



(top) On the fourth anniversary of V.J. Day in 1949, Missouri crewmen took part in a commemoration ceremony. (below) America's Iowa-class battleships (nearest the camera) USS Iowa, USS New Jersey, USS Missouri and USS Wisconsin steam in the line-abreast formation on June 7, 1954.

lone Seaman remained on deck to haul her ensign down.

Guns silent, engines stilled, bleached teakwood decks turning gray, USS Missouri spent three decades moored in Bremerton, Washington. Never forgotten by the public, more than 180,000

people paid their respects each year to the valiant lady at rest as part of the reserve fleet.

In May, 1984, the sleeping giant once again heard the call to arms. The United States Navy was recalling its dreadnoughts for modernization and updating.

These weapons platforms were needed for an expanded 600-ship Navy to lead battle groups and help establish the U.S. naval presence around the globe.

May 10, 1986. USS Missouri is recommissioned in San Francisco.

