



**Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.**  
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August 26, 2010



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

Dear Mr. Kent:

The membership of Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay Chapter 53 acknowledges to you its total support for the permanent mooring of the World War II battleship USS Iowa in San Pedro. It is our members understanding that this will bring much tourism and vitalization to the San Pedro community as well as providing a great economic stimulus to the local economy.

As veterans, Chapter 53 recognizes that the placement of the USS Iowa will also acknowledge the great sacrifices and contributions of the US military veterans of World War II.

On behalf of VVA Chapter 53,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Yamamoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jerry Yamamoto, President  
VVA Chapter 53

At-Large Member VVA National Board of Directors