



# THEIR GUNS WERE ALWAYS READY

PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE MIGHTY IOWA-CLASS BATTLESHIPS — THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WARSHIPS - PART FIVE

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USS IOWA-CLASS BATTLESHIPS



USS *Iowa* and USS *Northampton* (CLC-1) at Pier #7 in Norfolk, Virginia, during November 1956. Following the Korean War, *Iowa* participated in numerous exercises and cruises. In 1955, the battleship underwent a four-month overhaul. On 4 January 1957, she departed Norfolk for duty with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. Upon completion of that duty, *Iowa* embarked midshipmen for a South American training cruise and then joined in the June International Naval Review off Hampton Roads, Virginia.



Captain F.J. Becton assumed command of USS *Iowa* during December 1956, just prior to her final Mediterranean Deployment. *Iowa* served with the 6th Fleet from January to mid-April 1956. Captain Becton also served aboard USS *Texas* (BB-35) and USS *Arkansas* (BB-33).



Patch commemorating the *Iowa*'s many years of service.



During the 1950s, American seapower was second to none. This view shows USS *Iowa* and USS *New Jersey* (BB-62) steaming in the Atlantic after the conclusion of the Korean War. During that war, *Iowa* and her crew did extensive damage to communist targets.