



# PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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## Sequester Has Minimal Impact on Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

**Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (March 7, 2013)** — In the wake of the sequester three of the four Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will see a minimal impact in their operations. The federally funded USS *Arizona* Memorial, will now offer their last public tour at 1:00 p.m. as opposed to 3 p.m., but the non-profit Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park will all be operating as normal. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center with its numerous exhibits will remain open until 4:30 p.m., and shuttle service to the Battleship Missouri and Pacific Aviation Museum are unaffected.

“Unfortunately, the USS *Arizona* Memorial will see a reduction in visiting hours. However, this provides a great opportunity for guests to gain the full Pearl Harbor experience by visiting the *Arizona* early and using the rest of the day to explore the other historic sites,” said Mike Carr, president and COO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “Thanks to the amazing support of our members, donors, and daily visitors, it’s business as usual for the other Pearl Harbor Historic Sites.”

The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites’ hours of operation are as follows:

USS <i>Arizona</i> Memorial:	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Pearl Harbor Visitor Center	7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Battleship Missouri Memorial:	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
USS <i>Bowfin</i> Submarine Museum and Park:	7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor:	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

Welcoming approximately 1.7 million visitors each year, the Pearl Harbor attractions include several independent historic sites — some under the purview of the U.S. National Park Service and others operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, and in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, they carry forth the legacies of some of our nation’s most treasured icons. Although Pearl Harbor is one historic destination, there are four distinct sites to visit, each with its own story to tell. Each attraction is as compelling as the next and none that the visitor would want to miss. For more information on the four attractions at Pearl Harbor, visit [www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org](http://www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org).

### **WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument (USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials)**

The USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the recently designed WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The three ships’ memorials honor and commemorate all members of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors to the USS *Arizona* Memorial take a Navy launch to the memorial between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The USS *Oklahoma* Memorial is located on Ford Island

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next to the Battleship Missouri and can be accessed via the Battleship Missouri Memorial shuttle bus. Access to the USS *Utah* Memorial is limited to those with military IDs. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information visit [nps.gov/valr](http://nps.gov/valr), [PacificHistoricParks.org](http://PacificHistoricParks.org) or call 808-954-8778.

### **USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park**

Adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, the USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park, operated as a private, non-profit organization, is dedicated to the sacrifice of more than 3,500 submarine personnel lost in World War II. This gallant band of brothers, compromising less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, sank more than 5.5 million tons of enemy ships, while sustaining losses of 52 submarines that remain on Eternal Patrol. The USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Combined general admission to the submarine and museum is \$10 per adult and \$4 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 423-1341 or visit [Bowfin.org](http://Bowfin.org).

### **Battleship Missouri Memorial**

The battleship USS *Missouri* (BB-63) completed an astounding career spanning five decades and three wars — World War II, Korea and Operation Desert Storm — and is best known as the site of Japan’s WWII surrender, which brought history’s most devastating war to a close. The 887-foot, 45,000-ton “Mighty Mo” is open for visitors as the Battleship Missouri Memorial, operated as a private, non-profit organization on historic Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm or from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during summer months (June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-644-4896 or visit [USSMissouri.org](http://USSMissouri.org).

### **Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, a private, non-profit organization, occupies the WWII hangars and control tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our nation’s first aviation battlefield. Giving visitors a front-row seat to the Pacific Theater and presenting 35 aircraft and their stories, the museum was named “one of the Top Ten Aviation Attractions” by TripAdvisor®. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 441-1000 or visit [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org). Tickets and a free flight simulator coupon are available online.

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