

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE
USS MISSOURI (BB-63)**

- 58 feet in length.
- 68 feet wide.
- as 418,000 square feet of deck space.
- as 300 miles of electric cable.
- contains over 900 electric motors.
- 3 miles of piping.
- miles of fire hose.
- displaces 45,000 tons.
- christened by Miss Margaret Truman.
- as four 53,000 horsepower main engines.
- as eight 1250 KW turbo electric generators.
- can make 80,000 gallons of fresh water daily.
- more than 35,000 meals are served each week.
- 40,000 man-days went into plan design.
- 300,000 man-days went into construction.
- as on board complete hospital and dental facilities.
- as a uniform shop, tailor shop, barber shop, cobbler shop, bakery, laundry, soda fountain, post office, library, print shop, machine shop, electrical shop, welding shop, carpenter shop, and plumbing shop.
- as complete dial telephone system throughout entire ship.
- as accommodations for more than 3,000 officers and enlisted personnel.
- as steamed over half a million miles in over a decade of uninterrupted active duty.

**SOUVENIR COPY OF INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER PLAQUE
LOCATED ON SURRENDER DECK, USS MISSOURI**

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The instrument of surrender terminating the Second World War was signed in this ship, 2 September 1945, east longitude date, while she lay at anchor in Tokyo Bay.

The Allied Representatives Were

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.....
The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
 Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz..... United States of America
 General Hsu Yang-Chang..... Republic of China
 Admiral Sir Bruce A. Fraser.....
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 Lieutenant General Kuzma Nikolaevich Derevyenko.....
 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
 General Sir Thomas Blamey..... Commonwealth of Australia
 Colonel I. Moore Cosgrave..... Canada
 General Jacques Le Clerc..... Republic of France
 Air Vice Marshal Leonard M. Isitt..... Dominion of New Zealand
 Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich..... Kingdom of The Netherlands

With Their Staff and Observing Flag and General Officers

The Japanese Representatives Were

Mamoru Shigemitsu..... Japanese Foreign Minister
 General Yoshijiro Umezu.....
Chief of Staff, Japanese Army Headquarters

With Nine Staff and Observing Officers

At 0904, the Japanese representatives signed the instrument of their country's surrender. At 0908, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, signed for all the nations joined in the war against Japan. He was accompanied by Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright, the Commanding General at the fall of Corregidor in 1942, and by Lieutenant General Arthur Percival, the Commanding General at the fall of Singapore in the same year.

At 0912, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz signed for the United States. He was accompanied by Admiral William F. Halsey, Commander of the United States Third Fleet, and by Rear Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Deputy Chief of Staff to Admiral Nimitz. Representatives of the other Allied Nations then signed. This completed the *Ceremony of Surrender*.

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