

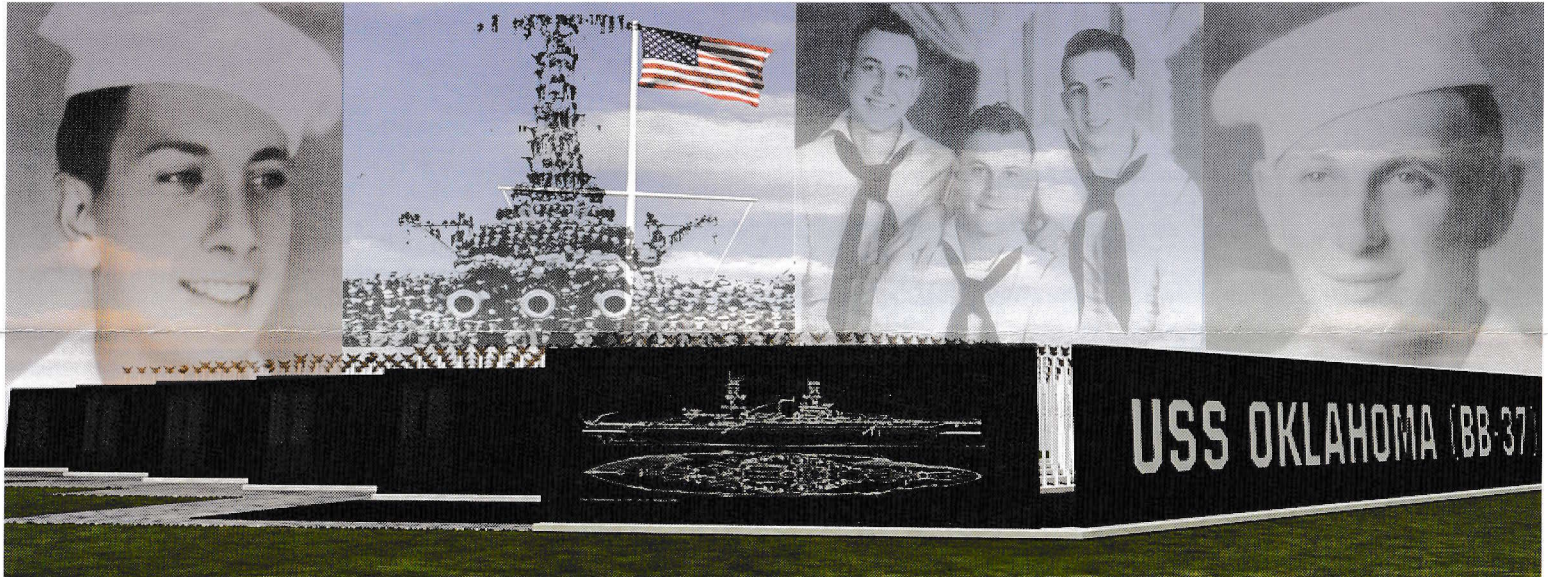
USS *Oklahoma* Memorial

National Park Service
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USS *Arizona* Memorial
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



Honoring the *Oklahoma*



Why a Memorial?

The USS *Oklahoma* Memorial stands to honor the 429 men who lost their lives aboard the *Oklahoma* on December 7th, 1941. These men were not only sailors and Marines, they were 429 brothers, sons, husbands, and fathers. Edward F. Slapikas, Sea1c, always lent a helping hand to younger sailors. John L. Wortham, GM2c, looked forward to returning to his wife and baby boy. Slapikas, Wortham and their crewmates never went home; on December 7th, Japanese torpedoes destroyed their ship and lives in mere minutes. Their memorial stands on the shores of Ford Island, next to the former berth of the *Oklahoma*. Those who escaped and swam ashore may have walked or crawled across this ground. To them these shores were a place of sanctuary, or a place they longed for as they lay trapped inside the capsized *Oklahoma*. For us, it is a place to remember.

Creating the Memorial

The horrendous number of deaths on the USS *Oklahoma*—429—was second only to the 1,177 men who perished aboard the USS *Arizona*. For almost 60 years, there was no memorial to commemorate the men or their ship. Part of the *Oklahoma* sat submerged near Ford Island while many of her crew lay in unidentified mass graves. At the ‘Punchbowl’ cemetery, where countless young servicemen rest, no one knew exactly where the *Oklahoma* crew was buried. It seemed to some that the *Okie* had been forgotten. Beginning in 2000, USS *Oklahoma* survivors, members of the USS *Oklahoma* Memorial at Pearl Harbor Committee, and hundreds of others came together to create the memorial. In 2006, President Bush officially signed the memorial into law as a national memorial entrusted to the National Park Service. On December 7th, 2007, the memorial was formally dedicated as an enduring reminder of the *Oklahoma* and her crew. To those listed at right we owe a debt of gratitude for their contributions to this effort.

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Architectural Theory

The memorial’s black granite walls suggest the once formidable hull of the *Oklahoma* while the white marble standards represent its lost sailors and Marines. Each perfectly aligned marble standard symbolizes an individual in pristine white dress uniform, inspired from the naval tradition of ‘manning the rails.’ In full dress whites the ship’s crew stand at attention along the rails or in the rigging of the ship to display respect and honor. The marble standards of this memorial stand perfectly straight, ‘manning the rails’ of the *Oklahoma*, forever.



Visiting the Memorial



To visit the memorial purchase shuttle tickets at the USS *Bowfin* ticket counter, just north of the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center. Combine the *Oklahoma* Memorial with visits to the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial Museum or the Pacific Aviation Museum, also located on Ford Island. Tickets include transport to all three sites. Personal cameras and one water bottle per visitor are permitted, but purses, handbags, camera bags or items that permit concealment are not allowed.

May We Never Forget Those of the *Oklahoma*



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