



MEDIA AVAILABILITY / PRESS CONFERENCE

For Immediate Release:

March 7, 2017

Contact:

Susanne LaFrankie
(609) 292-0701
J. Gregory Reinert
(609) 777-3305

Historic Battleship USS New Jersey (BB62) Undergoes High Energy Efficiency Technology Upgrades

- Nation's most decorated battleship is being updated with high energy efficiency technologies to reduce annual energy bills by over \$200,000 -

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP) and the Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey, Inc., will hold a news conference to announce, detail and demonstrate installation of the on-going installation of energy efficiency improvements to the historic Battleship USS New Jersey.

The media event will be held **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**, at the Battleship USS New Jersey, 100 Clinton St., Camden, N.J.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the project contractor will demonstrate how the ships' historic lighting fixtures are upgraded to utilize LED tube bulbs in the historic fixtures. Also available, B-roll of ship areas with upgraded lighting.

Press conference will begin at 10:30 a.m.,

The improvements are made possible by a NJBP approved Clean Energy Program (CEP) grant of approximately \$511,000 and include upgrades to interior LED lighting and the conversion of electric heating to natural gas heating. Exterior LED lighting upgrades to follow.

With a total of Nineteen Battle and Campaign Stars, the USS New Jersey is America's most decorated battleship and surviving warship. The mission of the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial is to restore, preserve, exhibit and interpret the history of the USS New Jersey and her veterans.

WHAT: Press conference to announce, detail and demonstrate installation energy efficiency upgrades funded by NJ's Clean Energy Program being installed on the historic Battleship USS New Jersey. The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial provides a unique blend of history, education, entertainment and hospitality for tourists and students worldwide.

SPEAKERS:

Captain Walter Urban, USN (Ret.) Chairman, Board of Trustees, Home Port Alliance

Richard S. Mroz, President, N.J. Board of Public Utilities

Carmen Rodriguez, Camden County Freeholder

Philip P. Rowan, Ex. Dir. & CEO, Home Post Alliance

WHEN: Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. Prior to press conference camera crews will be invited onboard to capture new interior lighting and new lighting being installed. Press conference will begin at 10:30 A.M.

WHERE: On the dock directly outside the USS New Jersey located at 62 Battleship Place, Camden, NJ

VISUALS: **Beginning at 10:00 a.m. (previous to the press conference):** A Revolution Lighting representative will demonstrate how the ships' historic lighting fixtures are upgraded to utilize LED tube bulbs into the historic fixtures. B-roll of ship areas with upgraded lighting.

###