

U.S.S. IOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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From the President's Desk

Shipmates:

I just returned from our Association reunion in Des Moines. Wow! What a great time. Bill Wysk did another wonderful job of scheduling and organizing this reunion. Unfortunately, Bill passed away just a few days before the reunion, but thanks to his very efficient reunion preparations, we were able to continue without any major problems. We had a big turnout and quite a few members were there for the first time. I don't think that anyone was disappointed. We had some super tours and everyone was thrilled to see the USS Iowa model on display in the Capitol Building, the USS Iowa Silver Service on display at the Museum, and the spectacular USS Iowa model made from matchsticks. Our banquet was filled with inspiring events, including the Iowa State University Naval ROTC color guard and a very entertaining speaker, Mr. Bill Johnson, the curator of the Iowa State Historical Museum. Our banquet program also included an



emotional tribute to our Executive Vice President Bill Wysk, and memorial ceremonies for the Iowa-47 and all those USS Iowa Veterans who have passed away during the past year. A special USS Iowa cake was presented in commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of the commissioning of our great ship. As tradition dictates, the oldest member of the crew, Al Ebel, cut the first piece of cake and served it to the youngest member, Scot Taylor. There were many members of Al's family present to witness the event, and Al gave a short talk that underscored his love of the ship and his shipmates. I am already looking forward to the next reunion and I hope to see you there.

Election of Officers for 2008-2009

At the annual crew's meeting the following members were elected to lead our Association during the coming year:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| President: | Jerry Gneckow |
| Executive Vice President: | Mike Meldrum |
| First Vice President: | Mark Gustafson |
| Second Vice President: | Ken Leff |
| Secretary/Treasure: | Paul Ogg |
| Chaplain: | Rich McClellan |

New directors on the Board of Directors include Randy Frakes, Scot Taylor, Cameron Ratkovic, and Bill Humieny.

USS Iowa Raffle

Despite some initial problems with mailing procedures, the 1st Annual USS Iowa Raffle was a success. We sold enough tickets to cover all our costs and prizes and we still had some money left over to add to our Association account. The drawing was conducted at the banquet and the winners are announced in this newsletter. They have all been notified and their winnings have been forwarded by check.

By-Laws Revision

The proposed By-Laws revisions which appeared in the last newsletter were all approved by the crew. A new By-Laws document will be printed soon and it will be forwarded to all officers and directors. It will also be on the website where members may download a copy if they desire. Anyone who wants a copy mailed to them should notify Paul Ogg. The By-Laws changes have no significant impact on the way we do business. The changes were primarily intended to clarify the way our Association is organized, and to give the Executive Board the authority to establish dues/

Congratulations to the
winners of our first
USS IOWA Raffle!

The winners were...

\$250.00 - Reymundo Romero from Sante Fe, NM

\$500.00 - Jim Tate from Littleton, CO

\$1000.00 - Virgil Newberry from Salinas, CA

Thank you to all that participated!

From the President's Desk cont...

fees. No increase in dues or fees will occur prior to 2009, and only then if approved by the Executive Board.

Reunion 2009

The crew listened to presentations from Albuquerque, Boise, Colorado Springs, and Tucson at the annual meeting. After a spirited discussion and a close vote, Boise, Idaho was selected as our 2009 reunion location. We are now in the process of negotiating a contract with the Doubletree Hotel of Boise and will provide all the details of our next reunion in a future issue of the newsletter. Our new Executive Vice President, Mike Meldrum will be in charge of making all the arrangements for our 2009 reunion. He will be assisted by Bill Kelly and Paul Ogg. If you would like to join the reunion committee, please give Mike a call. I am sure that he would appreciate some additional help.

Audit Committee

Jim Tate and the audit committee completed the audits of all of our financial accounts and have indicated that we are in good shape. All required IRS reports have been submitted. Unfortunately, Jim will no longer be able to be the Audit Committee Chairman, so I am searching for someone to take over this important post. Please call or e-mail me if you can help our in this regard.


Other Important Information

- 1) Please submit your Association Dues so that you can continue to receive your newsletter. Dues should be mailed to Paul Ogg.
- 2) Make sure that your mailing address is current. Contact Paul Ogg to provide updates.
- 3) Check the website to ensure that your e-mail address is correct. If it is not, follow the instructions on the website for correction and send an e-mail to John Schultz advising him of your correct e-mail address.
- 4) Remember to provide your families with written instructions about the final distribution of your personal memorabilia.
- 5) Plan to attend the 2009 reunion in Boise, Idaho

See you at the reunion.

All the best,

Jerry Gneckow



VETERANS ASSOCIATION
of the **USS IOWA BB-61**
Paul R. Ogg, Treasurer
2916 NW Bucklin Hill Rd. #169
Silverdale, WA 98383

Membership Requirements

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 & civilian): embarked staff, flight and air group personnel, technicians, news media, Secret Service, FBI personnel, instructors and training personnel . . . Annual dues \$15.00

Honorary Member: The Widow, Mother or Father of any deceased member may become an Honorary Member upon request. (No dues are required for Honorary Members.)

Associate Family Member (AFMBR): Any family member of a former crewman is eligible to become an Associate Family Member (Sister, Brother, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)
. . . Annual dues \$15.00

Associate Member (ASMBR): Any Naval or Battleship enthusiast, or anyone interested in the preservation of the USS IOWA, may become an Associate Member.
. . . Annual dues \$15.00

Member Application Form

This form may be used to apply for membership in the Association or to request existing information to be revised/corrected. Type of Membership

Type: FULL HONORARY RENEWAL
 AFMBR ASMBR

For Honorary or AFMBR enter Member Name _____

For change of information, enter membership # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Wife's Name _____

Ship Board Division _____ Rate/Rank _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Era Aboard (40's, 50's, or 80's) _____

Aboard from (yr) _____ TO (yr) _____

* May we post your information on our ONLINE listing of Email addresses? Yes No

(Only the Name, Division, Email Address, and Era Aboard will be posted online.)

(Signature & Date)

Send your \$15.00 dues check (made out to Veterans Assn of the USS IOWA) and completed form to Secretary/Treas. Paul R. Ogg, 2916 NW Bucklin Hill Rd., #169, Silverdale, WA 98383



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Comfort

*There is a tower of strength
 For you and me—
 'Tis that which we call faith
 And as the sea
 Off dashes on the rocks
 To no avail
 So storms may come to us;
 But in the gale
 We lean upon that faith
 And soon once more
 We see a beacon light—
 It is the shore.*

Franklin Lee Stevenson

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|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| S. JACK | TUBBS | V DIV | 44-45 | AMM2C |
| WILLIAM D. | WYSK | DECK | 51-55 | BM3 |
| KENNETH L. | HOOVER | 7TH DIV | 43-46 | SN1C |
| ARTHUR F. | LOCKWOOD | 4TH DIV | 43-44 | SN2C |
| CHARLES F. | MCNEIL, JR | FM DIV | 43-45 | FC2 |
| FREDERICK A. | QUACKENBUSH | A DIV | 52-56 | MMFA |
| JAMES R. | TANNER | CR DIV | 52-55 | RM2 |
| HENRY M. | TILLOTSON JR | B DIV | 52 | BT3 |
| ROBERT J. | ANDERSON | EX DIV | 58 | PR3 |
| MRS EMORY W | BELL | A DIV | 42-43 | HONORARY |
| J. RUSSEL | BROUSSARD | 7TH DIV | 45 | BM2 GIG CAPT |
| HENRY W. | WACHEL | 2ND DIV | 52 | SK3 |
| GERALD E | WILKE | FA DIV | 44 | SN1C |
| WILLIAM C | CLARK | 2ND DIV | 43-46 | GM2 |
| ROE E. | MALLSTROM JR | FLAG | 54-56 | LTJG |
| WILLIAM | HOLDER JR | FM DIV | 51-53 | FC3 |
| ROBERT B. | HOWARD | S2 DIV | 54-57 | CS3 |
| MRS WILLIAM A | FERRIS | M DIV | 42-45 | HONORARY |
| RONALD | HODGSON | FA DIV | 51-55 | FT2 |
| PAULA. | LARBUS | SS/S3 DIV | 52-56 | SH2 |
| DONALD A. | MILLER | FA DIV | 51-53 | |
| BRUCE B. | ROBINSON | FA DIV | 51-52 | |
| R. L. | BILADEAU | FA DIV | 51-52 | |
| JOSEPH P. | BURKE | FA DIV | 51-53 | |

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Dues year is 1 June to 31 May.

Dues are \$15 per year

New cards are not issued every year
 (Replaced if requested).

Dues expiration date is the first line of
 your address label on the newsletter.

Veterans Assn of the USS Iowa Ship's Store Order Form

| Item # | Item Name | Size (circle) | Price | Qty | Item # | Item Name | Price | Qty |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----|--------|-------------------------------|----------|-----|
| 101 | Hat, Former Crew | | \$15.50 | | 310P | Zippo Lighter - Polished | \$25.00 | |
| 101M | Hat, Former Crew - Mesh | | \$17.50 | | 311 | License Plate Frame | \$15.00 | |
| 103 | Hat, Silhouette | | \$15.50 | | 312W | Bumper Sticker (White) | \$3.50 | |
| 103M | Hat, Silhouette - Mesh | | \$17.50 | | 312Y | Bumper Sticker (Yellow) | \$3.50 | |
| 105 | Hat, Regulation - USN | | \$15.50 | | 314 | Mouse Pad - Broadside | \$14.00 | |
| 106 | Hat, Former Crew - USMC | | \$15.50 | | 315 | Iowa Warship Data | \$14.00 | |
| 108 | Hat, Regulation - USMC | | \$15.50 | | 316 | Plastic Model - 1/600 | \$38.00 | |
| 109G | Hat, BB-61 - GOLD | | \$17.50 | | 317 | Plastic Model - 1/700 | \$34.00 | |
| 109N | Hat, BB-61 - NAVY | | \$17.50 | | 318 | 2008 Reunion Money Clip | \$9.00 | |
| 200 | Golf Shirt/Pocket - Navy | M L XL 2XL | \$28.50 | | 319-3 | Assn Patch - 3" | \$7.00 | |
| 201 | Golf Shirt - Navy | M L XL 2XL | \$28.50 | | 319-6 | Assn Patch - 6" | \$13.00 | |
| 202 | Jacket - Navy | M L XL 2XL | \$64.00 | | 320I | Decal, Association - Inside | \$3.00 | |
| 204 | T-Shirt, Child | S M L | \$7.00 | | 320O | Decal, Association - Outside | \$3.00 | |
| 206 | T-Shirt, Assn Crest | M L XL 2XL | \$15.00 | | 321 | Ship Crest - 1980's | \$10.00 | |
| 207 | Nylon Jacket - Navy | L XL 2XL | \$90.00 | | 322 | Assn Lapel Pin | \$5.00 | |
| 208 | Golf Shirt, USMC - Red | L XL 2XL | \$25.00 | | 323 | 50th Anniversary Pin | \$5.00 | |
| 209 | Golf Shirt, USMC - Gold | L XL 2XL | \$25.00 | | 325 | Plaque, Marble | \$100.00 | |
| 212 | Ladies Sleeveless - White | M L XL | \$25.00 | | 326 | Plaque, Marble , Framed | \$120.00 | |
| 213 | Ladies Button Polo - Navy | M L XL 2XL | \$25.00 | | 330 | Cup - Gold Trim | \$18.00 | |
| 214 | Ladies Button Polo - Gold | M L XL 2XL | \$25.00 | | 331 | Cup - Regulation | \$16.50 | |
| 215 | T-Shirt, Flag/Ship | M L XL 2XL | \$17.00 | | 332 | Zipper Pull, Lone Sailor | \$8.00 | |
| 216 | T-Shirt, Ship Crest | M L XL 2XL | \$17.00 | | 333 | Zipper Pull, Navy Anchor | \$8.00 | |
| 219 | NY Reunion T-Shirt | M L XL 2XL | \$10 2/\$15 | | 334 | Magnet Navy Anchor | \$10.00 | |
| 220 | NY Reunion T-Shirt - Child | M L | \$10 2/\$15 | | 335 | Magnet, USMC | \$10.00 | |
| 221 | IA Reunion T-Shirt | M L XL 2XL | \$12 2/\$20 | | 336 | Ornament, Navy Anchor | \$17.00 | |
| 222 | IA Reunion T-Shirt - Child | M L | \$12 2/\$20 | | 337 | Ornament, USMC | \$17.00 | |
| 223 | T-Shirt Signal Flag | M L XL 2XL | \$14.50 | | 338 | Ornament, Battleship | \$17.00 | |
| 224 | T-Shirt Signal Flag - Child | M L | \$13.00 | | 343 | Photograph Sunset 8x10 | \$7.00 | |
| 300 | Challenge Coin | | \$12.00 | | 344 | Photograph Underway 8x10 | \$7.00 | |
| 301 | Key Chain - USN | | \$10.00 | | 345 | Photograph Broadside 8x10 | \$7.00 | |
| 302 | Key Chain - USMC | | \$10.00 | | 346 | Photograph Broadside 11x14 | \$12.00 | |
| 303 | Key Chain - Silhouette | | \$10.00 | | 347 | Photograph Broadside 12x18 | \$15.00 | |
| 304 | Letter Opener - USN | | \$17.00 | | 349 | USS Iowa Pen | \$1.25 | |
| 305 | Letter Opener - USMC | | \$17.00 | | 350 | Lapel Pin, Yellow Ribbon | \$8.00 | |
| 306 | Golf Towel | | \$13.00 | | 351 | DVD, USS Iowa | \$25.00 | |
| 307 | Boater Tote | | \$22.00 | | 352 | 2008 Reunion Pin | \$8.00 | |
| 308 | Zipper Tote | | \$24.00 | | 353 | 2008 Reunion Cooler | \$10.00 | |
| 310B | Zippo Lighter - Brushed | | \$25.00 | | 400 | Historic Calendar (2005/2011) | \$10.00 | |

September 2008

International: _____ **Insurance:** _____ **Priority:** _____ **Total Enclosed:** _____

*Name: _____ *Phone: _____

*Address: _____ * City _____

*State: _____ *Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

*REQUIRED INFORMATION

All prices contained herein include postage; insurance is recommended for orders over \$50.00 (add \$5.00). Orders are shipped parcel post (add \$9.00 for Priority). Only check or money orders in **U.S. DOLLARS ONLY** are accepted and **must be made out to: VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE USS IOWA**. Send orders to: Ship's Store Officer, 5812 NAPLES DR, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL, 33540. Questions may be directed to: Ship's Store Officer at kenl636@hotmail.com. **International orders add 25%** of the total bill for additional shipping costs.

USS IOWA SHIP STORE

The Des Moines reunion is behind us and we are left with many memories, most great, one not so. We celebrated getting together again but there was an emptiness hanging overhead. Our Executive Vice-President, “Whiskey” Bill Wysk was not with us. As most of you already know Bill suffered a stroke and passed away a few days before our reunion. I will miss working with him and getting the many phone calls through the year – usually discussing the same subjects time after time.

Although our reunion attendance was lower than we had hoped for sales in the Ship Store continue to surpass expectations. \$4755.00 has been deposited into the Store’s account. Along with a Des Moines reunion T-shirt we introduced a new one. This T-shirt is printed with seven full color signal flags on the front of a light gray shirt, light blue for the kids. The flags spell out “USS Iowa.” These shirts sell for \$14.50 or \$13.00 for the child size. Reunion pins will be available from the Ship Store until the minimal supply is de-

pleted; price is \$8.00, packing and postage included. Registration coolers and money clips will also be available through the Ship Store while supplies last. Coolers are \$10.00, money clips \$9.00, and again, packing and postage is included.

This year several members have contacted me about an Iowa related item they have had made by a shop or craftsman in their region. A few have offered to buy the items for the Store with payment upon sale. I appreciate the initiative but in most cases we already carry a similar item, some slow movers. We are trying to reduce the inventory value and in most cases cannot justify picking up these unsolicited items. I hope you understand.

Boise, Idaho is our next stop and is less than a year away. It will be here before you know it. Start making plans and saving up for the trip. Hope to see you there.

NEW MEMBERS

| FIRST | LAST | ADDRESS | CITY | ST | ZIP | EMAIL ADDRESS | DIV | YRS ONBD | SPOUSE | RANK/RATE |
|------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|----|------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|----------|------------------|
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| JAMES A. | VEEDER | 114 OAK DR | KIMBERLING CITY | MO | 65686 | | 5TH DIV | 51-54 | DEE | SN |
| EDGAR W. | EHLERS | 1614 570TH ST | STORM LAKE | IA | 50588 | EMEHLERS@EVERTEK.NET | R DIV | 52-54 | MARCELLA | DC2 |
| EDDIE | NIKOLAS | 3993 OLD FORGE RD | VIRGINIA BEACH | VA | 23452 | EDDIENIKOLAS@VERIZON.NET | OC DIV | 83-85 | | RM1 |
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The Editor of the Veterans Association U.S.S. IOWA welcomes letters and articles for the Newsletter and reserves the right to EDIT and/or SHORTEN them.

Send your letters and articles to Newsletter Editor.

Deadline for All Materials for Next Newsletter: DECEMBER 20th

TREASURER'S REPORT

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09/28/08
Cash Basis

Veterans Association of the USS IOWA Profit & Loss September 2007 through August 2008

| | <u>Sep '07 - Aug 08</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Membership Dues | 12,924.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income - Refund From 2007 Giveaways | 208.25 |
| Preservation Fund | 4,251.00 |
| REUNION INCOME | |
| BANQUETS | 5,520.00 |
| REGISTRATION FEES | 2,105.00 |
| TOURS | 9,681.00 |
| Total REUNION INCOME | <u>17,306.00</u> |
| SHIP'S STORE INCOME | <u>8,953.62</u> |
| Total Income | 43,642.87 |
| Expense | |
| Contributions - 2007 Midn Award | 100.00 |
| Licenses and Permits - Two year Website Hosting/Domain Renewal | 1,446.80 |
| MIDN ROTC AWARD - 2008 Midn Award | 250.00 |
| Office Supplies | 569.43 |
| Postage and Delivery - 2007/2008 | 11,178.84 |
| Printing and Reproduction | 3,490.63 |
| Recruiting | 47.00 |
| REUNION EXPENSES | |
| BANQUETS - 2007 | 3,706.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS - 2007/2008 | 1,139.84 |
| TOURS - 2007 (One Refund 2008) | 27,722.00 |
| REUNION EXPENSES - Hotel 2007 | 10,082.84 |
| Total REUNION EXPENSES | <u>42,650.68</u> |
| SHIP'S STORE EXPENSE | 7,225.04 |
| Supplies | 180.91 |
| Telephone | 2,283.63 |
| Total Expense | <u>69,422.96</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | -25,780.09 |
| Other Income/Expense | |
| Other Income | |
| Interest Income | 2,470.53 |
| Total Other Income | <u>2,470.53</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>2,470.53</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>-23,309.56</u></u> |
| | |
| CERTIFICATE #70 | 62,746.20 |
| CERTIFICATE #71 | 5,000.00 |
| CHECKING | 25,083.15 |
| SAVINGS | 3,744.44 |
| | |
| MEMBER STATUS: | |
| HON/LIFE MEMBERS | 277 |
| ACTIVE PAID 2009 DUES | 710 |
| PAID 2008 DUES | 459 |
| PAID 2007 DUES | 139 |

Editor's Letter

Greetings Shipmates,

Our Des Moines reunion was another successful event thanks to the planning of our late friend, Bill Wysk, and all that joined in to make it a fitting tribute to his memory. Bill always took pride in planning these events for us and this year was no different. Each day something special was planned and the only thing missing was Bill.



As always, the beer and the conversations were flowing all week long. During the week we traveled to the Pella & Neal Smith Refuge to experience life in an old Dutch community and to the Living History Farms where we experienced what life was like in Iowa over a 100 years ago. But without a doubt, the highlight of the week was when we went to the Iowa State House, where we were awed by the model of the USS IOWA! It was a very emotional moment for many, especially when we saw the tribute to the IOWA 47.

We held our Executive Board and Crew's meetings, where we discussed issues that you can read about in the Minutes submitted in this newsletter. Two very important tasks covered during this time were the vote to hold next year's reunion in Boise, Idaho and to elect our officers and board of directors.

Congratulations to Scot Taylor, Randy Frakes, Bill Huminenny, and Cameron Ratkovic, the newly elected members of the Board of Directors and to our new Ex. Vice-President, Mike Meldrum. Although you may think that you have "big shoes to fill," we are more than confident that you will do an excellent job.

We were honored to have local artist, Bubba Sorensen and his wife Maria join us for Friday's dinner. As many of you will recall, in the winter 2007-08 edition, I placed a photograph of a rock that Bubba

painted in honor of all veterans. We enjoyed getting to know Bubba and Maria and we look forward to seeing his next masterpiece. Who knows, maybe it will include our ship?!

One of our dear friends, Marshall Stevenson, unfortunately missed out on much of our reunion due to a brief stay in the hospital. He asked that I extend, to all his IOWA friends, his thanks for the kindness that was extended towards his sister Genia and his daughter Judy and for sending him wishes for a speedy recovery.

I would like to thank our new friends from the Iowa State House, especially Dana Vasey, for taking the time to listen to our stories and for recording them so that future generations will never forget the men of the USS IOWA.

Finally, a special thanks to all that have shared their stories with Michele and I. Many of you have given us some great ideas for future newsletter articles and I look forward to receiving more as I take on another year as your newsletter editor.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Mark S. Gustafson
MM3 '85-'89

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Deadline for all materials for next
newsletter: Dec 20th, 2008.



* On any emails sent to the editor, please indicate in the subject box, that your message pertains to the USS IOWA.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 2007-2008

Goals/Objectives:

- (1) Provide for the continuation of the Association quarterly Newsletter.
- (2) Plan, organize and facilitate the annual reunion.
- (3) Continue operation of the USS IOWA Ship's Store.
- (4) Continue the operation of the Association internet website www.ussiowa.org.
- (5) Bring into our organization as many new members as possible, especially shipmates from the 80's crew.
- (6) Stay abreast of the situation regarding final homeport of USS IOWA.
- (7) Ensure that an appropriate USS IOWA museum is included at the memorial site and that all applicable records/memorabilia in our custody are properly identified and turned over to the museum curator.
- (8) Provide for the maintenance of IOWA Point at the Naval Base, Norfolk, VA, and organize an annual ceremony to honor our shipmates, "The IOWA 47".
- (9) Provide for appropriate recognition of selected honor students/graduates of Iowa State University Navy ROTC.
- (10) Ensure that Treasurer's Funds and Ship's Store Accounts are audited annually.
- (11) Ensure that a proposed budget for 2008-09 is submitted for approval at the crew's meeting in accordance with By-Laws.
- (12) Maintain a record of all USS Iowa Veterans who pass on and ensure that they are remembered at annual ceremony and in the Taps section of Newsletter.

Accomplished/Completed:

- (1) Published and distributed to the membership three quarterly USS Iowa Newsletters. Each Newsletter contained the required quarterly reports of the President and each of the Association Officers.
- (2) Executive Vice President Bill Wysk planned events and provided schedule for 2008 reunion in Des Moines, IA.
- (3) Association Ship's Store Operator, Ken Leff, continued operation of the Store, updating, consolidating, and advertising through the Newsletter and Website.
- (4) Coordinated with webmaster, John Schultz, to ensure the continued operation and availability of the USS Iowa website www.ussiowa.org. Purchased required software.
- (5) Accepted the applications of 42 new members who applied for membership in the Association during 2007-2008.
- (6) Continued contact with representatives of HSMPS, the only group with a viable application for ex-USS Iowa. Information and status reports from HSMPS have been published in the Association Newsletter.

- (7) Continued liaison with the State of Iowa Museum in order to provide for the continued storage, preservation, identification and cataloging of all Association archival materials and memorabilia.
- (8) Iowa Point Committee Chairman, Ken Leff coordinated with members of Naval Station Norfolk to ensure continued upkeep and improvement of Iowa Point. With the assistance of our Webmaster, John Schultz, scheduled and coordinated a ceremony on April 19, 2008 at Iowa Point in Norfolk, VA to honor and memorialize our shipmates, "The Iowa 47".
- (9) Provided funding for appropriate awards to recognize outstanding NROTC students/graduates at Iowa State University. Plaques, checks, and Iowa souvenir items were awarded at an appropriate ceremony. The Veterans Association was represented by Lucinda Martin.
- (10) Chairman of the Audit Committee, Jim Tate, conducted audits of the Association financial accounts, including the Ship's Store and the Treasurer's funds. Auditors certify the accounts to be current and accurate. The appropriate tax returns have been filed with IRS.
- (11) Budget Committee Chairman prepared a 2008-09 budget for presentation at the crews meeting..
- (12) Kept records of all USS IOWA crewmembers who have passed on during this record year. Prepared a memorial ceremony to be conducted at the annual reunion, and included each name in the "TAPS" section of the newsletter.
- (13) Executive Vice President Bill Wysk arranged for representatives of 4 different cities in the Mountain Time Zone to present reunion proposals at the crews meeting.

Incomplete/Pending:

- (1) Advise/assist in establishment of a USS Iowa museum. (Museum Coordination Committee Project)
- (2) Determine location of 2009 reunion. (complete 9/11/08)
- (3) Determine location of 2010 reunion (to be decided at 2009 reunion)
- (4) Election of officers/board of directors for 2008-2009. (complete 9/11/08)
- (5) Appoint a new chairman of Audit Committee.

Respectfully submitted on September 1, 2008

Jerry Gneckow

President 2007-2008

REPORT FROM THE HISTORIAN'S DESK

During our recent reunion in Des Moines my wife, Debbie and I had the unique privilege of a privately guided tour of the State of Iowa Historical Building. Lucinda Martin, daughter of World War II gunnery officer, "Doc" Martin arranged the tour and escorted us to the Historical Society Building. We were met at the entrance by curator, Mr. Bill Johnson. I have had a working relationship with him since shortly after our Rapid City reunion but we had never met. Mr. Johnson and our Association entered into a contract to preserve, catalog and store our USS Iowa memorabilia until such time as our ship is pierside and her museum established.

Upon greeting us at the door, Mr. Johnson escorted us to the third floor and showed us the "Iowa Silver," the setting presented to the Navy for use on board USS Iowa (BB-4) in 1896 and subsequently used on board our ship. The silver was and amazing sight to behold and the animated stories told by Mr. Johnson kept our wide eyed attention. He also pointed out the wine caddy and display box which are on loan from the Wallace House Foundation of Des Moines.

At 10:36 a.m., on August 27, 1942, Mrs. Ilo (Brown) Wallace, wife of Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, spoke the words: "I christen thee Iowa. May God guard the Iowa and all who sail in her" as she swung a champagne bottle encased in the caddy against the ship's bow. This released our ship and she slid into New York's East River. Six months later USS Iowa was commissioned. According to Mr. Johnson



the bottle was encased in the metal caddy to allow the bottle to break safely without throwing glass pieces about. He told us that you can still hear glass when the caddy is shaken and champagne residue is still present on the caddy! The caddy and display box were presented to Mrs. Wallace after the christening ceremony.

After several more Iowa related stories, Mr. Johnson took us into the basement of the building where there was a myriad of objects with some historical relationship to the State of Iowa or her residents. We saw a gattling gun used by BB-4 U.S. Marines at the battle of Santiago, Cuba; a National winning Soap Box Derby Racer; early autos and TV cameras; a gasoline pump which posted a 17 6/10 cent price (we can only dream...); an iron lung and the carriage used by abolitionist John Brown! The basement is a museum unto itself and every item had a story Mr. Johnson was eager to tell us. We followed him into a side room in which was laid out items from a recent Civil War display and in a corner he pointed to a pile of boxes – our USS Iowa memorabilia – cataloged and preserved. He presented me with a note book which catalogs all our memorabilia. Our USS Iowa memorabilia will remain in the custody of the State of Iowa Historical Society until we establish our museum. I presented Mr. Johnson with more items that have been sent to me over the past year which will be added to the registry.

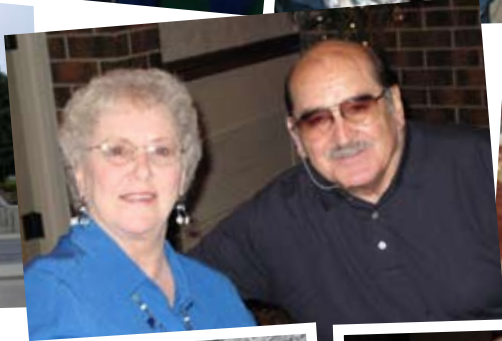
The tour was over much too soon but Mr. Johnson continued his "story telling" at our reunion dinner as our guest speaker. He kept everyone in awe as he related the history of the USS Iowas – the four ships that carried the proud name of a wonderful state. He took us from the Civil War era ship renamed Iowa through more than a century to the current Battleship Iowa with a knowledgeable and enthusiastic story. A wealth of Iowa information, Mr. Johnson is the right man in the right job and was a delight to listen to.

Shipmates, it is very important that each of you keep your e-mail and home address current so we can ensure that you receive your newsletter. When you move and fail to provide your new address it costs the membership money to forward the newsletter to you. After a few months the U.S. Postal Service no longer forwards them but they notify us of the undeliverable mail and charge us a fee. It is important to us that we get you your newsletter at the cheapest cost, help us by filling out a change of address card whenever you change your address.

Paul Ogg, Secretary







CREW'S MEETING MINUTES 12 SEPTEMBER 2008

VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE USS IOWA CREW'S MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2008

Meeting called to order 0900 by President Gerald E. Gneckow.

Invocation: Chaplain Richard McClellan.

Roll Call: Bill Wysk, Executive Vice President Absent.

Moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the 2007 Crews Meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Moved and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President – G. E. Gneckow. President's Annual Report 2007-2008 will appear in the newsletter.

Executive Vice President – President provided a short report on behalf of the XVP Bill Wysk, who passed away just prior to the reunion.

First Vice President – Mark Gustafson.

Newsletter

Deadlines: Fall edition- September 20th
Winter edition- December 20th
Spring edition- March 20th
Summer edition- June 20th

Please keep in mind that these dates must be flexible.

Memorial to Bill Wysk:

People can fill in a memory card to be included in the next newsletter. Memories & names will surround a photo of Bill.

Need someone to write a brief "bio" on Bill.

Marine Article:

Still looking for someone to write this section. I have been using articles submitted by my Marine uncle.

Web Site:

Deck Log: How to handle the abundance of spam!

Updating Reunion info: Must be updated more often, along with past and future reunion photos.

Previous editions of the newsletters need to be placed on the site.

April 19th: 20th Anniversary of Turret 2 Tragedy

Kathleen Hartwig-Kubcina is planning a ceremony at the Norfolk Naval Station.

Volunteers are needed to speak. Contact me if interested.

Trying to make it like a mini-reunion...all at the same hotel, dinner cruise, etc.

Second Vice President – Ken Leff. Ship's Store/Historian see newsletter article.

Committee Reports:

CREW'S MEETING MINUTES 12 SEPTEMBER 2008

Bylaws – John Koerber - Under New Business will present changes to the Bylaws.

Audit – Jim Tate - Audit of Treasurer and Ship's Store Financial Records completed.

Budget Committee – Ken Miller. Proposed budget:

Veterans Association of the USS IOWA 2009 Budget

| INCOME | BUDGET | ACTUAL | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Membership Dues | \$16,315 | \$12,924 | \$13,000 |
| Preservation Fund - Iowa Point | 150 | 4,251 | 4,300 |
| Ship Stores | 1,400 | 8,953 | 8,373 |
| Misc. Income | <u> </u> | <u>204</u> | <u>663</u> |
| Total | \$17,865 | 26,336 | 26,336 |
| | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Bank Service Charge | \$ 25 | -- | -- |
| Website Renewal | 723 | 723 | 723 |
| Postage and Deliver | 2,800 | 11,178 | 12,000 |
| Printing | 6,500 | 3,490 | 3,500 |
| Ship Stores Expense | 3,600 | 9,690 | 8,063 |
| Iowa Point Maintenance | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Telephone | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Office Supplies | 100 | 569 | 600 |
| ROTC-MIDN Contribution | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Iowa State Museum | 200 | | |
| Membership Recruiting | <u>965</u> | <u>47</u> | <u>900</u> |
| Total | \$16,463 | \$27,247 | \$26,336 |

Recruiting Committee – Steve Rolph

Active Committee Members: Marty Palmiere, Steve Hawes, Michele Gustafson, Mike Shephard.

Membership Statistics:

| | 2007* | 2008 | Change |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|--------|
| <i>As of September 2008</i> | | | |
| 1940's | 1593 | 1731 | +138 |
| 1950's | 1505 | 1442 | -63 |
| 1980's | 481 | 504 | +23 |
| Total | 3579 | 3677 | +98 |

*Note: Ship's Secretary unable to validate how 2007 count was determined so change values are estimates. 34 members passed away since August 2007.

OBJECTIVES:

To locate and contact former Iowa crew members who are not members of the Association and convince them to join.

Contact former members of the Association who are no longer active or current with their dues.

Convince them to rejoin.

Contact family members of deceased members to advise that he/she is eligible to join as an Honorary Member.

Contact family members of former crewmembers to advise that he/she is eligible to join as an Associate Family Member.

Actively solicit Naval and Battleship enthusiasts or others interested in the preservation of the USS Iowa to become Associate Members.

Maintain statistics that will allow the Association to monitor progress and results of committee efforts.

ACCOMPLISHED:

Net increase of 98 members since August 2007.

CREW'S MEETING MINUTES 12 SEPTEMBER 2008

Museum Coordination – Paul Gomez. What is the future of our BATTLESHIP IOWA, does anyone really know? Probably not! But still it would be beneficial for our membership to know the status of the Navy's decision to announce the final order to place the IOWA in the former Mare Island Naval ship yard, Vallejo CA.

From a practical stand point, it is important that we be given the opportunity to see what has been planned. We the Association must develop similar plans so that the committee can have the capability to share our thoughts and ideas with Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square (HSMPS). We have memorabilia which is recorded, catalogued and safely stored that should be integrated with HSMPS in a manner that reflects the working experiences/knowledge of our crewmembers who served on the IOWA.

What is currently known about the IOWA proposal is based on conversations with well informed individuals and media documentation that much work remains to obtain the necessary millions required to implement the project at Mare Island. Also, some issues must be addressed in order to comply with Navy requirements at this location. Estimated time of release is unknown except that it is apparently well into the future. The Veterans Association is optimistic that HSMPS will be awarded the IOWA so that all interested parties can proceed with the planning and work to convert the IOWA into a world class museum/memorial.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Motion made and seconded to accept proposed budget for year 2008-2009. Motion passed.

Boise, ID was selected as the site for the 2009 Veterans Association of the USS IOWA Reunion.

Motion made and seconded to Change the Bylaws as published in the Newsletter. Motion passed.

Election of Officers. Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

President – Gerald E. Gneckow
Executive Vice President – Mike Meldrum
First Vice President – Mark Gustafson
Second Vice President – Ken Leff
Secretary/Treasurer – Paul Ogg
Chaplain – Richard McClellan (Appointed)

A vote was cast for the officers.

The following names for Board of Directors were presented:

Paul Mackey
Glen Ivey
Daniel Gramazio
Randy Frakes
Paul Gomez
Martin A. Palmiere
James Tate
Albert Burns
Scot Taylor
Kenneth W. Miller
Cameron Ratkovic
Bill Humienny

A vote was cast for these members to become part of the Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 PM.

REUNION REFLECTIONS

Here we are, home, after another successful reunion! Everyone from the association and the folks in Iowa, involved in the planning deserve our thanks! Everything was perfect.

Success for me however is measured without any other reunion to compare it to, since this was my first one. As I was driving home, I had several miles to reflect on the week while looking at corn, corn and yes, more corn! Oh – the cows too. I wouldn't want to offend them by not giving them an honorable mention.

There was a lot of interest in both the ship and its crew. From people at the State Capitol to the local news stations, our stories were recorded on video, audio tape, newspaper and memorialized in pictures. A few of the crew even made the front page of the local paper and the evening news! The interest generated in Iowa is surely in part due to the ships shared history with the state. Having said that, there is also a historical aspect. Some of the crew has been around a long time! Whether from WWII, Korea or the 1980's, we all have a story to tell. The era of the Battleship as we know, is likely at an end. Or is it?

The final disposition of the ship is still to be determined. It may or may not end up as a museum with a story to tell – but, as Paul Harvey might say, “now for the rest of the story”. The rest of the story is in the legacy of the ship. The legacy of a ship is only as good as the crew that served aboard her. That legacy is alive and well from what I can see! There will come a day however that some of the “old folks” won't be around to tell their story.

As a proud crewmember and plank owner from 1984, I heard a lot of comments about “getting the 80's people” involved. Our time has come. I don't need to tell you that we all belong to a unique club within the Navy. I saw a lot of proud people and was moved at how much this ship and her crew mean to us all. Never attended a reunion? Been awhile since you last went to a reunion? Afraid you won't know anybody? Afraid of hanging around a bunch of “old folks”? Forget about it. Get to a reunion, meet some shipmates and get involved! If you think the elder generation does not have fun, you're wrong! I had a great time. I have many “new” shipmates and was welcomed by everyone as if I've known them forever. I look forward to seeing everyone again. You may have to hold a door, help someone on or off a bus, or be patient if they walk a little slower, even dodge an occasional scooter. So what? One day, we will be the “old folks!” Guess what? After us, there is no one else. There will be no more plank owners or new crew members to pass the torch. I know you're out there! I want to hear from you!

Next year, we will trade corn for potatoes as we plan to meet in Idaho. Let us reminisce about days ago while we create new memories. Let's keep the legacy alive! To do otherwise will truly be the end of an era.

Scot Taylor
USS Iowa 1984 - 1987



Following with tradition, Al Ebel II, the oldest member of the association, served a slice of the IOWA's 65th birthday cake to Scot Taylor, the youngest member.



REUNION ATTENDEES

| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | YRS ON BOARD | DIV | GUESTS - FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | HOMETOWN |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| ROBERT B. | ALBERS | 51-53 | A DIV | JOAN | ALBERS | OMAHA, NE |
| DIXIE | ANDERSON | | | | | OSCEOLA, IA |
| RIC | BARBOSA | 51-55 | FA DIV | NORMA | BARBOSA | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA |
| CURTIS | BARTLEY | 51-52 | B DIV | ANNETT | DOWNING | LINCOLN, CA |
| ROBERT | BERRY | 51-54 | E DIV | MARY ANN | BERRY | ELK CITY, OK |
| MELINDA | BERTE | | | | | DES MOINES, IA |
| ROSALEE | BLEECKER | 43-46 | E DIV | | | REDFORD, MI |
| THOMAS S. | BOEVER | 51-55 | FM DIV | MARY ANN | BOEVER | DUBUQUE, IA |
| JEFF W. | BOLANDER | 87-89 | MARDET | | | MCGANEYSVILLE, VA |
| BERNISE | BOUTWELL | 56-57 | M DIV | | | AVON, NY |
| WILLIAM E. | BRISTOW | 46-48 | 5TH DIV | JEAN | HARTJE | BROKEN BOW, OK |
| THOMAS | BROWN | 51-54 | B DIV | SHIRLEY | BROWN | GLADSTONE, MO |
| JOSEPH T. | BROWN | 87-91 | 3RD DIV | | | JACKSONVILLE, NC |
| JAMES E. | BULLOCK | 52-56 | B DIV | SALLY | BULLOCK | OOLITIC, IN |
| ALBERT | BURNS | 51-55 | 1ST DIV | VIRGINIA | BLUNSTEIN | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO |
| KATHLEEN | BUTTON | | ASSOCIATE | | | MOUNTAIN TOP, PA |
| EMMANUEL H. | CARALIVANOS | 51-54 | T DIV | DIANE M. | CARALIVANOS | MARLTON, NJ |
| BASIL B. | CARLSON | 51-55 | 5TH/FM DIV | JIM BONNIE BEN | CARLSON CARLSON CARLSON | OSCEOLA, NE |
| GEORGE T | CAVANAUGH | 51-55 | M DIV | | | CEDAR RAPIDS, IA |
| CHERYL | CHISHOLM | | | | | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO |
| BILL | CRANE | 51-52 | T DIV | | | NAPA, CA |
| WALTER A. | DRUYFF | 45-46 | 2ND DIV | JOHN MIKE | DRUYFF DRUYFF | NEWTON, IA |
| ALBERT Q. | EBEL II | 43-45 | FM DIV | ELWANDA LUCY | EBEL MILANOWSKI | GENOA, IL |
| ALBERT Q. | EBEL III | | ASSOCIATE | GRACE ANN | BIGALKE | GENOA, IL |
| LISA | EDENS | | | | | BOISE, ID |
| EDGAR W. | EHLERS | 52-54 | R DIV | MARCELLA | EHLERS | STORM LAKE, IA |
| RANDY | FRAKES | 85-90 | E DIV | GINA | FRAKES | LINCOLN, NE |
| GEORGE | FULLERTON | 56-58 | E DIV | ROSE | FULLERTON | TRAFFORD, IA |
| BILL G. | GARRETT | 51-55 | 2ND DIV | BETTY | NEWBY | FAIRFIELD, IL |
| JOHN | GISS | | | CLAUDETTE | GISS | GURNEE, IL |
| JERRY | GNECKOW | 84-86 | CO | PAT | GNECKOW | HOMOSASSA, FL |
| PAUL | GOMEZ | 51-54 | FM DIV | GLORIA | GOMEZ | SAN JOSE, CA |
| DAN | GRAMAZIO | 86-90 | B DIV | | | CHESAPEAKE, VA |
| MARK S. | GUSTAFSON | 85-89 | M DIV | MICHELE | GUSTAFSON | E BRIDGEWATER, MA |
| ALFRED D. | HAGEN | 53-57 | B DIV | PATRICIA A. | HAGEN | HUDSON, FL |
| JOHN L. | HANSON | | T DIV | | | MOUNT HORGB, WI |
| PHIL | HEINE | 52-56 | K DIV | LUANNE | HEINE | COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA |
| HAROLD E. | HEMELGARN | 52-55 | EX DIV | EVELYN | HEMELGARN | INDIANAPOLIS, IN |
| LAWRENCE E. | HITTINGER | 43-45 | 8TH DIV | | | TALLEYVILLE, DE |
| JOHN | HOEFLING | 51-55 | D DIV | MAY DELLE | HOEFLING | ROCKFORD, IL |
| BILL | HUMIENNY | 55-57 | FM DIV | ELLEN | HUMIENNY | BROOKLYN, NY |
| GLENWOOD T. | IVEY | 56-57 | OI DIV | | | CATAWBA, NC |
| GORDON E. | JIRAK | 51-55 | FA DIV | EILEEN | JIRAK | BONITA SPRINGS, FL |
| DICK | JOBE | 52-54 | EX DIV | PEGGY | JOBE | MUSKEGON, MI |
| GISS | JOHN | | | CLAUDETTE | GISS | |
| BILL | JOHNSON | | | TRISH | JOHNSON | DES MOINES, IA |
| RICHARD E. | JONES | 51-54 | 3RD DIV | FRANCES | JONES | LINDEN, TN |
| DON | JORDAN | 46-47 | 8TH DIV | PHYLLIS | JORDAN | AMELIA, OH |
| GENE | KARN | 51-53 | 1ST DIV | JO ANN | KARN | HOLLAND, MI |
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| BILL | KELLY | 54-56 | OE DIV | PATTI | KELLY | CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH |
| PHILLIP C. | KNAPP | 56-58 | X DIV | | | LAWTON, MI |
| JOHN H. | KOERBER | 54-58 | E DIV | ARLENE | KOERBER | NORTH PORT, FL |
| THOMAS V. | KMUCHA | 51-55 | B DIV | THERESA | KMUCHA | GALENA, IL |
| JOHN | LAPOTASKY | 55-58 | B DIV | BOBBI | LAPOTASKY | NEW BERN, NC |
| JOHN | LARSEN | 51-55 | B DIV | RUTH | LARSEN | LOGAN, IA |
| KEN | LEFF | 86-88 | REPAIR | DEBORAH | LEFF | ZEPHYRHILLS, FL |
| HERBERT | LINDAHL | 43-45 | N DIV | MARY ANN | LINDAHL | HOLLY HILL, SC |
| PATSY J. | LOMBARDO | 45-46 | 2ND DIV | GRACE | LOMBARDO | DARIEN, CT |
| JAMES | LOTSPEICH | 51-55 | FM DIV | BETTY | LOTSPEICH | PLEASANT HILL, MO |
| LARRY | LYNCH | 51-54 | E DIV | | | VIENNA, OH |
| PAUL | MACKAY | 86-90 | B DIV | MICHELLE | MACKAY | PHILLIPSBURG, NJ |
| GARY | MARLIN | 56-58 | R DIV | | | WINTERSSET, IA |
| LUCINDA J. | MARTIN | 43-45 | 7TH DIV | FRED | LEVERE | DES MOINES, IA |
| VINCENT A. | MATTHEWS | 45-46 | R DIV | BARBARA | MATTHEWS | RUTHERFORD, NJ |
| DONALD L. | MCBRIDE | 52-54 | E DIV | | | LINCOLN CITY, OR |
| RICHARD W. | MCCLELLAN | 51-55 | M DIV | RENA M. CHRISTINE M. | MCCLELLAN DOMINGOS | SALINAS, CA |
| JACK | MCGARVEY | 51-53 | B DIV | CAROLYN | LANDIS-MCGARVEY | DAYTON, OH |
| MICHAEL F. | MCKAUGHAN | 56-57 | E DIV | PENNY | MCKAUGHAN | BOONES MILL, VA |
| PAUL | MCNEELY | 56-58 | OE DIV | | | INDIANAPOLIS, IN |
| WILLIAM D. | MCNEIL | 51-52 | E DIV | | | ROCHESTER, MN |
| MICHAEL F. | MELDRUM, SR | 85-90 | B DIV | SHELLY | MELDRUM | BARGERSVILLE, IN |
| KENNETH W. | MILLER | 51-53 | FM/CR DIV | ANNA | MILLER | MESA, AZ |
| GEORGE | MILLIGAN | 51-52 | S2 DIV | MARLENE | MILLIGAN | CEDAR RAPIDS, IA |

REUNION ATTENDEES

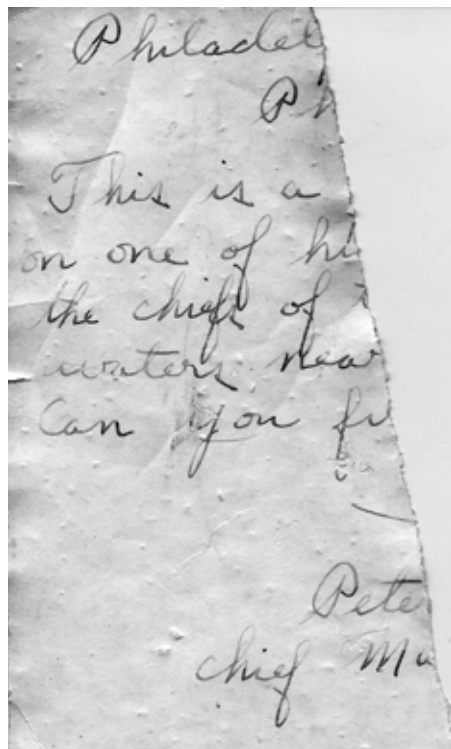
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| HAROLD E. | MOORE | 45-46 | E/A/M DIV | BEVERLY A. | MOORE | BOAZ, AL |
| ALBERT D. | MORRIS | 52-55 | 6TH DIV | CAROL | MORRIS | ST JOSEPH, MO |
| BRYAN A. | MOSS | 52-53 | CR DIV | | | VALENCIA, CA |
| MADISON H. | MULKEY | 42-45 | CR DIV | MARY | MULKEY | BROKEN ARROW, OK |
| GEORGE | MURPHY | 51-53 | T DIV | MARGARET | MURPHY | ALBERT LEA, MN |
| GLEN | NELSON | 52-54 | A DIV | BARBARA | NELSON | EMERSON, IA |
| ERNIE | NICHOLAS | 52-55 | A DIV | | | IOWA CITY, IA |
| EDDIE | NIKOLAS | 83-85 | OC DIV | | | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA |
| MIDN | NUNNIKOVEN | | | | | PELLA, IA |
| PAUL | OGG | 83-85 | X1 DIV | KITTY | OGG | BREMERTON, WA |
| MARTIN | PALMIERE | 83-89 | E DIV | | | PITTSBURGH, PA |
| STAN | PARTRIDGE | 51-55 | 6TH/K/OI DIV | SHARON | PARTRIDGE | MT VERNON, IL |
| CHARLES | PERRITT | 51-54 | B DIV | ALMA | PERRITT | TALLAHASSEE, FL |
| GEORGIA | PHILLIPS | 42-45 | R DIV | | | HENDERSON, TN |
| SHAREN | PIPER | | | | | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO |
| ROSS L. | PITTMAN | 51-53 | CS DIV | BETH | PITTMAN | FLINT, TX |
| BOB D. | POLLITT | 54-56 | B DIV | | | HUBER HEIGHTS, OH |
| ANDY | POWELL | | SAT DJ | | | DES MOINES, IA |
| CAMERON | RATKOVIC | 54-57 | E DIV | | | LANCASTER, SC |
| WARREN | REES | 43-45 | EX DIV | MARTHA | REES | STUART, IA |
| EDWARD | REGOLE | 56-57 | M DIV | | | ST CHARLES, IL |
| MILAN | REIMER | | | DORENE | REIMER | LEOTI, KS |
| HAROLD | RETZOW | 46 | E DIV | | | PALM SPRINGS, CA |
| MELVIN H. | RHODES | 51-53 | FM DIV | EM MERULLA | RHODES | CEDAR RAPIDS, IA |
| AL | RICHMOND | 46-46 | I DIV | | | PALO ALTO, CA |
| REYMUNDO J. | ROMERO | 51-54 | R DIV | MERCEDES | ROMERO | SANTA FE, NM |
| EDWARD E. | ROOK | 43-45 | A DIV | | | PALOS HEIGHTS, IL |
| JAY H. | ROWLAND | 45-46 | EX/7TH DIV | LONA | ROWLAND | ELM CREEK, NE |
| JOHN I. | SCHANKWEILER | 53-57 | E DIV | JOYCE | SCHANKWEILER | COAL TOWNSHIP, PA |
| E. P. | SCHWEIGER | 52-55 | B DIV | PATRICIAN | SCHWEIGER | MARSHALLTOWN, IA |
| JESSE F. | SHAFER | 51-52 | A DIV | | | PORTLAND, OR |
| LEO E. | SICARD | 43-46 | 7TH/B DIV | | | ELLWOOD CITY, PA |
| GRIER L. | SIMS | 42-45 | E DIV | MARGIE | SIMS | COVINGTON, GA |
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| LESTER | SMITH | 51-54 | A/M DIV | RUTH | SMITH | NEVIS, MN |
| EDWARD | SMURDA | 51-54 | 4TH DIV | SHARON | SMURDA | FOLLANSBEE, WV |
| DARREL W. | SINCLAIR | 48-49 | E DIV | ORANDA | SINCLAIR | SPRING GROVE, MN |
| BUBBA | SORENSEN | | | MARIA | SORENSEN | |
| JOSEPH | SPINA | 54-56 | 1ST DIV | JUNE | SPINA | MELVILLE, NY |
| JAMES | ST CROIX | 53-56 | E DIV | JANICE | ST CROIX | WATERTOWN, NY |
| MARSHALL | STEPHENSON | 51-54 | R DIV | JUDY GEINA | STEPHENSON WHITWER | PUEBLO, CO KANSAS CITY, MO |
| W. T. | STOCKSTILL | 52-54 | E DIV | ELEANOR NEYSA RALPH | STOCKSTILL FORMANEK FORMANEK | PALO PINTO, TX |
| IRA D. | STONE | 44-45 | E DIV | CONNIE | STONE | BAKERSFIELD, CA |
| ERWIN | STROHL | | | JEANETTE ROBERT JEANNIE | STROHL STROHL STROHL | PORTLAND, OR |
| JAMES D. | TATE | 52-56 | E/7TH DIV | JUDITH A. | TATE | LITTLETON, CO |
| SCOT | TAYLOR | 84-87 | OI DIV | | | CADILLAC, MI |
| LARRY | THOMASSEN | 56-58 | E DIV | | | LEIGHTON, IA |
| I. G. | THORSON | 45-46 | 8TH DIV | | | LELAND, IA |
| MARGARET | TORRENCE | 43-46 | A DIV | | | NATRONA HGTS, PA |
| DARWIN A. | TRIMBLE SR | 47-47 | I DIV | DONNA | REGAN | NICOLAUS, CA |
| HARRY | TRUGLIO | 43-44 | B DIV | MARY JANE | TRUGLIO | TOMS RIVER, NJ |
| MARVIN K. | TWICHELL, SR | 56-58 | B DIV | | | CHEEKTOWAGA, NY |
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| RICHARD | WALTER | | | CARLA | WALTER | ROCKFORD, IL |
| CAPT GARY | WARING | | | DONNA | WARING | DES MOINES, IA |
| BOB | WATROS | 56-58 | | | WATROS | LAKE ORION, MI |
| ERNEST W. | WILCKE | 44-45 | 8TH DIV | | TONI | SPIRIT LAKE, IA |
| RICHARD | WILLIAMS | 51-55 | FA DIV | | | ROCHESTER, MN |

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

Amazing as it may seem, the following story began many years ago when Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States. His picture (see insert) was taken aboard one of his yachts or perhaps aboard a naval vessel while fishing over the side from its wooden deck. He is surrounded by his staff of Navy Petty Officers as he fishes sitting in a cushioned chair conceivably to give him comfort because of the disability he lived with while President. Unfortunately, the picture is torn in half and is wrinkled and soiled by the terrible force of the hurricane weather it had been tossed around in as it made its way to the interim place in North Carolina where it was found. The mystery continues when the reverse side is examined showing part of a letter written in Philadelphia, PA by a member of his staff. Only part of the writers name and content of the message can be read which adds further mystery to the picture's origin and why it ended up where it did.

So why is this story of such importance and of such mystery? When you consider the events that follow, it appears that the destiny of the picture was in some mysterious way intended to be delivered to a crewmember of the IOWA where the picture now belongs as a treasured memorabilia for the IOWA museum/memorial. Many of the people with whom this story has been shared still wonder why and how this could have possibly happened?

It happened during the days of Hurricane Katrina which reached land in the deep south many miles from Raleigh, NC where her winds were experienced



and felt throughout the South and along the east coast. It is assumed that the original photograph was carried in the winds from the site of origin a mystery and anyone's guess. The only certainty is that it came to rest in front of my daughter's residence in Raleigh after a wind tossed journey from somewhere in the vicinity of the hurricane's terrible winds and rain. The ironic

thing about this is that it landed where it was destined to finally end up in possession of someone who had indirect yet direct connection with someone who served aboard the USS Iowa, known to this day as President Roosevelt's ship... the connection of course turned out to be me. My daughter recognized the value this incredible picture of the



President and contacted me with the details of these circumstances. I was excited about the possibility the picture would have as a future museum memorabilia and took possession the next time I visited my family in Raleigh. I feel strongly that this was something that had been in some mysterious way planned for the picture and story to become a treasured part of our great ship's history. Thanks to my granddaughter who had fortunately arrived from school at the particular time to see and pick up the picture that lay in front of their home. The picture was carefully taken inside and given the best effort to dry and save the picture.

I find this whole event without parallel. All crewmen of our Association and their families deserve to know the story that surrounds the picture, and I assure you with certainty, that it will be exhibited in the USS Iowa museum/memorial, it matters not where and by whom the museum will be managed and cared for. The only thing that could bring the picture to life is if someone, somewhere recognizes something about the picture that will confirm the names of the Petty Officers, the name of the yacht and where the photograph was taken.

How many of you think this is indeed an incredible phenomenon?

Paul Gomez

IOWA Friends Bid Farewell to "Whiskey" Bill Wysk

Bill- It was a pleasure working with you for our Association. We will miss our phone conversations and seeing you at the reunions!
Mark & Michele Gustafson

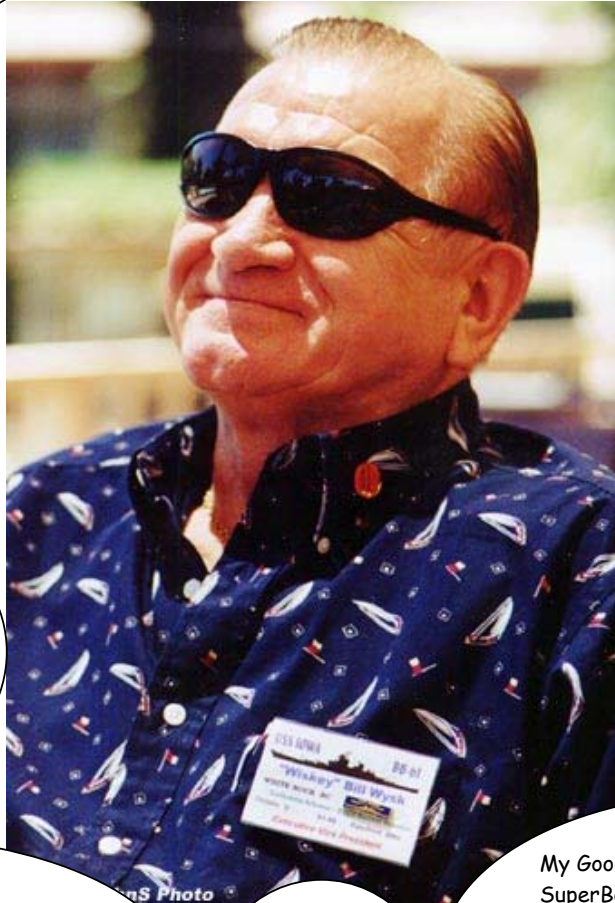
Bill- I've known you a long time. You were a great & fun person. We love ya, buddy! Rest in Peace.
Bill & Ellen Humienny

Hey Big Bill- Sorry to hear about the sad ending!
Peace to You!
George Fullerton

Dear Bill- We were not able to know you as many have but in our short time we enjoyed our time with you. We love and miss you!
Mike & Shelly Meldrum

Bill- Although I did not know you for long, it was an honor & a privilege for me in the time that I did know you. I will miss you. God Bless & Rest in Peace.
Dan Gramazio BT2 '86-'90.

Bill- Known you for a long time- God Bless You.
Richard W. McClellan



Bill- It has been a great cruise together, through all the good times and bad. I will miss those weekly calls. You were deeply loved and will be greatly missed.
Love, Marvin Twichell, Sr. BT/3

Sorry for your loss.
Michael
McKaughan
56-57

My Good Friend Bill- Remember the SuperBowl? You left without paying up! I know you are in a good place and I'll try to join you. I'm going to harass your ass- you still owe me two bottles of Absolute! I miss you.
Harold & Bev Moore

Bill- You were missed dearly this year- what a loss we realized. Our wishes go out to the family.
Paul & Kitty Ogg

Bill- We will all have a drink in your honor.
Safe sailing.
Cameron

Hey Whiskey- Little P.O. at you for leaving without saying goodbye. Now I have to cancel my fishing trip with you for salmon in British Columbia!
Your friend, "Ski"... Big John as you called me.

A true friend & Shipmate, you will always be missed! Charles Perritt

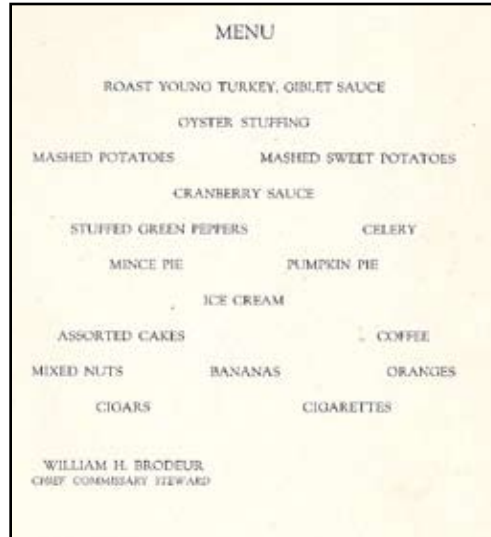
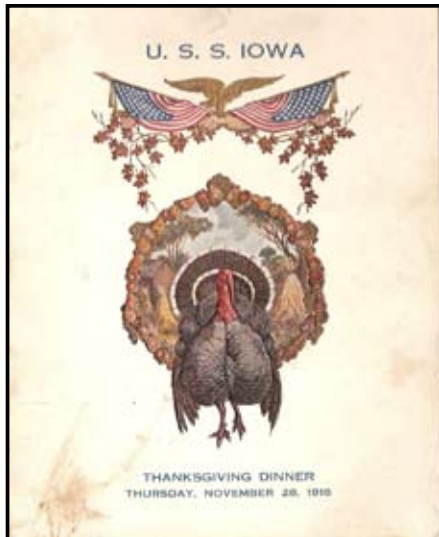
USS IOWA BB-4

This past summer, the Association received an unexpected phone call from Connie Gibson in Ohio. Connie explained to me that she was shopping at an antique store in Ohio when she bought a cook book. In the back of this cook book was a Thanksgiving Day menu from the USS Iowa BB-4 from 1918! Her father, a Korean War Veteran, wanted to present this menu to our Association for use in our future museum/memorial.

On August 16th after several discussions with Connie, my wife, Shelly and

I decided to head over to Miamisburg, Ohio to meet with Connie's family. The next day, we attended their family reunion where Mr. Robert Huff presented to me the USS Iowa menu. I, in turn, presented Robert with a BB-61 ball cap, a picture of our great ship, and letter of Thanks for their generosity. After the small ceremony we enjoyed conversation about our times in the service.

Mike Meldrum
85-90



IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT CURRENT. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE.

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