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"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace."
President Theodore Roosevelt

The Patriot

**DON'T MISS OUR NEW EXHIBITS ON D-DAY,
PEARL HARBOR, RADAR PICKET SHIPS,
AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES!**

* * * NOW BOOKING FAMILIES! CALL (508) 678-1100 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NEW SCHEDULE OF FAMILY NIGHTS! * * *

THOUSANDS OF SCOUTS ENLIST Battleship Cove: a Scout tradition for more than thirty years

TOUR OF DUTY

FALL RIVER, MA: Since 1972 more than 550,000 teachers, parents, Scout leaders and young people have relied on Battleship Cove to provide safe, quality educational programming, and as the founder of the nation's first and most popular maritime camping program, we've always delivered.

Over the past few years, however, Battleship Cove's mission has become even more important: In short, we haven't changed, but the world has. So while the Cove still entertains kids with fun, educational workshops like Morse Code class and knot-tying sessions, the museum also helps their parents face the challenge of explaining world events to youngsters by sharing the lessons of America's veterans—our greatest examples of responsibility and leadership. With five National Historic Landmarks within the world's largest naval ship exhibit, Battleship Cove offers a unique environment to learn about such core values.

Help us make sure the next generation understands the price of freedom. If you are interested in receiving information, please contact us at (508) 678-1100. If you would like to check on the availability of a particular camping date, we encourage you to reserve your space early, for bunks book quickly.



BATTLESHIP COVE: This shore is fun!

NAUTICAL NIGHTS AT THE COVE: A BOATLOAD OF VALUE

FALL RIVER, MA: For more than 35 years, Battleship Cove has packed Nautical Nights with a boatload of value. To start, we give all-day admission to the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. Then, we add overnight lodging on a National Historic Landmark. After that, we add three delicious meals, served

in our Officers' Wardroom on Battleship *Massachusetts*. Then, we add major motion pictures, educational activities, and a rotating schedule of Morse Code classes, historical reenactments, and storytellers. Next, you get free presentations from veterans who will share first-hand recollections from their lives in the service.

NIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR

FALL RIVER, MA: Battleship Cove pioneered the concept of camping overnight aboard a naval vessel. It all began in 1972 when a Boy Scout leader visiting the ship asked Paul Vaitses, then Executive Director, "Is it possible for my scout group to spend a night aboard?" Mr. Vaitses promptly replied "Absolutely!"

And so, the Nautical Nights Overnight Camping Program began with 80 scouts sleeping in their bedrolls on the battleship's main deck. For some it has become an annual adventure steeped in history, patriotism and pride. The awesome size of the ship dazzles them. They gaze at the masts where the U.S. flag and an array of signal flags flutter proudly. They marvel at the 16" guns, the 40MM mounts, the turrets and the superstructure. You see it in their faces. They've never seen a ship so big and they say to themselves, "I can't believe we'll be spend-

ing the night onboard!" The look of wonder and amazement turns to glee when they climb on the 40MM mounts and crank the handwheels. With imaginary shells bursting all around they fight off the enemy and save their proud ship. They scamper about, investigating the guns, ducking into the turrets, climbing on the mounts, sprinting up the ladders. . . exploring everywhere.

The program has expanded over the years to include Morse Code classes, storytellers, WWII reenactments, major motion pictures, and knot tying presentations. The kids now sleep in restored navy bunks, eat their meals "chow style" in the officer's wardroom and rise and shine to the sound of reveille.

A visit to Battleship Cove is special. Call (508) 678-1100 for a brochure or to book your group's bunks today!

Camping application available by phone or online.

And finally, we give you a souvenir guide with a map of Big Mamie herself.

Where can you have this much fun for as little as \$40? Treat yourself to America's original maritime camping program, Nautical Nights at Battleship Cove!

APPLICATION ONLINE AT
WWW.BATTLESHIPCOVE.ORG

INCLUDES: 1) OVERNIGHT LODGING ON A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK; 2) THREE SQUARE MEALS; 3) ADMISSION TO BATTLESHIP COVE; 4) FREE PRESENTATIONS BY VETERANS; 5) FREE MOVIES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; 6) A FREE SOUVENIR GUIDE WITH DIAGRAMS OF USS MASSACHUSETTS AND KENNEDY