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Hahn, Garcetti, Buscaino to Open Memorial Day Event at Battleship IOWA

Area's Top Elected Officials will Dedicate Wreath during Ceremony

L.A. WATERFRONT, CA (May 20) – The 16-inch main guns of Battleship IOWA will be the backdrop of a stirring Memorial Day tribute to the soldiers, sailors and airmen who lost their lives in the uniform of America's armed services.

During the ceremony, slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 26, American flags aboard the historic naval ship museum will be flown at half mast, and a color guard will post the flags of the military branches.

Congresswoman Janice Hahn (D-CA 44), Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino (D-15) will offer remarks in remembrance of military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to their nation.

"The crew of Battleship IOWA is humbled that veterans of Southern California have adopted the ship as the regional focal point of ceremonies like this," remarked Jonathan Williams, President and CEO of Pacific Battleship Center. "Every day we honor visitors who have served this nation in uniform. And today we remember those who never made it home."

This event is part of *IOWA Remembers*, the annual series of events and ceremonies presented by the Pacific Battleship Center (PBC) aboard Battleship IOWA. This series advances PBC's mission to "Celebrate the American Spirit" by commemorating national, military and naval dates of importance. Please visit www.pacificbattleship.com for more information about this series, Battleship IOWA and the Pacific Battleship Center.

About Battleship IOWA: The USS *Iowa* was commissioned in 1943 as the lead ship of her class, and quickly joined America's all-out struggle for total victory over the Axis forces. Her teak decks, staterooms and steel bulkheads echo the words and deeds of those who made history: three U.S. Presidents, six of the nine American five-star military officers, countless foreign leaders, and most importantly, generations of her own sailors. Since July 2012 IOWA has welcomed nearly 400,000 visitors to the Los Angeles Waterfront, generating awareness and appreciation of the region's colorful history and its many contributions to America's economic and military strength.

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CALENDAR LISTING:

Please post the following on community and events calendars:

WHAT: Second Annual Memorial Day Tribute aboard Battleship IOWA

WHEN: Monday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Dockside at Battleship IOWA
250 South Harbor Boulevard
San Pedro, CA 90731

COST: Ceremony is free.
Ship Tours: \$18 Adults, \$10 Youth, \$15 Senior Citizens
Tours for ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & VETERANS are FREE May 24, 25 and 26