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NAVY DAYS – LA

Navy League of the United States

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**Mr. Robert Kent
Pacific Battleship Center
615 Centre Street, Suite 301
San Pedro, CA. 90731**

Dear Mr. Kent,

Our Board is 100% behind your idea and efforts to bring USS Iowa (BB 61) to San Pedro as an educational floating museum of American Naval history and a cornerstone to the Los Angeles' Harbor's redevelopment plan and San Pedro's economic well being.

The Navy League of the United States supports the men and women of all four, (4) of our Sea Services. The Navy League's mission is to also educate the public about our Sea Services and the importance sea power has and continues to play in the world today. We also support U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, a youth program dedicated to helping young men and women develop leadership skills, seamanship and self reliance.

USS Iowa (BB 61) pier side in San Pedro would provide the Sea Cadets with a great training and educational asset, all local military with a venue for Change of Command, Retirement and Re-enlistment Ceremonies. USS Iowa would also provide local Navy League Councils and other military civilian support organizations with a great venue as well as be an attractive yearly reunion point for all Navy ships' veteran associations which would be great for the local economy.

Navy Days – LA for the past ten years has brought (14) Navy and Coast Guard ships into Los Angeles Harbor for public port visits. We can tell you the interest in these ships is definitely there and considering the 10 plus million people in LA County plus tourists equals a win-win-win situation for everyone.

Fair winds,

**Grant W. Ivey
President**

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