**Reveille!**

A relaxed opening suitable for families that would benefit from a quieter museum experience. Additional hands-on programs will be going on and a modified tour route will be available to those wishing to avoid the battleship’s stairs. A quiet room will be open to any that wish to use it.

8:30 – 10:00

Tips:

- Bags are discouraged on the ship, if you must have a bag with you please select one that’s as small as possible. It will be searched before coming on to the ship and again as you leave.
- Food is served at the ship’s Chow Line on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 11:30-2:30.
- Other than *Reveille!* relaxed opening mornings, the quietest times to come to the Battleship are weekday mornings in the fall, or in the winter.
- The ship is still floating, but it does not go anywhere anymore. It does slightly move and this does make some visitors nervous. In particular the gangways leading from the ship to the pier can move and make noise.
- We call stairs *ladders*. They are somewhat steeper than standard stairs and have chain handrails in many places. It is possible to see the ship without climbing these ladders, look for special signs on *Reveille!* mornings or see a staff member for help.
- There are mannequins in several places around the ship.
- Guests follow a red line throughout the ship to minimize the possibility of getting lost. Guests wishing to do the tour without climbing ladders will have signs to follow instead.
Depending on how you arrive, you may have to walk a few hundred feet from your car to the Visitor's Center. If you require Handicap Parking, we recommend going to the gate at Clinton Street, inform the guard that you need Handicap Parking and they will tell you where to go from there.

When you arrive at the Visitor's Center, there may be a line to get tickets. There are comfortable chairs to wait in if you would like.

You can leave your bag in the lockers here.
You will be directed to the white gate where a security guard will take your tickets and direct you to the ship.
To get on the ship, stay to the right and you may climb the stairs, or there is an elevator behind the stairs.
To board the ship, you must cross the brow. It can move and make noise but is perfectly safe.
Here, you will be greeted by a staff member who will help you get onto the tour route.

You will have two choices, you may follow the red line which will go up into the superstructure of the ship, or, you may follow the signs for the main deck tour that does not go up or down any ladders. You may switch between these options at any point.

*For the main deck only tour, please proceed to page 35*
The first part of the tour is the ship’s Forecastle. This is a favorite spot for people to take pictures, there may be many people in this space.
You will then descend your first ladder. The navy calls them ladders but they are just stairs. They are steeper than standard. We recommend that you go down backwards, facing the ladder.
Here in forward berthing you will see your first of the ship’s mannequins.

You will have the option of being able to lay in some of the beds that the crew slept in.
Inside of the ship, there are *knee knockers* or high step overs to get through the doorways. This can make the ship difficult to traverse for some visitors.
In this space, there is a wishing well. This allows guests to see just how far down the ship goes beneath their feet. Many guests enjoy throwing coins into the trunk.
After ascending a ladder, you will enter the Ward Room. Here you can sit in the chairs and there are restrooms.
Next to this space is the Officer’s Lounge. It is a comfortable place to relax before continuing with your tour.
Next, you will go through several exhibits about the history of the ship. There are a lot of things to read here.
You will find the Kids Kompartment in this section of the ship. This space has chess and checkers to play, a miniature version of the ship’s bridge for pretending to steer the ship, and much more. This can be a busy place.
One of the ship’s radio rooms is in this area. On many Saturdays, there are experts who use the ship’s radios in this area.
One of the exhibits is called “Sailors Life” and has examples of the ship’s alarms. They can be quite loud.
You will then go up another ladder.
Next you will see the Captain’s Cabin. There are comfortable chairs that you can sit in if you would like. There are artifacts that you can touch. There is sometimes a docent in this space to tell you about the ship’s captains.
There are more mannequins in the next part of the tour route.
You will then go to the Combat Engagement Center, or CEC. Here there will be someone who can explain to you about the different types of missile systems.
You will then proceed through the superstructure of the ship. This is partially outside and somewhat high up.
The Captain’s chair is a favorite spot for visitors to sit for pictures.
The 05 level is the highest part of the ship that you can visit and is also a favorite spot for visitors to take pictures.
To get back down to the main deck of the ship requires several back to back ladders.
Many visitors enjoy going inside of the 5” gun mount.
Once back inside of the ship, you will pass the ship’s chow line. While the galley equipment isn’t in use anymore, we do still serve food here. Check the website for the latest schedule.
Crew’s mess is a good place to rest and have a snack.
The ship’s library is a quiet place to relax. Guests may read the books in the library if they like. Members can even check books out of the library. There is a silent film that plays in here.
The ship’s store is located near the library.
Back on the main deck, guests may sit on the Quad 40mm Bofor gun. Many guests enjoy turning the cranks to make the gun spin around and to raise the barrels.
Guests interested in climbing into a Gun Turret may do so, the ladder is quite steep and has low headroom.

Inside the turret there are a few stairs and things to duck under.
To leave the ship, visitors must cross the brow once again. On the other side, visitors will descend the stairs or take the elevator to the pier.
Main Deck Tour:

The first part of the tour is the ship’s Forecastle. This is a favorite spot for people to take pictures, there may be many people in this space.
You will walk past the Quarterdeck, where you will see the person who welcomed you onto the ship once again, they can answer questions or direct you if you need it.
To go inside of the ship, there is a wheelchair accessible entrance to the Ward Room here. This space is Air Conditioned and has places to sit.
Next to this space is the Officer’s Lounge. It is a comfortable place to relax before continuing with your tour.
If you would like to visit the ship’s exhibits on the main deck, follow the red line.

Next, you will go through several exhibits about the history of the ship. There are a lot of things to read here.
You will find the Kids Kompartment in this section of the ship. This space has chess and checkers to play, a miniature version of the ship’s bridge for pretending to steer the ship, and much more. This can be a busy place.
One of the ship’s radio rooms is in this area. On many Saturdays, there are experts who use the ship’s radios in this area.
One of the exhibits is called “Sailors Life” and has examples of the ship’s alarms. They can be quite loud.

If you wish to stay on the main deck and not climb any ladders, please look for the signs directing you out to the main deck.
This will lead you back outside where you can see the ship’s 5” guns. They do not fire anymore.
If you walk around the back of the ship, you will find more of the ship’s guns. Guests may sit on the Quad 40mm Bofor gun. Many guests enjoy turning the cranks to make the gun spin around and to raise the barrels.
Guests interested in climbing into a Gun Turret may do so, the ladder is quite steep and has low headroom.

Inside the turret there are a few stairs and things to duck under.
To leave the ship, visitors must cross the brow once again. On the other side, visitors will descend the stairs or take the elevator to the pier.