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From the Desk of the President

Hello Shipmates, Family and Friends,

Our reunion is fast approaching and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Hopefully, we can get winter behind us and look forward to a great spring and summer. I know I am looking forward to no more snow for awhile.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the hotel information, registration form and tour information for Nashville. Please note on the registration form that if you register early you are able to get a newly designed free t-shirt. Our ship store guy Gerald Costin has been very busy getting new items for our ship store. And don't forget your Battleship Bucks from last year to spend in the store this year. I know my wife has a few!

The Bylaws Committee has been working very diligently in updating our bylaws and these changes will be voted on in our crews meeting in Nashville. The changes are in the newsletter so that you have time to review and be prepared with any questions you may have.

I have been asked to clarify how we pick the dates and locations of our reunion each year. At the crews meeting each year, our Executive VP which is currently Paul Ogg will bring to us several options for each time zone that our shipmates suggest to him. At the crews meeting, the crew then votes on the locations and tentative dates and then the work begins by securing a contract with the hotel. We have been asked from several crew members to have the reunion in the summer months due to their children being in school.

Our shipmate, Rich Waugh will be representing the USS Iowa Veterans Association on April 14th, 2017 at the 2017 Iowa State University NROTC Nominees

for the USS Iowa Veteran's Association Surface Naval Education Awards (Surface). Thank you to Rich and Milton for presenting the awards this year at the Banquet.

Fair Winds and Following Seas



Muddrum

Michael J. Meldrum Sr BT1/MM1 (SW)USN (RET)

2017 Reunion Information!

The 2017 Iowa Veterans Association Reunion will be held at the 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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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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank</u>
NEWCOMB, JIMMY	B-DIV	51-55	FN
CARLSON, THOMAS		45-46	SN
DODDS, ROBERT	1ST DIV	51-54	BM1
MCQUEEN, JAMES	M-DIV	83	MMCS
BANDA, EARNEST	1ST DIV	52-56	GM3

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Tours and Events

Sunday, August 13 11:00am -- 3:00pm

General Jackson Showboat Luncheon Cruise

100 Tickets Available

\$85 per person

11:00am Begin boarding your coach and depart your hotel with your guide

11:30am Arrive at the dockside for boarding. While cruising the Cumberland River, on the 300 foot long paddle wheeler Gen. Jackson Showboat, enjoy lunch and a musical stage show.

2:30pm Cruise over

3:00pm Return to your hotel

(Tour includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, an experienced, fun tour guide, tickets to the Gen. Jackson Showboat, all taxes and gratuities excluding tour guide and driver)

Monday, August 14 9:00am – 1:00pm

Highlights of Music City Tour

Approx. 100 people 2 buses

\$57 per person Includes a tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum

9:00am Begin boarding your coach and depart your hotel with your tour guide. This 3 hour experience features some of the best highlights of Music City including a driving

tour of the historic downtown area, Ryman Auditorium, State Capitol, Korean Memorial and Viet Nam Memorial, Bicentennial Park with the WWII Memorial, the Parthenon and more. You will drive down the world famous Music Row, the heartbeat of the music industry where hearts are broken and dreams come true.

1:00pm Return to your hotel

(Tour includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, an experienced, fun tour guide, all taxes and gratuities excluding tour guide and driver)

Tuesday, August 15

6pm – 10pm

Grand Ole Opry

100 Tickets Available

\$70 per person

6:00pm Board your coach and depart hotel with your guide.

6:30pm Arrive at the Grand Ole Opry House. The live radio show that made country music famous features a dynamic line-up of new stars, superstars, and legends of country music in each performance. Unlike a typical concert, the Opry presents eight or more artists on each show, giving the audience a sample of each artist's musical style.

9:30pm Show over

10:00pm Return to your hotel

Wednesday, August 16

9am – 2pm

IOWA FAMILY & FRIENDS SHOPPING TRIP

\$20 per person

9:00am Board your coach

9:30am Arrive in Franklin, TN, located fourteen miles and 100 years from Nashville. This small town is an oasis of Southern hospitality housed in a 16-block National Register district of antique shops, gift and book stores, art galleries, boutiques, lovingly restored homes and more. It boasts an award-winning Main Street, brick sidewalks, a stunning collection of Victorian buildings.

1:30pm Shopping done, board your coach

2:00pm Return to your hotel.

Note: Some crewmembers asked about camping arrangements. Here is the contact information for Nashville campgrounds:

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

Banquet Menu

(Special needs menu will be honored on case basis)

SALAD

Mixed Field Green Salad

Tossed Garden Greens with Cucumbers, Cherry Tomatoes, Shredded Cheese and Herbed Croutons - Served with Ranch Dressing and House Vinaigrette

ENTREES

Lemon-Rosemary Chicken Breast

Served with a White Wine Veloute

\$34 per person

Citrus Scented Salmon

With a Lemon-Ginger Veloute or Sweet Chili Glaze

\$38 per person

Grilled Sirloin

With Bourbon Demi Sauce

\$40 per person

All Dinners are Accompanied With:

Your Choice of Salad

Chef's Choice of Starch and

Seasonal Vegetable

Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

Chef's Choice of Dessert

Freshly Brewed Coffee

Iced Tea



Hilton Nashville Airport Hotel

USS IOWA REUNION 2017 NASHVILLE, TN REGISTRATION FORM

This order form covers reunion registration, membership dues, planned meals and tours. Please complete this form and mail it along with your check/money order payable to: VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE USS IOWA, 24307 Magic Mountain Pkwy #342, Valencia, CA 91355. Registration form must be postmarked no later than 20 July 2017. If registering later than this, registration will be at the reunion. Questions call 661-755-7676.

NAME: _____

DATES SERVED ON IOWA: _____ TO _____ (IE: 43-45)

ADDRESS: _____

DIVISION: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

RANK/RATE: _____ NEED NAME TAG: YES/NO

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

OTHER ATTENDEES: _____

ONE FREE T-SHIRT WITH EACH REG FORM
IF REGISTERED BEFORE OR ON 15 JUNE 2017.
SIZE: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL/5XL (CIRCLE ONE).

REGISTRATION FEE: (NON-REFUNDABLE)

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: _____ X \$10.00 \$ _____

PAYING 2017-2018 DUES (\$20.00): _____ X \$20.00 \$ _____

SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST 2017 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
GEN JACKSON SHOWBOAT LUNCHEON CRUISE
100 TICKETS AVAILABLE _____ X \$85.00 \$ _____

MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2017 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
HIGHLIGHTS OF MUSIC CITY TOUR _____ X \$57.00 \$ _____

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
GRAND OLE OPRY TOUR
100 TICKETS AVAILABLE _____ X \$70.00 \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2017 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
IOWA FAMILY & FRIENDS SHOPPING & ANTIQUES
(For those not attending The Crew's Meeting): _____ X \$20.00 \$ _____

BANQUET:

DINNER CHOICES (INDICATE NUMBER OF EACH):

LEMON-ROSEMARY CHICKEN BREAST _____ X \$34.00 \$ _____

CITRUS SCENTED SALMON _____ X \$38.00 \$ _____

GRILLED SIRLOIN _____ X \$40.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER 1 AUGUST 2017. UNLESS FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY. PLEASE SEND LETTER REQUESTING REFUND TO: VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE USS IOWA, 24307 MAGIC MOUNTAIN PKWY #342, VALENCIA, CA 91355. REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH: _____

Nashville Airport Hotel, 2200 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 Phone: 615-316-1060

**PLAN OF THE DAY
NASHVILLE, TN
12-17 AUGUST 2017
TENTATIVE**

SATURDAY, 12 AUGUST 2017

TBA Registration Open
TBA Hospitality Room Open
TBA Ships Store Open

SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST 2017

TBA Registration Open
TBA Hospitality Room Open
TBA Ships Store Open
1100 Gen Jackson Showboat Luncheon (100 Tickets available)

MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2017

TBA Registration Open
TBA Hospitality Room Open
TBA Ships Store Open
0900 Highlights of Music City Tour

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017

TBA Registration Open
TBA Hospitality Room Open
TBA Ships Store Open
0930 Executive Board Meeting
1800 Grand Ole Opry (100 Tickets available)

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2017

TBA Registration Open
TBA Hospitality Room Open
TBA Ships Store Open
0900 Crews Meeting
0900 IOWA Family and Friends Shopping Tour (For those who can't attend the Crews Meeting)
1800 Social Hour
1845 Memorial Service
1900 Dinner

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2017

Reunion Completed, members depart.

NOTES:

1. People with special diet restrictions should contact the hotel staff.
2. Hotel Group Concessions:
 - Complimentary Guest Parking
 - Complimentary Internet in Guest Rooms and Meeting Space
 - Complimentary Airport Shuttle
 - Complimentary Banner Hanging
 - 10% off in Jackson's for breakfast with reunion badge and/or hat

From the Editor's Desk



Fellow Shipmates,

Nashville is coming up fast. You will find the reunion information in this issue. We have something new this year. Every shipmate who gets their reservation in by June 15th will receive a free reunion T-shirt. We are hoping this reunion will be a little bit easier for people to get to and with so much to see and do around Nashville, it is

something whole families can enjoy.

One of the highlights is an evening at the Grand Ole Opry. The home of country music promises plenty of fun and entertainment. For those who want to see other sights in the area, President Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage, is in Nashville and just across the border into Kentucky is Mammoth Cave National Park.

We are trying to get the newsletter to as many of our shipmates as we can, but we know there are a lot of guys who either have let their membership lapse or never got involved with the Association. Please let all our shipmates know about what we do and where we will be meeting. Encourage them to sign up for the reunion and share some good times with their former shipmates. The more, the merrier.

Our next newsletter will be the reunion issue. You will be able to see some of the things we did and start making plans for the next reunion in Colorado Springs, CO.

See you there!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Hight". The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

Ship's Store



Shipmates, Families and Friends,

I would like to give you an update on three topics Historical, Memorials and Museum, all of which fall under the office of the 2nd Vice President. I have not spoken on these topics before as I was just observing the inner workings of the Assn and the direction it was/is taking.

Historical – Every single day we are losing the history of our ship. Memories are fading, items are thought of as unwanted or useless are discarded. You and Our ship are collective living history. The men and women who built, served on, maintained or are involved in the effort to maintain our lady as well as any effort to support either in the past, present or future of the best Battleship of the United States, is a part of the history of USS Iowa. We all have stories, newspaper clippings, photographs, collectables, pieces of decking, shell casings, correspondence from national figures, souvenirs from faraway places and on and on. I ask that before you or your loved ones discard anything remotely associated with your time with the ship please give the Assn the opportunity to incorporate it into the Ships history. I am willing to help in the transporting of these items if necessary that you may want to donate for display onboard the ship or at the USS Iowa display in the State of Iowa.

Museum – I am already engaged in discusses with PBC on how the Assn and in particular my office can be more involved with the displaying and preserving of historical items. In the near future, I will hopefully be having the same conversations with the State of Iowa.

Memorials – The Assn has two Memorials to be concerned with. Iowa Point in Norfolk, VA. Is maintained by the Assn and NOB Norfolk. There is a beautifully landscaped memorial there for our fallen shipmates of 19 April 1989, next to us are similar memorials for other tragic events on other commands. Shipmate Joe Franco spoke at the Rhode Island Reunion about the need to refurbish the brass plate listing the names of our fallen. He and I have spoken in further detail and have outlined a course of action which should culminate in the preservation/restoration of that piece in time for the 30th Anniversary in 2019.

Efforts are continuing to secure #270 16 inch Gun Barrel currently located at St Julien's Creek for inclusion at Iowa Point. Shipmate Ken Leff is heading that project but

needs our help with securing donations either from ourselves or the communities in which we reside. I personally have visited Iowa Point many times over the years either on my own or during an April 19th remembrance ceremony, I however have never been to one on the Ship. This year I rectified that taking advantage of an opportunity to speak with PBC and Events Networks management concerning ongoing projects and future endeavors. I will have an updated report ready at the Nashville Reunion.

I am always looking for input from subject matter experts, any new ideas and suggestions from you.

May You and Your Family be Healthy and Safe.

As Always, I remain at your service,

Gerald



Special Reunion Message!

AHOY SHIPMATES, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

I know that it is only May but my mind has been for some time now focused on the upcoming Reunion in Nashville TN. It is my intention to improve upon the Ships Store that was displayed in Rhode Island. I have incorporated some new procedures, got rid of the some of the confusing ones, and updated my iPad “cash register” to provide receipts to your cell phone. You will be seeing some new products for the first time on 12 August that will hopefully meet your approval and will tug at your wallets and purses. Among the new items will be a Reunion T-Shirt, a couple new ballcaps, bumper stickers, postcards, jewelry and... well come and see for yourself.

Giveaway - This year as a bonus for submitting your registration form with full payment the submitter will receive one Limited Edition “2017 Nashville TN Reunion T-Shirt” of a size he/she chooses. The submitter must be an Assn Member in Good Standing, and must submit the form that is postmarked no later than 15 June. All T-Shirts will be standard Adult Sizes ranging from Small to 5XL. Any cancelations of prior to the Reunion which result in a return of registration fee will negate the free T-Shirt. Upon arrival and after checking in at Registration you will be able to pick-up your T-Shirt in the Ships Store.

Raffles and Auctions - This year we will have the ever popular 50/50 Cash Raffle and instead of the Ships Store Shopping Spree we will be offering a chance to win a \$500 towards the next Reunion you attend Hotel Lodging bill. Winners for both Raffles will be announced at the Banquet Dinner on 16 August. We will also have a Chinese Auction featuring four baskets valued at over \$200 each. Hopefully, there may be other surprises as well.

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



Store Inventory

Item #	Description	Color	Retail				
BALL CAPS							
100	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member	Navy	\$20.00	207M	Golf Shirt, M	Yellow	\$45.00
101	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member - Mesh	Navy	\$20.00	207L	Golf Shirt, L	Gold	\$45.00
102	Ballcap, Silhouette	Navy	\$20.00	207XL	Golf Shirt, XL	Gold	\$45.00
103	Ballcap, Silhouette - Mesh	Navy	\$20.00	207XXL	Golf Shirt, XXL	Yellow	\$45.00
104	Ballcap, Regulation - USN	Navy	\$20.00	207XXXL	Golf Shirt, XXXL	Gold	\$45.00
105	Ballcap, Regulation, USMC	Red	\$20.00	208M	Golf Shirt, Pocket USMC, M	Red	\$45.00
107	Ballcap, Silhouette - Mesh	Blue/Gray	\$20.00	208L	Golf Shirt, Pocket USMC, L	Red	\$45.00
108	Ballcap, Silhouette	Blue/Gray	\$20.00	208XL	Golf Shirt, Pocket USMC, XL	Red	\$45.00
110	Ballcap, Silhouette	Red	\$20.00	208XXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket USMC, XXL	Red	\$45.00
111	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crew Member, Mesh	White	\$20.00	208XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket USMC, XXXL	Red	\$45.00
112	Ballcap, Silhouette Plankowner, Mesh	White	\$20.00	209M	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, M	Mint	\$45.00
113	Ballcap, Silhouette Plankowner	Navy	\$20.00	209L	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, L	Mint	\$45.00
114	Ballcap, Silhouette Korean War Former Crew Me	Navy	\$20.00	209XL	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, XL	Mint	\$45.00
115	Ballcap, Silhouette FCM w/ Cdr/Capt leaves	Navy	\$23.00	209XXL	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, XXL	Mint	\$45.00
116	Ballcap, Silhouette PO w/ Cdr/Capt leaves	Navy	\$23.00	210M	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, M	Lt Blue	\$45.00
117	Ballcap, Silhouette WWII Era Former Crewmemb	Navy	\$20.00	210L	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, L	Lt Blue	\$45.00
118	Ballcap, Silhouette Former Crewmember	Red	\$20.00	210XL	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, XL	Lt Blue	\$45.00
119	Ballcap, HT Firefighter Emblem	Red	\$20.00	210XXL	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, XXL	Lt Blue	\$45.00
120	Ballcap, DC Firefighter Emblem	Red	\$20.00	211M	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, M	Maui	\$45.00
121	Ballcap, Iowa 47	Blue	\$21.00	211L	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, L	Maui	\$45.00
122	Ballcap, Silhouette, Plank Owner	Red	\$20.00	211XL	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, XL	Maui	\$45.00
123-6 1/2	Regulation White Hat, size 6 1/2	White	\$13.00	211XXL	Sport Shirt, Ladies, Silk Touch, XXL	Maui	\$45.00
123- 6 3/4	Regulation White Hat, size 6 3/4	White	\$13.00	212OS	Sleep Shirt, Blank	Mint	\$10.00
123- 7	Regulation White Hat, size 7	White	\$13.00	212OS-1	Sleep Shirt, Make my Night	Mint	\$10.00
123- 7 1/8	Regulation White Hat, size 7 1/8	White	\$13.00	213OS	Sleep Shirt, Feel Safe Tonight	Mint	\$10.00
123- 7 1/2	Regulation White Hat, size 7 1/2	White	\$13.00	216S	Ladies button down, S	Blue	\$30.00
123- 7 3/4	Regulation White Hat, size 7 3/4	White	\$13.00	216XL	Ladies button down, XL	Blue	\$30.00
124 FMO	Ballcap, Silhouette C IN C, No Eggs	Navy	\$20.00	217S	Denim, Long Sleeve, S	faded	\$50.00
SHIRTS - ask about size availability							
200M	Golf Shirt, Pocket, M	Navy	\$45.00	217M	Denim, Long Sleeve, M	faded	\$50.00
200L	Golf Shirt, Pocket, L	Navy	\$45.00	217L	Denim, Long Sleeve, L	faded	\$50.00
200XL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XL	Navy	\$45.00	217XL	Denim, Long Sleeve, XL	faded	\$50.00
200XXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXL	Navy	\$45.00	218L-T	Denim, Long Sleeve, Tall, L	faded	\$50.00
200XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXL	Navy	\$45.00	218XL-T	Denim, Long Sleeve, Tall, XL	faded	\$50.00
200XXXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXXL	Navy	\$48.00	218XXL-T	Denim, Long Sleeve, Tall, XXL	faded	\$50.00
200XXXXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXXXL	Navy	\$50.00	218XXXL-T	Denim, Long Sleeve, Tall, XXXL	faded	\$50.00
201M	Golf Shirt, Pocket, M	Ocn Blue	\$45.00	219M	Henley, Long Sleeve, M	Turq Gravel	\$40.00
201L	Golf Shirt, Pocket, L	Ocn Blue	\$45.00	219L	Henley, Long Sleeve, L	Turq Gravel	\$40.00
201XL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XL	Ocn Blue	\$45.00	219XL	Henley, Long Sleeve, XL	Turq Gravel	\$40.00
201XXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXL	Ocn Blue	\$45.00	219XXL	Henley, Long Sleeve, XXL	Turq Gravel	\$40.00
201XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXL	Ocn Blue	\$45.00	219XXXL	Henley, Long Sleeve, XXXL	Turq Gravel	\$40.00
202M	Golf Shirt, Pocket, M	Red	\$45.00	219XXXXL	Henley, Long Sleeve, XXXXL	Turq Gravel	\$40.00
202L	Golf Shirt, Pocket, L	Red	\$45.00	221XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXL USMC	Gold	\$30.00
202XL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XL	Red	\$45.00	Jackets & SWEATS ask about size availability			
202XXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXL	Red	\$45.00	300S	Windbreaker, S	Navy	\$85.00
202XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXL	Red	\$45.00	300M	Windbreaker, M	Navy	\$85.00
202XXXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXXL	Red	\$48.00	300L	Windbreaker, L	Navy	\$85.00
203M	Golf Shirt, Pocket, M	Khaki	\$45.00	300XL	Windbreaker, XL	Navy	\$85.00
203L	Golf Shirt, Pocket, L	Khaki	\$45.00	300XXL	Windbreaker, XXL	Navy	\$85.00
203XL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XL	Khaki	\$45.00	300XXXL	Windbreaker, XXXL	Navy	\$85.00
203XXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXL	Khaki	\$45.00	301M	Fleece, Jacket, M	Navy	\$70.00
203XXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXL	Khaki	\$45.00	301L	Fleece, Jacket, L	Navy	\$70.00
203XXXXL	Golf Shirt, Pocket, XXXXL	Khaki	\$48.00	301XL	Fleece, Jacket, XL	Navy	\$70.00
204M	Golf Shirt, M	Navy	\$45.00	301XXL	Fleece, Jacket, XXL	Navy	\$70.00
204L	Golf Shirt, L	Navy	\$45.00	302L	Winter Jacket, Nylon, L	Navy	\$125.00
204XL	Golf Shirt, XL	Navy	\$45.00	302XL	Winter Jacket, Nylon, XL	Navy	\$125.00
204XXL	Golf Shirt, XXL	Navy	\$45.00	302XXL	Winter Jacket, Nylon, XXL	Navy	\$125.00
204XXXL	Golf Shirt, XXXL	Navy	\$45.00	303M	Sweatshirt, Make My Day, M	Navy	\$40.00
204XXXXL	Golf Shirt, XXXXL	Navy	\$46.00	303L	Sweatshirt, Make My Day, L	Navy	\$40.00
204XXXXXL	Golf Shirt, XXXXXL	Navy	\$48.00	303XL	Sweatshirt, Make My Day, XL	Navy	\$40.00
205M	Golf Shirt, M	Lt Blue	\$45.00	303XXXL	Sweatshirt, Make My Day, XXXL	Navy	\$40.00
205L	Golf Shirt, L	Lt Blue	\$45.00	303XXXXL	Sweatshirt, Make My Day, XXXXL	Navy	\$40.00
205XL	Golf Shirt, XL	Ultra Marine	\$45.00	304L	Sweatshirt, L Make My Day	Dk Grn	\$30.00
205XXL	Golf Shirt, XXL	Lt Blue	\$45.00	304XL	Sweatshirt, XL Make My Day	Dk Grn	\$30.00
205XXXL	Golf Shirt, XXXL	Ultra Marine	\$45.00	304XXL	Sweatshirt, XXL Make My Day	Dk Grn	\$30.00
206M	Golf Shirt, M	Red	\$45.00	304XXXL	Sweatshirt, XXXL Make My Day	Dk Grn	\$30.00
206L	Golf Shirt, L	Red	\$45.00	305M	Hoodie, Applique/embroidered, M	Navy	\$65.00
206XL	Golf Shirt, XL	Red	\$45.00	305L	Hoodie, Applique/embroidered, L	Navy	\$65.00
206XXL	Golf Shirt, XXL	Red	\$45.00	305XL	Hoodie, Applique/embroidered, XL	Navy	\$65.00
206XXXL	Golf Shirt, XXXL	Red	\$45.00	305XXXL	Hoodie, Applique/embroidered, XXXL	Navy	\$65.00
				306M	Hoodie, Applique/embroidered, M	Gray	\$65.00
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406L - Y	T-Shirt, Sunrise, L Youth	White	\$15.00	604	Ship's Patch, 80's crest		\$12.00
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408M - Y	T-Shirt, Signal Flags, M Youth	Blue	\$15.00	609	Decal, Assn, outside		\$5.00
408L - Y	T-Shirt, Signal Flags, L Youth	Blue	\$15.00	610	Decal, Assn, inside		\$5.00
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642	P-38 Can Opener 1 inch		\$1.00
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648	USS Iowa BB-61 Plankowner Window Sticker	White	\$14.00
649	USS Iowa BB-61 Korean War Era Win Sticker	White	\$14.00
650	USS Iowa BB-61 WW2 Era Window Sticker	White	\$14.00
651	USS Iowa BB-61 Volunteer	White	\$14.00
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660	Medical / Dental Dept Rate Insignia Pins HM(2), DT()	Metal	\$5.00
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667	Rain Pouncho, Plastic w/ Hood, Navy	Blue/Gold	\$5.00
668	Dog Tag Chain, 2 pieces, Beaded Metal	Silver	\$2.00
669	Speciality Warfare Devices ESWS Lrg (1)		\$13.00
	SWO Lrg (1)		\$16.00
670	USN Enlisted Collar Devices E1 - E6 SR(), SA(), SN(), PO3(2) PO2(2), PO1(2)	Silver	\$5.00 \$6.00
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	MCPO(2)		\$13.00
672	USN Officer Coat Devices O1 - O6 Ens(2), LTjg(2), LT(2), LCDR(2), CDR(2), CAPT(2), RADM()	Silver / Gold	
673	Warrant Officer Collar / Hat Devices W1 - W4		
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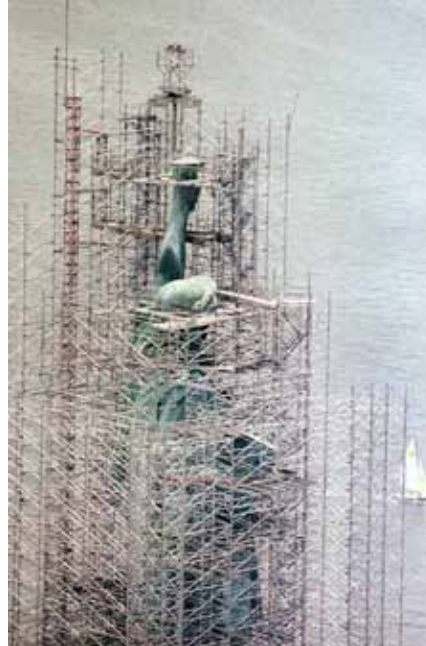
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Fourth of July 1986

Liberty Weekend Thirty Years Later

by Brett Robert



The Fourth of July is a celebration of the heritage and history of the United States. While every President honors Independence Day in different ways, one of the grandest celebrations of this anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence took place in 1986 in conjunction with the centennial of the Statue of Liberty.

In 1982 President Reagan appointed Lee Iacocca to head a private commission to spearhead a major renovation of the Statue of Liberty. The commission hired architects and engineers to assess the state the statue was in and recommend and design a renovation and repair process. From 1984-1986 the statue was covered by scaffolding as crews worked to restore Lady Liberty to the same glory which had marked her inaugural ceremony on November 1, 1886.

The re-unveiling of the statue was planned as a grand affair. David Wolper, who had produced Roots in 1977, was hired to produce a ceremony for live television. Frank Sinatra and Neil Diamond were invited to sing before a crowd including President Reagan and luminaries. The United States Navy led an International Naval Review with a multinational fleet of war ships and tall ships paying tribute to the famous icon of freedom in New York's harbor. At the climactic moment on the night of July 3, 1986 President Reagan delivered the following speech from Governors Island then lit the torch, which is featured in the video.

Leading up to Liberty Weekend, the administration had to plan how to transport not only President Reagan and the First Lady, but members of the White House Press Corps and thousands of government officials. Many of the nation's military reservists were called up to assist in the festivities fulfilling roles in security, transportation of dignitaries, logistics, and other capacities. In addition to



the years of work and planning on the statue itself by the commission, various agencies within the executive branch worked together with each other and state and local agencies to pull off a large scale celebration the likes of which have rarely been seen. The transcript of this press briefing from the day before Liberty Weekend began gives an idea not only of the scale of the operation, but also of the rapport and humor between White House acting Press Secretary Larry Speakes and the White House press corps: 2 July 1986 Speakes Press Briefing.

When it came time for the actual ceremonies to begin, there were some complaints about the long waits associated with a live television pageant and the weather, but overall the event left many participants awed by its scale. Beyond that, the Liberty Weekend Independence Day celebration got the nation talking about the Fourth of July and the history of the United States. Articles in newspapers coast-to-coast, from the Washington Post to the Los



Angeles Times, ran detailing the pageantry of the ceremonies, the tremendous fireworks displays, and the rare swearing-in of new United States citizens by the Supreme Court Chief Justice.

“President Reagan rode the USS Iowa (BB61) down the Hudson on the fourth and as you can imagine it was

full of dignitaries. The fireworks were the most spectacular I have ever seen. I had duty that night on board the USS Nashville. It was docked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard which had the view of the World Trade Center. Fireworks were launched from both sides of Manhattan. The effect was as if the island was under attack.



After the finale, thousands of pleasure boats departed for home after a hot day of boating pleasures.” writes Commander Rene Robert, USN (Ret.)

For many Americans it was a memorable Fourth of July, and we hope that everyone enjoys a safe and happy Independence Day today, 30 years later!



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“I Have Not Yet Begun to Fight,” 1779



John Paul Jones

“I have not yet begun to fight!” This was the immortal retort of Captain John Paul Jones to a request to surrender as he and his crew engaged in a desperate battle with a British frigate off the northern coast of England during the American Revolution.

Born in Scotland in 1747, Jones went to sea at age thirteen and became Captain of his own ship by the time he was twenty-one. By 1775, he had emigrated to America where he volunteered for service in the fledgling American Navy and was given his own command. In 1777 he was dispatched to the European waters with orders to create whatever havoc he could accomplish including attacking British ships and sea ports.

In 1779 Jones took command of the 42-gun *Bonhomme Richard* a reconstituted merchant ship given as a gift to the Americans by the French. Leading a squadron of five ships, Jones attacked the coast of Ireland and then sailed north around the tip of Scotland to a point off the coast of Northern England where on September 23, 1779 he encountered a large merchant convoy escorted by two British naval vessels. The stage was set for John Paul Jones’s most famous naval battle.

“Has your ship struck?”

An observer aboard Captain John Paul Jones’s ship describes his most famous battle:

“On the 23d of September, 1779, being below, I was roused by an unusual noise upon deck. This induced me to go upon deck, when I found the men were swaying up the royal yards, preparatory to making sail for a large fleet under our lee. I asked the coasting pilot what fleet it was. He answered:

‘The Baltic fleet, under convoy of the *Serapis* of forty-four guns, and the *Countess of Scarborough* of twenty guns.’

A general chase then commenced of the *Bonhomme*

Richard, the *Vengeance*, the *Pallas*, and the *Alliance* [American ships in Jones’s squadron].

At this time our fleet headed to the northward, with a light breeze, Flamborough Head being about two leagues distant. At 7 P.M. it was evident the Baltic fleet perceived we were in chase, from the signal of the *Serapis* to the merchantmen to stand in shore. At the same time, the *Serapis* and *Countess of Scarborough* tacked ship, and stood off shore, with the intention of drawing off our attention from the convoy. When these ships had separated from the convoy about two miles, they again tacked and stood in shore after the merchantmen. At about eight, being within hail, the *Serapis* demanded:

“What ship is that?”

He was answered: “I can’t hear what you say.” Immediately after the *Serapis* hailed again:

At this moment I received orders from Commodore Jones to commence the action with a broadside, which indeed appeared to be simultaneous on board both ships. Our position being to windward of the *Serapis*, we passed ahead of her, and the *Serapis* coming up on our larboard quarter, the action commenced abreast of each other. The *Serapis* soon passed ahead of the *Bonhomme Richard*, and when he thought he had gained a distance sufficient to go down athwart the fore foot to rake us, found he had not enough distance . . . and the *Bonhomme Richard*, having headway, ran her bows into the stern of the *Serapis*. We had remained in this situation but a few minutes when we were again hailed by the *Serapis*:

“Has your ship struck?”

To which Captain Jones answered: “I have not yet begun to fight.”

As we were unable to bring a single gun to bear upon the *Serapis*, our topsails were backed, while those of the *Serapis* being filled, the ships separated. The *Serapis* bore short round upon her heel, and her jib boom ran into the mizen rigging of the *Bonhomme Richard*. In this situation the ships were made fast together with a hawser, the



“I have Not yet begun to fight.”



Bonhomme Richard

bowsprit of the Serapis to the mizenmast of the Bonhomme Richard, and the action recommenced from the starboard sides of the two ships A novelty in

naval combats was now presented to many witnesses, but to few admirers. . . .

From the commencement to the termination of the action, there was not a man on board the Bonhomme Richard ignorant of the superiority of the Serapis, both in weight of metal, and in the qualities of the crews. The crew of that ship was picked seamen, and the ship itself had been only a few months off the stocks; whereas the crew of the Bonhomme Richard consisted of part American, English, and French, and a part of Maltese, Portuguese, and Malays, these latter contributing, by their want of naval skill and knowledge of the English language, to depress rather than elevate the first hope of success in a combat under such circumstances.

Neither the consideration of the relative force of the ships, the fact of the blowing up of the gundeck above them by the bursting of two of the eighteen pounders, nor the alarm that the ship was sinking, could depress the ardor or change the determination of the brave Captain Jones, his officers and men. Neither the repeated broadsides of the Alliance, given with a view of sinking or disabling the Bonhomme Richard, the frequent necessity of suspending the combat to extinguish the flames, which several times were within a few inches of the magazine, nor the liberation by the master-at-arms of nearly five hundred prisoners, could change or weaken the purpose of the American commander. At the moment of the liberation of the prisoners, one of them, a commander of a twenty-gun ship taken a few days before, passed through the ports on board the Serapis, and informed Captain Pearson that if he would hold out only a little while longer, the ship alongside would either strike or sink, and that all the prisoners had been released to save their lives. The combat was accordingly continued with renewed ardor by the Serapis.

The fire from the tops of the Bonhomme Richard was conducted with so much skill and effect as to destroy ultimately every man who appeared upon the quarterdeck of the Serapis, and induced her commander to order the survivors to go below. Nor even under shelter of the decks were they more secure. The powder-



Jones leads his crew.

monkeys of the Serapis, finding no officer to receive the eighteen-pound cartridges brought from the magazines, threw them on the main deck, and went for more. These cartridges being scattered along the deck, and numbers of them broken, it so happened that some of the hand grenades thrown from the main-yard of the Bonhomme Richard, which was directly over the main hatch of the Serapis, fell upon this powder, and produced a most awful explosion. The effect was tremendous. More than twenty of the enemy were blown to pieces, and many stood with only the collars of their shirts upon their bodies. In less than an hour afterward the flag of England, which had been nailed to the mast of the Serapis, was struck by Captain Pearson's own hands, as none of his people would venture aloft on this duty; and this, too, when more than 1,500 persons were witnessing the conflict, and the humiliating termination of it, from Scarborough and Flamborough Head."



Bonhomme Richard and Serapis

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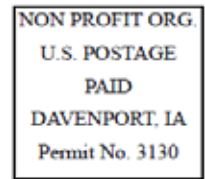
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