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**THIS WEEK:** *THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW IS BROADCAST FROM THE U.S.S. IOWA*

**BACKGROUND:** *THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW*

On July 4, 1954, *The Ed Sullivan Show* was filmed aboard the battleship U.S.S. *Iowa*, which was docked in the Hudson River. *The Ed Sullivan Show*, then called *Toast of the Town*, was in its seventh season. Sullivan featured many celebrities on his show over the years. During this particular show, musical comedy star Dolores Gray was featured along with Bill Kenny of the group the Ink Spots. The Step Brothers were the featured dancers. Les Marcellis led an acrobat performance, Jay Marshall provided a stand-up comedy routine, and Eileen O'Dare performed as an acrobatic dancer surrounded by the navy audience. Sullivan spoke with navy Captain Wayne Loud, who then presented Sullivan with a caricature of Sullivan drawn by famed media layout artist Herb Hazelton, who also appeared.

## **Ed Sullivan Comes Aboard the U.S.S. *Iowa***

**By Mark S. Gustafson**

(From the Winter 2011 U.S.S. *Iowa* Veterans Association Newsletter, Volume 41, Number 4)

In our fall newsletter, I referenced a conversation that I had with Bill Colarado at the reunion about Ed Sullivan being aboard our ship. I mentioned that I was unable to find anything online about this and asked our members if they had any information. Well I

received an email from Walter D. Bennett (FM Div '52- '55). He wrote:

"IOWA sailed from Norfolk to New York to celebrate the 4th of July weekend [1954] and host the Ed Sullivan show from IOWA's fantail, Pier 37. Freddy de Cordova was producer. Acts rehearsed aft of Turret 3 off and on during the afternoon. Mr. Sullivan arrived before the show and changed the order of a couple of the acts. The show was shot live and everything ran smoothly. New York fireboats put up a curtain of spray at the shows end. I have enclosed a photo taken with Mr. Sullivan in wardroom."

Thank you Walter for sharing this with us!

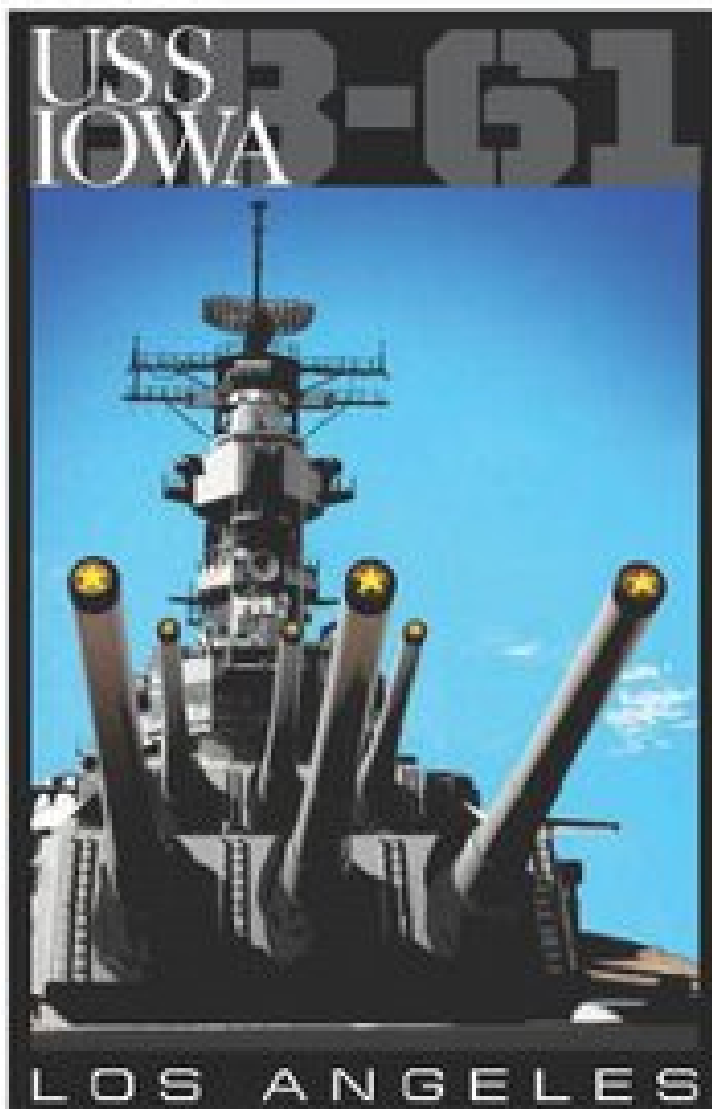


### **Ed Sullivan aboard the U.S.S. Iowa in 1954**

(Ed Sullivan in the wardroom of the U.S.S. *Iowa*, July 4, 1954. Men are identified by title only: (L-R) Lieutenant Junior Grade, Commander of Supply, Commander of Navigation, Ed Sullivan, and Major Smith USMC. The women in the picture are unidentified. *(Photo courtesy of Walter Bennett and the U.S.S. Iowa Newsletter)*

## **U.S.S. *Iowa* Museum in Los Angeles**

The U.S.S. *Iowa* is scheduled to leave Richmond, California, for southern California May 20, 2012. The U.S.S. *Iowa* Veterans Association has a tentative schedule for activities in San Pedro, California, July 2, 2012, through July 6, 2012. The re-commissioning of the U.S.S. *Iowa* as an education and museum attraction is scheduled for the Fourth of July holiday at the Port of Los Angeles, Berth 87.



**One of the new museum logos**