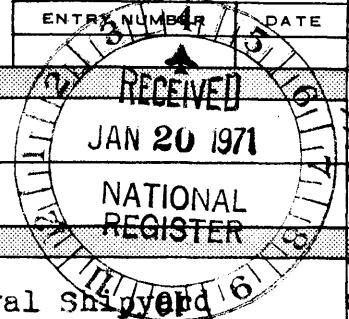


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington
COUNTY: Kitsap
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**1. NAME**

COMMON: USS Missouri (battleship)

AND/OR HISTORIC: "Mighty Mo"

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Moored in the west end of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

CITY OR TOWN: Bremerton

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Kitsap CODE: 035

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
US Govmt.			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: United States Navy Commander of Pacific Reserve Fleet

STREET AND NUMBER: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

CITY OR TOWN: Bremerton STATE: Wash. CODE: 53

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Commander of Pacific Reserve Fleet

STREET AND NUMBER: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

CITY OR TOWN: Bremerton STATE: Wash. CODE: 98310

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: Washington COUNTY: Kitsap ENTRY NUMBER: 71.5.53.0.008 DATE: 5/14/71 FOR NPS USE ONLY

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Part of mothball fleet at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

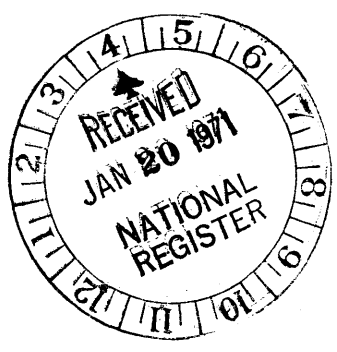
The ship is presently under the command of The Pacific Reserve Fleet, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton Wash.

There <sup>are</sup> is parking spaces for approximately twenty five cars at the head of the mooring dock for visitors. One large room is open on the Quarter Deck which has maps and documents on display, also dishes and utensils from the officers' mess.

A recording is given by pressing a button, which gives a brief history of the ship. This is adjacent to the Surrender Plaque, Bronze plaques are also near by giving historic information.

The ship is in state of preservation with "igloos" and/or "cocoon" covering the smaller guns and instruments. The accompanying brochure is available to all visitors and gives a good discription of the ship and its condition.

See souvenir brochure



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

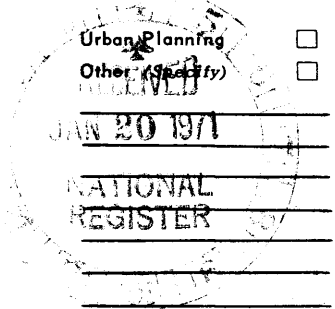
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Perhaps one of the world's best-known battleships, the USS Missouri serves now only as a tourist attraction on Bremerton's waterfront. She fought through parts of World War II and Korea. Came to Bremerton and was "moth-balled" Feb. 26, 1955. She is 888 feet long and was once the pride of the United States Navy. She was commissioned June 11, 1944, under the command of Capt. William M. Callaghan.

Built in Brooklyn Naval Shipyard the Missouri departed New York Nov. 11, 1944, via the Panama Canal to the Western Carolina Islands in the Pacific. From then until the end of hostilities she operated as a unit of various task groups. During this period she participated in actions supporting the seizures of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, carrier raids on Tokyo, Okinawa, Kyushu, and the Inland Sea area as well as the bombardments of Okinawa, Hokkaido, and Honshu. She was also engaged in anti-aircraft engagements of varying intensity.

The Missouri is credited with shooting down 11 Japanese planes and participating in nine shore bombardments.

On April 11, 1945, a Japanese pilot succeeded in crashing his damaged plane into the side of the ship but failed to inflict any casualties or other than superficial damage.

As the flagship of Adm. William F. Halsey, the Missouri was the scene of the signing of the formal instrument of surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945. This brief but historic ceremony is commemorated by a brass plaque set in <sup>IN THE DECK</sup> the forward starboard side of the ship, now known as the "surrender deck."

About the only move she has made since coming here was to outside the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard's security area to the westernmost pier at the shipyard in December 1967. That move was made to allow easier access to the famous ship and allow persons to take cameras aboard.

During 1968 nearly 200,000 persons visited her decks, mainly to read the famous words on the "surrender deck": "Over this spot on 2 September, 1945, the instrument of formal surrender of Japan to the Allied Powers was signed thus bringing to a close the second World War."

108 feet beam  
Security area  
26 1968

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Commandant Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton Wash.

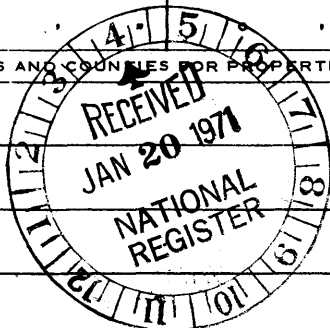
We have a book in our County Museum, "THE MIGHTY MO",  
published in 1969 by Superior Publishing Co.  
708 6th North  
Seattle, Wa.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Gideon Hermanson Kitsap County Liaison**

ORGANIZATION: **Kitsap County Historical Society Inc.** DATE: **May 19, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Rt-7-Box-7955 2003 Perry Ave.,**

CITY OR TOWN: **Bremerton 98310** STATE: **Washington** CODE: **46**  
~~Bainbridge Island 98110~~

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Charles H. Odegaard  
Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director,  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date January 27, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Conway  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**MAY 14 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. ...  
Keeper of the National Register

Date **APR 8 1971**

122° 39' 20"



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47° 33' 10"



USGS 7 1/2"  
 Quadrangle map  
 Bremerton West,  
 Wash. (1953)  
 32'30"  
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**National Register of Historic Places  
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**USS MISSOURI  
Kitsap County, Washington**

March 22, 2000

The USS Missouri is currently located at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship's relocation is not on a permanent basis, as of March 2000. This information was confirmed with M. Crowe of the Pacific Great Basin Regional Support Office, NPS.