Shipboard Navigation 101

With a ship as large as USS Wisconsin, knowing basic shipboard navigation is essential. As you explore the ship, look around for yellow boxes that have a combination of letters and numbers on them—these are bull’s eyes. Here’s how to translate one:

1: The deck level you are on. Decks below the main deck are numbered 2, 3, 4, etc. and above the main deck are 01, 02, 03, etc.;

87: The front-most frame (wall) number of that space;

0: Distance from the midline. Odd numbers go on the starboard (right) side and even numbers on the port (left) side. If it is marked as 0, then it is on the midline;

L: The type of compartment it is. L stands for Living space. There are many different types of spaces.

Start in the Ward Room (1-87-0-L) and find the spaces below. Write the letter that matches the description of the locations given. If you get confused, ask one of the USS Wisconsin crew for help or use the guide at the bottom of the page. All the spaces you need to visit are found inside the ship and have visible bull’s eyes.

1. 1-74-1-L _________________________ A. Where crewmembers get paid at
2. 1-109-1-L _________________________ B. Where enlisted crew sleep when not on duty
3. 2-99-0-L _________________________ C. Where enlisted crew eat their meals
4. 2-62-2-Q _________________________ D. Where crewmembers can worship
5. 2-87-5-L _________________________ E. Where machinists use equipment to make and fix things
6. 2-166-O-Q _________________________ F. Where crewmembers send and receive mail from
7. 2-111-2-Q _________________________ G. An Officer’s State Room
8. 2-103-4-Q _________________________ H. Where crewmembers get their teeth checked