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U.S. Postal Service Honors Battleship USS Missouri with a Forever Stamp

What: The U.S. Postal Service celebrates the USS *Missouri* (BB-63) with a Forever stamp. The famed American battleship is being honored to coincide with the 75th anniversary of her commissioning on June 11, 1944. The battleship was affectionately nicknamed “Mighty Mo,” and had one of the most historic roles during World War II. On Sept. 2, 1945, military officials from the Allied powers and imperial Japan convened on her deck and signed the documents confirming Japan’s surrender and ending the war.

News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtags #USSMissouriStamps.

Who: USPS Acting Enterprise Analytics Vice President Jeffrey C. Johnson
USS *Missouri* Memorial Foundation President and CEO Mike Carr
Rear Adm. Brian P. Fort, U.S. Navy Region Hawaii
Rear Adm. Samuel Cox, U.S. Navy (Retired), Director, Naval History and Heritage Command, Curator of the Navy

When: Tuesday, June 11, at 11 a.m. HST

Where: Battleship *Missouri* Memorial
Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, HI 96818

RSVP: Dedication ceremony attendees are required to RSVP and determine access requirements at usps.com/ussmissouri

Background: The stamp art depicts *Missouri* from a low vantage point almost at sea level, cutting through the water at a moderate speed commensurate with entering or leaving port. Large and imposing in the frame, *Missouri* is shown in the disruptive camouflage she wore from her commissioning until a refit in early 1945. Clouds loom in the background, tinged with gold and rose from the sun's rays.

Designed by art director Greg Breeding, the stamp features a digital illustration created by Dan Cosgrove.

The USS Missouri stamp is being issued as a Forever stamps and will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

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