



# SNA AWARDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 22, 2021  
11:30 AM

ANNUAL AWARDS  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 23, 2021  
6:00 PM



The Freedom of the Seas Awards honors those who embody the core principles of the American Surface Navy's mission to protect and defend our oceans for the benefit of the free world.

#### **FREEDOM OF THE SEAS AWARD**

The Freedom of the Seas Award goes to an accomplished individual who embodies the core principles of America's Surface Navy to protect and defend our oceans for the benefit of the free world.

#### **VADM SAMUEL L. GRAVELY, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The VADM Samuel L. Gravely, Jr. award recognizes leaders who exemplify the trailblazing, courageous service of the late U.S. Surface Navy Vice Admiral.

#### **HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD**

The Humanitarian Service award recognizes those who exemplify the exceptional bravery that is necessary to sail through troubled waters-in order to provide disaster relief, defend trade routes, and fight piracy as a means of upholding the core principle of America's Surface Navy.

#### **GLOBAL TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS AWARD**

The Global Trade and Communications award recognizes leaders in commercial shipping that embody the ideals of the Surface Navy in their utilization of the ocean for the benefit of the free world.

# **FREEDOM OF THE SEAS AWARDS**



The Freedom of the Seas Awards are held in honor of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle of World War II. The battle was fought in waters near the Philippine islands October 23-26, 1944 between the combined forces of the United States and Australia and the Imperial Japanese Navy.

## FOUR MAJOR ENGAGEMENTS

1. Battle of the Sibuyan Sea - October 24, 1944
2. Battle of Surigao Strait - October 25, 1944
3. Battle of Cape Engaño - October 25-26, 1944
4. Battle off Samar - October 25, 1944

Leyte Gulf was the first battle in which the Japanese carried out organized kamikaze attacks, and the last naval battle between battleships in history. The battle rendered the Japanese Navy a fatal blow ultimately leading to the beginning of the end of the Pacific war.

# BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF ANNIVERSARY



The Surface Navy is the backbone of America's Navy and the most capable surface force in the world. Since October 13, 1775, the men and later, women of the Surface Navy have deployed around the globe.

The National Museum of the Surface Navy, or "NMSN," is envisioned as a community-based and future-oriented facility to be located aboard the venerable Battleship IOWA at the Port of Los Angeles – our nation's busiest port.

The mission of the Museum is to raise awareness about the importance of the US Navy Surface Fleet's role in facilitating international relations, free trade, humanitarian assistance, and technological innovation.



# EVENT BENEFICIARY

*All proceeds from the Freedom of the Seas Awards will help fund the capital campaign for the National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship IOWA.*



Freedom of the Seas Awards is attended by senior leaders within their respective fields. The event brings together those with a mutual interest in preserving and protecting the ideals of the Surface Navy for the benefit of the America. The backdrop of the event is the iconic Battleship IOWA at the Port of Los Angeles.

#### ATTENDEES AND INVITEES INCLUDE:

- Leadership and representatives from military, government, maritime, philanthropy, and industry.
- Leadership and representatives from education, veterans, first responders, community, and youth.
- Media and influencers.



# ATTENDEES & INVITEES



**Held aboard Battleship IOWA Museum, the US Navy's iconic Surface Navy ship proudly moored at America's Port – the Port of Los Angeles.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2021**

**11:30-1:00pm**

**Surface Navy Association Awards Luncheon**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2021**

**6:00-7:00pm**

**Waterfront Cocktail Reception onboard the Battleship IOWA**

**Enjoy signature cocktails with Celebrity Chef Andre Rush, former White House Chef & Military Veteran**

**Pre-dinner festivities including live music & maritime experiences**

**7:30-9:00pm**

**Exclusive Awards Dinner, three course dinner inspired by Chef Andre Rush, keynote speaker, Freedom of the Seas awards presentation**

**9:00-10:00pm**

**Post-Gala VIP Cigar Smoke with Cordials**

# EVENT TIMELINE



**Freedom of the Seas Awards is held aboard the Battleship USS Iowa at the Port of Los Angeles, an area steeped in US Navy Surface Fleet history.**

### **BATTLESHIP USS IOWA IS:**

- The #2 ship museum and a top 5 attraction in Los Angeles.
- Centerpiece to LA Fleet Week, one of the premier Fleet Week's in the United States.
- Owned and operated by the Pacific Battleship Center, a reputable 501c3 non-profit. The organization was licensed to build the National Museum of the Surface Navy by the U.S. Navy in 2019.
- An iconic Surface Navy ship and the 1st artifact of the Surface Navy Museum.

### **PORT OF LOS ANGELES IS:**

- Home to America's Port, handling more containers per ship than any other port in the world.
- A beneficiary of Freedom of the Seas and the Surface Navy.
- Historic home to the Pacific Fleet prior to WWII, as well as Long Beach Naval Base & Shipyard.
- Home to LA Fleet Week, one of the premier Fleet Week's in the United States.

# **LOCATION**



**Sponsors are important to the National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship IOWA and the Freedom of the Seas Awards. We customize benefits for each sponsor to maximize desired exposure.**

## **SPONSOR BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Title / presenting recognition.
- Stage recognition.
- Exclusivity opportunities for exposure, product, or service.
- Leadership visibility.
- Hospitality and VIP opportunities.
- Invitation only opportunities.
- Event tickets with beneficial seating placement.
- Brand marketing exposure.
- Logo / name recognition.
- Media and ad inclusion.
- Website, social media, and email inclusion.

# **SPONSOR BENEFITS**



The Freedom of the Seas Awards team offers customized packages to align with your objectives. Your sponsorship helps support the design and construction of the National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship IOWA.

#### AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Title sponsor
- Naming and supporting sponsors for:
  - Awards
  - Luncheon
  - Arrival & check-in area
  - Parking
  - Receptions (VIP and General Admission)
  - Opening ceremonies
  - Flyover
  - Audio / visual, staging, and decorations
  - Fireworks
  - Dinner
  - Dessert
  - Alcohol (beer, wine, and liquor)
  - Media and community relations



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# SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY  
AT THE BATTLESHIP IOWA**  
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# EVENT CONTACTS



# SAVE THE DATE

## **SURFACE NAVY ASSN. AWARDS**

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## **FREEDOM OF THE SEAS AWARDS**

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At the historic Battleship IOWA in Los Angeles in honor of the Battle of Leyte Gulf anniversary.



**National Museum  
of the Surface Navy**  
at the Battleship IOWA

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**Sponsorship  
Opportunities  
Available**