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From the Desk of the President

Shipmates,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and is enjoying their New Year!

Due to an error in the mailing list for the last newsletter; there was a second mailing that went out to the missing names. If, for some reason you still have not received your previous newsletter and would like a copy, please contact Bryan Moss. I am very sorry that this occurred and it will not happen again.



Our Nashville Reunion is shaping up quite nicely. We will be at the Nashville Airport Hotel from August 12-16, 2017. Paul Ogg is working diligently on getting the tours in place and sounds like it's going to be a grand time. Please make sure you read Paul's note in our newsletter for all the details and registration information.

Our website for the USS Iowa Veteran's Association is currently being updated and should be able to view the upgrades by the time you receive this newsletter or shortly after.

The #270 Gun Barrel needs our help! We need to advertise in our local VFWs, American Legions, Veterans organizations, etc. Do any of you know any companies that would like to help with corporate sponsorship towards this project? If so, please contact Ken Leff.

Fair Winds & Following Seas,

Michael J. (Muddrum) Meldrum Sr.

From the Executive Vice President

The reunion for 2017 is shaping up. Here is some of the information I have so far:

Location: NASHVILLE AIRPORT HOTEL,
2200 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

Dates: Saturday 12 August 2017 - Wednesday, 16 August 2017

Room Rate \$125
Tour Days -
Sunday, Monday and
Tuesday
Crews Meeting -
Wednesday

Banquet - Wednesday
Checkout - Thursday

\$125 room rate available on nights of 11 August and 17 August depending on room availability.

Website - hinashville.com

Phone number for direct access to the hotel - 615-883-9770.

Code for online reservations - ussi.

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Hotel restaurant



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Taps



It took a ship to join us firm,
As a brotherhood at sea,
Whose times we shared,
Both good and bad, which I hold dear to me.
Though you are gone, the life you lived is held within me still,
I long for the day, at Heaven's gates, we'll share again that thrill,
Of ship and mates and voyages, which together we all shared,
And the close-knit brotherhood we formed 'tween those of whom we cared.

Brad Goforth

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BURNS, ALBERT W.	1ST DIV	51-55	MG1
MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM W.	B DIV	48	FN
EVANS, GEORGE	B DIV	51-53	MM3

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SUN AUG 13 GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT BRUNCH CRUISE TOUR 11 am - 3 pm

Enjoy a 2 ½ hour cruise on the Cumberland River while enjoying a Sunday Brunch Buffet.

After lunch, you'll enjoy a show with live entertainment including music, song & dance.

Note: Actual 2017 cruise show description and menu not available at this time.

Tour includes:

- Deluxe Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide/Escort
- General Jackson Showboat Bruch Cruise with Entertainment
- All taxes & handling fees



MON AUG 14: MUSIC CITY TOUR 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Your knowledgeable and experienced tour guide will meet you at your hotel and begin your sightseeing tour of Music City.

Drive through Music Row where you'll learn about the recording industry from songwriting to record producers to famous recording studios and the performance rights organizations ASCAP & BMI who monitor airplay of songs all over the world, so that the songwriters get paid. An enlightening & entertaining narrative will include the downtown area with some of its colorful history & beautiful architecture. Also, drive by the historic Ryman Auditorium, world famous Tootsie's Orchid Lounge on Honky Tonk Row, the original Ernest Tubb Record Shop, the State Capitol and more.

You'll learn about Tennessee's rich history with a drive through Bi-Centennial Mall Park and view The Parthenon, the world's only exact scale replica of The Parthenon from Athens Greece in our city's Centennial Park.

Tour includes:

- Deluxe Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide
- Ryman Auditorium Museum (self-guided)
- All taxes & handling fees



MON AUG 14, EXPLORE MUSIC CITY TOUR 8:30 am – 3:30 pm (includes stop for lunch on their own)
~~ OUR MOST POPULAR & WELL LOVED TOUR ~~

Your knowledgeable and experienced tour guide will meet you at your hotel and begin your sightseeing tour of Music City.

Drive through Music Row where you'll learn about the recording industry from songwriting to record producers to famous recording studios and the performance rights

organizations ASCAP & BMI who monitor airplay of songs all over the world, so that the songwriters get paid.

You'll stop at Historic RCA Studio B, one of the world's most famous studios. Over 35,000 songs were recorded here by artists such as Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, and even more recently, Martina McBride and Carrie Underwood. Hear the stories behind the legendary recordings and view some of the original instruments used in producing over 1,000 hit records on this private guided tour.

Then you're off to the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum where you can explore the many, ever changing exhibits telling the story of country music all the up to today's contemporary artists.

An enlightening & entertaining narrative will include the downtown area with some of its colorful history & beautiful architecture. Also, drive by the historic Ryman Auditorium, world famous Tootsie's Orchid Lounge on Honky Tonk Row, the original Ernest Tubb Record Shop, the State Capitol and more.

You'll learn about Tennessee's rich history with a drive through Bi-Centennial Mall Park and view The Parthenon, the world's only exact scale replica of The Parthenon from Athens Greece in our city's Centennial Park.

Tour includes:

- Deluxe Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide
- Historic RCA Studio B Admission (guided tour)
- Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum Admission (self-guided tour)
- All taxes & handling fees



TUES AUG 15, GRAND OLE OPRY TOUR 6-9:45 pm

It's the show that made Nashville famous...since 1925, the longest running radio show in radio history celebrates its 93h Anniversary in 2017 and this night is sure to be full of excitement. Dedicated to honoring country music's rich history, the Grand Ole Opry showcases a mix of country legends & the contemporary chart-toppers who have followed in their footsteps.

Tour includes:

- Deluxe Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide
- Reserved seat ticket to the Grand Ole Opry (Tier 2 seating)
- All taxes & handling fees

TUES AUG 15, GRAND OLE OPRY DINNER TOUR

4:45-9:45 pm

Begin the evening at Mission BBQ who not only serve great BBQ but they also strive every day to remind everyone what makes our country great – our heroes & that's YOU! This restaurant is passionate for BBQ & patriotic for our country as you will see the M35, a 2.5 ton military carrier at the entrance as well as the inside décor. Bring your branch patch & leave on the wall.

A restaurant that gives back to heroes like you. From firefighters, policemen to military heroes \$2 per person will be donated

Then it's on to the show that made Nashville famous... since 1925, the longest running radio show in radio history celebrates its 93rd Anniversary in 2017 and this night is sure to be full of excitement. Dedicated to honoring country music's rich history, the Grand Ole Opry showcases a mix of country legends & the contemporary chart-toppers who have followed in their footsteps.

Tour includes:

- Deluxe Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide
- Dinner at Mission BBQ
- Reserved seat ticket to the Grand Ole Opry (Tier 2 seating)
- All taxes & handling fees

Some asked for information on local campgrounds.

- Two Rivers Campground- 615-883-8559
- Nashville KOA- 615-889-0286

I'll provide more information as things firm up.

Paul Ogg



Notes from Members

I am sorry to inform you that two more members of the Iowa's 8th Division Marine Detachment have recently passed away. Both were veterans of the World War Two complement, and I knew them both well!

John P. Moore, a plankowner, left us in October of 2016, and Raymond J. Soetaert departed on November 13, 2016. Both men were 92 years old.

R.I.P. old buddies. Semper Fi.

PFC Francis E Welsh, USMC

Note from the Treasurer

The Iowa Veteran's Association's balances are healthy. There is a cash balance \$68,688.87. There was a donation of \$775 to PBC for pins given to the crew of the PBC that work on the ship. Current expenses are minimal.

Bryan Moss

From the Editor's Desk



Fellow Shipmates,

There are a lot of things going on in the life of our ship and the Association. Shore power has been provided (finally) to the ship. That means we no longer have to rely on pierside generators. Their programs, like Camp Battleship, Battleship Science and other youth learning programs as well as the Admiral Samuel L. Graveley Essay

Contest are keeping our ship alive and vibrant in the Los Angeles area. The board is working with the Pacific Battleship Center to provide a list of our members so that we can all receive free membership in the organization. If any of you have the chance to go back and see our ship, I would urge you to go and see, first-hand, the good things they are doing.

As you can see, Paul Ogg is setting up a great reunion in Nashville this year. You will notice two options for the Music City tour and the Grand Ol' Opry visit. This should help people who may not want to spend longer hours on tours. I hope you all will sign up and be a part this year.

Once again, I welcome input for the newsletter. I am glad to share your thoughts and experiences with the rest of the crews.

Have a great year and hope to see you in Nashville!

The Veteran's Association of the USS IOWA (BB-61) is seeking your help!

We intend to save the last remaining 16-inch/50 barrel from the USS Iowa

We are seeking your help to raise funds to move #270, the first gun placed on USS Iowa in 1943, to the Iowa Point Memorial site at Naval Station Norfolk, VA. and save her from being scrapped. All donations are greatly appreciated; donors of \$100 or more will receive a specially minted challenge coin. For more information please contact: Ken Leff at kenl636@hotmail.com

Please donate today to save this important piece of USS Iowa history

Please make payment to: Pacific Battleship Center and designate your donation as "restricted for use by Iowa Veterans Association - #270 Gun Barrel Project." Send to: Veterans Association of the USS Iowa c/o Pacific Battleship Center, 250 S. Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA 90731

*Please donate today to save the USS Iowa 16-inch/50 barrel.
Please complete the form below and make your payment today!*

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Donate: _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ Other Volunteer for this project?: _____

Pledge: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

Donations may be tax deductible, please contact your tax professional.

Please make payment to: Pacific Battleship Center and designate your donation as "restricted for use by Iowa Veterans Association - #270 Gun Barrel Project." Send to: Veterans Association of the USS Iowa c/o Pacific Battleship Center, 250 S. Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA 90731. Below are the images of the USS Iowa Memorial and Iowa Barrel #270.



TESORO CORP. GIVES \$450K GRANT FOR DAY OF DISCOVERY PROGRAM

L.A. WATERFRONT, CA

The Pacific Battleship Center (PBC) has received a generous grant of \$450K from Tesoro Corporation in support of its Day of Discovery Program aboard Battleship IOWA.

“We are grateful for Tesoro’s generosity. It affords us the opportunity to do more outreach in the local community, reaching more children and providing unique educational services,” said Joshua Stutz, Education Programs Manager for the Battleship IOWA Museum.

The Battleship IOWA Museum hosts thousands of school students each year allowing them the opportunity to participate in STEM education programming in a real world maritime environment. As one of the museums most popular youth educational programs, Day of Discovery provides onsite activities that provide memorable learning experiences for the leaders of the future. The grant will help to expand STEM outreach over the next tree years.

“Tesoro is committed to collaborating with our stakeholders and community partners to provide cleaner and safer environments where we operate,” said Ken Dami, director of government and public affairs for Tesoro. “Enhancing students’ participation in STEM-related degrees and careers is a core part of our philanthropic mission, and we are proud to support the Pacific Battleship Center and its Day of Discovery program.”

PBC is currently looking to expand its educational programming by creating a new state-of-the-art, innovative Virtual Learning Center for students in 2017. Support from corporations and businesses, such as Tesoro, will greatly help make this a reality.

Battleship IOWA is the West Coast’s only Battleship open to the public. Operated by the nonprofit Pacific Battleship Center (PBC), the IOWA opened on July 7, 2012 as an interactive naval museum at the L.A. Waterfront. It is dedicated to “Celebrating the American Spirit” through the preservation and interpretation of the Battleship IOWA. By sharing the accomplishments and sacrifices of American patriots and engaging visitors in unique and exciting ways PBC bring the ship to life by connecting the past with the future.

Battleship IOWA is open to the public daily from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information on these events and more, please visit www.pacificbattleship.com.



SAILOR REUNITES WITH OLD SHIP

VALENCIA MAN PLAYED ROLE IN BRINGING HISTORIC SHIP TO LOS ANGELES

By Matt Thacker

SAN PEDRO – Bryan Moss walks up the gangway, stops and salutes twice – first the American flag, and then the officer of the deck – before boarding the USS Iowa.

A light breeze flows from Los Angeles Harbor on an early Saturday morning in July. A couple hours later, the West Coast’s only battleship museum will open for the day, and hundreds of visitors will tour the World War II-era ship. But Moss has early and almost unfettered access.

“Go wherever you want to go,” one security officer tells him. “It’s your ship, Bryan, as far as I’m concerned.” Once a month, the 82-year-old Moss drives 60 miles from his home in Valencia to visit the USS Iowa, which he served on at age 18 during the Korean War. Six decades after the war, he helped bring the 45,000-ton ship to Los Angeles.

“They treat me like a king around here,” he says.

Dodged Bullet

Moss, born and raised in Glendale, joined the U.S. Navy on Nov. 1, 1951. He served four years active duty – reaching the rank of petty officer, first class – followed by four years in the reserves. Moss says he joined the Navy because he did not want to be drafted into the Army or Marines. Two weeks into boot camp, he learned that he had received a draft notice for the Marine Corps.

“I literally dodged a bullet,” he says.

Moss served as a radioman on the USS Iowa from March 1952 until October 1953. He taught himself Morse code for three months before the ship arrived in North Korean waters in April 1952.

Although the Iowa was heavily involved in the war

– shelling key North Korean locations – Moss says his memories from that time are mostly positive. He notes the ship was shot at 17 times and never hit while he served.

“It was all good,” he says. “I went to places I had never been.”

FBI

As a rookie, he would spend hours a day playing pinochle in Radio 3, a room where the backup radiomen worked. Sometimes he would rotate to the main radio room where he would take down messages delivered in Morse code.

Moss would translate the signals into letters and numbers, which would tell the cryptologists where to set the wheels on their machines to retrieve messages.

After leaving the Navy, Moss worked as an FBI radio specialist from 1956 to 1966 and later worked for a printing company, spending several decades in business before retiring in 1997 and moving to Valencia.

His 18 months as a radioman on the Iowa remained with him throughout his career. Even now, his cellphone ringtones are in Morse code.

So Moss decided to take action in 2008 after he found out the ship, which was decommissioned in 1990, was rusting away in Suisun Bay near San Francisco and in danger of being turned into scrap metal. In 2006, the Navy announced it would be willing to donate the ship to a private organization.

“They weren’t doing a damn thing with it,” Moss says. “It was just sitting and rotting. They were going to cut it up.”

Collaboration

Moss contacted Robert Kemt, who had been trying to bring a warship to Long Beach, about placing a bid for the USS Iowa. But bidding had already closed with the Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square of Vallejo determined to be the only viable candidate.

That group wanted to move the ship to a naval complex near San Francisco. Moss says he and Kemt formed a group of eight or nine men, created a nonprofit called the Pacific Battleship Center and began lobbying. Moss was able to connect with former Rep. Howard “Buck” McKeon, who had been chairman of the Armed Services Committee. ted to move the ship to a naval complex near San Francisco.

“I said I’d like to get my ship back out to bid,” he says.

Three weeks after the meeting, in May 2010, bidding was reopened. The group received support from the city of Los Angeles after not finding a suitable location in Long Beach.

The Navy awarded the ship to Pacific Battleship Center in September 2011, citing the Vallejo group’s lack of progress. Pacific Battleship had raised \$9 million, including \$3.5 million awarded by the state of Iowa.

New Home

In June 2012, the ship was towed to San Pedro, where it was permanently anchored at Berth 87. The museum opened the next month – on Fourth of July weekend. Moss says he felt no sense of nostalgia when he stepped foot onto the ship in 2012 for the first time since 1953.

“The ship’s not the ship I was on,” he said. “The hull looks the same, but the innards are different.”

Most equipment from the Korean War era has been replaced, but Moss says it’s important to preserve history.

“I did what I did when I felt I had to do it. This ship has lots of history,” he says.

The ship, nicknamed the “Battleship of Presidents,” was commissioned in 1943 and hosted three U.S. presidents. A bathtub and an elevator were installed for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean aboard the Iowa in 1943 for a meeting with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed during an explosion in the Turret 2 Gun Room near Puerto Rico. Months later, the ship was decommissioned as the Cold War came to an end.

Today, more than 1,200 volunteers help with the museum. During the summer, up to 1,500 people a day visit the ship over the weekend.

Moss says he is grateful that his ship is now open to the public.

“It’s part of my life,” he says. “I served my country.”

BATTLESHIP USS IOWA’S ‘LIVING MUSEUM’

PBC

They call her “The Big Stick.”

It’s a nickname aptly earned.

She’s the battleship USS Iowa, still bristling with firepower after being decommissioned and harbored as a floating museum in the Port of Los Angeles’ Berth 87 since July 4, 2012.



Southwestern Academy Students aboard Iowa.
(SW Academy)

Four years later, in time for another Fourth of July weekend, the Iowa will unveil its revamped “museum within a museum,” which relates the history of this fighting ship from its inception in 1943 to its last decommissioning in 1990. Its ribbon-cutting ceremony, which is open to all visitors who purchase a tour ticket, is set for Thursday.

“We are constantly evolving in our efforts to show what life was like on this battleship,” said Andrew Bossenmeyer of Anaheim, spokesman for the Pacific Battleship Center, which oversees the USS Iowa and its more than 1,200 volunteers.

An interactive tour app is included in the price of admission. According to Bossenmeyer, it allows the visitor to get a sense of day-to-day life on the ship, including what it was like to fire the 16-inch guns.

The revamped museum features a 360-degree panorama of images detailing the ship’s compartments, particularly areas closed off to the public for safety. Click on a photo and you can see it from every angle as it rotates.

Arguably the most important addition to the museum is a station dedicated to one incredibly tragic day in the life of the Iowa.

On April 19, 1989, during training exercises 260 nautical miles off Puerto Rico, an explosion rocked Turret 2, which housed three of the battleship’s nine massive, 16-inch guns.

The blast killed 47 sailors. The explosion did what no enemy could do during World War II, the Korean War and the Cold War.

Despite several investigations, no official conclusion was reached as to what caused the blast. Theories run the gamut from foul play and the arrangement of gunpowder to the over-ramming of powder bags.

“We may never know what exactly caused the explosion,” said Dave Canfield of Meadow Vista, chief information officer for Pacific Battleship Center.

Robert Sabo, the ship’s photographer at the time, took a series of images after the blast, which are weaved into the museum video display. Sabo’s three-minute slideshow runs with a haunting 1996 song, “Iowa,” by Dar Williams.

Canfield, who served on the ship 1987-89, retired from the Navy in 2008. He was there to witness the devastation after Turret 2 blew up, and says he has to be “in the right frame of mind” whenever he visits the museum.

“I try not to be in here too often,” said Canfield.

And for good reason.

The first time Canfield saw the video, the horrific events of that day rushed back. “I had to check the video and make sure it was looping correctly,” said Canfield. “By the time it was over I was down on the floor crying. Those were my friends and fellow sailors.”

“A lot of people remember the Iowa for that explosion,”

added Dave Way of Huntington Beach, the ship’s historian and museum curator.

“But we want people to understand it was just one day in the life of this great ship,” noted Canfield.

It’s also a way to educate youngsters who don’t know much about the Navy, according to Way, who points out that free tours are offered as field trips for schools.

“San Pedro used to be a big Navy town until (President Franklin Delano) Roosevelt moved the fleet to Hawaii,” he said. Way, 61, grew up in Long Beach and lives in Huntington Beach. He worked on the Queen Mary for 11 years before finding his way to the Iowa.

Both Canfield and Way see the Turret 2 exhibit as an opportunity to heal old wounds.

At one end is a hatch cover mangled by the explosion, with much of the paint burned off. “People forget that after the explosion, there was a 90-minute fire the crew had to battle to put out,” Canfield said.

The Turret 2 tour begins with an overview of gunnery and “just what a dangerous business it is,” according to Way.

It segues to other historical ship accidents, including another Turret 2 explosion in 1924 aboard the battleship USS Mississippi that killed 48 sailors off San Pedro. A plaque donated by the nearby Maritime Museum commemorates that event.

Soon, the museum will take possession of the American flag that flew on the Iowa’s mast on the fateful day of its accident.

“We got a call not long ago from a USS Iowa veteran who has the flag and is donating it to us. It will probably go right here,” said Way, pointing to an open spot on the bulkhead amid the Turret 2 exhibit.



USS Iowa in San Pedro (SW Academy)



IOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

WELCOME ABOARD!

Available Membership Categories:

_____ Full Membership: Must have served aboard the USS IOWA(BB-61) as either part of the ship's crew or in one of the following capacities (military and civilian): embarked staff, flight and air group personnel, technicians, news media, Secret Service or FBI personnel, instructors and training personnel. Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00
Spouse Name: _____

_____ Honorary Member: The Widow, Mother or Father of an individual who meets the "Full Member" requirements. (No dues are required for honorary members) Please indicate Crewmember
Name: _____ Relationship: _____

_____ Any family member of a former crewman is eligible to become an Associate Family Member (AFMBR) upon request. (Sister, Brother, Aunt, Uncle, etc.) Please indicate Crewmember
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Annual Membership
Dues: \$20.00

_____ Any Naval or Battleship enthusiast, or anyone interested in the preservation of the USS IOWA, may become an Associate Member (ASMBR) upon request. Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00

NAME: _____ /Spouse Name _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: (____) ____ - _____

YEARS SERVED ON USS IOWA: 19__ to 19__ DIVISION: _____ RATE/RANK: _____

Comments: (E-mail or postal mail preferences, comments, or suggestions): _____

Please mail this form along with your check or money order payable to:
The Veterans Association of the USS Iowa (BB-61)
24307 Magic Mountain Parkway #342
Valencia, CA 91355

Ship's Store



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS SHIPMATES, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Your Ship's Store has just closed out what I consider to be a good 2016. In the last 11 months since the torch was passed to me there has been enhancements in advertising, displaying, merchandise selection and payment capabilities. The upcoming 2017 year will hold more of the same.

We are still working on getting the USSIowa.org website updated and functional. The enhancements envisioned and my main focus, will include a more streamlined Ships Store inventory selection and ordering system, renewing and updating Membership information, submitting Reunion Registration including Tours and Menu selection, an ongoing Assn Projects section including the capability for Donations to be made and a payment system using PayPal at checkout. There will also be upgrades in other areas such as Ships History, Multi Media and Newsletter, Future Reunions and links to other websites. I'm positive 2017 will be much greater than 2016!

The Ships Store is branching out from the usual doing mail order and the annual reunion and is exploring going to other events such as craft / boat / car shows, motorcycle events, other events which allow the Assn to interact with the community and turn a profit.

The Mission of YOUR Ship's Store remains "To provide the BEST Possible selection of Merchandise at the lowest price possible with the BEST Possible Customer Service."

Always looking for new ideas and suggestions from you! May You and Your Family be Healthy and Safe.

As Always, I remain at your service,

Gerald,
The Ships Store Guy

Iowa Veterans Association

Ship's Store

How to Place an Order

I will need your Full Name, Address, Phone number and Email address. Former Crewmembers please provide the years you were onboard ie. 83-86.

For items with a quantity below 4 please contact me directly before ordering. If it is and you request it, I will put the item on reserve for you for one week.

Currently we accept checks, money orders or credit cards for payment. To place a Credit Card order please call the Ships Store. Make the check or money order out to:

"Veterans Association of USS Iowa"

Mail to:

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Any suggestions, ideas, thoughts or comments on service whether good or bad please tag both President Meldrum at muddrumbb61@gmail.com and myself via email.

Gerald Costin



Ship's Store Items

Description	Color	Retail
BALL CAPS		
ALL BALLCAPS HAVE ADJUSTABLE BACKS		
100	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member	Navy \$20.00
101	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member	Navy \$20.00
102	Ballcap, Silhouette	Navy \$20.00
103	Ballcap, Silhouette - Mesh	Navy \$20.00
104	Ballcap, Regulation – USN	Navy \$20.00
105	Ballcap, Regulation, USMC	Red \$20.00
107	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member	Blue/Gray \$20.00
108	Ballcap, Silhouette	Blue/Gray \$20.00
110	Ballcap, Silhouette,	Red \$20.00
111	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member	White \$20.00
112	Ballcap, Silhouette Plankowner, Mes	White \$20.00
113	Ballcap, Silhouette Plankowner	Navy \$20.00
114	Ballcap, Silhouette Korean War Form	Navy \$20.00
115	Ballcap, Silhouette FCM w/ Cdr/Capt	Navy \$23.00
116	Ballcap, Silhouette PO, w/ Cdr/Capt	Navy \$23.00
117	Ballcap, Silhouette WWII Era Former	Navy \$20.00
118	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crewmember	Red \$20.00
119	Ballcap, HT Firefighter Emblem	Red \$20.00
120	Ballcap, DC Firefighter Emblem	Red \$20.00
121	Ballcap, Iowa 47	Blue \$21.00
122	Ballcap, Silhouette, Plank Owner	Red \$20.00

SHIRTS		
ASK ABOUT SIZE AVAILABILITY		
200	Golf Shirt, Pocket	Navy \$45.00
201	Golf Shirt, Pocket	Ocn Blue \$45.00
202	Golf Shirt, Pocket	Red \$30.00
203	Golf Shirt, Pocket	Khaki \$45.00
204	Golf Shirt	Navy \$45.00
205	Golf Shirt	Lt Blue \$30.00
206	Golf Shirt	Red \$30.00
207	Golf Shirt	Yellow \$30.00
208	Golf Shirt, Pocket	Red \$45.00
209	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch	Mint \$45.00
210	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch	Lt Blue \$45.00
211	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch	Maui \$45.00
212	Sleep Shirt One Size Fits Most	Mint \$10.00
216	Ladies Button Down	Blue \$30.00
217	Denim, Long Sleeve	faded \$50.00
218-T	Denim, Long Sleeve, Tall	faded \$50.00
219	Henley, Long Sleeve	Iurq Grave \$40.00
221XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXL USMC Only	Gold \$30.00

JACKETS/SWEATSHIRTS/HOODIES		
ASK ABOUT SIZE AVAILABILITY		
300	Windbreaker	Navy \$85.00
301	Fleece, Jacket	Navy \$70.00
302	Winter Jacket, Nylon	Navy \$125.00
303	Sweatshirt, Make My Day	Navy \$40.00
304	Sweatshirt, Make My Day	Dk Grn \$30.00
305	Hoodie, Applique/Embroidered	Navy \$65.00
307	Hoodie, Applique/Embroidered	Red \$35.00
308	Hoodie, Applique/Embroidered	Dk Grn \$35.00
309	Hoodie, Applique/Embroidered	Black \$35.00
310	Sweatshirt, Applique/Embroidered	Navy \$50.00
311	Sweatshirt, Ship Logo	Navy \$40.00
315	Ladies Windbreaker	Crbn Blu \$85.00

T-SHIRTS		
ASK ABOUT SIZE AVAILABILITY		
400	T-Shirt, Assn Crest	White \$25.00
401	T-Shirt, Big Stick	Gray \$25.00
402 - Y	T-Shirt, Big Stick Youth	Gray \$15.00

403	T-Shirt, Big Stick	Tan \$15.00
404 - Y	T-Shirt, Big Stick Youth	Tan \$15.00
405	T-Shirt, Sunrise	White \$15.00
406 - Y	T-Shirt, Sunrise Youth	White \$15.00
407	T-Shirt, Signal Flags	Gray \$15.00
408 - Y	T-Shirt, Signal Flags Youth	Blue \$15.00
409	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa, Vet	Gold \$15.00
410	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa, Vet	Sky \$15.00
411	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa, Vet	Sand \$15.00
412	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa, Vet	Irish Grn \$15.00
413	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa	Gold \$15.00
414	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa	Sky \$15.00
415	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa	Sand \$15.00
416	T-Shirt, PBC Iowa	Irish Grn \$15.00
419	T-Shirt, Turret Gunfire	Dk Gray \$15.00

PLAQUES & PHOTOS		
500	Plaque, Hand Cast Marble	\$125.00
502	Photograph, Broadside, 12x18	\$15.00
503	Photograph, Broadside, 11x14	\$15.00
504	Photograph, Broadside, 8x10	\$8.00
505	Photograph, Underway, 8x10	\$8.00
506	Photograph, Sunset, 8x10	\$8.00
507	1943-1957 Ships & Assn Crest 16x16	\$15.00

Collectables & Novelty		
600	Association Pin	\$7.00
601	50th Anniversary Pin	\$7.00
602	Yellow Ribbon Support Pewter Pin	\$10.00
603	Challenge Coin	\$15.00
604	Ship's Patch, 80's crest	\$12.00
605	Association Patch, 3"	\$8.00
606	Association Patch, 6"	\$15.00
607	Bumper Sticker	White \$5.00
608	Bumper Sticker	Yellow \$5.00
609	Decal, Assn, outside	\$5.00
610	Decal, Assn, inside	\$5.00
611	License Plate Frame	\$25.00
612	Zipper Pull, Lone Sailor	\$10.00
613	Zipper Pull, Navy Anchor	\$10.00
615	Letter Opener, Pewter, USMC	\$22.00
616	Key Chain, Pewter, USN	\$12.00
617	Key Chain, Pewter, USMC	\$12.00
618	Key Chain, Pewter, Silhouette	\$12.00
619	Magnet, Pewter, Navy Anchor	\$12.00
620	Magnet, Pewter, USMC	\$12.00
621	Stadium Blanket, Fleece	\$45.00
622	Note Card, Pkg /6	\$10.00
624	Cup, Regulation Style	\$22.00
624-PO	Cup, Reg Style 1984 Crest "Plankowner"	\$33.00
624-FCM	Cup, Reg Style 1984 Crest "Former Crewmemb	\$33.00
625	Mug, Gold Trim	\$26.00
625-PO	Mug, Gold Trim 1984 Crest "Plankowner"	\$37.00
625-FCM	Mug, Gold Trim 1984 Crest "Frm Crewmember"	\$37.00
626	Stein, Classic	\$35.00
628	Wooden 1984 Ships Crest	\$20.00
629	M/C Lic Plate Frame USS Iowa Crew Navy/Gold	\$20.00
630	Zipper Tote, BLACK/ROYAL Trim	\$30.00
632	US & Navy Flag Pin	\$5.00
633	Bumper Sticker, Other Ride	Navy \$7.00
634	M/C Lic Plate Frame USS Iowa Crew Red/Gold	\$20.00
635	Association Challenge Coin	\$15.00
636	Sticker, Ship's 80's Crest	\$7.00

637	Car Window Flag		\$30.00
639	Tervis 1984 Crest 24oz Water Bottle		\$45.00
640	Tervis Assoc Crest 6oz Tumber w/ Blue lid		\$35.00
641	Tervis Assoc Crest 6oz Tumber w/ Red lid		\$35.00
642	P-38 Can Opener 1 inch		\$1.00
643	P-51 Can Opener 2 inch		\$2.00
644	Louisville Slugger USS Iowa Former Crewme		\$40.00
645	Zippo Lighter, Silhoutte	Silver	\$25.00
646	Zippo Lighter, Special Edition 2	Brass	\$35.00
647	USS Iowa BB-61 Vet w/ Iowa47 Wind	White	\$14.00
648	USS Iowa BB-61 Plankowner Window	White	\$14.00
649	USS Iowa BB-61 Korean War Era Win	White	\$14.00
650	USS Iowa BB-61 WW2 Era Window S	White	\$14.00
651	USS Iowa BB-61 Volunteer	White	\$14.00
652	USS Iowa Front License Plate	White	\$19.00
653	BB-61 Oval Car Sticker	White	\$6.00

Reunion Items

709	Ladies Dress Long Various sizes	Various	\$13.00
710	Ladies Dress Short Various Sizes	Various	\$10.00
712	Ladies Tops Various Sizes	Various	\$10.00
711	Ladies Scarves	Various	\$3.00
707	USS Abe Lincoln Crest Patch		\$4.00
708	2.5 inch USN Horn/Vehicle Medallion		\$26.00
766	Coffee Cup Broadside		\$12.00

SUPER CLEARENCE

ITEM

2	Grand Pa T-Shirt, Youth Medium	White	\$5.00
3	Grand Pa T-Shirt, Youth Large	White	\$5.00
7	Ornament, Navy Anchor		\$7.00
8	Ornament, USMC		\$7.00



USS IOWA (BB 61) MEMORIAL SERVICE REMARKS

24 APRIL 1989

CAPTAIN F. P. MOOSALLY COMMANDING OFFICER

I REMEMBER TURRET TWO.

I REMEMBER THEIR FACES AS THEY TOILED AT THEIR GUNS, SWEATING AN HONEST SWEAT THAT COMES FROM YOUNG MEN DEDICATED TO A GREAT CAUSE. WHO CHOSE TO SERVE, TO GROW AND TO LEARN WITH OTHERS, WHILE SECURING A PLACE IN HISTORY FOR GENERATIONS AFTER THEM.

I REMEMBER THEIR STRONG HANDS AS THEY WIELDED THEIR GREAT CHARGES WITH AN ENERGY I COULD ONLY MARVEL AT. THE ENERGY OF THEIR YOUTH WHICH THEY CHANNLED TOWARDS THEIR LOVE OF FREEDOM.

I REMEMBER AS THEY TALKED AMONG THEMSELVES, LOOKING SO MUCH LIKE SAILORS OF OUR PAST, SHARING THE EXUBERANCE OF THE TIMES AND THE DREAMS OF THE FUTURE.

I REMEMBER TURRET TWO.

THEY WERE THE LIFE, THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL OF OUR SHIP. THEY EMBODIED THE IDEALS OF OUR HISTORY AND THE HOPE OF A BRIGHTER TOMORROW. THEY GAVE OF THEMSELVES TO THE GOALS WE ALL SHARE, AND THEY MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR US.

WE WILL NOT, NOR CAN WE EVER FORGET THE LESSONS THEY TAUGHT US.

THE CREW OF IOWA SHARED MUCH WITH TURRET TWO.

WE SHARED THEIR ENTHUSIASM, THEIR DRIVE AND THEIR KINDNESS. WE WORKED SIDE-BY-SIDE AND SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER TO BUILD A TEAM, A FAMILY, A COMMON BOND WHICH CAN NEVER BE BROKEN. AND THOUGH THEY HAVE LEFT US IN BODY, THEY WILL ALWAYS REMAIN WITHIN US.

WE CAME TOGETHER IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. WE SHARED THE GOOD AND THE BAD, THE

COMEDY, AND NOW THE TRAGEDY.

THE GRIEF WE SHARE WITH YOU THEIR FAMILIES, IS DEEP, BUT WE MUST GO ON.

FOR WE ARE THE CREW OF IOWA. PERMANENTLY FUSED, LIKE THE STEEL OF THE SHIP WE SAIL. OUR SIDES ARE STRONG, OUR TOWERS HIGH AND OUR COURSE IS SET.

WE ARE THE IOWA. A PART OF EVERY RIVET, EVERY PLANK AND EVERY LINE.

WE ARE THE SHIP. SHE BREATHES THROUGH US, AND SHE LIVES AS A PART OF US.

AS LONG AS SHE SAILS THE SEAS WE WILL BE A PART OF HER, A PART OF THE IOWA SPIRIT.

THAT SPIRIT LIVES, AND THE MEN OF TURRET TWO WILL FOREVER BE A PART OF THAT LIVING SPIRIT.



Decommissioning Ceremony

26 October, 1990

CDR J. P. Morse, Commanding Officer,
USS IOWA (BB 61)

ADMIRAL JOHNSON, ADMIRALS NYQUIST, DONNELL, KALLERES AND CARLSON. MR. AND MRS. ZACHERY FISHER, CAPTAIN MOOSALLY, MRS. MCCREA, MRS. SULLIVAN, MEN OF UNITED STATES SHIP IOWA -- PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, FAMILY AND FRIENDS -- UNIFORMED AND CIVILIAN... THANK YOU FOR JOINING US HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN BATTLESHIP -- IOWA.

NEARLY FIFTY YEARS AGO A CROWD OF SOME 20,000 PEOPLE WATCHED ILO WALLACE, WIFE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, SMASH A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE ON THE BOW OF WHAT WAS CALLED THE GREATEST MAN OF WAR EVER BUILT.



A MIGHTY CHEER WENT UP AS THE FIRST OF A NEW CLASS OF FAST BATTLESHIPS, SLID INTO THE WATERS OF THE EAST RIVER IN NEW YORK.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, PROCLAIMED THAT THIS SHIP "COULD KEEP UP WITH THE FASTEST TASK FORCES... AND COULD FIRE FASTER AND FARTHER THAN ANY OTHER SHIP AFLOAT. HE SAID "IT'S A TOOL WITH WHICH AMERICA'S FUTURE WILL BE WRITTEN ON THE PAGES OF HISTORY."

WITH REMARKABLE PRESCIENCE, WHAT HE SAID THEN DESCRIBES IOWA TODAY.

FOR NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE LIFE OF THESE UNITED STATES, IOWA HAS SERVED OR BEEN READY TO SERVE, TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS AND



TO PROCLAIM THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY.

THROUGH A WORLD WAR, THE KOREAN CONFLICT, AND LATER IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, THE BIG STICK HAS MADE A STATEMENT, AND HAS BOLDLY WRITTEN PAGES OF ONE HISTORY.



SHE FIRED HER GUNS IN ANGER WHEN THE NEED AROSE, BUT SHE ALSO SHARED THE WARMTH AND PROMISE OF AMERICA IN THE COUNTRIES SHE VISITED.

THOUGH YOU CAN SEE THAT IOWA IS IMPRESSIVELY EQUIPPED, IT'S THE CREW THAT BREATHES LIFE INTO A SHIP. THESE ARE BATTLESHIP SAILORS. ACCUSTOMED TO HARD WORK, HELD TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS, AND WITH AN ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THESE TEAK DECKS COURSING THROUGH THEIR VEINS. THESE ARE BATTLESHIP SAILORS. IMBUED WITH A SENSE OF DUTY, HONOR AND LOYALTY TO THE ONE GREAT CAUSE OUR NATION HAS EMBRACED.



THESE MEN BEFORE YOU HAVE LIVED UP TO THE TRADITIONS BUILT BY IOWA CREWMEN BEFORE THEM. OUR COURSE WAS SET BY THOUSANDS OF ABLE BODIED MEN WHO TOGETHER LAID A STRONG FOUNDATION OF TRADITION



AND EXCELLENCE, MAKING THESE SHIPS LIVE. WE ALWAYS HAD A STAR TO STEER THIS SHIP BY. FORMER IOWA CREWMEN -- I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH, COURAGE, FRIENDSHIP, COMPASSION AND WISDOM. FORMER IOWA CREWMEN... PLEASE STAND. WE'VE BEEN

MINDFUL OF YOUR LEGACY. TODAY, AS IN THE PAST, IOWA HAS SET THE STANDARD FOR THE WATERFRONT AND HAS SERVED AS A BENCHMARK OF EXCELLENCE WITHIN OUR NAVY. WE'VE TAKEN GOOD CARE OF THIS SHIP, AND WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF OUR CREW.

THEY'VE BEEN CALLED THE VERY BEST, IN ANY FLEET OR ANY NAVY. THEY DESERVE THE PRIDE AND AFFECTION OF THEIR NATION. THEY HAVE EARNED THE RESPECT OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD.

EVEN THOUGH THE SHIP THAT INSPIRED THEM WILL BE RETIRED AGAIN TODAY, THESE MEN WILL GO ON. THEY WILL TAKE THE GOALS AND IDEALS THEY LEARNED ON THIS SHIP AND WILL SPREAD THEM THROUGHOUT THE FLEET AND AROUND THE WORLD. OUR NAVY WILL BE A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE IOWA SAILORS WILL CARRY WITH THEM IMPORTANT TRADITIONS,



FRESH IDEAS, AND A PROFESSIONAL WORK ETHIC, ALL LAID ON A FOUNDATION AS STRONG AS THE STEEL OUR AMERICAN SHIPWRIGHTS FASHIONED INTO THESE DECKS, SIDES AND MASTS.

AS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE, WE ARE A PART OF HER, A PART OF EVERY RIVET AND EVERY LINE. WHEN SHE IS CALLED AGAIN, MANY HERE TODAY HOPE TO SERVE ON HER ONCE MORE. WE JOIN THOUSANDS OF OTHER MEN TODAY, WHO STILL HAVE THE SIGHTS, THE SOUNDS AND THE SMELLS OF 58,000 TONS OF AMERICAN STEEL FOREVER IN THEIR MINDS. THOSE MEMORIES WILL NEVER BE LOST.

THE INK ON THE FIFTY YEARS OF HISTORY SHE HELPED WRITE IS NOT YET DRY. TODAY WE ADD OUR NAMES TO THAT HISTORY WITH A GREATER PRIDE THAN ANY OF US HAS EVER FELT.

TO A MAN WE KNOW THAT IOWA IS CAPABLE OF WRITING MANY MORE CHAPTERS IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY.

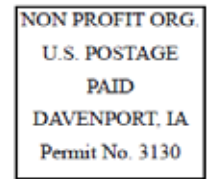
BEHOLD THIS GREAT SHIP. THE QUEEN OF THE FLEET. REJOICE IN HER PRESENCE, FOR SHE IS AN AMERICAN DREADNOUGHT. A SYMBOL OF PEACE, HOPE AND FEAR. A FAST SHIP GOING IN HARMS WAY.

FEAR GOD AND DREADNOUGHT.



USS Iowa still lives.

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