



The BROADSIDE

Crew Newsletter of the Battleship IOWA
CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT

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From The Port Side Office

Jonathan Williams, President & COO PBC

I would like to begin by thanking the BROADSIDE newsletter team for putting together our newsletter. The BROADSIDE is a great way to stay connected with our ship and shipmates. Looking forward, I will begin to outline some of the thoughts of how we can Celebrate the American Spirit, and in what direction are we headed.

As we began to look at the overall direction of the organization, we asked the question, "What do we mean to the community?" We discovered that answering this requires in-depth thinking on our part, along with the engagement of numerous parties - crew members, guests, veterans, and our partners. The overwhelming response from those who participated in the discussion was that we represent the best of American values for a

Date	Remember These Event
3/31	Easter Brunch
4/12	Crew Potluck Lunch
4/17	Movie Night
4/19	Turret 2 Memorial Service
4/24	Crew Potluck Lunch
5/18	PBC in Torrance, CA Memorial Day Parade
5/22	All Hands Meeting
6/8	Crew Appreciation Event

community and broader region that, during the past 20 years, has seen a reduction in military presence and associated pride.

We next asked ourselves, "What are we looking to achieve as an organization with the Battleship IOWA?" After some thought, we find that we are looking to provide our guests and their children with an educational and interactive experience that connects them to friends and family - an experience that embodies the American spirit and has a connection with the military. This concept is consistently reinforced by the fact that a majority of crew members become involved due to an emotional connection to a loved one, or a

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significant experience with the values represented by the ship. Our course is set, therefore, on the goal of connecting future generations with those in the past, and to the American spirit and values they represent. Through this exercise, our vision of “Celebrating the American Spirit by connecting the past with the future” was born. Defining the vision further into the mission gave the crew a passionate direction to tell the story.

Part of our process of exploration included the development of core values that provide us direction on our day-to-day decisions. In future newsletters, we will look deeper into topics that attract our guests and how we can help our community celebrate the American spirit. These core values are:

Quality The quality of the guest experience is of paramount importance to the IOWA, as guests pay the bills and justify our existence. Quality is also applicable to our staff, our volunteer experience, and the work that each of us performs. We will be an institution that provides quality experiences, instruction, information and value.

Interactivity Interactive opportunities for guests and crew alike provide the basis for memorable experiences during visits or in daily work. The guest is not just an observer on the tour path; but, instead, is given opportunities to interact with tour guides, instructional videos and other media that enrich their time aboard the ship. The IOWA will provide an interactive experience.

Authenticity Adherence to historical and technical authenticity will be the hallmark of all restoration, curatorial and maintenance activities aboard the ship. The crew will strive to provide the most-accurate portrayal of shipboard experiences possible for the eras that the ship represents. The guests will have an authentic experience on IOWA.

Alive The IOWA is often spoken of as a living monument to the past. We’d like to extend this sense of “aliveness” to include all aspects of the shipboard experience. This might include machinery sounds, fan noise, air conditioning humming in the background, 1MC announcements, and various deck activities. The ship should give the impression of continuous activity at all times. The IOWA is alive.

Arrival Guests should have a strong sense of arrival as they approach the ship. Not unlike the entrance to Disneyland, where guests are transported into another environment, we should strive to create that same sense of arrival and immersive experience. The guest has arrived at the IOWA.

Consistency We should strive to provide a consistent guest experience at all times and under every circumstance beyond the tour path - including events, communication and all media. The IOWA is consistent.

Comfort The comfort of our guests and crew is important to us. We should be sensitive to temperature, provide opportunities for respite (seating), watch for physical obstructions, and provide conveniences (including toilets). Within the physical restrictions imposed by the ship, we should always strive to provide a comfortable experience for guests and crew alike. The IOWA is comfortable.

Accessibility The Battleship of Presidents bore one of the great presidents of the 20th century on an important mission and was modified to accommodate his disability. We intend to honor that heritage and strive to provide the most-accessible experience possible. The IOWA is accessible.

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Safety Providing for guest and crew safety shall always be a priority for our institution. The IOWA is safe.

Spirit The crew of the IOWA has a passion for the ship, a love of our country, a respect and admiration for our veterans, a strong sense of purpose, a commitment to education, a respect for each other, and an appreciation for our guests. This is accomplished in an environment of integrity, involvement, and with a sense of duty and love for what we do. The IOWA has spirit.

Looking forward, we see a strong redevelopment effort underway at the LA Waterfront, and a renewal of interest in genealogy that will provide us the connection necessary to create a destination. This destination is one that the community has agreed should follow the American brand with the Port of Los Angeles (known as “America’s Port”), with Battleship IOWA celebrating the American spirit and leading the course. The knowledge, motivation, and loyalty of the existing crew will provide the ground-work for the authentic experience today’s visitor desires. Strong capitalization will be required to achieve these ambitious goals.

Our goals over the next five years focus on building a solid foundation for the guest experience that incorporates longevity, education, community involvement, and a passionate crew that provides the energy; as well as a foundation that is consistent, interactive, authentic, and ultimately provides the guest with a memorable and emotional experience. We are confident that a solid focus and a passionate team will achieve the goals of the Pacific Battleship Center and Battleship IOWA. All of this encompasses IOWA pride and is what makes us great!

Thank you for being a crew member and celebrating the American spirit!

-Jonathan Williams

As a side note - a part of IOWA pride includes taking care of our ship, being great ambassadors, and showing the best to our guests. Your efforts in removing trash, telling great stories, and presenting a unified front are what make us the best crew in the fleet of museum ships.

Welcome Aboard	
New crewmembers of Battleship IOWA	
Dept/Office	Crewmember Names
Operations	Jordan Aitchison comes in with his dad, Robert, who you may have seen rebuilding and upgrading computers.
Operations	Tim Cook comes to us from Ventura and is a professional videographer.
Operations	Tim Cohan, from Long Beach, was a ship fitter at the LB Naval Shipyard and worked on the USS New Jersey.
Operations (Special Projects)	Dennis Skoug and Tom Moxley. They will be bringing groups of Ironworker Apprentices from Local 433.

Editor’s Note

Thank you for your feedback! Battleship IOWA crewmembers are encouraged to actively participate in the development of the BROADSIDE. We have established the following email account where you can submit comments and feedback as well as articles, ideas, and photos for consideration in future publications. Send messages to: <mailto:broadside@labattleship.com>.

Distinguished Visitor

Joe Hughes, Editor

On Thursday, March 28, Signalman First Class Neal Jones, USS West Virginia BB-48 and USS Minneapolis (CA-36) visited Battleship IOWA.

He was 18 years old on December 7, 1941 when his ship was sunk at Pearl Harbor. He said that when “Abandon Ship” was called on the 1MC, he had a



Signalman First Class Neal Jones

choice of diving in the water on the port side, or climbing down the hawser tied to the USS Tennessee (BB-43) moored on the starboard side of the West Virginia.

Many of his friends chose the port side and perished.



Neal climbed down the hawser to the Tennessee and continued the fight, joining a 3”/50 caliber gun crew. He survived the Day of Infamy and was reassigned to the USS Minneapolis, where he fought in 17 additional battles; including the largest and last battleship engagement in history, the Battle of Surigao Strait on October 25, 1944. Neal Jones, a very spry 90-year-old survivor of Pearl Harbor, was thrilled to be

walking the decks of the Battleship IOWA. He is a living testament to the American Spirit.

Turret 2 Memorial

On Friday morning, April 19th a memorial service will be held to honor and remember the 47 crew members who perished in the Turret 2 Explosion on that date in 1989. All crew are encouraged to attend the ceremony. Additional details will be published in the Broadside.



IOWA Activity News

3rd Deck and Steering Gear Tour

Joe Hughes, Editor

On Sunday, March 24, at 3:00 PM I took the new tour hosted by Mike Getscher; the tour group included Dave Way, Steve Caylor, Edward Webb and Richard Nassif. We started in the Steering Gear Room, two decks below the Gift Shop. The Starboard and Port Rudders are controlled by separate steering gear in rooms 1 and 2 respectively. The steering gear equipment is housed in two compartments, the Power & Control Room and the Ram Room. The steering gear rooms are located port and starboard of the centerline at frame 195. We walked through the rooms on the starboard side, which are identical to the port side room. These compartments contain all electrical and hydraulic equipment needed to operate the ship's rudders; the rudders can be operated from these spaces in the event of a system casualty. These compartments were maintained by the A Gang and they are in excellent condition.



Starboard Steering Gear Power & Control Room



Starboard Ram Room. Rudder post cap shown in the center of the background. You could eat off this equipment but not the floors-very slippery with oil.

Next, we explored the Ships Laundry and Tailor Shop, located on the 3rd deck below the CPO Mess and berthing compartments. The equipment in these spaces varies in age from original 1940s era, up to, and including, systems installed in the 1982 overhaul.

We visited the Brig located on the 3rd deck just aft of the Barber Shop. No one in the tour group volunteered to linger for an extended period of time. The tour continued forward on the 3rd deck past the Barber Shop, and through a number of crew berthing compartments that housed about 400 sailors. The tour ended with a visit to the ICE Equipment Control Room, compartment 4-185-1, that provides the machinery for the ship's coolers and freezers located one deck below.

I encourage you to take this tour. Additional pictures can be seen at the end of the newsletter. Sign up information is listed below in the On the Horizon section.

Turret 1 Gun Barrels Opened for Maintenance

On Sunday, March 17, the Turret 1 gun barrels were opened for maintenance. Some guests said we should leave one of the barrels exposed with a see-through cover to make the rifling in the barrel visible. Here is a close-up of the business end of Turret 1. Combined with its eight cousins, it represents 114 million pounds of diplomacy! The Big Stick!



And The Winner Is

Security Volunteer Dan Hayden graciously offered use of his week-long timeshare at Lagunita Lodge in Big Bear to PBC. Timing was very tight in order to secure the desired dates. We determined that the best way to take advantage such a wonderful offer on short notice, was to open it to currently active volunteers with at least 100 hours. Six volunteers responded. To keep it fair, we put the six names in a fishbowl and had a drawing by our president, Jonathan Williams. The lucky winner (a last minute entrant, and coincidentally the volunteer with the most hours among those in the drawing) was Joe Rojas! If you wish to view the drawing on video, Sue taped it on her iphone and can email it to you. Thank you Dan and congratulations Joe!



Crew's Potluck Lunch

Joe Hughes, Editor

Friday, March 15, the Crew enjoyed a lunch of corned beef, cabbage and potatoes - or hot dogs for those not inclined to partake in the Irish fare. The day was foggy and the temperature a little cool, but the food was great and the comradery even better. George Musulin played the guitar and treated the crew to a few songs; but no Irish pub ballads were offered, as no beer was available to wet our parched throats. A good time was



had by all. The crew sends special thanks to Sue Schmidt for organizing the event, Gary Blackney who cooked the corned beef and cabbage, and to all who pitched in to help with the event.

Truman Poker Table Arrives on IOWA

Arthur Huhta

We had poker chips. We had the cards. The crew was ready to play poker. All we needed was a table.

On March 20, a round, seven-player African mahogany poker table was ceremoniously placed in the Officer's Wardroom. Built in Iowa and donated by two wood craftsmen, Dave Knau and Jim Gocke, it is a replica of the original designed in the Key West, Florida naval base cabinet



Jim Gocke of Bondurant, Iowa (black shirt), Dave Knau, Windsor Heights, Iowa (blue shirt) assembling table.

shop for President Harry S. Truman. The original is currently on display in the Truman Little Whitehouse, Key West. Gocke said, "The Iowa is known as the 'Battleship of the Presidents.' We spent eight months building it [the table]. We have full-time jobs, so we spent evenings and weekends working on it. It's a task of love. Today is a happy day for us."

Truman's favorite phrase, "The Buck Stops Here," seems appropriate for a poker table. There are seven poker chip stations and ash trays because



Jonathan Williams thanks Jeff Lamberti for the gift of the Truman Poker Table.

Truman enjoyed playing seven-card stud. Knau said, "The center section of green felt covers a dice table. That's the way the navy built it. It's not known if Truman played dice games. He played poker almost every night." It would be difficult to play acey-deucey in that lower center part. The original ash trays were created from 4-inch artillery shells - without the powder, of course. The trays made for this table were fabricated by Brownells Inc, a gun smithing company in Montezuma, Iowa.

It has been a long process to place the table here. PBC board member Jeff Lamberti said, "A year and half ago, we started working on this."

Fellow board member, Becky Beach, added, "It was shipped out here early in the summer. We were going to display it over the 4th of July



Jonathan Williams thanks Jim Gocke and Dave Knau for the Truman Poker Table.

but there was so much going on with the veterans, we decided to wait. The table was built from scratch; Knau and Gocke did extensive research and even traveled to Key West to view the original. They enjoyed building it so much that they are considering building a desk from the ship's teak."

Battleship IOWA Music Man

Do you know George Musulin? He is the ship's electrician and has performed at a number of crew parties and

celebrations, sharing his guitar music and vocal talents to make our gatherings



festive. George's forte is music from the 70s, and his repertoire is substantial. Did you know that George performs weekly at several local spots? You can hear George on Wednesday evenings at the Sacred Grounds Coffee House, San Pedro, from 8PM to 10PM; and on Sundays at the South Forty Bar, Mira Loma, from 12:00 Noon to 6:00PM. Support your shipmate and drop in to listen to a few sets. Give it up for George Musulin, our Music Man!

Marketing & Ticketing News

Tommy Spencer, Acting Marketing Coordinator

Our 70th birthday party was a very nice success, with a good deal of press and social media activity; not to mention great attendance. Thank you all for helping to make this an extraordinary event. Easter is just around the corner and, with a virtual egg hunt and Easter brunch, it is sure to be another great day. Be sure to enter the Crew password, AHOY, to activate the special Crew pricing for all public events. You can purchase your Easter brunch tickets at www.labattleship.com.

Ticketing has seen a steady increase in business and is expecting a very good summer. We introduced a AAA Membership Discount that is doing very well. Remember that IOWA Crew can receive complimentary admittance for themselves; as well as 50% off all additional tickets, up to 20. This is a great way to support your local club, church, school or youth group, and Battleship IOWA. E-mail bookingmanager@labattleship.com today.

Curator's Update

Dave Way, Curator

During the third and last decommissioning of IOWA, the crew deposited IOWA's many systems technical and reference manuals in the former forward Ship's Store on the port 2nd

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Deck. Initial work to review and organize the many manuals, blueprints and boxes of engineering records was started last year in Richmond with Museum and Tour Volunteer Bill Hansen. Bill recently returned to IOWA to continue where he left off, and transfer his knowledge to some of our local volunteers for them to complete this large task.

The San Diego Maritime Museum has contacted IOWA to donate an interesting battleship-related item. Many years ago, the museum received two enlisted mess tables that came off the battleship Oklahoma. Although our museum tries to receive items that are mainly IOWA-related, we also accept items from other American battleships. The transfer of the tables will take place sometime this spring. Now, if we could only determine if the tables came off the ship before or after the attack on Pearl Harbor.....mmmmm.

IOWA has also been offered scans of several thousands of photos from an individual's collection of the histories of all four IOWAs. We are very excited to see what this collection holds, but will have to wait until September 2013 for the donation to take place.

Two representatives from Turnstile Tours, the company responsible for providing tours of the Brooklyn Navy Yard in New York, where IOWA was constructed, paid us a visit. They were excited to tour and learn more about her history for their tours, and to copy any photographs of IOWA's construction that our museum has acquired. They, in turn, will be sharing whatever photos and information they locate in their museum as well. Sister-ship Missouri was also constructed at the Brooklyn Yard, while New Jersey and Wisconsin were constructed in the Philadelphia Navy Shipyard.

Museum and Tour Committee Update

Mike Getscher, VP of Operations

The Museum Planning group took a break last week while several of its members traveled north to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) "Ghost Fleet" in Suisun Bay on a spare-parts survey mission. MARAD was kind enough to allow access to some 13 ships of varying vintages and styles to obtain spare parts and other material that remain aboard. The team had a grueling two-day sprint through multiple compartments looking for such pieces as radio spares, mooring lines and firefighting equipment, and were successful in finding a number of valuable items. Crew members from north and south will return in several weeks to complete the removal process. Special thanks to Security Volunteer Bob Watkins for offering to drive the team north for the three-day affair.

Check out the cool new items on the tour path. The OPS team has installed a glass window down into the powder magazine in the main deck berthing area forward. Guests can now see down four decks into the lower reaches of the ship and gain an understanding of the process of ammunition loading. The recently discovered map in the wardroom is now fully protected under Plexiglas and tours will resume allowing guests to enjoy viewing the map.

Stay tuned for more improvements coming up during the next few months, including a new 16" shell and powder display adjacent to Turret 1, and a 5" mount display at Mount 56.

Ship Operations Update

Dan Pawloski, Ship OPS Manager

We have had a busy couple of weeks on and off the ship. We were released on some work in the Repair Office and Forward Quarter Deck to document, remove, refurbish, and store items. The Repair Office will be the new home of the Director of Attractions and the VP of IT/Security. In a week or so we should complete the painting and carpet work so the area can be outfitted with new furniture. The Forward Quarter Deck will be the new Security

Office, and boy did that little room need a lot of work. It used to house one of the dehumidification units that kept the ship in good condition while mothballed, so we had to remove the unit and weld many of the holes that were created for air to flow. When the room is completed, it will be the control center of Security's radios, paperwork, and the all-important coffee (I will be visiting the room often to check on the coffee). I would like to thank Mario Mares for leading the effort, and the rest of the crew for getting these areas completed.



Installing table supports for the new Forward Quarterdeck.

Other work that continues is the installation of new stairs on the 05 level, exterior lighting (which includes a whole new trunk line), CHT valve cleaning and reconstruction; and, of course the sewer line, which is now installed on the dock but still has a long way to go. Thank you all who dedicated their time to help us out, be proud of what you have accomplished – IOWA Pride shows when our guests comment on how beautiful the ship looks.

Crew Discount - IMAX Theatre at the California Science Center

Show your crew ID card for the following discounts: \$2 off adult and \$1 off the child admission price.

Battleship IOWA Crewmembers celebrating birthdays in April.	
<i>Be sure to wish your shipmates a Happy Birthday when you see them!</i>	
Day	Crewmembers
1	Andy Bradshaw and Jim Mendoza
4	Bob Kohler
5	Patrick Shortall
6	Tim Cohan, John Larson and Robert Leon
7	Carlos Cordero
8	John Poat
11	Linda Ayers
14	Gerald Benson and Paul Wooldridge
15	Robert Conboy
17	Richard Nassif
23	Bart Grant
25	David Roberts
26	Patrick Salazar
27	Richard Waugh
29	Daniel Hayden
30	Bill Maggio

If we missed your Birthday. Send a note so we can correct or records, <mailto:broadside@labattleship.com>.

On The Horizon

Sue Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator

Easter Brunch on the USS IOWA – SOLD OUT

Movie Night – for “reel” this time!

Wednesday, April 17

Okay, I blew it. The “American Warships” movie never materialized – by all opinions a truly terrible spoof on “Battleship” – but that’s okay. Instead, we will have an exclusive screening of a wonderful and very special documentary film, by Kert Vander Meulen, about what it took to bring the USS IOWA to LA. This film has not yet been released commercially, and is not available for purchase. I highly recommend all hands involved with the IOWA come see this film. Kert follows the process of physically getting the IOWA out of mothballs in Suisun Bay, the challenges and triumphs of restoring this amazing ship enough to bring it to her permanent home in San Pedro, and finally opening to the public. It’s a great story – one you should know and understand. Because we anticipate a good turn-out for this film, I want to stress how important it is to sign up so we know how many will be attending. We’ll provide something to munch on. Sign up today at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FA5A623A02-mess

Turret 2 Memorial Service - April 19th, 9:30 AM

Crew Tours – 3rd Deck

Get to know your ship! The 3rd Deck and steering gear tour will run through April. When signing up, bear in mind that only a small group can get in to see the steering gear at any one time. Crew tours will cycle through every few months. Reminder - behind-the-scenes tours are for active crew only, no friends or family. Sign up at: (Access Code BB61)

www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FA5A623A02-3rddeck

Crew Tours – Superstructure

Starting on May 1st and running through the month of May, we will be offering the crew a tour of the Super Structure. I like to call it the “Haute Crew Tour”....but that’s just me. Sign up at the following link. Again, the access code is: BB61

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409044FA5A623A02-super1

Crew Potluck Lunch Friday, April 12th, 11:30 – 1:00

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409044FA5A623A02-crew17

Crew Potluck Lunch Wednesday, April 24th, 11:30 – 1:00

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409044FA5A623A02-crew20

City of Torrance, 54th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade

Saturday, May 18, the Pacific Battleship Center will be participating in the parade with our 26’ whale boat. Thank you, Dan Pawloski, for making this happen! We’ll keep you posted. For parade information:

www.torranceca.gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm

All Hands Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 5:00 – 6:00, Crew’s Mess

Crew Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, June 8th. Details are being worked out, but we’re planning a fun evening. Stay tuned!



Ron Bendy polishing brass in the Bridge Conning Tower. He's doing his bit to make IOWA shine!



Tour Department Volunteers Linda Ayers and Mary Ma Stoddard in the Captain's Cabin



Jonathan Williams - Wearin' 'O the Green at the Crew Potluck Lunch on March 15



Ship Ops Volunteers Rich Koehnen and Bill Maggio in the Machine Shop



Pat Manion and Sue's daughter Pip in his Roadster



Tour Department Volunteer Milt Boudov greeting guests and scanning tickets



Welding table supports for the new Forward Quarterdeck



Crew Potluck on Friday, March 15th



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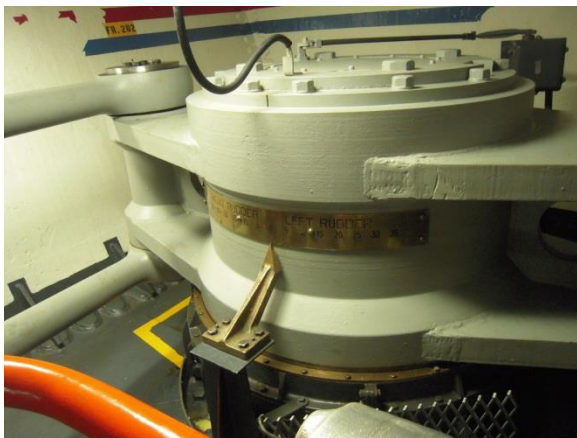
3rd Deck Tour - Laundry Equipment



3rd Deck Tour - ICE Equipment Control Room



3rd Deck Tour - Laundry Equipment



3rd Deck Tour - Starboard Rudder Post Cap



3rd Deck Tour - Sheet Press



3rd Deck Tour - Solitary Lock Up



Desk Repair on the Forecastle

PICs in History



USS Massachusetts, fire room" Tending the battleship's coal-fired boilers. 1897



USS Oregon in dry dock, Brooklyn Navy Yard, 1898