

## My Drydock Tour of Battleship New Jersey

Moy Son Jeff invited me to join him a month earlier so I accepted and he arranged everything.

We flew from Charlotte NC to Philadelphia PA on Saturday morning FIRST CLASS !

We took the shuttle to the hotel and dropped off our bags.

We got an Uber to South Philly where we had a Cheesesteak for lunch.



We walked over to the Liberty Bell museum, went through that



then crossed the street to Constitution Hall and saw where the first House of Representatives and Senate met.

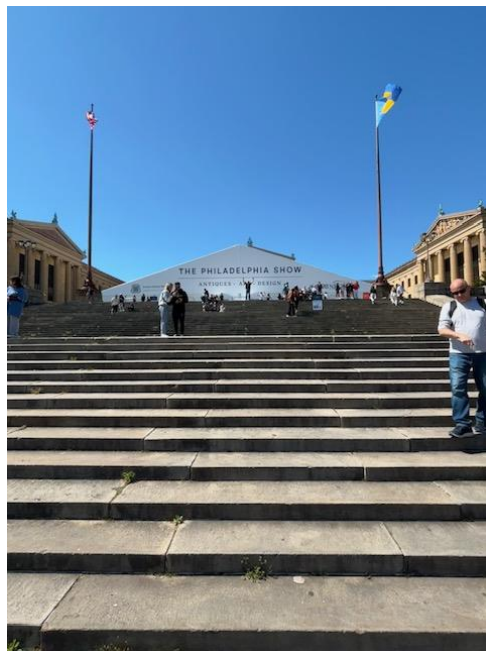


House chambers



Senate chambers

Jeff wanted to see the Rocky Steps, so we got another Uber for that 4 mile trip.



Same picture as above without zoom!



Statue next to the steps.

Took some pictures and it was time to go to the ship for our 4:00pm tour. Another Uber ride and we were at the ship, checked in, signed the waivers and watched the safety video.



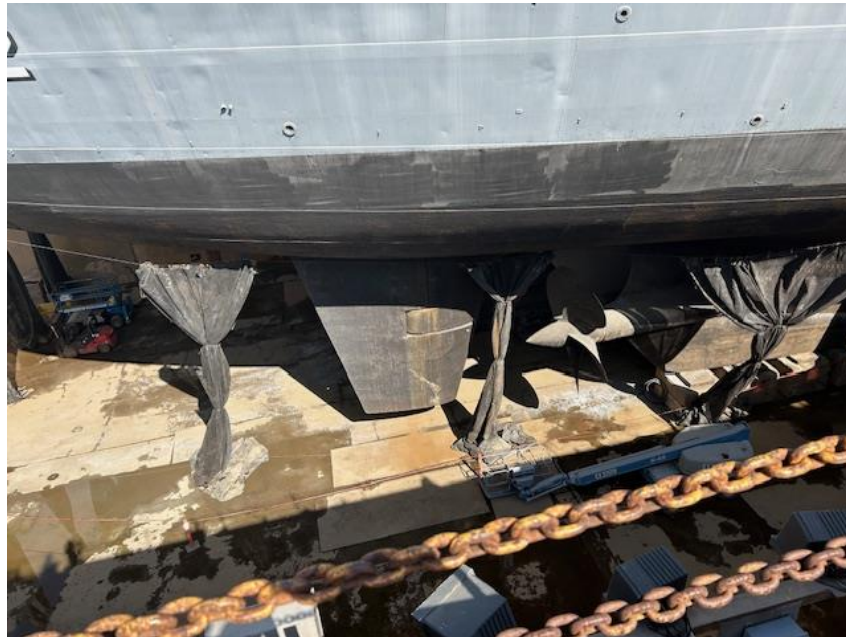
The Tour



A Ham friend asked about the anode plates. This is one of 2200 removed. About 2000 new ones will be installed because the water where moored is fresh. They were selling the old ones for \$75 each.



It is a BIG boat !



This side was not yet cleaned nor primed, Anchor chain being cleaned too, View from top of drydock,



Went down these 120 steps into the bottom.



Looking forward.



The one on the left was cleaned and primed, Right still raw. Final color will be red.



This is where the anode plates were bolted, Up and down both sides, They put the nuts back on the studs where they are going back.



He was tall enough to touch, The props were BIG.



Big drive shaft too. They will repack the bearings to prevent leaks before done.



The outer hull was 1 ½ in thick with like a rubber coating.



Our tour guide, this is a cover over a water inlet no longer used,



Top row Anode plates going back on (studs and nuts there), bottom row studs were removed and smoothed over.



It was a tight fit into the drydock.



We went under the ship, here looking back.



Looking forward



Looking UP at the 5 in gun mount.



Near the bow, on the other side of that wall is 20 ft of river.



Here is the 120 steps we used to get out.



Back at the top.



Light rust where they sandblasted the paint off.



The Bow and the END.

For a video of the tour taken the next day check it out here:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=uruR7nr2JUg>

When the tour was over we got an Uber ride to the hotel (our last), had a few cocktails watching the NASCAR Infinity Race then had dinner and up to the room. Watched a movie and went to bed.

The next morning we got up had Breakfast, got the shuttle to the airport and flew home **FIRST CLASS!**

A Super trip.