

U.S.S. IOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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From the President's Desk

Shipmates:

Pat and I have just returned from another wonderful USS Iowa reunion. The Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino provided an exciting and entertaining backdrop for our reunion in Reno, NV, and we were fortunate to have another well attended event which included many first-time attendees. I want to thank all those who made this reunion possible, especially Mike and Shelly Meldrum for scheduling and coordinating the hotel activities and the tours; Paul and Kitty Ogg for taking all the reservations, running the registration room, and coordinating all activities; Ken and Debbie Leff for operating the ship's store; Michele Gustafson and Bill Humienny for photography services; Rich McClellan for coordinating and executing the Memorial Services; and all who helped with the Hospitality Room operation and cleanup. Our guest speaker was Command Master Chief Fred Barton from the Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV.



USS Iowa Donation Status

As you may know already, the Navy reopened the ship application process in order to give other organizations an opportunity to apply for USS Iowa. This was done largely because of the lack of progress by HSMPS toward meeting fund raising goals. The only new group to submit a letter of intent was Pacific Battleship Center (PBC). At the reunion we received an interesting and favorable report from a representative of Pacific Battleship Center (PBC) about the status of their request to acquire USS Iowa as a memorial. PBC is working on an application which will be submitted in a few months, and they are confident that the necessary funds can be raised. **USS Iowa Reunion 2011**

The reunion location for 2011 is Charleston, SC. The tentative dates for the reunion are July 17-22. We have negotiated an agreement with the Radisson Charleston Airport Hotel and this promises to be another great reunion. Rates are \$69 per night. It is not too early to begin making plans to attend the reunion in 2011. See you there!

Association Officers for 2010-2011

The following members were elected as Association officers for 2010-11:

President:	Jerry Gneckow
Executive VP	Mike Meldrum
1VP and Editor	Mark Gustafson
2VP	Ken Leff
Sec/Treas	Paul Ogg

Chaplain

Rich McClellan

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors

Al Burns, Randy Frakes, Paul Gomez, Dan Gramazio, Bill Humienny, Glen Ivey, Paul Mackey, Ken Miller, Bryan Moss, Marty Palmiere, Cameron Ratkovic, Jim Tate, and Scot Taylor.

Important Results of the Annual Crew and Executive Board Meetings

Although many subjects were discussed at the Executive Board and Crew meetings, no earth shattering decisions were reached. One important decision was the selection of Charleston, SC as the site for our 2011 reunion, and another was the election of officers and directors to lead our Association in the coming year. Reports were received from all officers and committee chairmen. An annual report from the President is included in this newsletter.

Committee Chairmen Reports:

Reports from Committee Chairmen are included in the minutes of the crew meeting. A special thanks to Richard Meyers for conducting the required annual audit of our funds; to Scot Taylor for his efforts to recruit additional members; to Ken Miller for preparing a budget for 2010-2011; to Ken Leff for keeping Iowa Point shipshape; to John Schultz for coordinating the annual ceremony at Iowa Point to honor the Iowa-47; and to John Schultz and Eddie Nikolas for keeping our website current. Note: It was announced during that reunion that our assistant webmaster, Eddie Nikolas, died after a courageous battle with cancer. Eddie was a great asset to our Association and a true shipmate. We will miss him. Bryan Moss has volunteered to replace Eddie as assistant webmaster.

Other Important Information

- 1- Please submit your association dues so that you will continue to receive your newsletter. Dues should be mailed to Paul Ogg. Dues are \$20 per year.
 - 2- Make sure that your mailing address and e-mail addresses are up to date. This information is needed so that we can update our data base and ensure delivery of your newsletter. Contact Paul Ogg to provide updates. E-mail addresses can also be updated on the Association website.
 - 3- Provide your family with written instructions about the final distribution of your USS Iowa memorabilia so that it will end up in the ship's museum.
 - 4- Plan to attend the 2011 reunion in Charleston, SC.
- Fair winds and following seas,
Jerry Gneckow



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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

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Dues year is 1 June to 31 May.

Dues are \$20 per year

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

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

Editor's Letter

Greetings
Shipmates,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health. We have recently returned from yet another wonderful reunion, this time in Reno, Nevada. Mike Meldrum did an outstanding job setting up the tours and activities for all to enjoy. Personally, I must say that the Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lake Tahoe was my favorite tour. The Dinner/Dance finale was also a highlight for both my wife and I. As always, we enjoyed dancing the night away.



I had the pleasure of chatting with Bill Colarado, who told me that the IOWA was featured on the Ed Sullivan Show on July 4th of 1954. I have been unsuccessful trying to find it on the internet but if anyone has any information, I would be very interested in it. Another interesting conversation that I had was with Bill Wedow (51-55). He told me that in 1951, when the IOWA was in Long Beach, California, that movie stars would gather on her fantail. I look forward to learning more about my ship's history, next year when we travel to Charleston, South Carolina.

On a sad note, while we were in Reno, we learned of the passing of one of our shipmates, Eddie Nikolas. Eddie was the Assistant Webmaster for our association's website and a great guy! Many in attendance at the re-

union had the opportunity to sign one of the sympathy cards that we sent to his wife Sheryl and their family. She has asked me to thank each of you for remembering her family during this difficult time. Rest in peace Eddie, you will be missed!

In this edition of our newsletter, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the two groups that are actively pursuing the rights to turn our ship into a museum/memorial. Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square (HSMPS) and Pacific Battleship Center (PBC) have both included updated information about their plans for the IOWA. Both groups will have to submit their plans to the Navy in November and hopefully by this time next year, we will definitely know where our ship's final home will be located. We will do our best to keep you informed of any changes in the ship's status in the newsletters and on our website. We do however request that you make sure that your dues are up to date and that your mailing and email addresses are also current. It is an unnecessary cost to our association when these newsletters are not able to be delivered to you.

Finally, I would like to thank the men from the 40's and 50's crew that traveled to IOWA Point in April to pay their respects to our shipmates that perished on April 19, 1989. As a member of the 80's crew, that lost many friends, I appreciated your support for us as we remembered our fallen shipmates and friends. Thank you!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Mark S. Gustafson, MM3 (SW) 1985-1989

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, US NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

For five years the Veterans Association of the USS Iowa has supported Iowa State University and the NROTC unit there by providing awards for outstanding midshipmen.

The senior, recognized as the outstanding graduate entering the Surface Warfare specialty is awarded a USS Iowa plaque (# 325 on the Ship Store order form), an Iowa ball cap and challenge coin. The 2010 award was presented to MIDN 1/C Tristan Corrigan originally from Hutchinson, Minnesota .

The sophomore, recognized as the top sophomore is awarded a \$250.00 scholarship check encouraging him to enter Surface Warfare, an Iowa ball cap and challenge coin. The 2010 award was presented to MIDN 3/C Daniel Schnier of Clinton, Iowa.

The awards were presented by Shipmate Rick Hindman

ONE MEMBER'S OPINION

At Reno's reunion I heard a few "concerns" and understand that in a large group such as ours there may be a few individuals who are not pleased. What everyone needs to remember is we, the Executive Board members, have been elected to our positions and we execute this to the best of our ability - our way. I don't say this to sound arrogant, rather to offer another way of looking at how we function for our Association. In most cases, we get elected by you, the members, into a situation that in many ways places us into uncharted waters. We accept the position to an office and must try to "wear shoes" that are hard to fill. We pledge to fill the position to best of our ability in the best interest of our great Association.

I would like to say if you are displeased with anything in our Association, man up, and discuss it. If that doesn't solve your concern, run for election.

Ken Leff, 2nd Vice President


DONATIONS TO SAVE USS IOWA

Recently many people have asked the question “Where should I make a donation to save the USS Iowa?” This issue is complicated by the fact that there are now two organizations that are attempting to acquire USS Iowa and each of them is in need of funds to establish a museum should they be awarded the ship. You may see solicitations on the internet, on various websites and even by mail or telephone. So how does one decide when and to whom their donation should be made? How can you be sure that the money you donate will actually be used to preserve the USS Iowa and/or establish a museum?

The Veterans Association of the USS Iowa recommends that you hold your donation until such time as a winner of the competition is announced. Then you can be sure that your donation will end

up in the right place. Or, as an alternative, you can make your donation directly to the Veterans Association of the USS Iowa with explicit directions that the money be used specifically for establishment of the USS Iowa museum. We are already holding several donations from people who have given us such instructions. Should you wish for a portion of your estate to be used in the establishment of a museum, make sure that your will specifically addresses that subject, and that the donation is made to the Veterans Association of the USS Iowa. If you have questions concerning donations, please contact Treasurer Paul Ogg.

Jerry Gneckow
President



VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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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 \$20.00 Effective June 1.

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 \$20.00 Effective June 1.

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 \$20.00 Effective June 1.

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 \$20.00 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

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Shipmates

It was great seeing all of you that were in attendance at the reunion in Reno. Shelly and I enjoyed spending time catching up with everyone.



For those of you who were not in attendance this year. The venues for next year where Charleston, SC, Fort Mitchell, KY, Hartford, CT and Indianapolis, IN. The WINNER is Charleston, SC. The following information is about the reunion for 2011:

Radisson Charleston Airport Hotel
5991 Rivers Ave
North Charleston, South Carolina 29421
843-744-2501

July 18-22, 2011 the room rate is \$69 and is available 3 days before and after the reunion.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST CALL THE HOTEL AND RESERVE YOUR ROOM FOR THE SPECIAL RATE OF \$69, THERE WILL BE A WEB LINK ON USSIOWA.ORG IN THE COMING WEEKS AS WELL AS A SPEICAL CODE FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT CALL THE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM. PLEASE DO NOT USE HOTEL.COM, PRICELINE.COM, OR EXPEDIA.COM ETC AS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE SPECIAL RATES WHEN BOOKING THRU AN INTERNET SITE.

Shelly and I are looking forward to the reunion in Charleston and we are currently working on the tours and dinner menu which will be in the next newsletter.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Take Care and God Bless

The IOWA47

Michael J. Meldrum, BT1(SW) USN Ret.

Executive Vice President

IOWA CLASS BATTLESHIPS

As the Navy changed technology, lets not forget that battleships were instrumental in the battles of WWII, Korea, Vietnam Wars, and missions throughout the world in times of peace.

There are pundit critics that speak about missiles capability of taking out a single-point target with extreme accuracy; however a multi-salvo of 16” projectiles could take out, not only the point target, but vast portions of collateral support with a single firing of their guns.

Battleships are a part of history that must be saved to be seen as museums using creative graphics and film to document the awesome power of their 16” guns that brought the enemy to respect their presence and firepower. Nothing could match the technology of the time, a truly fierce weapon of military value. They will forever be remembered as giant warriors of the sea.

And so our Veterans Association isn't only about the USS IOWA (BB-61), it is about the thousands of crew members and their untold memoirs such as the story printed here. Only when those of us that remain living can add to the stories that have already been written and printed.

Paul Gomez

NAVY COFFEE

by Cdr. Rod Mooney, USN (ret)

For Greeks, ambrosia was OK,

But used up all a sailor's pay.

Tars worked for grog instead of wage

But as for me I love to hug

A good old Navy coffee mug.

Its fragrance cuts the salty air and

Wafts me far away from there

It's best when made so it can stand

Without the mug, just in your hand,

And crusted mugs from watches back

Are germ free if your coffee's black.

Beware the canned milk on the bridge,

It's likely never seen a fridge,

And if it fails to pour or run,

It's left from World War Two (OR ONE).

But don't spill coffee on your boots

Your socks will soon start growing roots,

And if it penetrates the deck,

The panicked crew could cause a wreck.

Way down below, the engine crew

Prefers an even stronger brew,

And sometimes as they ply their craft,

They use the stuff to grease the shaft.

When Navy coffee's thick and black,

It guards against a heart attack,

And if it's strong enough, I'm sure

It functions as a cancer cure.

But best of all, it makes the days

Pass quickly in a caffeine haze.

PACIFIC BATTLESHIP INFO CENTER

This article was submitted by Pacific Battleship Center to provide a status of their effort to acquire ex-USS Iowa as a museum. It does not necessarily reflect the position of the Veterans Association of the USS Iowa.

The Pacific Battleship Center (PBC) was created and is staffed with numerous business executives, naval engineers, educators, museum specialists and architects numbering over 75 skilled volunteers in this venture. PBC's Letter of Intent has been accepted by the Navy and our application for the USS IOWA is due November 25, 2010. The financial auditing process of the Navy is very intensive and the ship is only transferred to the organization once the Navy is assured the financial resources are evident for successful establishment and long-term operation of the non-profit educational center.

This project will bring about a half million visitors to the San Pedro area generating sales tax revenues for the city. Additionally, this project alone will infuse about \$4,000,000 in payroll each year into the local economy. It is also expected the USS IOWA will generate additional revenues for the surrounding museums and restaurants by bringing visitors into San Pedro. Our team of specialists are capable of preparing and submitting an application to the Navy exceeding the expectations of each section required for submission. It is expected the award of the battleship could occur as early as summer of 2011. Once the battleship is acquired, it will take about one year to convert the ship to her new mission as a museum and educational venue.

The USS IOWA will provide an interactive naval museum experience that will honor and illustrate the positive contributions of this battleship and its crew at critical moments in American history. Our education programs will offer lessons in history, leadership, team-building, character development, and community service. Taking advantage of the unique aspects of a "living" ship museum, several types of programs will attract a variety of groups to visit the ship. Public ship tours, K-12 educational programs to supplement state curriculum guidelines, and youth and family weekend programs will provide different ways to understand the historical significance of the USS IOWA. "At sea" experiences through auditory and visual backgrounds, interactive exhibits, and commemorative information will help visitors to understand the history and function of the USS IOWA over 50 years of service.

The ship will also serve as magnet to bring many former servicemen and women to San Pedro and the greater Los Angeles area for their annual reunions. USS IOWA can serve as a central platform where we can honor our men and women who have served in our country's defense.

One elevator will be installed from Main Deck to one deck below for access to the main exhibit areas, the Galley and Mess Decks. Another elevator will be installed

for access to the Captain's Quarters which were used by President Franklin Roosevelt. However, the ship must remain intact in case of a national crisis and no armor can be cut, therefore inaccessible spaces for less-able persons will be able to be viewed from the theater as a "Virtual Tour". The Main Deck and Mess Deck restrooms have already been designed and will be upgraded for disabled / ADA access.

The Port of Los Angeles / San Pedro Bay became the Battleship Anchorage of the Pacific Fleet in 1919. The current warehouses in the East Channel were originally used as the US Navy Base in San Pedro. The fleet anchored in San Pedro bay until it was relocated to Pearl Harbor in the 1940's. This site not only has high visibility, but it has a new roadway designed to handle traffic for the new cruise ship terminal. The site also is in close proximity to electrical, water and sanitary utilities and has enough space for a parking lot and the land based battleship museum. The land museum would be a world class museum which not only would highlight all of the US battleships, but major battleships of the world.

Permanently berthed in the Port of Los Angeles / San Pedro, the battleship USS IOWA, would serve as a community asset. Battleship museums typically draw around 350,000 to 500,000 annual visitors and with the population center of the southern California region, she could rival the USS Midway ship museum in San Diego which draws about 1 million visitors annually. The Pacific Battleship Center needs no government financial support and will be self sustaining. It is our goal to bring jobs and money to the local community and be a partner with the City, County and Port of Los Angeles and the community of San Pedro.

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

HISTORIC SHIPS MEMORIAL

This letter was submitted by HSMPS to provide a status of their effort to acquire ex-USS Iowa as a museum. It does not necessarily reflect the position of the Veterans Association of the USS Iowa.

Dear Admiral Gneckow,

Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square is pleased to inform the Veterans Association of the USS Iowa that the City of Vallejo has reiterated its formal support to berth the USS Iowa at Mare Island. This announcement demonstrates the civic support from the City of Vallejo and Northern California to welcome the battleship, adds the endorsement of President Bush, two former Secretaries of the Navy, three former Governors of Iowa, and represents a continuation of our long-term effort to preserve the U.S.S. Iowa. Importantly, we not only worked with Congress to assure the ship's placement within the State of California, but also originated and led the successful drive to pass legislation this year in the State of Iowa to form a committee to raise funds for the preservation of U.S.S. Iowa, as mentioned in the message below. We would like to say to the crew that we are doing everything possible to preserve U.S.S. Iowa. Our just submitted application benefited from extensive pro-bono services and has one of two Navy-endorsed, software-based mooring plans valued at \$110,000, extensive pier-side architectural plans worth over \$50,000 and environmental analysis supported by firms as far away as Los Angeles. The location of IOWA at the West Coast's oldest Navy Yard is

historic and her berth in the San Francisco Bay Area near the world famous Napa Wine Country has been confirmed by three different study groups as ensuring economic viability. This represents an audience of nearly 17 million tourists. We have engineered an economic model for a self-funding, long-term endowment for hull preservation--we believe this to be a Navy-first. Finally, we appreciate crew support. Our largest seven-figure pledge came from an IOWA crew member.

We encourage the crew to visit our website at [www:battleshipiowa.org](http://www.battleshipiowa.org) and to review our intense monthly activity-web address: <http://www.battleshipiowa.org/hspmshistory.htm>, our endorsements-web address: <http://www.battleshipiowa.org/Endorsements.htm> as well as view the various videos on the project-web address: <http://www.battleshipiowa.org/videos.htm>. The crew will be impressed.

Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square has been IOWA's longest supporter. Our reputation for commitment is well-established within the Navy while our financial integrity is unblemished with Federal and State regulatory bodies. Importantly, as stated to the press, we believe that a united effort best serves U.S.S. Iowa's future.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square,
Merylin Wong, President & Director
Bill Stephens, Executive Vice President & Director

USS IOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION 2011 BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	BUDGET
Membership Dues	\$ 9,100
Preservation Fund - Iowa Point	8,900
Ship Stores	2,405
Misc. Income	100
Total	\$20,505
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Website Renewal	\$ 723
Postage and Delivery	10,127
Printing	6,000
Ship Stores Expense	2,400
Iowa Point Maintenance	250
Telephone/Office Supplies	600
ROTC-MIDN Contribution	200
Membership Recruiting	200
Total	\$ 20,505

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 2009-2010

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.uss Iowa.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 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 2010-11 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 two quarterly USS Iowa Newsletters. Each Newsletter contained the required quarterly reports of the President and each of the Association Officers.
- 2) Executive Vice President Mike Meldrum planned events and provided schedule for 2010 reunion in Reno, NV.
- 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. Assistant Webmaster, Ed Nikolas assisted.
- 5) Accepted the applications of 37 new members who applied for membership in the Association during 2009-2010.
- 6) Continued contact with representatives of NAVSEA (PMS 333), HSMPS, and with Pacific Battleship Center(PBC) concerning the donation status of ex-USS Iowa. When provided, information and status reports from HSMPS and PBC 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.
- 9) Our Webmaster, John Schultz, scheduled and conducted an anniversary memorial service on April 19, 2010 at Iowa Point in Norfolk, VA to honor and memorialize our shipmates, "The Iowa 47".

- 10) 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 Leon V. Hindman of Cedar Rapids, IA.
- 11) Chairman of the Audit Committee, Dick Myers, conducted audits of the Association financial accounts, including the Ship's Store and the Treasurer's funds. Auditor certifies the accounts to be current and accurate, and made several recommendations for procedural changes. The appropriate tax returns have been filed with IRS.
- 12) Budget Committee Chairman prepared a 2010-11 budget for presentation at the crew's meeting.
- 13) Kept records of all USS IOWA crewmembers who have passed on during this record year. Chaplain Rich McClellan prepared a memorial ceremony to be conducted at the annual reunion. Each name was included in the "TAPS" section of the newsletter.
- 14) Executive Vice President Mike Meldrum arranged for representatives of several cities in the Eastern Time Zone to present reunion proposals for consideration by the crew.

Incomplete/Pending:

- 1) Advise/assist in establishment of a USS Iowa museum. (Museum Coordination Committee Project)
- 2) Determine location of 2011 reunion. (completed 7/22/10)
- 3) Determine location of 2012 reunion. (To be completed at 2011 reunion.)
- 4) Election of officers/board of directors for 2010-2011. (completed 7/22/10)

Respectfully submitted on July 1, 2010
Jerry Gneckow, President 2009-2010

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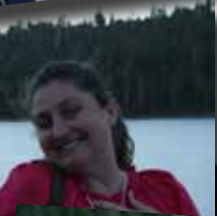
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Thank you!*

DUES Are now due!

*In order to run an organization like ours, we
need your help. We have expenses, such as
printing the newsletter and mailing it to all
our members. You can help us to keep the cost
down by sending in your dues and by keeping
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cords. It costs us money every time our
newsletter is sent back to us and you lose
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Paul R. Ogg
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Veterans Assn of the USS Iowa Ship's Store Order Form

Item #	Item Name	CIRCLE SIZE	Price	Qty	Item #	Item Name	Price	Qty
101	Hat, Former Crew		\$18.00		310P	Zippo Lighter - Polished	\$25.00	
101M	Hat, Former Crew - Mesh		\$20.00		311	License Plate Frame	\$17.00	
103	Hat, Silhouette		\$18.00		312W	Bumper Sticker (White)	\$4.50	
103M	Hat, Silhouette - Mesh		\$20.00		312Y	Bumper Sticker (Yellow)	\$4.50	
105	Hat, Regulation - USN		\$18.00		315	Iowa Warship Data	\$17.00	
106	Hat, Former Crew - USMC		\$18.00		316	Plastic Model - 1/600	\$42.00	
108	Hat, Regulation - USMC		\$18.00		317	Plastic Model - 1/700	\$38.00	
200	Golf Shirt/Pocket - Navy	M L XL 2XL	\$34.00		319-3	Assn Patch - 3"	\$8.00	
201	Golf Shirt - Navy	M L XL 2XL	\$32.00		319-6	Assn Patch - 6"	\$15.00	
202	Jacket - Navy	M L XL 2XL	\$70.00		320I	Decal, Association - Inside	\$4.00	
203	Jacket, Fleece - Navy	M L XL 2XL	\$58.00		320O	Decal, Association - Outside	\$4.00	
204	T-Shirt, Child	S M L	\$10.00		321	Ship Crest - 1980's	\$12.00	
206	T-Shirt, Assn Crest	M L XL 2XL	\$17.00		322	Assn Lapel Pin	\$7.00	
207	Nylon Jacket - Navy	L XL 2XL	\$95.00		323	50th Anniversary Pin	\$7.00	
208	Golf Shirt, USMC - Red	L XL 2XL	\$43.00		325	Plaque, Marble	\$110.00	
223	T-Shirt Signal Flag	M L XL 2XL	\$17.00		326	Plaque, Marble , Framed	\$135.00	
224	T-Shirt Signal Flag - Child	M L	\$15.00		328	Briefcase , Durahyde	\$49.00	
225	Sport Shirt, Ladies - Mint	M L XL 2XL	\$35.00		330	Cup - Gold Trim	\$21.00	
226	Sport Shirt, Ladies - Lt Blue	M L XL 2XL	\$35.00		331	Cup - Regulation	\$19.00	
227	Sport Shirt, Ladies - Maui	M L XL 2XL	\$35.00		332	Zipper Pull, Lone Sailor	\$8.00	
228-1	Sleep Shirt, Make my Night		\$20.00		333	Zipper Pull, Navy Anchor	\$8.00	
228-2	Sleep Shirt, Feel Safe Tonight		\$20.00		334	Magnet Navy Anchor	\$12.00	
228-3	Sleep Shirt, Sleep w/the Best		\$20.00		335	Magnet, USMC	\$12.00	
229	Sweatshirt - Navy	L XL 2XL	\$22.00		336	Ornament, Navy Anchor	\$20.00	
230	Sweatshirt - Dk Green	L XL 2XL	\$22.00		337	Ornament, USMC	\$20.00	
300	Challenge Coin		\$13.00		338	Ornament, Battleship	\$20.00	
301	Key Chain - USN		\$12.00		343	Photograph Sunset 8x10	\$12.00	
302	Key Chain - USMC		\$12.00		344	Photograph Underway 8x10	\$12.00	
303	Key Chain - Silhouette		\$12.00		345	Photograph Broadside 8x10	\$12.00	
304	Letter Opener - USN		\$22.00		346	Photograph Broadside 11x14	\$14.00	
305	Letter Opener - USMC		\$22.00		347	Photograph Broadside 12x18	\$15.00	
306	Golf Towel		\$15.00		349	USS Iowa Pen	\$3.00	
307	Boater Tote		\$25.00		350	Lapel Pin, Yellow Ribbon	\$9.00	
308	Zipper Tote		\$27.00		351	DVD, USS Iowa	\$28.00	
310B	Zippo Lighter - Brushed		\$25.00		400	Calendar (2005/2011) Historic	\$15.00	

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

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***Address:** _____ ***City:** _____

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

***REQUIRED INFORMATION**

All prices contained herein include postage; insurance is recommended for orders over \$50.00 (add \$10.00). Orders are normally shipped parcel post (add \$15.00 for Priority).

ONLY CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS IN U.S. DOLLARS ARE ACCEPTED AND MUST BE MADE OUT TO: VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE USS IOWA. International orders please add 25% of the total bill for additional shipping costs.

Send orders to: Ship's Store Officer, 5812 NAPLES DR, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL, 33540. For questions contact: Ship's Store Officer at kenl636@hotmail.com

SHIP STORE REPORT 2010

Reunion 2010 in Reno, Nevada was a great time and Debbie and I were pleased to return to the crew after our absence last year. Mike Meldrum provide a great plan and we had a wonderful time.

You may remember the 2005 collector's calendar, it was full of pictures of Iowa's past and noted the ship's history throughout the days of the months. It is said history repeats itself – so do the years. 2005, 2011, the days and dates are the same. If you would like to have one of the calendars they are available in the store for \$15.00, postage and handling included as usual.

An Iowa sweatshirt in Navy and Evergreen colors was added. It copies an old bumper sticker with a turret pointing at you with the "Go ahead and make my day" logo. As promised in the newsletter the store offered the new sleep shirts for the ladies and they were well received. Displaying three different motifs, they proved to be very popular and the available stock nearly sold out. Pictures should be displayed on the Iowa web site by the time you are reading this. Speaking of sales we were able to deposit \$2726.75 into the store's account. Also new this year is another plaque choice. This one displays a picture of our ship, her battle ribbons and a replica 16 inch gun that is moldered from actual salvaged battleship guns that have been melted down. It was quite a popular item and the two we stocked were sold and the supplier provided another for us to raffle

during our dinner/dance. \$610.00 was added to the Association treasury and two more were re-ordered for the store.

Our overall inventory has been reduced, especially the former reunion T-shirts. This year we did not have a reunion T-shirt and do not plan to offer one in the future. Although popular with the reunion attendees these "dated" shirts don't have much market afterward and have proved to be more liability then asset. I am hoping to add a men's golf shirt in colors for next year's reunion and would like to hear suggested colors.

I appreciate your continued support and request your continued cooperation. If you send an order PLEASE use the full page order form or copy. I file orders for several months in the event there is a problem with an order and full sheet forms file best. Small "shards" of paper and torn pages tend to "disappear" (I actually received one line torn from a newsletter order form attached to a check). Remember to make out the check or money order to: The Veterans Association of the USS Iowa. Also, don't send reunion registration or Association dues to the store.

Thank you for the confidence in me and the other officers through the unanimous vote in Reno and start making your plans for Reunion 2011 in Charleston, SC!

Ken

FROM THE DESK OF THE HISTORIAN

The Reno reunion provided a lot of camaraderie, good times, tours and memorabilia! Our museum has received enough blue prints (including those already in storage) to have a good start on building another battleship – what a refreshing concept! Also included were pictures, manuals and uniform items. In addition, I recently drove to Norfolk, Virginia on the invitation of the Afloat Training Command. They had in their possession several items from the former estate of Master Chief Bobby Scott, Iowa's 1984 Re-Commissioning Command Master Chief. When the ATG command expansion required more office space I was contacted and informed they would like to transfer their collection to our museum. No one had any information con-

cerning how the collection came to be displayed at ATG but we are sure thankful ATG thought of us when it was time to relocate of the items. Included was a shadow box of Master Chief Scott's medals (including a Bronze Star with "V"), his USS Iowa ring, several award certificates, his Equator crossing certificate from the Iowa and two uniform waist coats, blue and white. It was a long trip and well worth it. It will make for a nice commemorative display in the museum. As in the past, all items will be packed and shipped to the Historical Society of the State of Iowa for preservation and safe-keeping. Please keep the disposition of your USS Iowa memories in mind and ensure your family is informed of your wishes.

Ken Leff

TREASURER'S REPORT

January through June 2010

	<u>Jan - Jun 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	9,091.00
Miscellaneous Income - Sale of 2009 Reunion Items	20.00
REUNION INCOME	
BANQUETS	4,110.00
REGISTRATION FEES	1,420.00
TOURS	13,973.00
Total REUNION INCOME	<u>19,503.00</u>
SHIP'S STORE INCOME	<u>1,218.41</u>
Total Income	<u>29,832.41</u>
Expense	
Miscellaneous - Power Point Projector	625.00
REUNION EXPENSES	
BANQUETS	120.00
TOURS	436.00
REUNION EXPENSES - Reunion Refunds	40.00
Total REUNION EXPENSES	<u>596.00</u>
SHIP'S STORE EXPENSE	<u>2,405.32</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,626.32</u>
Net Ordinary Income	26,206.09
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	404.09
Total Other Income	<u>404.09</u>
Net Other Income	<u>404.09</u>
Net Income	<u><u>26,610.18</u></u>
Certificate of Deposit #70	65,132.76
Certificate of Deposit #71	10,511.50
Checking	29,830.39
Savings	3,773.36
Ship's Store Checking	4,773.18

TAPS



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

ORVAL H. LONG JR	E DIV	46-46
JEFFERSON A. SMALL	R DIV	42-44
KENNETH D. SMOCK	5TH/EX DIV	43-46
FELIX D. BLACKMON	6TH DIV	51-53
AUGUSTINE TISA	2ND DIV	46
THOMAS E. GIVENS	8TH DIV	46-47
EARL V HARTWIG	IOWA 47	86-89
DONALD A. IVEY	8TH DIV	45-46
GALEN A. MOTTER JR		44
ALFRED R. DECAPRIO	8TH DIV	43-45
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DAVID E. OLSEN	X DIV	80'S

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RENO REUNION 2010 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
SCOTT	BAILEY	83-86	S DIV			MEMPHIS, TN
ERNEST	BANDA SR	52-56	1ST DIV	MARY J.	BANDA	SAN ANTONIO, TX
RIC	BARBOSA	51-55	FA DIV	NORMA P.	BARBOSA	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
ROSALEE	BLEECKER	43-46	E DIV			REDFORD, MI
JOSEPH T.	BROWN	87-91	3RD DIV			JACKSONVILLE, NC
ALBERT	BURNS	51-55	1ST DIV	VIRGINIA	BRUNSTEIN	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
PEGGY N.	CAILLOUET	51-53	FM DIV	ROSEANN MYRA	ALLEMAND DUHE	LAROSE, LA
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EMMANUEL H.	CARALIVANOS	51-54	T DIV	DIANE M.	CARALIVANOS	MARLTON, NJ
DAVE	CHAMBERS	85-88	X1 DIV	KARYN	CHAMBERS	MCMINNVILLE, OR
PAUL R.	CHASE	51-55	2ND DIV	CHRISTINE	CHASE	SAN ANDREAS, CA
ARNOLD	DE FRANCE	52-56	S DIV			PORT ST LUCIE, FL
ROCCO M.	DEFJORIO	83-86	A DIV	JAMIE	DEFJORIO	ANN ARBOR, MI
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CLAIR W.	FYKE	43-46	CR DIV	FLORENCE	FYKE	BARKER, NY
KEVIN	GAINES	86-90	B DIV			OAKLAND, CA
GERALD W.	GNECKOW	83-86	CO	PAT	GNECKOW	HOMOSASSA, FL
PAUL	GOMEZ	51-54	FM DIV	GLORIA	GOMEZ	SAN JOSE, CA
WARREN T.	GREENE	52-55	6TH DIV	JULIA E.	GREENE	ST PETERSBURG, FL
MARK	GUSTAFSON	85-89	M DIV	MICHELE	GUSTAFSON	EAST BRIDGEWATER, MA
ALVIN T.	HALL	52-54	D/S1 DIV			PHOENIX, AZ
BILL	HUMIENNY	55-57	FM DIV	ELLEN	HUMIENNY	BROOKLYN, NY
GEORGE C.	HUTH	51-55	FM DIV	LOUISE	HUTH	REDWOOD CITY, CA
THOMAS G.	JENKIN	46-47	E DIV	JOAN	JENKIN	HENDERSON, NV
THOMAS	KMUCHA	51-55	B DIV	MARY	KMUCHA	GALENA, IL
A. C.	KNADLER	42-44	E DIV	ALICIA	KNADLER	GREENVILLE, CA
JOHN M.	KOERBER	54-58	E DIV	ARLENE	KOERBER	NORTH PORT, FL
THELMA I.	KRICK	42-46	7TH DIV	CYNTHIA	MILLICAN	CONCORD, CA
CLARENCE W.	LEDBETTER	50-52	R DIV	DEE	LEDBETTER	HOUSTON, TX
KEN	LEFF	86-88	REPAIR	DEBBIE	LEFF	ZEPHYRHILLS, FL
PATSY J.	LOMBARDO	45-46	2ND DIV	GRACE	LOMBARDO	DARIEN, CT
PAUL	MACKEY	86-90	B DIV	MICHELLE	MACKEY	PHILLIPSBURG, NJ
JOE	MARQUES	51-54	B DIV	MISTY	BUNTI	DICKINSON, TX
DONALD	MCBRIDE	53-55	E DIV	ELSIE MICHAEL SHEILA	HUGHBANKS SMITH SMITH	LINCOLN CITY, OR
JOHN J.	MCCARTHY	52-52	NAV	OLIVIA	MCCARTHY	CORTE MADERA, CA
RICHARD W.	MCCLELLAN	51-55	M DIV	RENA STEPHANIE CHRISTINE LAUREN	MCCLELLAN DOMINGOS DOMINGOS DOMINGOS	SALINAS, CA
MICHAEL	MCKAUGHAN	56-57	E DIV	ELIZABETH	MCKAUGHAN	BOONES MILL, VA
MICHAEL	MELDRUM SR	85-90	B DIV	SHELLY	MELDRUM	BARGERSVILLE, IN

RENO REUNION 2010 ATTENDEES

KENNETH W.	MILLER	51-53	FM/CR DIV	ANNA	MILLER	MESA, AZ
BRYAN	MOSS	52-53	CR DIV			VALENCIA, CA
MADISON H.	MULKEY	42-45	CR DIV	MARY L.	MULKEY	BROKEN ARROW. OK
GLEN D.	NELSON	52-53	A DIV	BARBARA	NELSON	EMERSON, IA
PAUL R.	OGG	83-85	X1 DIV	KITTY	OGG	BREMERTON, WA
CLARENCE	OLNEY	51-54	FM DIV	MARJORIE	OLNEY	BRENTWOOD, CA
MARTY	PALMIERE	83-89	E DIV	ZIENNA	PALMIERE	PITTSBURG, PA
DUANE L.	PORTERO	51-54	A DIV	CAROLYN	PORTERO	BATON ROUGE, LA
ROBERT M.	QUIGLEY	83-85	SUP DEPT	SANDRA	QUIGLEY	GREEN BAY, WI
CHUCK	RAMIRES	51-52	6TH DIV	TINA	RAMIRES	HOLLISTER, CA
HAROLD	RETZOW	46	E DIV			PALM SPRINGS, CA
AL	RICHMOND	46-46	I DIV			PALO ALTO, CA
COLIN L.	ROGERS	87-90	OI/OZ DIV	SUZANNE	ROGERS	GILROY, CA
STEVE	ROLPH	84-86	S DIV			ROYAL OAK, MI
REYMUENDO J.	ROMERO	51-54	R DIV	MERCEDES	ROMERO	SANTA FE, NM
JOHN I.	SCHANKWEILER	53-57	E DIV	JOYCE	SCHANKWEILER	COAL TOWNSHIP, PA
DALE W.	SCHNEIDER	53-57	7TH DIV	HELEN	GRIBBLE	ST JOSEPH, MO
JOHN	SCHREIBER	85-86	DENTAL	JOHN D.	SCHREIBER	OLYMPIA, WA
GRIER L.	SIMS	42-45	E DIV	MARGIE	SIMS	COVINGTON, GA
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LLOYD	SPEIGHTS	44-45	8TH DIV	JOAN	SPEIGHTS	MAGALIA, CA
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MARSHALL R.	STEPHENSON	51-54	R DIV	JANET DAVID	CARLOCK CARLOCK	PUEBLO, CO
WILLIAM T.	STOCKSTILL	52-54	E DIV	ELEANOR STAN SUSAN NEYSA RALPH	STOCKSTILL STOCKSTILL STOCKSTILL FORMANEK FORMANEK	PALO PINTO, TX
IRA D.	STONE	44-46	E DIV	CONNIE	STONE	BAKERSFIELD, CA
JEANETTE M.	STROHL	51-55	B DIV	ROBERT L. JEAN R.	STROHL STROHL	SUTTER, CA CATASQUA, PA
JAMES	TATE	52-56	E DIV	JUDIE	TATE	LITTLETON, CO
LARRY	THOMASSEN	56-58	E DIV	JANET JERRY KRIS	THOMASSEN UPTON UPTON	LEIGHTON, IA
RONALD	UNDERHILL	51-53	B DIV	DOROTHY	UNDERHILL	MASON, MI
HARLEY D.	VAUGHN	52-55	6TH DIV			LEBANON, MO
GARLAND	WATKINS	83-90	B DIV	JUDY	WATKINS	NORFOLK, VA
WILLIAM E.	WEDOW	51-55	B DIV	MARLENE	WEDOW	AURORA, CO
DONALD N.	WEDOW	51-55	M DIV	PEGGY	DUARTE	DENVER, CO
CARL L.	WINEINGER	51-55	B DIV	JUNE	WINEINGER	HOLLENBERG, KS
O. W.	WRIGHT	85-87	ADMIN			CHESAPEAKE, VA

RENO CREW'S MEETING

VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE USS IOWA, RENO CREW'S MEETING THURSDAY, 22 JULY 2010

Meeting called to order at 0900: President Gerald E. Gneckow.

Invocation: Chaplain Richard McClellan.

Roll Call: Absent:

Board of Directors – Randy Frakes, Daniel Gramazio, Glenwood Ivey, Cameron Ratkovic, and Scot Taylor.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 2009 Crews Meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed. See newsletter.

President's Annual Report 2009-2010: President Gerald E. Gneckow. See newsletter

Officer Reports:

- Executive Vice President – Mike Meldrum. I will present 2011 Reunion Sites under new business. Choices considered will be Charleston, SC; Indianapolis, IN; Hartford, CT; and Ft Mitchell, KY.
- First Vice President – Mark Gustafson. Newsletters can also be found on the website. Anyone wanting to submit something for the newsletter should email or mail it to me. Addresses can be found in the newsletter.
- Other places to find info/people include several IOWA pages on Facebook.
- When the status of the ship is finally announced by the Navy, we will send out a letter to all members.
- Send all Taps, dues, and address changes to Paul Ogg. It costs the association money when addresses are not up to date.
- Upcoming changes to the format of the newsletter include changing the name to "The IOWAN."
- Special thanks to Joe Spina, Bill Humienny, Cameron Ratkovic, and Spencer Stanford for joining us at IOWA Point in April.
- Second Vice President – Ken Leff. See newsletter article.
- Secretary – Paul Ogg. Membership information: 275 Honorary/Life; 496 Dues up to date; 40's era members – 1744; 50's era members – 1464; 80's era members – 527.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws – John Koerber - No Report.

Audit – Dick Myers – I have reviewed the available records from the Treasurer and Ship's Store and did not find any errors to be corrected. Records from both Paul Ogg and Ken Leff are well kept and accurate. However, I still think that proper fiscal procedure would be to change the accounting period and audit procedure. The other volunteer / non-profit organizations to which I belong all have gone to a P & L approach with balance sheets and calendar year accounting.

Therefore, as stated before in last year's audit, it is my opinion that there are no reasons for the Association to continue with random audits. We should normalize all our financial documents to conform to a Calendar year since the only required report (IRS Form 990) is on that schedule. You can continue to have a different Membership period (May to May) if you wish.

As I said last year, I recommend the following:

1. Perform the next audit covering the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010. Audit to be conducted in January 2011 when convenient.
2. Develop beginning balance sheets for 1 January 2010 and for 1 January 2011 when it occurs.
3. Report results to the membership of the balance sheets and audits in the quarterly newsletters following.
4. Conduct yearly inventories of Association materials (primarily ship's store).

I hope this report is satisfactory. Let me know if you need anything further.

Budget Committee – Ken Miller. Proposed budget:

USS IOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION 2011 BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGET	EXPENSES	
Membership Dues	\$ 9,100	Website Renewal	\$723
Preservation Fund - Iowa Point	8,900	Postage and Delivery	10,127
Ship Stores	2,405	Printing	6,000
Misc. Income	100	Ship Stores Expense	2,400
Total	\$20,505	Iowa Point Maintenance	250
		Telephone/Office Supplies	600
		ROTC-MIDN Contribution	200
		Membership Recruiting	200
		Total	\$ 20,505

RENO CREW'S MEETING

Recruiting Committee - Scott Taylor.

Membership gains and losses: Fall 2009 to spring 2010: New members 33, losses due to TAPS 19. We have gained 14 more members than we lost. For perspective, last year I reported a gain of 37 members and a loss of 54. All gains and losses are taken from the information as posted in our newsletter and do not take into account membership changes due to any other circumstance other than TAPS. For 2010 – 2011, I will continue to use the goals stated in my 2009 report which is published on our winter/spring newsletter. Any ideas and comments are welcome. The next year holds a lot of promise for our ship and possibly for our Association. I would like to thank all members who have and continue to, lend a hand with increasing our numbers. This is still an all hands effort! We are heading in the right direction! Thanks so much – I look forward to what the next year may bring!

Museum Coordination – Paul Gomez. USS IOWA MUSEUM COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IMCC)

In 2007, President Gneckow appointed me Chairman of the IMCC with great expectations that we would finally see some realistic progress in the planning and construction of a unique museum memorial for the USS Iowa. It is common knowledge that most everyone who served aboard this great ship is still anticipating the day when the IOWA will finally be docked at one of the two location bidding for the IOWA; the former Naval complex in Mare Island, Vallejo or in the vicinity of the Los Angeles Port. Here we are today, with the Iowa still moored in the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet Facility in northern California. Detailed information, little to none, has been released to our Association by either organization concerning the current status of their plans for the museum memorial.

For this reason, I have little knowledge about what progress has been made and therefore have little positive information about details related to the museum memorial to report at this time. For our Association to be involved in the design of the respective museum memorials, we must be well informed about what it is that is being planned including detail drawings, costs and other information. Unfortunately, we have not been formally invited to comment on whatever it is that they have already planned.

I have been contacted by PBC on two occasions for information. I was asked if we had a list of memorabilia which could be made available to them to use in the documentation of their museum memorial plan for the formal application. I assured them that our Association does have such information but is kept in a secure and environmentally safe location in Des Moines, Iowa.

The other request concerned the forward and aft anchorage configuration of the IOWA. I obtained the information from MARAD and discussed it in detail by phone. This information will help PBC determine the costs associated with moving the ship if they are the chosen custodians. It will require a heavy duty crane at possibly high cost. I don't know if HSMPs has this information or not since they did not ask any questions.

I worked on several preliminary layout sites for San Francisco when I was traveling to their numerous meetings which discussed detailed requirements of their formal application. I would certainly assume that they have included equivalent information in their most recent application.

From the moment the ship was first commissioned and before, most all personnel who served on her over the years have expressed their hope that the IOWA would someday become a museum memorial. We still have not seen or received any museum memorial information about the bidding effort of the two locations to become the Navy's choice for custodian of the IOWA. Information to that effect has to be shared with our Association if we are to participate financially and in the final construction of the museum memorial.

Webmaster – John Schultz.

Web-Master Report for 2010 Reunion – Ed Nicholas and John Schultz

Attached you will find a detailed outage report explaining the multitude of issues we were having between January and March of this year. As a 20+ year "IT" professional I can say that all of the right things came together to cause the wrong outcome.

I ask that the board remember that we have used this server company for over 10 years and that in that time we have experienced very little down-time. In all – we have experienced over a 98% up-time which is acceptable. Our current hosting company is expensive, but we are getting what we pay for. The compounded problems we experienced earlier this year prove that. I personally know this from experience in dealing with Microsoft Web Servers at my day job. I can assure our Association that WE ARE GETTING WHAT WE ARE PAYING FOR!!!

I signed a CONTRACT with our hosting company and paid up front for two years which ends in October 2011. If we leave them now- we lose the money we put in. Ed Nicholas and myself highly recommend against changing companies now. Simply put we lose what we have paid for and that is an unsound business idea based on the web-hosting company's LONG record of GOOD performance. (We're talking 10+ years.) Within this calendar year I plan to re-design the web-site, giving it more of a 'modern' feel. When launched it will include SEVERAL embedded videos and links to all of the various "Facebook" and "U-Tube" pages that exist for us that our members have created.

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

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New Business:

Motion made to accept proposed budget for year 2010-2011. Motion passed.

Motion made to select 2011 Reunion Site in Charleston, SC. 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 unanimous vote was cast for the officers.

The following names for Board of Directors were presented:

Paul Mackey, Glen Ivey, Daniel Gramazio, Randy S. Frakes, Paul Gomez, Martin A. Palmiere, James Tate, Albert Burns, Cameron S. Ratkovic, Kenneth W. Miller, Bill S. Humienny, Scot Taylor, Bryan Moss
A unanimous vote was cast for these members to serve as the Board of Directors.

Good of the Order:

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted: Paul Ogg, Secretary/Treasurer