



Elfuns embark on a service adventure to help the Mighty Mo retain her glory.

Making history

How many Elfuns does it take to drape a 45,000 ton battleship almost three football fields in length?

The answer: 46 Elfuns – from 19 states. The Elfuns boarded the USS Battleship Missouri at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on August 27 to take part in a week-long volunteer service project to help the USS Missouri Memorial Association keep the historic battleship shipshape.

The week-long adventure was one in a series of service programs co-sponsored by GE Elfun and Exploritas (formerly known as Elderhostel).

Onboard the Elfuns accomplished a wide range of tasks including:

- Gutting, sanding, and de-barnaciling the Captain's gig
- Refurbishing water-tight hatches
- Painting the Officers' Pantry
- Analyzing the ship's electrical system for energy efficiency opportunities
- Documenting and filing the USS Missouri's blueprints
- Cleaning the Bridge navigation office and Captain's underway quarters
- Draping the ship with red, white and blue bunting for the commemoration of the 64th anniversary of the signing the treaty that officially marked the end of WWII

The week in Hawaii was not all work as the Elfuns also had a barbecue shipside dinner, heard educational presentations, spent a day at leisure, and in the process developed new life-long friendships.



It was full steam ahead as Elfun volunteers got busy scraping, polishing and refurbishing Mighty Mo.



The Bridge Gang

One of the most memorable events during the week was on September 2 when the Elfuns were VIP guests at the ship deck ceremony commemorating the Japanese surrender in World War II, which occurred 64 years ago this past September. The solemn event included the presence of Pearl Harbor survivors, military band music, and remarks from high-ranking government and military leaders.

During their time aboard the "Mighty Mo" the Elfuns presented a \$5000 contribution from GE Elfun to the USS Missouri Memorial Association to help maintain the ship as an historical site. The presentation was made by Richard Sullivan of Oaks, PA.



Elfun Dick Sullivan and Mike Carr, President, USS Missouri Memorial Association