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AS A NATION, WE ARE FOREVER  
INDEBTED TO THOSE WHO SERVE  
AND GIVE SO MUCH FOR OUR  
FREEDOM. WE ARE PROUD TO  
HONOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN  
AND SHARE THE STORIES OF  
THOSE WHO SERVED ABOARD  
THE USS ARIZONA IN 1941 IN  
THESE GARDENS – THE USS  
ARIZONA MEMORIAL GARDENS  
AT SALT RIVER.

### OVERVIEW:

Throughout history the contribution of American service men and women to our country's safety and peace has been immeasurable. For those who sacrificed for their country both in WWII and other U.S. conflicts, their service and dedication should never be forgotten. This memorial is in their honor. At the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River, guests will be immersed in the history of the USS Arizona, recount a detailed timeline of the attack on Pearl Harbor and read accounts of survivors. They will also see, up close and personal, a piece of the USS Arizona and the devastation of December 7, 1941 on its walls.

### BACKGROUND:

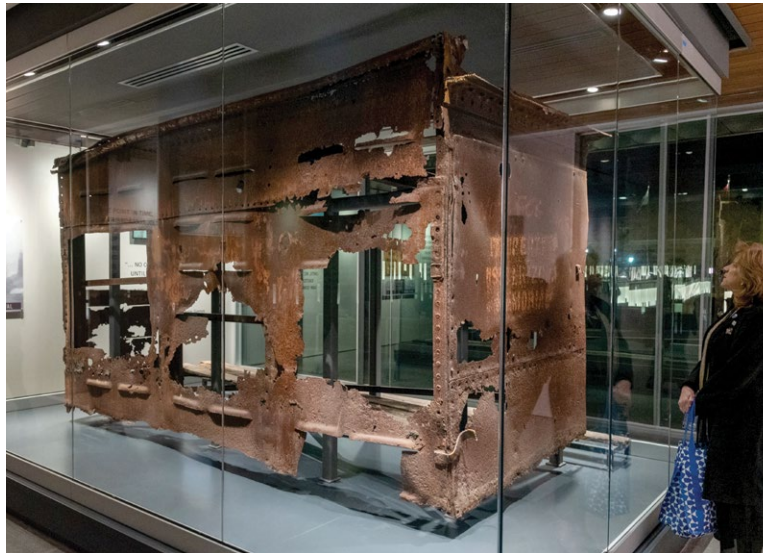
In 2007, a retired flag from the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor was awarded to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and it's American Legion Post 114. The honor of receiving this flag started a journey that forever changed the landscape of the SRPMIC and the state of Arizona. In 2018, the tribe received a large part of the superstructure of the USS Arizona (BB-39), identified as part of the original Boat House, and built the gardens around it. The Boat House relic served as the original memorial at Pearl Harbor for 10 years and is the largest and only piece ever given to a tribal community.





## HIGHLIGHTS:

The USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River spans the exact length and width of the USS Arizona with over 1,500 commemorative columns outlining the actual perimeter of the ship. Each column is representative of an individual aboard the Arizona on December 7, 1941. Each lit column represents an individual who perished during the attack and each column without a light represents an individual who survived. As night falls, each column glows internally with light, transforming the Gardens by memorializing each individual's internal light, one that will continue to glow and stand the test of time.



## THE BOAT HOUSE RELIC:

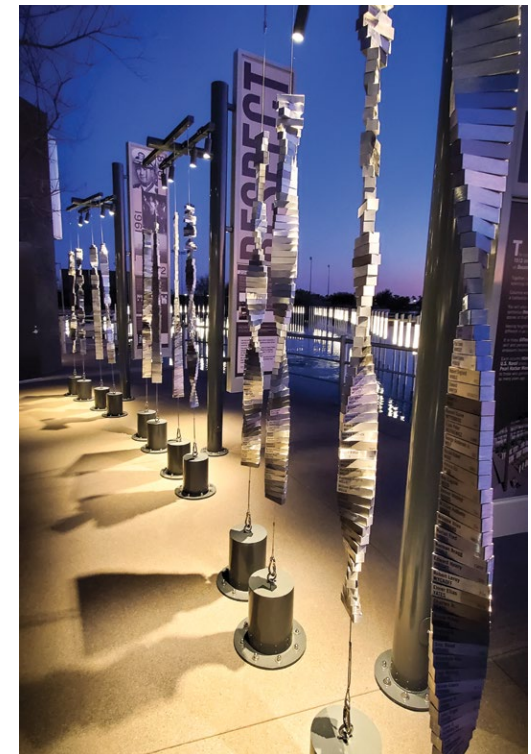
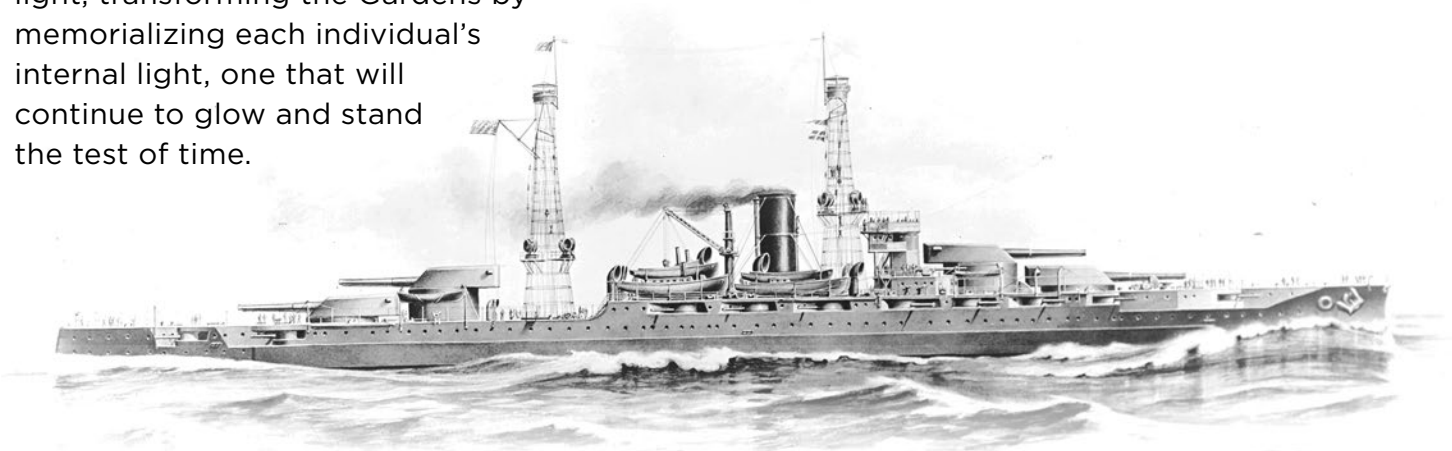
The 12ft x 5ft x 7ft, boat house relic is prominently displayed at the center of the Gardens, adjacent to the water's edge. It is enclosed in a temperature controlled case, positioned to provide visitors a peaceful place of seclusion from all other surroundings, and features a vantage point that spans across the water. It was purposely placed in the approximate location it once stood on the USS Arizona.

## NOT-TO-MISS FEATURES:

- Each person aboard the USS Arizona on December 7, 1941 is individually recognized on stacked blocks located just outside the relic room.
- Some of the architectural elements within the Gardens, including ground pavers, raised planters and the gathering circle, highlight the Salt River Indian Community's influence of art and culture on the project.

## LOCATION:

The Gardens are located between Salt River Fields at Talking Stick and Great Wolf Lodge Arizona on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (7455 North Pima Road). Parking is located at the Salt River Fields home plate lot.



## BY THE NUMBERS:

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**Space:** 5 acres

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**Relic size:** 12ft x 5ft x 7ft

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**Electrical wire:** 1.5 miles or 2,640 yards

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**Plants:** over 1,000 Xeriscape plants

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**Columns:** Over 1,500, 1,177 are lit, took 750 hours to install, some under water

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**Trees:** all rescued from original use park

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## HOURS:

Open daily, dawn until dusk, FREE and open to the public

## TOURS & MORE INFORMATION:

For guided tours and for more information on how to donate, call 480-362-2700 or visit [USSArizonaSaltRiver.com](http://USSArizonaSaltRiver.com)



Located on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa  
Indian Community between Great Wolf  
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