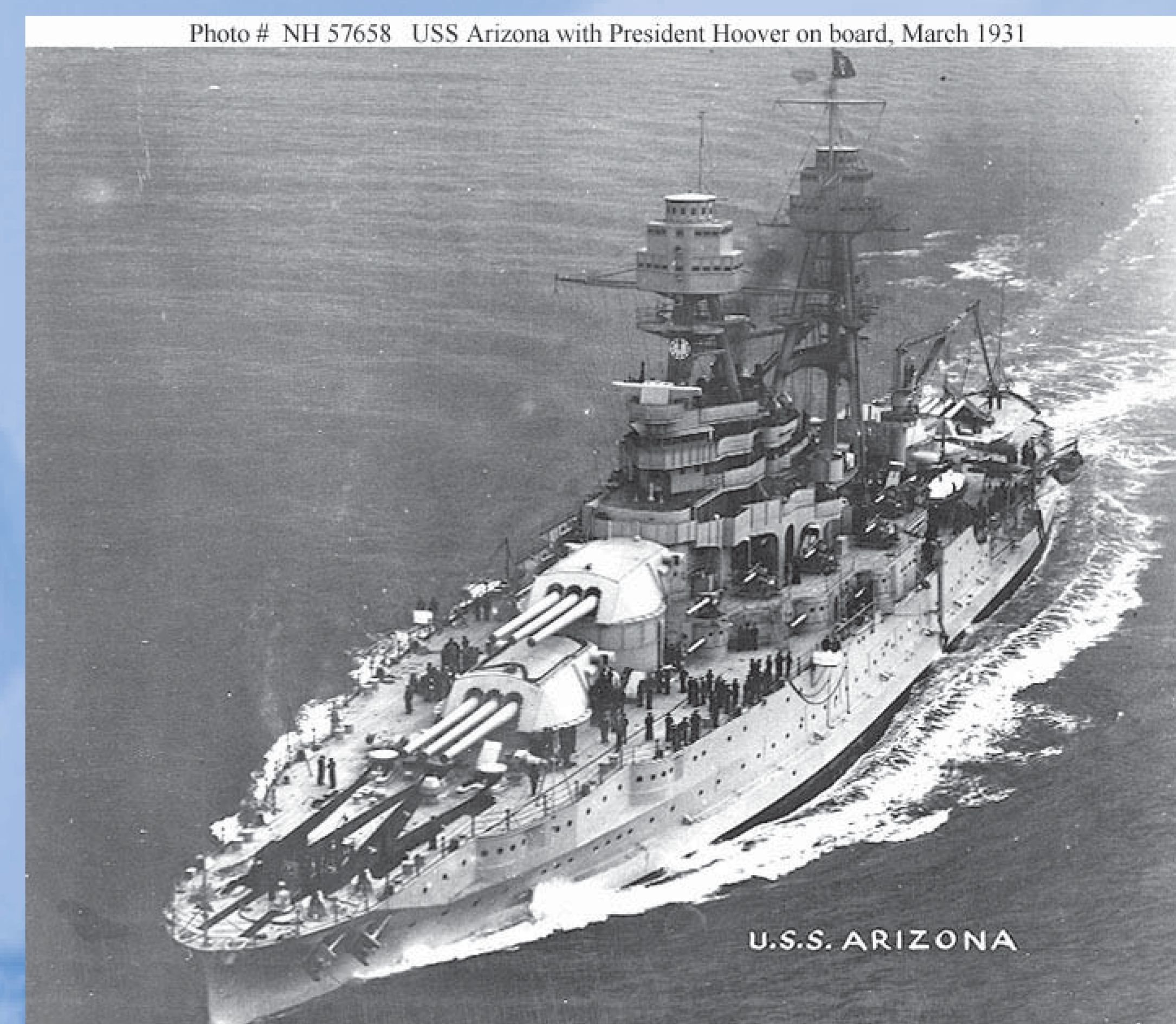




USS Arizona: Day of Infamy



USS *Arizona* was a 35,800 ton Pennsylvania class battleship built at the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York in October 1916 and refitted in 1931.



USS *Arizona*, March 1931. (US Naval Historical Center)



USS *Arizona*, December 7, 1941. (US Naval Historical Center)

On December 7, 1941 USS *Arizona*, bombed by Japanese carrier aircraft, sank in Pearl Harbor. Four bombs hit *Arizona*, one of which penetrated the upper deck and detonated the battleship's forward ammunition magazine. The ensuing explosion ripped the bow open and killed more than 1100 crewmen, sending the ship to the bottom of the harbor in less than nine minutes.

Today, *Arizona* lies in exactly the same position as it did after the attack more than 60 years ago. Submerged under 38 feet of water with only portions of its mainmast and its number three barbette above the surface, the ship has been designated a National Historic Landmark to honor those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor.



USS *Arizona* barbette (NPS Photo)



USS *Arizona* (NPS Photo by Brett Seymour)