Cummins has gone ALL IN this year.

I would like to thank the USS Missouri Memorial for the outstanding job they did welcoming the recommissioning crew back May 10 onboard our ship. The Steel Beach Picnic on Saturday and the Recommissioning Ceremony on Sunday were impressive. President Carr and Curator Frank Clay, along with all the staff and volunteers made us feel at home on our ship. The 40 Shipmates who made it back can attest to the wonderful time we had. Please go to the USS Missouri Memorial website for our 40th Anniversary article to see all the pictures and videos.

<https://ussmissouri.org/events/signature-events/40th-recommissioning-anniversary>

Next, please remember to bring an item for this year's Scholarship Auction. The money we make goes to the Scholarship fund that funds four \$1000.00 scholarships to children and grandchildren of USS Missouri Sailors. We hope to have some great items to bid on this year.

Also, our annual gun raffle prize package is still going on, we have fifteen pistols this year, and ten cash prizes for a total of 25 chances to win. You can get your tickets online when you sign up for the reunion or contact one of our officers to get your tickets. We will also have tickets at the reunion to sell. All pistols are laser engraved with a BB63 Seal or Number.

Our Ships store will have T-shirts, Ball Caps and Challenge coins for sale at the reunion this year. We will have some other items from the woodworking shop also.

On a business note, we will have our business meeting of the crew Saturday morning, this year is an election year. The President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are to be voted on. I encourage everyone to attend. Membership in our organization is only \$25 per year. Let's push our shipmates to all join our Association which promotes the USS Missouri.

Remember, if you have any questions, please contact any of our officers listed in the newsletter or me, we are here to help you. Again, I look forward to seeing you in September in San Diego California.

Respectfully,

Jeff Clemmer
President
USS Missouri Association

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 – Norm Cummins
Secretary – Bridget Kennedy
Scholarship Chair – John McKinney
Website Manager – Robert Whaley
Chaplain – Greg Mock
Master @ Arms – Alfredo Pantaleon

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

My dear shipmates,

I sincerely hope this message reaches you all in good health and with a growing sense of excitement for our upcoming reunion in beautiful San Diego, California! It's been a monumental undertaking, consuming a significant portion of my year, and I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has offered their invaluable help and unwavering support throughout this journey.

Thanks to these efforts and countless hours of coordination, I'm thrilled to report that everything is meticulously arranged for us to fully immerse ourselves in San Diego's vibrant atmosphere. We've secured prime locations, planned engaging activities, and prepared a schedule that promises both spirited camaraderie and ample time to hangout.

See you soon,

Norm Cummins
Vice President/Reunion Chairman
USS Missouri Association

LETTER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Hello shipmates,

This is your membership chair. I am writing to let you know that I am no longer on Facebook. If you need to contact me, you can do so via our website at <https://ussmissouriassociation.com> or by email at ussmissouriassnmembership@gmail.com

I hope to see everyone at the San Diego reunion in September!

Best regards,

Robert H. Whaley III
BM1(SW) USN Retired
USS Missouri Association
Membership Chair

BB-63 CURATOR

If you are planning a trip to USS Missouri, contact BB-63 Curator, Frank Clay. He can provide you with a special tour of our ship.

Frank Clay's contact information:

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



40TH RECOMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

May 9-10, 2026, the Battleship Missouri Memorial was honored to welcome former USS Missouri crew members, families, and supporters aboard the Mighty Mo to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the ship's recommissioning. Together, we celebrated the Sailors who brought the battleship back to life in 1986 and reflected on the enduring legacy of service, sacrifice, and preservation that continues today.

The weekend brought together generations connected by the Mighty Mo's legacy. For many former crew members, it was a chance to return to the ship they once called home and revisit the decks where they lived, worked, and served. From reconnecting with shipmates during the Steel Beach Picnic and being recognized at the recommissioning ceremony to being among the first to experience the new onboard



recommissioning exhibit, the anniversary served as a powerful reminder of the lasting impact of America's last battleship, and the Sailors who helped shape her history. Whether you joined us in Pearl Harbor or would like to revisit the memories, we invite you to explore the event photo galleries and watch the weekend's highlights video below.

ussmissouri.org/events/signature-events/40th-recommissioning-anniversary

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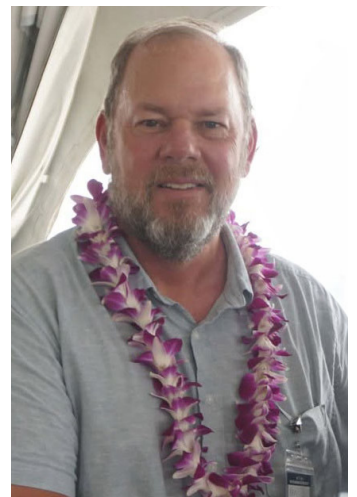
Keynote Speaker

CDR Michael J. Humara
Commanding Officer, USS Missouri (SSN 780)

Commander Michael J. Humara is the Commanding Officer of USS Missouri (SSN-780). A U.S. Naval Academy graduate, he has served aboard multiple submarines in the Pacific and Atlantic, including USS Louisville and USS Louisiana, where he supported strategic deterrent patrols.

He previously served as Executive Officer aboard USS Boise and brings extensive operational experience to his command of the newest USS Missouri, continuing the legacy of the ship and those who served before him.

40TH RECOMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY



40TH RECOMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY ~ STEEL BEACH PICNIC



40TH RECOMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY ~ STEEL BEACH PICNIC



40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMISSIONING SPEECH

Good Afternoon,

Ladies and Gentlemen, Honored Guests and USS Missouri Sailors past and present, thank you for being here today. I would like to thank Captain White, the base Commander of Pearl Harbor, I would like to thank President Michael Carr and the USS Missouri Memorial for hosting this event today, I would like to thank CDR Michel Humara, Commanding Officer USS Missouri SSN 780 carrying on the historic Legacy of the USS Missouri BB63 namesake. And I would like to also thank all the employees and volunteers who keep our ship in such fine shape. Bravo Zulu.

My title is President of the USS Missouri Association; Our Association exists to maintain and promote the USS Missouri BB63 and her former shipmates and to foster the spirit of camaraderie ship of the Most Historic and Last Battleship. Our other purpose is to remember the sacrifices to the crew members who served before us during the most turbulent of times of World War Two and Korea and later Desert Storm.



Jeff Clemmer, President

But this occasion is to recognize the demanding work bringing the USS Missouri from her sleep in the Reserve Fleet Bremerton Washington to this date we are celebrating May 10, 1986. But how did we bring a World War Two Battleship that was decommissioned 26 February 1955 to May of 1986 thirty-one years later? It took the vision of the Reagan administration and the Navy Secretary John Lehman; it took the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and NAVSEA Battleship Program which had successfully brought back the USS New Jersey our sister ship to the Missouri a few years earlier.

What I remember is the Leadership of Captain AL Kaiss and Executive Officer Andrew Fahay, the ships officers, The Chief Petty Officers and lastly the crew who worked long hours to bring our ship back. This was no small undertaking.

Our Ship had transformed from its World War strength of 2400 enlisted and 134 officers to our Recommissioning crew of 64 Officers and 1500 enlisted with a MARDET of 2 Officers and 38 enlisted. We had transformed 20mm and 40mm machine guns for Air Defense to Four Phalanx Close in Weapon Systems that could fire 50 rounds in one second, we had transformed from primary and secondary guns only to add 16 Harpoon Anti-ship missiles in canister mounts, we had added 32 Tomahawk cruise missiles in eight box launchers. These had all been upgraded with the most modern radar and fire control systems at the time.

The ship spent 7 months in dry dock, she had countless work completed on her 8 boilers and 4 turbines, she completed 4 light off examinations, she completed three sea trails ending with the last of April of 1986. She was ready for her big day in San Francisco. Our 887-foot, 58,000-ton Dreadnought was ready for voyage.

Now, what do we remember about our trip, I remember manning the rails and thinking how beautiful the view was if not for the cold wind blowing. I remember we spent extra time shining all the bright work inside and outside getting ready for our guests. I remember Liberty in San Francisco and how many hills this town had, sight seeing and getting back to the ship. I also remember rehearsing for the Second Commissioning, the details that were stressed, we were a very sharp looking crew.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMISSIONING SPEECH (CONT.)

That morning the ship's family started arriving to get their seats, The dignitaries who were in attendance, The Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, The ship's sponsor Margaret Truman, rear admiral Robert Toney (Commander Naval Base San Francisco), Captain George Fink (Long Beach Naval Shipyard Commander), The honorable John Ashcroft (Governor of Missouri), Dianne Feinstein Mayor of San Francisco.

I would like to read from the newspaper article I kept from San Francisco on that date about the Commissioning ceremony. The speeches were made from the Surrender deck area where the alter of peace was signed by the Japanese delegation for the unconditional surrender on September 2, 1945.

In an excerpt of Weinberger's speech prepared for the occasion, The Defense Secretary says of the recommissioned dreadnought: We send her back to sea with the renewed conviction, knowing that we must never retreat from the relentless pressure of those nations that wish to destroy the way of life that all of us so deeply cherish.

The most dramatic moment of the ceremony is set for 1154am when Captain Kaiss read his orders and declare Sir, United States Ship Missouri is in commission, and I am proud to assume command. Captain Kaiss then ordered the executive officer to "Call the crew of the Missouri to quarters and bring the Missouri to life."

1200 sailors, in their best dress blues, ran aboard the ship in a single file, lining the rails of the decks that soar 11 stories above the main deck.

The ship began to throb with power and the life as the sailors' man their battle station to the accompaniment of the ship's band playing anchors aweigh and the Marine Hymn and John Phillip Sousa marches.

With radar dishes turning, signal lamps flashing, pennants flying and the ship's great batteries of missiles and the huge guns rotating on their mounts, Missouri looks like a steel fortress, ready for war.

The recommissioning ceremonies concluded at 12:25 and were followed by VIP reception on the ship and on the pier. Another welcoming ceremony will be held at the City Hall and a party for the crew will be held at Brooks Hall at 7pm. The Missouri will get under way at noon Monday for her return to Long Beach where she will be temporarily based until it makes San Francisco its home port in 1989 or 1990.

In just four months after arriving back in Long Beach, the first battleship to circumnavigate the globe since the Great White Fleet of Teddy Roosevelt steaming over 26,313 nautical miles and visiting 8 countries reinforcing our Motto "Strength for Freedom".

As President of the USS Missouri Association, I would like to thank all of you for being here today to remember 40 years ago and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Reunion in 15-20 September which is being held in San Diego, California.

In closing, I would like to take a paragraph from the speech of John F. Kennedy to the plebes at the United States Naval Academy in August of 1963, just a few short months before he was assassinated. The former Skipper of PT 109 said "And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, he can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: I served in the United States Navy."

Thank you,
Jeff Clemmer
President, USS Missouri Association

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 **Norm Cummins** (916) 300-9260
9378 Morcott Way norm.cummins@yahoo.com
Sacramento, CA 95829

Norm has taken charge of setting up all of the details of our reunions 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 HEAVENBOUND4755@yahoo.com
Mondovi, WI 54755

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

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEAM

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

BB63BOSNM8@yahoo.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

LuckyAL1966@gmail.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 &

Robert H. Whaley III

Membership Chairman

490 Hicks Creek Rd

ussmissouriassnmembership@gmail.com

Troutman, NC 28166

Robert is responsible for 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
Association, Inc.**

63 Cowpens Street
Honolulu, HI 96818

curator@ussmissouri.org

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.

You may fill out the application on our website: USSMISSOURIASSOCIATION.COM

Or you may print out the following page and mail to:

**John McKinney
Scholarship Chairman
76 Ocean House Rd
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142**

Four \$1,000.00 scholarships were given out in 2026!

- **Addyson Whaley ~ Sponsored by Robert Whaley**
- **William Cummins ~ Sponsored by Norm Cummins**
 - **Hannah Houston ~ Sponsored by Jay Riggle**
 - **Emmarie Logan ~ Sponsored by Jerry Miller**

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. _____

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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
2026	San Diego, California	Jeff Clemmer
2027	New Orleans, Louisiana	

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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



2026 USS MISSOURI ASSOCIATION BANQUET RAFFLE 2026

This year's raffle will have 25 prizes to be awarded:

- (5) 1911 45 caliber engraved pistols
- (5) 9mm engraved pistols
- (5) 380 LCP engraved pistols
- (5) \$100 Gift cards
- (5) \$50 Gift cards

For a total of 25 chances to win this year. Drawing will be held September 19, 2026 at this year's reunion in San Diego, California. You do not have to be present to win.

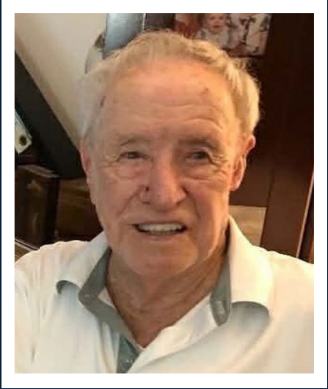
Our sponsor Sig Sauer has generously contributed an **M18 9mm Officers model pistol** to be awarded to one lucky attendee at this year's Banquet. Sig Sauer has been a steadfast supporter, and we want to express our gratitude for their continued backing of the USS Missouri Association. You must be present to claim the prize; this serves as an additional reason to attend this year's reunion. Also, ensure you have a paid ticket for the Banquet.

The second pistol to be given away this year for Banquet attendance is a **1911 .45 Caliber pistol**, engraved with the 40th Anniversary edition and featuring custom grips. This firearm was kindly donated by Jimmie Bruce (plank owner) and USS Missouri Association member. The custom work was completed by GMC John Miller, USN retired.



You must be present at the 2026 Banquet to win either the M18 9mm pistol or the 1911 .45 Caliber Pistol.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased by contacting any of our officers or when you register for the reunion. Get your tickets while they last, they are sure to sell out again this year. Good Luck!



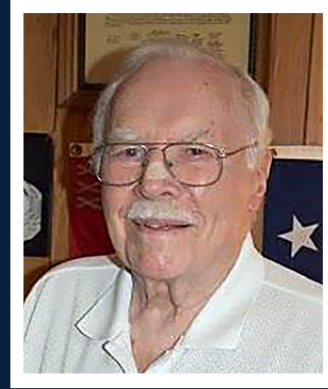
Clyde Edward Morrison

December 11, 1931 - January 20, 2026

Hailed from: Riceville, TN



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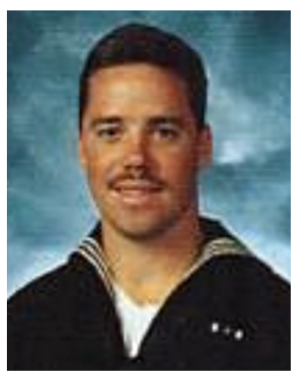
George William Eichman

June 22, 1927 - March 27, 2026

Hailed from: Punta Gorda, FL



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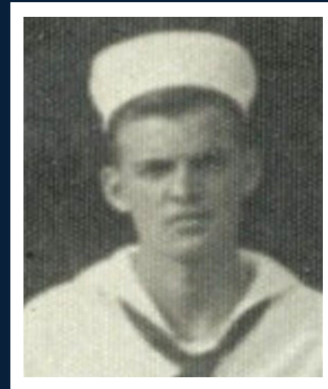
Peter Coleman Burkhart

November 14, 1964 - April 9, 2026

Hailed from: Louisville, KY



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Harold Edmond Douglass

December 22, 1932 - April 15, 2026

Hailed from: Catawba Island, OH



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REMEMBERING

Captain James A. "Al" Carney

September 6, 1939 - June 7, 2026

Hailed from: Fort Smith, Arkansas

The Battleship Missouri Memorial honors the memory of Captain James A. "Al" Carney, USN (Ret.), who served as Commanding Officer of USS Missouri (BB-63) from 1986 to 1988 during one of the ship's most significant chapters in modern history.

Following the battleship's recommissioning in 1986, Captain Carney led the Mighty Mo on her around-the-world deployment and later commanded the ship during Operation Earnest Will in the Persian Gulf, where USS Missouri helped protect international tanker convoys and ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz.

Captain Carney's leadership left a lasting impression on the Sailors who served under his command and helped shape the legacy of the Missouri during her Cold War service. As the final surviving Commanding Officer of USS Missouri following the passing of Captain Albert L. Kaiss in 2018, he represented an important link to the battleship's modern era and the generations of Sailors who served aboard her.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Betty Kate, his sons, Allen and Logan, his grandchildren, and all who knew and served alongside him.

Fair winds and following seas, Captain Carney. Mahalo for your leadership, your service, and your enduring legacy aboard the Mighty Mo.



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