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When historians recall the U.S.S. Missouri, most think of the battleship on which Japan unconditionally surrendered to the Allied Forces on Sept. 2, 1945, marking the end of World War II. Now a new vessel — a 77-foot long Virginia-class nuclear-powered submarine — bears the name of the Show-Me State.

Mizzou has plenty of ties to the sub, including its sterling silver service, a traditional formal tea and coffee set. The set was named in honor of Capt. Glennon Sieve, BS '70, MS '71, a U.S. Navy veteran who died of pancreatic cancer in October 2001. Sieve's fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, raised \$12,500 to fund the commissioning of the ship's silver service. The submarine's quarters also feature encased Mizzou basketball and football jerseys autographed by coaches Mike Anderson and Gary Pinkel.






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Cmdr. Tim Rexrode, skipper of the U.S.S. Missouri, and Gov. Jay Nixon, BA '78, JD '81, spoke at a ceremony honoring the vessel's commissioning committee Oct. 5, 2010, at the capitol in Jefferson City, Mo. Committee Chairman Sam Bushman presented commemorative plaques to representatives from businesses such as Boulevard Brewing Co. and Jack Stack Barbecue. Stone Hill Winery, which provided the wine served at the December 2009 commissioning ceremony in Groton, Conn., also gave bottles of Missouri vintage to committee members and several representatives from more than 20 companies that raised more than \$300,000 to sponsor multiple events.

"The commissioning was a moment of great pride for all Missourians," Nixon said. "Being a land-locked state several hundred miles from the nearest ocean, Missouri has certainly achieved a high degree of prominence in the history of the United States Navy."

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