

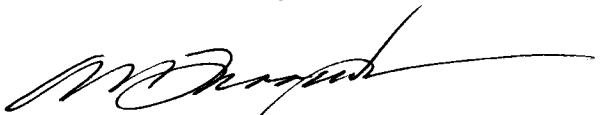
**HISTORIC NAVAL SHIPS ASSOCIATION**  
**CITATION**  
**SHIP**  
**MAINTENANCE, PRESERVATION, EXHIBITION**  
**AWARD**  
**TO**  
**THE BRASS TEAM**

**It is a distinct honor and pleasure on behalf of the membership of the Historic Naval Ships Association to present the Ship Maintenance, Preservation, Exhibition Award to the Brass Team, Battleship NEW JERSEY, Camden, NJ. The Team was established when the battleship opened as a museum in 2001. They have proved that “spit and polish” of the U.S. Navy can still astound people. Members of the team travel long distances to participate in spending their weekends polishing fixtures throughout the entire ship. Over the past year, in addition to their routine duties, the Brass Team took on two additional projects.**

**The Team expertly restored a sixty year old compensating binnacle which had arrived in very poor condition. Four months of intensive labor by the volunteer Brass Team made the binnacle and its compass fully functional and a dramatic object to be seen. They rescued compass parts from a ship destined for scrapping and contacted and involved the original manufacturer, Baker, Lyman and Company of New Orleans that supplied needed parts at no cost. The binnacle is now a premium museum object for all to study and to learn about for generations to come.**

**Secondly, the Brass Team of battleship NEW JERSEY provided an example of inter-museum ship cooperation. Ten members crossed the Delaware River to assist the Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, in restoring the brass rails on the bridge deck and pilot house of USS OLYMPIA, a charter member of HNSA. Staff and volunteers of OLYMPIA had restored the pilot house area. They needed help in completing the bright work prior to opening it on the anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay. With an invitation extended by OLYMPIA’s manager, Jesse Lebovics, a past HNSA award winner himself, the NEW JERSEY Brass Team accepted the challenge to help the neighboring historic naval ship. The Team made those railings shine for the grand dedication ceremony. The effort perfectly illustrates that all of those in the ship preservation field, even if working a different ship, are in the same boat and capable of helping one another when the need arises.**

**It is an honor to salute the Brass Team of Battleship NEW JERSEY. They definitely set a “shining” example for all of us.**

  
**William N. Tunnell, Jr., President**