

Rack-Out Plaque Sponsorship

For more than a century, the term “rack” has been used by US Navy sailors to describe their personal berths, or beds, aboard ships. This small (6ft. x 3ft.) rack was their only private space on the ship, and once assigned, would be their home for up to four years! Early racks were spartan (but comfortable) canvas hammocks strung from tube frames. Later, the Navy installed locker-style berths, known to sailors as “coffin racks.” Sailors who were assigned flat racks would also be allocated at least one foot locker.

Battleship IOWA is refurbishing dozens of racks throughout the proud and iconic warship. First Class Petty Officer, CPO berthing, and officer wardrooms are also slated for renovation. Now, for the first time in more than 20 years, Battleship IOWA is ready to reassign its racks!

Personalized plaques are renewed on an annual basis. Rack Sponsors can honor a veteran relative or Sponsors can honor a deceased IOWA veteran selected at random. Veterans can have their name, rank, branch and dates of service inscribed on a beautiful 8” x 2” brass plaque, at no extra charge. Rack Sponsors may elect to have their own name inscribed on the plaque, also free of charge.

IOWA is a big ship, but the berthing visible along the public tour route is very limited. Rack Out on IOWA is a unique opportunity to acquire a commemoration of your or your family’s commitment to preserve and honor an historic symbol of American naval might.



Rack Out on IOWA and RESERVE YOUR RACK ASSIGNMENT NOW!

In Memoriam
William D. Leahy
Fleet Admiral, USN 1897 – 1942
Dedicated by the Ernest J. King Family

*Plaque Sample, with inscription (actual size is 8” x 2”)**

To Reserve Your Rack on IOWA contact our Development Office at development@labattleship.com or 877.446.9261 ext. 747

**Please note: While all reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate special requests, Battleship IOWA cannot guarantee sponsorship of a particular rack or berthing compartment location. Each junior officer wardroom will feature two sponsors, unless otherwise agreed to by the Pacific Battleship Center and the sponsor. IOWA veterans may sponsor their own personal rack, and these racks may eventually feature their plaque(s) in addition to the plaque of a sponsor. Otherwise, the limit is one plaque per rack per sponsor. Pacific Battleship Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Tax ID 26-3934742. This sponsorship gift is fully tax-deductible, as you receive no goods or services of value.*

1. Select your Rack type and Inscription Plaque style:

Qty Rack / Berthing Type Sponsorship

Quantity	Rack/Berthing Level	Price	Renewal
	Enlisted Berthing		
	Bottom	\$300.00	Annual donation
	Middle	\$500.00	Annual donation
	Top	\$700.00	Annual donation
	First Class Petty Officer Berthing		
	Middle	\$1,000.00	Annual donation
	Top	\$1,500.00	Annual donation
	Chief Petty Officer Berthing		
	Middle	\$2,000.00	Annual donation
	Top	\$2,500.00	Annual donation

The first year's payment is listed above and the succeeding renewal is an annual donation of at least 10% of the Rack/Berthing Level.

For example: if you sponsor an Enlisted Top Rack, the first installment will cost \$700 and each succeeding renewal will be \$70. While we have tried to make the cost affordable, the annual donation helps defray costs of maintaining the program and upkeep of plaques. If the annual renewal presents a hardship, let us know.

2. Payment (Please mail checks to: Battleship IOWA, 250 S. Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA 90731)

Check Enclosed for the Amount of \$: _____

OR...

Credit Card - Type (Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover): _____

Charge Card in the Amount of U.S. \$: _____

Name of Cardholder (as shown on card): _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Card Billing Address - Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Signature* _____ Date _____

**By signing this form you give Pacific Battleship Center permission to charge your account for the amount indicated on or after the indicated date. This is permission for a single transaction only, and does not provide authorization for any additional unrelated debits or credits to your account.*

3. Plaque Inscription-REQUIRED!

Carefully print Plaque Inscription exactly as it will appear on your plaque (100 character limit, including spaces & punctuation):
