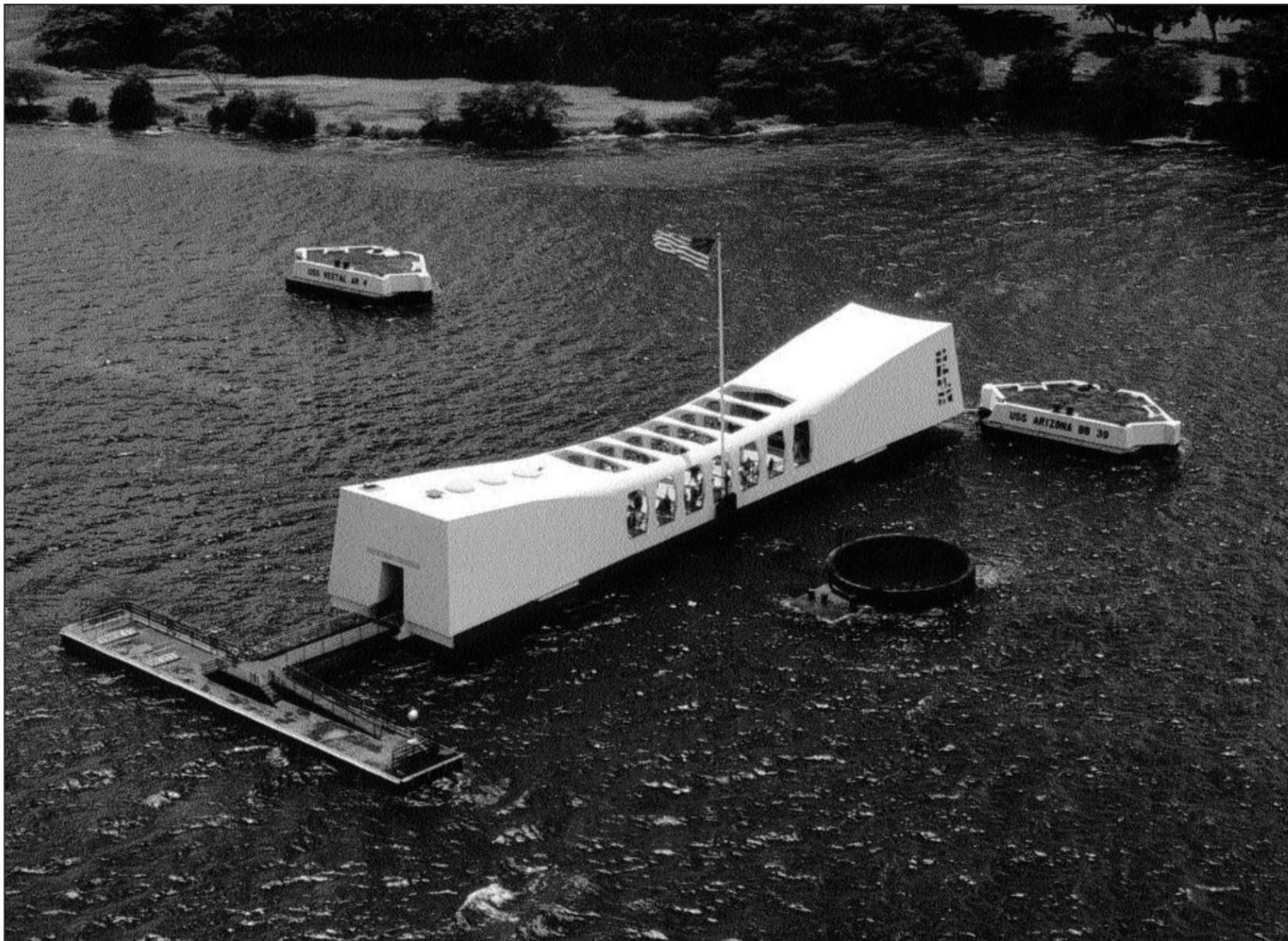


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...a treasure trove at Pearl Harbor



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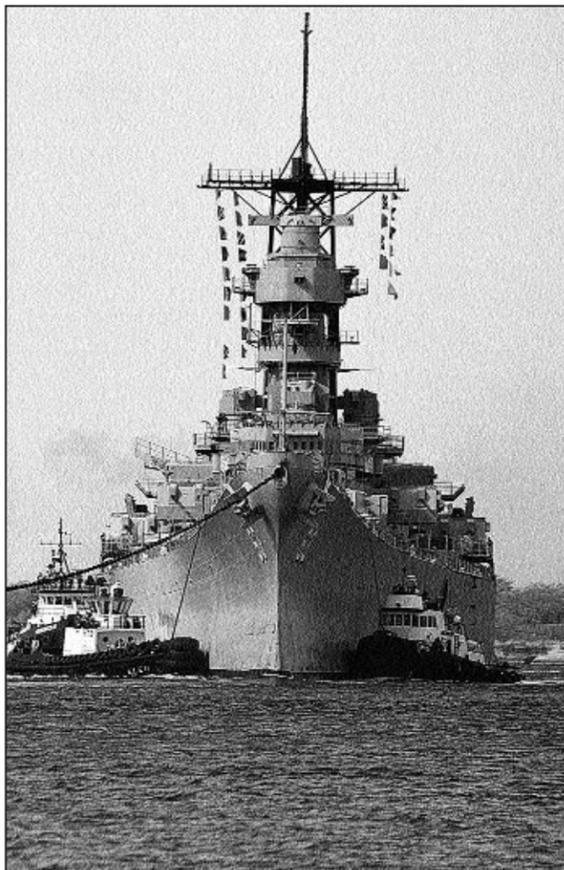
The USS Arizona Memorial (top) spans the sunken hull of the battleship that was sunk with 1177 Sailors and Marines onboard on December 7, 1941. Over one million people visit the memorial from all over the world each year.



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A visitor (above) to the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center views the timeline and facts that led up to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The battleship Missouri (BB-63) is towed into its new homeport of Pearl Harbor on June 22, 1998. The ship is now open to visitors 7 days a week from 8a.m. until 4 p.m.



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Pearl Harbor holds treasure trove for Naval history enthusiasts

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Pearl Harbor is a treasure trove for World War II history buffs.

That treasure is in the form of plaques — little bronze and brass commemorations of something or someone significant in Pearl Harbor's distant past.

Did you know a plaque marks the spot at Hospital Point overlooking where the battleship USS Nevada was beached when the Japanese attack hit Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941? Nevada, moored by herself, escaped the initial onslaught, but on fire and with a hole in her side, the ship steamed for the open sea. Nevada was in danger of sinking in the entrance to the harbor so she maneuvered her bow onto the beach at Hospital Point so the harbor would not be blocked.

After the attack, the ship was moved across the channel to Waipio Point. The monument to this ship can be reached by foot; a few minutes walk to the left along the park-like waterfront of Hospital Point.

Building One, home of Commander, Navy Region Hawaii was the location of the intelligence unit that cracked the principle Japanese naval code that helped the U.S. defeat numerically superior Japanese forces at Midway. A plaque marks the location on the first deck where "Station Hypo" deciphered the code.

The old Subase complex is loaded with

historical landmarks and buildings. Of note is Lockwood Hall, a 1934 Art Deco Bldg. and one of the architectural treasures on the base. Across the street is the Submarine Memorial Chapel, dedicated Sept. 10, 1944 in honor of all submariners who died in World War II. Other historical landmarks include the Beeman Center, Subase Memorial Park and USS Parche Memorial, Sharkey Theater and Grenfell Pool.

Across the harbor on Ford Island, a delayed-action bomb, apparently intended for the USS California hit the courtyard of the Ford Island dispensary, but did not explode. A tile with the engraving of a bomb and the date "Dec. 7, 1941" marks the event. Other Ford Island treasures include the ship's bell from USS Monterey, vintage aircraft hangars and tower and the old sea plane ramp.

Most importantly, the USS Utah, which was also sunk on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, it's in the mud of Pearl Harbor on the other side of Ford Island. A small memorial was constructed in 1972 to honor the 58 crewmembers still entombed in the ship.

While Pearl Harbor is famous for the Arizona and Missouri Memorials which beckon thousands of visitors each year. There is much, much more for history enthusiasts to discover concerning the Naval Station's history.

You just have to know where to look.