Press Release

National Museum of the Surface Navy Names Lisa Argyros Recipient of 2024 Freedom of the Seas Humanitarian Service Award

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – August 13, 2024 – The National Museum of the Surface Navy, founded aboard Battleship USS IOWA and scheduled to open in 2025, today named Lisa Argyros the recipient of the 2024 Freedom of the Seas Humanitarian Service Award. The award recognizes those who exemplify the fearless bravery and tenacity necessary to sail through troubled waters to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief as a core principle of America's Surface Navy.

Lisa serves as co-chair of the Argyros Family Foundation, whose mission is to focus on children and after-school programs, education, health care, hospitals, and the arts. Lisa expands her personal philanthropic outreach to help veterans, women and girls, those with food insecurities, and internationally, to promote economic independence and sustainability in Eastern African communities.

Lisa currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at Chapman University, Orange County School of the Arts, USC Thornton School of Music, Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, and New Majority California.

"It is an honor for us to present Lisa with this prestigious award in recognition of her family's generous philanthropic in the education and healthcare industries across Southern California and beyond," stated retired Navy Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, Chairman of the Board of the National Museum of the Surface Navy. "The philanthropic work of Lisa and the Argyros Family Foundation, which has included direct support of our education and veterans programs, upholds a core principle of America's Surface Navy by exemplifying extraordinary bravery and tenacity to help deliver health, safety, and relief to people around the world."

The annual Freedom of the Seas Awards event is held in honor of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, considered to be the largest naval battle of World War II. Attendance at the award event, which is by invitation only,

includes top leaders from the education, veteran, community, industry, government, and military sectors.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Kyle Aube, Director of Development at kaube@labattleship.com.

About the Freedom of the Seas Awards

The Freedom of the Seas Awards is the premiere annual event of the National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship IOWA. The event is held in honor of the anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in the history of the world, which occurred during World War II. The Awards honors those that embody the core principles of the American Surface Navy's mission to protect and defend our oceans for the benefit of the free world.

About the National Museum of the Surface Navy

Scheduled to open in 2025 aboard the historic Battleship USS IOWA Museum, the National Museum of the Surface Navy is the museum for America's Surface Navy. The museum's mission is to raise America's awareness of the importance of the United States Surface Naval Forces' role in international relations, free trade, humanitarian assistance, and technological innovation, not just in the past but today and into the future.

Located in the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro, Calif., Battleship USS IOWA Museum is one of the top five museums and attractions in Los Angeles, bringing the ship's history to life through in-person and virtual tours and educational programs for youth. In addition to providing a natural platform for veterans and patriotic civilians to come together as a community, Battleship USS IOWA Museum provides a wide array of impactful programs and resources that support the critical needs of our military and veterans.

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