

# The Royal Court Convenes for Shellback Ceremonies aboard the U.S.S. Missouri



## Description

Sailors in costume and military and civilian personnel throng the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri as the Royal Court of Neptunus Rex holds ceremonies designed to turn pollywogs (those crossing the equator for the first time) into shellbacks. President Harry S. Truman (not shown), on his way back from Brazil, is one of the pollywogs. From: Truman Home.

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