

USS New Jersey Veterans, INC

“THE JERSEY BOUNCE”

Spring Summer 2005

Coming Home

Valley Forge, PA / Camden, NJ

THE USS NEW JERSEY REUNION

Valley Forge. No battles were fought here, no bayonet charges or artillery bombardments took place, but during the winter of 1777-78 approximately 2,000 soldiers died at hospitals in the surrounding area nonetheless. Valley Forge is the story of an army’s epic struggle to survive against terrible odds, against hunger, disease, and the unrelenting forces of nature. Ending the campaign of 1777, the British Gen.



*George Washington Headquarters
Valley Forge, PA*

Howe occupied Philadelphia which was then the Colonial Capitol. Washington and his 12,000 men occupied the defensible positions 18 miles to the west, close enough to cut Howe off from any westward expansion, but far enough away to avoid a surprise attack. This area with Mt Joy and Mt Misery, were easily defensible because of the country side. Come spring, Howe abandoned Philadelphia and marched back towards NY. When Washington’s army left the next spring a decisive victory had been won — a victory not of weapons but of will. Americas history could have ended here, but it was only the beginning . Be sure to save time to explore this great history.



USS New Jersey / Pier Side; Camden Waterfront

“Were Are They Now” Spotlights Neil Lifer

Neil Lifer is the famed photographer from Sports Illustrated who grew up across from the Brooklyn Navy Shipyards in Mahattan, NY and watched as the Battleships and Aircraft Carriers came into harbor. Dreaming of one day flying those jets himself. Instead, he became a photo journalist for Time, Newsweek and Life Magazines. Vietnam Era veterans will remember him from Dreadnought Returns. With over 200 cover shots to his credit, see were Neil is today.



Cory & Neil Lifer

Flying In To Philadelphia for the Reunion?

Getting to the hotel from the airport can be very expensive. Thanks to Bob La Vine, here is a little less costly alternative. From the Philadelphia, PA.



Airport take an R-1 train to the 30th Street Station, get off, take a R-6 Train to the NORRISTOWN Station, get off and call the Valley Forge Hotel at 1-800-TRY-VFPA and the Hilton Hotel Shuttle will come and pick you up. The Shuttle does not go to the Airport. This is the a low cost way to get to the Hilton. Both the R-1(\$5) R-6 (\$3) cost each way. Or take the round trip TROPICANO Shuttle, at the Airport, for a cost of \$40 cash or \$45 credit card. A Taxi is \$50, one way. There are other transporters but Tropiano Trans was recommended by the Hilton Hotel. Call Tropiano Trans 1 HOUR ahead of pick up time or when you first arrive at the Philly Airport. 800-559-2040 / 215-643-5397



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Clearing Off The Presidents Desk

Hello Shipmates,

A little note to try and bring you all up to date as what has been happening lately for our next reunion. The reunion planners are just about finished with all the preparation for our lodging in Valley Forge, Pa. for this September along with most of the trips and meals. We have ten buses on standby for our trip to the ship which includes a box lunch. Former President Dick Esser along with our main contact in New Jersey, Bob LaVine, are hard at work dotting all the I's and crossing all the T's so as we can keep any problems to just a few. Myself, Dick and Bob will be visiting the ship and hotel sometime in May to close any last minute loop holes and to make sure everything is in order for us to set up shop come reunion. I am sure there are and will be a lot of questions on all aspects of the reunion, so feel free to call me on the phone or E-mail and I will try to get an answer for you.

At our next directors meeting we are going to try and stream line some of the things we have done in the past to make things easier for all of us. The new batch of directors are full of fresh new things we might like to try. We hope to have some new stuff to put out to all the membership in September.

In closing, I hope all the snow is gone and have a nice spring and summer and see you all in September.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Prime

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From The Chaplin
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There is a theory that when we dream, every face we encounter is a face we have actually seen. We may not recognize it, but the theory proposes that our mind does not invent or make up new images, it searches our memory and fills in new faces with old ones on file. The theory goes on to say that nothing “new” is ever invented. But “new” things are created by changing the way we use existing materials, and changing the way we apply existing knowledge. Take the airplane for example. People saw birds fly and decided they wanted to be able to do that. So they start making things that looked like bird wings. Then someone put it together that if they could match the right wing with an engine strong enough, to move it fast enough across the ground, then the wings should lift off the ground and carry the engine with it. The Wright brothers are credited with being the first ones to put everything together in the right order. But they didn’t invent flight, God did that.

This illustration reminds me that I have much for which to be thankful. Perhaps we take too much credit for our accomplishments. I believe it also reminds us that we are called to make the world a better place. God gives us the resources and opportunities to truly make a difference.

I can witness to you that the relationships built and maintained through this organization and during our annual reunions truly make a difference. We make each other better, in big and small ways. The shared stories and experiences bring joy and sometime healing in a very special way.

However, we should not take all the credit for our successes and good times. Let us give thanks to God for every opportunity to come together in fellowship and remembrance. May this coming year find us, once again, together in the presence of our Lord.

Blessings Abound,

Pastor Will Clark
Chaplain, USS New Jersey Vets Inc
RM3, OC Div, '84-'86
ITCS(SW/AW)(Ret '03)





From The Liaison Officer / Director

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Fellow shipmates, ladies and friends. Again its time to bend your ear.

I would like to thank the Era Representatives:

Bob LaVine 1940's Director, Joe Wozniak 1960's Director and Mark Finby 1980's Director.

The District Volunteers:

1940's - South - Walter Bardin

1950's - North - Zack Lindsey / South - Hugh Selman / East - Don Eggleton / West - Bill Hixon

1960's - North - Bill Meredith / South - Hank Strub III / East - Bob Williams / West - Mark Bancock

1980's - North - Dirk Gunderson / South - Scott Henson / East - Carl Heald / West - Duane Cunningham

They are your direct representatives in getting the updates of address, phone numbers and e-mails. There time is long and important. They can keep you abreast via e-mail of some of the happenings and who has died so you don't have to wait until the Jersey Bounce is published. I still need District Volunteers for the 1940's East, West and North Districts and a 1950's Era Representative / Director. You don't have to be from that era to participate. Volunteering is what keeps this organization going administratively. I would also like to commend our Membership Director John Hayes who has taken on a seemingly endless job of getting the dues and membership information up to date. Lou Ashby as treasurer is coming along fine. Bob La Vine and Dick Esser for their diligent work on this year's shipboard reunion.

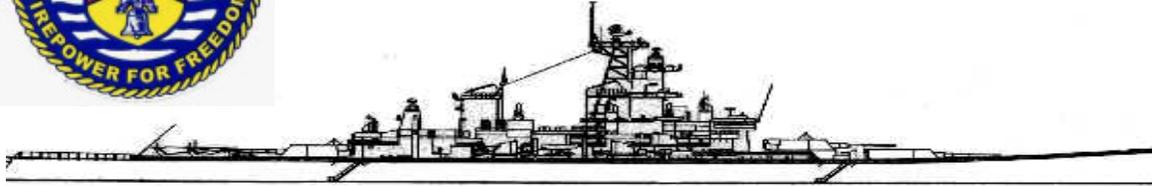
Speaking of the reunion. PLEASE!! Listen Up. The photographer will take portraits for the "Cruise Book" prior to the Saturday Night Dinner Dance beginning at 1700. PLEASE!! Have your portrait taken. You do not have to purchase any photos or even the cruise book. The portraits are for the cruise book and the more taken and inserted, the better the "Cruise Book".

Here is the schedule of events for the Group Pictures:

After the Guest Speaker concludes, I will call out the 1st group. WWII Plankowners, then all 1940's, then all 1950's, then all 1960's, then all 1980's. Afterwhich, all WW II Plankowners wives, mates and children, then all 1940's wives, mates and children, then all 1950's wives, mates and children, then all 1960's wives, mates and children, then all 1980's wives, mates and children. After the above groups are finished in the order prescribed the following shall apply. Do not deviate. Divisional Group Pictures are your responsibility. Have a spokesman discuss this with the photographer ahead of time.

Hope to see you all and don't forget to make your seating arrangements, (1) one spokesman for each table, in with your reservations to the reunion planners, Ray Casey and his crew from Military Reunion Planners.





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FROM THE WEBMASTER

Dear Shipmates,

Those of you who monitor my work on the Web Site may have noticed a few photos from our last Reunion. Certainly if you have any you'd like to add, feel free to e-mail them to me.

Hopefully some of you have made use of the Ship's Store on the Web Site to order your shirts and hats. There are still some out there that believe it's a wasted effort.

I'm looking forward to our coming reunion. Seeing the ship again will be very nice. It will also be nice to be in a better location than Cherry Hill, where we were for the last reunion at the ship. Valley Forge offers a better environment and many more opportunities for sight seeing.

For those of you viewing this on the Web Site, you'll notice the Financial Statement is missing. That's because it's only available to the Members. If you want a copy mailed to you just ask Peter.

E-mail address change notification is still improving, as is TAPS information. In the very near future we will probably be updating our Web Site Roster. No mean task that may take several weeks. You could reduce that time if you'd just double check your entry and make any necessary corrections yourself. I know many of you are doing that already and I thank you. However, I may look for two or three volunteers to do the on-line data entry. If you're interested let me know.

Spring has sprung, at least here in California. Enjoy the Summer and stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "EC".



Were Are They Now?

“Neil Leifer”

Neil Leifer is most famous for his incredible photo shots of sporting events that have appeared in the pages of Sports Illustrated. For those of you from the Vietnam Era, you know him for a great deal more than that.



When he read in the newspaper that Robert McNamara wanted to bring the USS New Jersey out of mothballs in preparation for her service in the Vietnam War, Neil had an idea. “I was very much established as a sports photographer but I went to the publisher of Life magazine and pitched an idea for a story “From Mothballs to Vietnam”, the story of the USS New Jersey.” “I really wanted to do this piece so instead of the normal scale rate for the job, I offered them a flat rate for the whole year that was so ridiculously low, that they said yes.”

Neil followed the ship from the Philadelphia Shipyards, to the recommissioning. Spend 10 days aboard ship as it crossed through the Panama Canal on her way to Long Beach. While off the coast of Vietnam, he spend another two weeks on board including a helicopter flight to shoot a full 9 gun salvo. Some of you may remember the ship doing the firing twice. You may not have known why. It seems that CBS News was on board the helicopter with Neil and while at 50 frames per second, he got the perfect shot, CBS’s camera malfunctioned. After some serious begging, they were able to get permission for that second firing. Freedom to enjoy meals anywhere on the ship was another perk for Neil. “Around 11:30, I would walk from mess to mess and see what was on the menu. If the Chief’s had something good I would hang around until someone would yell, “What’s a matter Neil, were not good enough to have dinner with.” And of course I would be obligated to dine with them. There was also a particular gun turret that was always a fun place to hang out.”

His story never ran in Life Magazine. At the completion of his piece, it was sent back to New York where they were deciding if it would be a cover story or a feature. Mr. Leifer headed directly from the Gulf of Tonkon to Mexico City in order to cover the 1968 Olympics. With protestors demonstrating strongly against the war, President Lyndon Johnson decided to stop all bombing of North Vietnam. With that being the mission of the USS New Jersey, there wasn’t much left for her to do. Mr. Leifer commented; “I was probably one of the few people in the United States who was upset that the bombing stopped.”

Captain Snyder had seen the pictures and suggested using them as part of the Cruise Book. The challenge was that a typical cruise book is made up of departmental, individual and group tour type pictures. The pictures for Life didn’t really fit that scheme, so Captain Synder, Commander Elfelt and Neil made up a second book to accompany the cruise book, a bonus book so to speak with all the pictures coming from what was shot at the Philadelphia Shipyards all the way to Vietnam. Dreadnought Returns was put together using Welfare & Recreation funds and became even more of a collectors edition then the cruise book itself.

A second book, Dreadnought Farewell, was commissioned by Captain Peniston. The cover shot for this book is of the fantail of the New Jersey cutting through the water on her way to Bremerton commemorating what was the end of another era for the Battleship.

Neil’s pictures cast such an aura on the ship that one can not help but look at them and wonder how man could have created something so powerful. They bring to life what those of us who have experienced her first hand could never explain with mere words. These pictures came a long way from the boy who used to skip school and sneak under the fence of the Brooklyn Navy Shipyards to take pictures of the ship so many years before. Today, Neil is working with Frank Deford producing a 90 minute documentary for ESPN and is still living in New York City.

To see more of Neil Leifers work, go to www.neilleifer.com.



EDITOR'S CORNER



I'm a history kind of guy. The trip to Washington D.C. was my third time to the city and will not be my last. There is so much more to see yet. While I have been to Philadelphia before, it has never been in the context of enjoying all that is theirs to learn in regards to the history of our nation. As an example, The Liberty Bell, which is owned by the City of Philadelphia was originally cast in 1752. That is 14 years before our country declared independence from England. Can anyone tell me about the Battle of Valley Forge? Probably be a bit tough on that one because there never was one. Valley Forge was a holding point for the troops of



General George Washington. But talk about your great commanders. Alexander Hamilton and James Monroe each served under General Washington at Valley Forge. It is interesting to note the number of times the Continental Congress moved out of Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War only to return once the British were pushed back. And while the British were able to tie together Allegiances with the Indian Tribes of the area, it was the partnership formed by General Washington and Ben Franklin with the French that brought about the greatest benefit to America. Yes, the French! With Britain declaring war on France and Denmark, the latter of which profited greatly from the war by selling its goods to America and France, it faced being in the middle of a World War. As Spain entered in on behalf of France it left little room for the British forces to continue.

While in Philadelphia, we will have the chance to see Independence Hall, site of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Congress Hall, home of the United States Congress from 1790 - 1800 when Philadelphia was our Nation's Capitol. You will have the chance to visit Betsy Ross's home. Built in 1740, this home is about more then the creation of our Nations flag. Christ Church, the baprtismal home of William Penn and benefactor of 3 separate lotteries put together by Benjamin Franklin to help pay for its steeple and bells. He also had his own pew in the Church; #70. And what trip with Battleship Sailors would be worth making, without a stop at the Tavern.City Tavern, also called the Merchants' Coffee House, was the political, social, and business center of the new United States. You can even get a beer here too.

If history isn't for you, a trip to Atlantic City might work into your schedule. Opened on June 26, 1870, the world-famous Boardwalk stretches along six magical and glittering miles of Atlantic City beachfront. Along this walk, you may notice a few casinos to challenge your luck and some great shows too.

For advanced information, go to www.valleyforge.org and request a free destination guide. It is filled with maps and great places to visit during this years reunion.

Of course, the main event is going home to see the ship. As you will have read a number of times in this newsletter already, the USS New Jersey is the reason for us all being together. No other ship that I served upon or any other occupation that I have held has brought such a warm glow to my heart. I look forward to walking up the brow of our great ship, saluting the Ensign and requesting permission to come aboard. If you have the chance to bring your family, please do. Showing them your pride in this magnificent ship will help to keep her spirit alive long after we have passed on. Our children and grandchildren deserve to learn what helped to form the people that you and I have become. Share that with them and they will remember it forever.

See you in Philly!

Peter V



USS NEW JERSEY 2005 REUNION

Valley Forge, PA
September 28th– 2nd, 2005

Of all places associated with America's War for Independence, none conveys the suffering, sacrifice and ultimate triumph more than Valley Forge, birthplace of the American army. It was here that General George Washington forged his Continental Army into a fighting force, during the difficult winter encampment of 1777-78.

Our USS New Jersey Crew reunion officially runs from Wednesday, September 28th through Sunday, October 2nd. You will be staying at the full service Hilton Valley Forge hotel that is located at 251 West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406 (www.valleyforgehilton.com) Please make your hotel reservations **NOW** by calling the hotel directly at **800-879-8372 or 610-337-1200**.

The Hilton Valley Forge is centrally located and close to many of the areas most popular attractions. This full service hotel offers many amenities including a fitness center, an indoor/outdoor pool, a lobby lounge, as well as room service. You will receive a special 15% discount in *Maxwell's*, the hotels full-service on site restaurant. The room rate is just **\$89.00** plus tax per night. The hotel check-in time is 3:00 PM. Please, don't expect to get into your room before then. (If you want to come in earlier than September 28th or stay later than October 2nd, the hotel has a limited number of rooms available. These are based on availability with the hotel and are on a first come first serve basis.) For those of you driving to the reunion, the hotel has plenty of complimentary parking. There is airport shuttle service for a fee by calling *Tropiano Shuttle* at 800-559-2040. They offer a discount when paid in cash.

During the reunion you will have many opportunities to experience some of the areas top attractions. Tours include: Historic Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Atlantic City, Amish Country (Lancaster), Dinner Cruise, Sight & Sound Theater, and of course the main attraction – a return to the ship! There will be many other opportunities to spend time with shipmates, friends and family.

Make your hotel reservations **NOW!** We are expecting that the hotel will sell out fast, so **DON'T** get left out by waiting too long as we may not be able to get additional rooms. Book immediately – you may cancel your hotel room later at no charge. You must call by August 10th to receive this guaranteed rate. If you will be driving and need directions, please ask the hotel when you make your reservation. Reunion forms and a roster of attendees can be found on your private reunion website at:

www.militaryreunionplanners.com/BB62.htm

Don't miss a trip to the ship!

USS NEW JERSEY 2005 REUNION TOURS

EVENT A: WELCOME ABOARD PARTY

Wednesday, September 28 (6:45pm -11:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your mates as we kick this reunion off with a welcome party! We'll be having an all-you-can-eat past buffet at the Hilton Hotel. We'll have lots of fun just like last year. Don't miss it!

EVENT B: AMISH COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Thursday, September 29 (9:00am-3:00pm)

You've read about them in magazines, seen them on TV and in the movies. Experience *Amish* country for yourself, on this amazing tour. Your experience includes a movie that explores the *Amish & Mennonite* heritage, and a guided tour of a typical Amish homestead. Your guide will then give a complete narrative as you explore the countryside and an Amish Farm by bus and learn the ways of their society. Immerse yourself in the unique culture and gain a full understanding of the Amish & Mennonite lifestyles. Lunch is on your own at the interesting *Kitchen Kettle Village* with time to shop.

EVENT C: ATLANTIC CITY EXCURSION

Thursday, September 29 (9:00am-4:00pm)

It's Atlantic City! Need we say more? We'll drive you up then you're on your own to enjoy exciting Casino action, dine in one of the many exceptional restaurants, take in a casino show (based on availability), or just stroll the Atlantic City Boardwalk. We'll drive; you have fun. Maximum cash-back bonus will be given to all who ride. It's glitzy, flashy and fun for everyone - it's Atlantic City! Good luck!

EVENT D: HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA CITY TOUR

Thursday, September 29 (9:00am - 3:00pm)

You will experience the "City of Brotherly Love" during this riding tour. Your experienced guide will escort you through the heart of historic Philadelphia, which was settled in 1683. Some of the historic sites you will visit include Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Betsy Ross House and Christ Church. We will see as much as time permits in this very historical city. You will have plenty of time for lunch on your own at the *Redding Terminal Market*, your guide will be sure to point out the "hotspots". The tour does have some optional walking. Don't forget your camera.

EVENT E: SPECTACULAR DINNER CRUISE

Thursday, September 29 (6:00pm-10:30pm) www.spiritcruises.com

This is a great opportunity to view some of Philadelphia's sublime sites including the *USS New Jersey* from the water, as you cruise along the Delaware River. As you enjoy the ever-changing view of the Philadelphia skyline you will dine on a bountiful Buffet. The all-you-can eat dinner buffet includes carving stations, six entrée options, and many side dishes and desserts. This boat offers three interior climate controlled decks plus outdoor observation decks. Whether it is dancing to the DJ, enjoying the talented entertainers or just relaxing and savoring the view, this is sure to be a wonderful evening out.

EVENT F: "ALL HANDS" GROUP BREAKFAST BUFFET

Friday, September 30 (7:30am-9:30am)

You'll need a good breakfast today, so join your mates for a bountiful breakfast buffet, before we head out to the ship.

EVENT G: BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY & MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 30 (9:30am-3:30pm) www.battleshipnewjersey.org

Welcome home! Step back in time as you re-trace your steps from yesteryear. We will begin with a Memorial Service on deck. Then tour your ship - a beautifully maintained floating historical museum. There is something for everyone including a video tour on-board for those that have trouble getting around. You will have plenty of time to tour, eat a box lunch (included) and explore the gift shop filled with unique gift ideas. Don't forget the camera!

EVENT H: SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE

Friday, September 30 (6:00pm-11:00pm) www.bibleonstage.com

The Sight & Sound Theatre shares the word of God by turning the stories you've always loved into shows you'll never forget. You will enjoy the new production of *Ruth* in this 2,000 seat Millennium Theatre with a fabulous 300 foot wrap-around stage. This original production transforms the theatre into ancient Bethlehem and Moab with sweeping, elaborately-detailed sets and innovative special effects. *Ruth* will nurture your soul as you experience God's overwhelming compassion for a solitary young widow and her heartbroken mother-in-law and the noble man who becomes their God-given redeemer. Let *Ruth* inspire you with the courage to change your world. This is a spectacular production that earns rave reviews from our groups. Please have dinner before you depart for the show.

EVENT I: HISTORIC VALLEY FORGE TOUR

Saturday, October 1 (9:00am-1:00pm) www.valleyforge.org

Board your motor coach for a very special historical tour. You will visit *Valley Forge Historic Park*. Of all places associated with America's War for Independence, none conveys the suffering, sacrifice and ultimate triumph more than Valley Forge. It was here that General George Washington forged his Continental Army into a fighting force. Although no shots were fired, over 2000 American soldiers died during the difficult winter encampment of 1777-78. You will start your tour at the Visitor's center with a film before taking a riding tour which will highlight some of Valley Forge's most historical sites. Some of the sites you will see include reconstructed soldiers' huts, Memorial Arch, Washington's headquarters and the Washington Memorial Chapel.

EVENT J: HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA CITY TOUR

Saturday, October 1 (9:00am - 3:00pm)

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EVENT K: GALA BANQUET DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, October 1 (6:45pm at the Hilton Hotel)

Enjoy your Gala Banquet dinner with your friends at the Hilton Hotel. After dinner you can kick up your heels on the dance floor, or just sit back and enjoy the sounds of the band. The dinner choices are Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Marsala. Please select your dinner choice on your reservation form.

EVENT L: BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 2 (7:30am at the Hotel)

Join your mates for the always interesting Group Breakfast and Annual Meeting. Doors open at 7:00 am and the breakfast buffet starts at 7:30. See you there!

USS NEW JERSEY 2005 TOUR RESERVATION FORM

REUNION HOSPITALITY FEE: Everyone Please Pay _____ people at \$5 p.p. =

EVENT A: **Welcome Aboard Dinner:** Wed., Sept. 28th (6:45pm at the Hotel) _____ people at \$20 p.p.=

Please note: Tours B, C & D run at same time - **choose only one:**

EVENT B: **Amish Country Experience:** Thurs., Sept. 29th (9am-3pm) _____ people at \$45 p.p.=

- OR - EVENT C: **Atlantic City Excursion:** Thurs., Sept. 29th (9am-4pm) _____ people at \$30 p.p.=

- OR - EVENT D: **Historic Philadelphia City Tour:** Thurs., Sept. 29th (9am-3pm) _____ people at \$35 p.p.=

EVENT E: **Spectacular Dinner Cruise:** Thurs., Sept. 29th (6pm-10:30pm) _____ people at \$65 p.p.=

EVENT F: **"All Hands" Group Breakfast:** Fri., Sept. 30th (7:30am-9am) _____ people at \$14 p.p.=

EVENT G: **Battleship New Jersey:** Fri., Sept. 30th (9:30am-3:30pm) → Bus: _____ people at \$7 p.p.=

Admission to ship: (Members free with card) → All others: _____ people at \$5 p.p.=

Box Lunch Choices: Specify how many per choice below → _____ people at \$7 p.p.=

Sandwich: Roast Beef Turkey Ham Cheese

Beverage: Water Coke Diet Coke Sprite

EVENT H: **Sight and Sound Theatre:** Fri., Sept. 30th (6pm-10:30pm) _____ people at \$59 p.p. =

Please note: Tours I & J run at same time - **choose only one:**

EVENT I: **Historic Valley Forge Tour:** Sat., Oct. 1st (9am-1pm) _____ people at \$30 p.p. =

- OR - EVENT J: **Historic Philadelphia City Tour:** Sat., Oct. 1st (9am-3pm) _____ people at \$35 p.p. =

EVENT K: **Gala Banquet Dinner:** Sat., Oct. 1st (6:45pm at the Hotel)
SELECT *Prime Rib of Beef* _____ adults at \$37 p.p. =

OR *Chicken Marsala* _____ adults at \$30 p.p. =

**** Please call for menu and pricing on children (12 and younger) ****

EVENT L: **Breakfast & Meeting:** Sun., Oct. 2nd (730am) _____ members/assoc. members at \$10 p.p. =

_____ all others at \$14 p.p. =

Tour Cancellation Insurance: (Protect your money) _____ people at \$7 p.p. =

ENCLOSED FIND \$ TO COVER ITEMS SELECTED

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING :

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE:(Home) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DURING THE REUNION: _____ PH: _____

Years on BB-62: 19 _____ to 19 _____ ERA: _____ Division: _____

Banquet Table Seating Request (Attach a separate sheet if you need more space):

____ Yes, I have made my hotel reservations at the host hotel: (**Hilton Hotel Valley Forge**)

Check In Date: _____ Check Out Date: _____ Confirmation #: _____ I will not be staying at the host hotel: _____

>>> SEND COMPLETED FORM BY AUGUST 19 WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

Military Reunion Planners P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

For more information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Reservation forms and full payment must be received by August 19, 2005. Request for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before August 19. There is a \$3 refund processing fee. No refunds will be made after August 19th, unless you have purchased tour cancellation insurance. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. For a written confirmation, please enclose a SASE. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services, or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Sorry, no refunds will be given after Sept. 26th for any reason.

Date Rcv'd:	Check #	Amount\$	XCL #
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**USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.
18th Annual Reunion - Valley Forge, PA
September 28 - October 2, 2005**

Wednesday; 28 September 2005

Check-in day - Hilton Hotel Valley Forge, P.A.

- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Room Open
Visiting & Shopping at the East Coasts Largest Mall
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Room Closed
- 1845 Welcome Aboard Pasta Buffet Party at Hilton Hotel (**Bring Your Ticket**)

Thursday; 29 September 2005

- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Open
- 0900 Tours Depart Hotel (Atlantic City or Amish Country or Philadelphia City Tour) **Optional**
- 1300 Board of Directors Meeting; Hotel Conference Room
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Closed
- 1800 Spectacular Philadelphia Skyline Dinner Cruise **Optional**

Friday; 30 September 2005

- 0730 Banquet Room Open for Breakfast
- 0915 Board Busses for Trip to The Ship (**Bring Your Membership Card**)
- 0930 Board Busses for Trip to The Ship (**Bring Your Membership Card**)
- 1100 Memorial Service on Fantail
- 1230 Memorial Service Concludes:
Tour Ship
- 1445 Begin Loading Busses for Return to Hotel
- 1800 Tour Departs Sight & Sound Theatre **Optional**



Saturday; 1 October 2005

- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Room Open
- 0900 Tours Depart Hotel (Valley Forge or Philadelphia City Tours) **Optional**
- 1700 Photograph for Portraits and Cruise Book
- 1845 Doors Open for Dinner Dance (**Bring Your Dinner & Raffle Tickets**)
- 1900 Welcome Address from President Mike Prime
- 1910 Introduction of Guest Speaker
- 1915 Invocation By Chaplin
- 1920 Dinner Is Served
- 2015 Guest Speaker
- 2030 Group & ERA Pictures
- 2045 Dance
- 2100 Band Break / Drawing for 50/50 Raffle
- 2400 Anchors Away / Goodnight



**USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.
18th Annual Reunion - Valley Forge, PA
September 28 - October 2, 2005**

Sunday; 2 October 2005

- 0700 Doors Open for Breakfast & General Meeting
- 0730 Invocation By Chaplin
- 0735 Pledge Of Allegiance
- 0745 Breakfast Buffet
- 0845 Call To Colors
- 0850 Memorial Service
- 0855 General Meeting
- 1135 Awards Presentation
- 1150 Mail In Raffle Drawing (Winner Need Not Be Present)
- 1200 Retire The Colors
- 1215 President Adjourns The Meeting

- Breakfast Menu**
Chilled Assorted Fruit Juices
Whole Fresh Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon Strips and Sausage Links
Home Fried Potatoes
Asst Breakfast Bakery Basket
Whipped Butter & Jams
Hot & Cold Cereals
Fresh Brewed Coffee & Assorted Tea



Hilton Valley Forge King of Prussia Pennsylvania
 251 West DeKalb Pike
 Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19406
 Phone: (610) 337-1200 • Fax: (610) 337-2224

The Hilton Valley Forge Hotel is comfortably located on 9 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds with sweeping residential and scenic views. When you're not attending the tours, get energized in the health club or enjoy the tropical indoor/outdoor pool. Unwind at night at Maxwells Pub with a cold Yeuling Beer, brewed by the oldest brewery in the United States. Feel like shopping? let the hotels complimentary shuttle service escort you to nearby King of Prussia Shopping Plaza. The hotel also features a full service hair and nail salon as well as a gift shop and full service business center. Dine at one of two restaurants. Kobe japanese Steakhouse and Sushi bar, open five nights a week, features a sushi bar and delicious seafood and steak specialties prepared hibachi style right at your table. Maxwell's Restaurant and Pub serves American cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week. The Hilton Valley Forge hotel offers guests deluxe guest room features such as coffee maker, complimentary bottled water, hair dryer, voice mail, data ports, 2-line telephone and an oversized work desk and complimentary high speed internet access.

IMPORTANT - CREW MEMBERS - IMPORTANT



***YOU MUST BRING YOUR YELLOW
USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC. MEMBERSHIP CARD
WITH YOU TO THE SHIP. IT IS YOUR FREE PASS TO BOARD
THE USS NEW JERSEY!***

Looking For Something To Do At Night

Valley Forge Brewing
 267 E Swedesford Road
 Wayne, PA 19087



Located just 5 minutes from the hotel, this local brew pub specializes in its own custom brewed beers. Thursday nights at 7:30 is their weekly Texas Hold'em Tournament. Valley Forge Brewing offers seven Televisions plus Pool Tables and Dart Boards for some friendly competition. A great dinner and appetizer menu plus seating for up to 400 people. The complimentary hotel shuttle will take you there safely.



USS New Jersey Veterans Association
Small Stores Director
Joe Porambo
1503 Elder Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325
(757) 420-1706



We are in need of Volunteer Sales Managers / Ship Store Clerks to assist in the S-3 Department. All hands interested in spending just a couple of hours drinking coffee, talking with fellow battleship sailors and making a difference for the association are strongly encouraged to give Shipmate Joe Porambo a call and offer up yourself for the times indicated below: This is one volunteer effort you will enjoy.

Wednesday; 25 September 2005

<u>0900 - 1130</u>	<u>1130-1400</u>	<u>1400-1600</u>
1) _____	_____	_____
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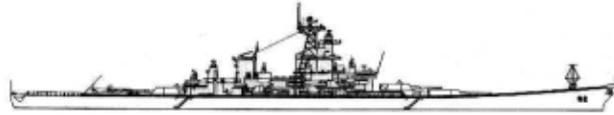
Thursday; 29 September 2005

<u>0900 - 1130</u>	<u>1130-1400</u>	<u>1400-1600</u>
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3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____
7) _____	_____	_____

Friday; 30 September 2005 Closed for Battleship New Jersey Tour

Saturday; 1 October 2005

<u>0900 - 1130</u>	<u>1130-1400</u>	<u>1400-1600</u>
1) _____	_____	_____
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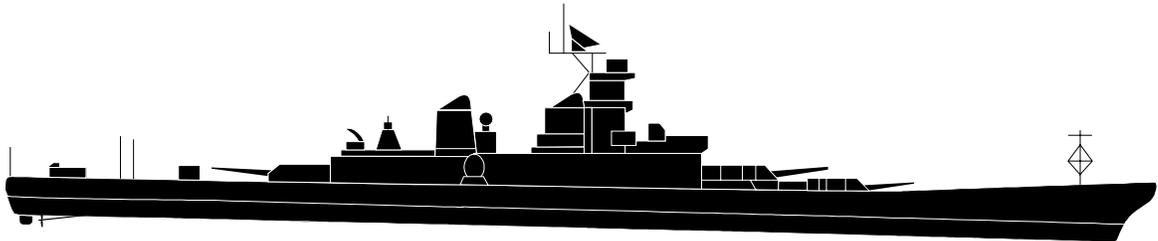


USS New Jersey Veterans , Inc

It's The Volunteers That Keep An Orginsation Grow Stronger.....

Help Wanted
Reunion Coordinator
&
Seating Coordinator

Contact President Mike Prime
(315) 598-2037
bb62sailor13@aol.com



Ships Tour Volunteers Needed

Friday: September 30, 2005

**John Hagen will be heading up a group of 10 volunteers and a Few Alternates
As Bus Captains to help insure a smooth flow
From the Hotel to the Ship and Return**

Please contact Dick Esser
(440) 246-5594
esser3@hotmail.com

Former Battleship Sailor Takes Command



On March 16th US Navy Commander Werner H. Jerinka took over command of the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG-60), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



“I have extremely fond memories of serving aboard New Jersey and even attended the last reunion in DC” (I was the “youngest” in attendance).

“I left New Jersey in 1990 right before her decommissioning and reported to the Pre-commissioning crew of the USS Chosin (CG 65), an AEGIS Cruiser eventually based in Pearl Harbor. Hawaii became a theme, I did my XO tour here (USS Hopper- DDG 70) and now return for Paul Hamilton. My family and I love it in Hawaii and I have a constant reminder of my start since the USS Missouri is berthed within view. Between those tours, I’ve had shore duty twice in DC and did my department head tours on USS Valley Forge (CG 50), a cruiser based in San Diego.”

As for 4th division, it was my first navy tour and my most memorable, I had a blast with those guys and am eternally grateful for serving with BMCM Dave Rigney. Chief Rigney was the chief all Ensigns should get; he was always on the deckplates, got the job done well, was blunt, understanding and basically shaped me into whom I am today. If I could have one guy from my 4th div days at the ceremony, it would be him.

Another connection is that the final CO of the New Jersey, RADM Ron Tucker (ret) will be a guest at the ceremony. In short, I continue to maintain friendships from my tour and treasure my time aboard the “Big J”... I’m proud to call myself a “Battleship Sailor”!



Commander Warner and his mother Ann at the Change of Command Ceremony

Learn more about the USS Hamilton by going to the ships official website at www.paul-hamilton.navy.mil/



“Coming to the Reunion!”

Bring Your Cruise Book

***If you have a copy of Neil Leifers Books
Dreadnought Returns or Dreadnought Farewell
Please bring it with you to The Reunion Also!!***



Meet Us In The Ships Store Lounge For Great Conversation and Fun Reading

In Honor of.....

Russell Brown founded the USS New Jersey Veterans Association and World War II Veteran,



The Passing of a Shipmate

On January 1, 2005

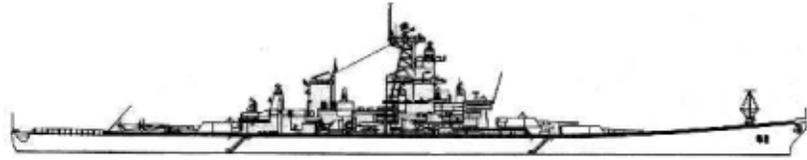
The USS New Jersey lost a Shipmate and a Friend with the passing of Russell Brown...

In the early part of the 1980, a group of friends from the USS New Jersey got together in Champaign, Il, hometown of Russ Brown. It was at this meeting that it was decided to hold the first official reunion at the recommissioning of the USS New Jersey in Long Beach, California on January 12, 1983. The only challenge to that was President Reagan was in California for Christmas, so they moved the recommissioning up to December 28th and well, those of you who were there no the rest of the story. However, from that first meeting came a network of people who also had a love of the New Jersey. Those people contacted their shipmates so that at the next reunion in Atlantic City, there were nearly 500 members in attendance. Russell believed that communication was key to growing the organization. Based upon his results, he was certainly right about that.

It was on October 26, 1985 that Russell Brown along with Attorney George Elwood and Edwin Fogelson signed the documents the formed the Articles of Incorporation making official, with bi-laws and rules of membership, the USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.

Russell Brown remained President for 10 years. His friends and shipmates knew him as a very quiet gentle man. Someone who knew how to be a president and let you know exactly what was expected of you while keeping everyone informed as to what was happening. He was very involved in the organization from working small stores to selling tickets. He liked to mix people up from different eras to spread the news about the ship and its people. Most of all, he loved the USS New Jersey and his fellow shipmates.

Russ might be gone, but he will never be forgotten. Gods speed Russell! May you rest in peace with all your U.S.S. New Jersey Memories.



USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.

Items Presently On Hand in Small Stores

Golf Shirt (Blue) – Embroidered on front over pocket	\$22.00
Golf Shirt (White) – W/ Pocket Screen Printed Front & Back Available in Large & Extra Large Only	\$19.00
Sweatshirt (Blue) – Embroidered Available in Medium, Large & Extra Large	\$21.00
Satin Baseball Jacket (Royal Blue) – Embroidered on Front / Screen Print of Ship on Back Available in Large & Extra Large Only	\$36.00
Coach Style Jacket (Navy Blue) USS New Jersey Silhouette Embroidered Left Chest / Available in Medium, Large & Extra Large	\$26.00
Hat – USS New Jersey on Front “WWII” on back “Plankowner” on back “Korea” on back “Vietnam” on back	\$12.00
Hat – (White) USS New Jersey “WWII” on back “Plankowner” on back “Korea” on back	\$12.00
Hat – (Red) – USS New Jersey ALL HATS AVAILABLE IN SMALL, MEDIUM & LARGE	\$12.00
Socks (White) – USS New Jersey BB-62	\$8.00 pair

PINS:

Lone Sailor	USS New Jersey BB-62	\$4.00 ea.
Cross Flags Navy	Cross Flags WWII Veterans	
Cross Flags Vietnam Veterans	Vietnam Veteran	
Korea Veteran	USS New Jersey Reunion Lapel Pin	

SHIPPING AND HANDLING – ALL ITEMS \$4.95



USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.

Mark Your Required History String (s)

Indicate your required Reunion History Badges by placing an “X” in the appropriate Column next to the Reunion City you attended

(Note: Each of the Following Strings are \$2.00 Each)

Attachment Name	Crew	Guest
Plankowner	_____	_____
<u>City:</u>	<u>Year</u>	
Long Beach, CA	'82 _____	_____
Atlantic City, NJ	'84 _____	_____
Indianapolis, IN	'86 _____	_____
New Orleans, LA	'88 _____	_____
Daytona Beach, FL	'90 _____	_____
Nashville, TN	'92 _____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	'93 _____	_____
San Diego, CA	'94 _____	_____
Norfolk, VA.	'95 _____	_____
Fort Mitchell, KY.	'96 _____	_____
Danvers, MA.	'97 _____	_____
Colorado Springs, CO	'98 _____	_____
Seattle, WA.	'99 _____	_____
Daytona, FL.	'00 _____	_____
Branson, MO.	'01 _____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ.	'02 _____	_____
Las Vegas, NV	'03 _____	_____
Washington, DC	'04 _____	_____
Valley Forge, PA	'05 _____	_____

If ordering more than (1) Guest String, please make attachment listing Guest Data for Badge and Associated Reunion History Required. Include contents of the attachment in Total Cities / Guest Badge QTY In Pricing.

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER WITH ALL SMALL STORE ORDERS

Total Cities Selected _____

The Ship Small Stores

Available on line at:

<http://www.ussnewjersey.org/store/default.htm>



USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

Select Guest Plate

- Provide Standard Style I 2.0" X 3.0" Guest Member (Navy), (White/Blue Letters)

USS NEW JERSEY
BB-62



- Provide Style II 1.0" X 3.0" Guest Member Badge

(Guest Name)

Section #1

(Complete Section #1 by selecting any desired Plate(s) for both Crew Members and Guests/Spouses)

- Provide Standard Style I 2.0" X 3.0" Crew Member Plate, (White/Blue Letters)

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Please print desired text as you wish it displayed on the (3) lines provided. We reserve the right to re-arrange text as required for purposes of clarity and to minimize letter distortion. Enter such data as Name, Rate, Theater of Service, Service Years, etc.

Section 2-- Complete Back of Form for any required attachments.

Section 3--Pricing

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Ea.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Style I Badges	..... X	\$5.00 =	.....
Style II Badges	..... X	\$3.00 =	.....
Attachments (From Back of Form)	..... X	\$2.00 =	.....
Shipping/Postage			<u>\$2.00</u>
Total			.....

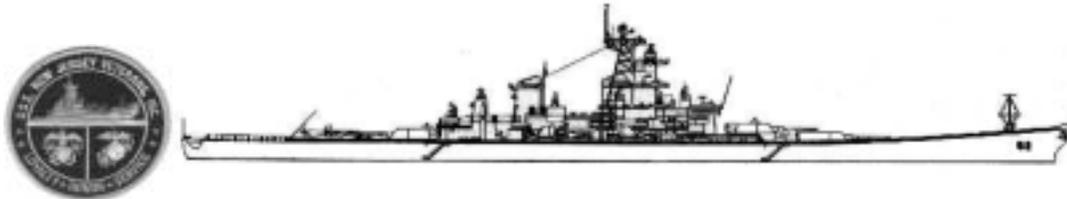
Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to:
Joseph Porambo

Section 4--Mail Badges to: (Please Provide Your Address)

Name _____
 Address 1 _____
 Address 2 _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone () _____
 E-Mail (if available) _____

Mail Completed Order Forms To:

Joseph S. Porambo
 1503 Elder Avenue
 Chesapeake VA 23325



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC / SCHOLARSHIP FUND

U.S.S. NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC will maintain Scholarship Awards to be given annually. A committee, appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors will make recommendations to the assembled Members at a General Membership Meeting for approval. Applications for the Scholarship Award must be received by the committee not later than July 15, 2005.

Applications postmarked later than July 15, 2005 will not be accepted.

GUIDELINES

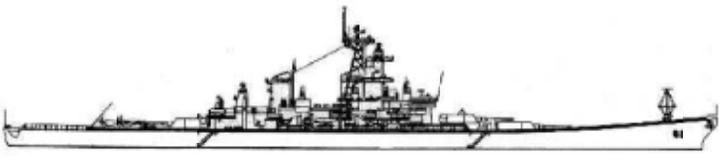
1. No committee Member's family or relatives are eligible for an award
2. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who have maintained a "B" or 3.0 Grade Point Average
3. Student must be a Graduating Senior, attending an Accredited High School / Vocation Technical Institution. Graduating in the Class of 2005.
4. Applications must be recommended by their High School Counselor.
5. Award must be used at an Accredited Education / Technical Institution for Undergraduate Studies.
6. Awards are Not Available for Graduate Study
7. The Award will be paid directly to the Institution selected.
8. Publicity will be done through the USS New Jersey Veterans Newsletter.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Any son, daughter or grandchild of a member in good standing, includes children of a member in good standing who passed away during the current membership year. (Must be a USS New Jersey Veteran)
2. Must be a High School Senior, Graduating in the Class of 2005.
3. Official Transcripts for the 11th and 12th Grades, submitted with Application
4. Two (2) Academic References
5. Student's Personal Resume
6. Student's Hand Written Essay
7. Name of Educational / Technical Institution you will attend
8. June 1, 2005 is the last date to request Scholarship Application.
9. Scholarship winners will be notified by phone and a follow-up letter from the President of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER

Submit Application to: Mr. Mike Prime
703 Seneca Street
Fulton, NY 13069



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC / SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLARSHIP

Section I *(To be completed by Student Applicant – Type or Print)*

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: () _____

Name of USS New Jersey Veteran Sponsor: _____

Relationship to USS New Jersey Sponsor: _____

Section II **(Committee Use Only)**

Recommendation:

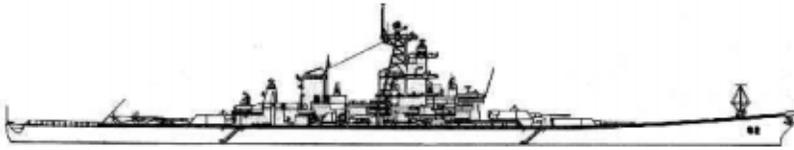
Member: _____ \$ _____

Member: _____ \$ _____

Member: _____ \$ _____

Remarks: _____





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC / SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

APPLICATION PAGE 1

Name (applicant): _____
Address: _____ **Telephone: ()** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ **Marital Status:** _____

Armed Forces: Y / N **Where:** _____
When: _____

Parents: _____
Address: _____ **Telephone: ()** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

High School (s): _____ **Where:** _____
When: (Dates) _____
Were: _____
When: (Dates) _____

High School Records: _____

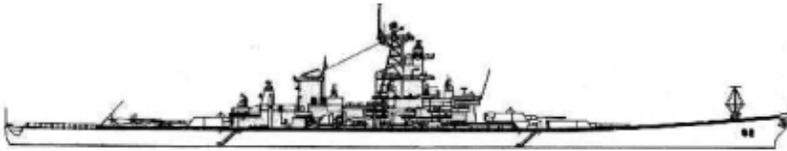
Scholastic Honors: _____

Distinctions: _____

School Activities: _____

Your SAT Score: _____ **ACT Score:** _____





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC / SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
APPLICATION PAGE 2**

School you expect to attend: _____

Schools to which you have applied: _____

Major area of study: _____

What are your hobbies and interests: _____

Community Activities: _____

Employment Experience: _____

Do you plan to work this summer: Y / N

If yes, were: _____

How much do you expect to earn: \$ _____

How much of your earnings do you expect to use for school expenses?

\$ _____

Submit: Resume and handwritten essay with career goals indicating your purpose and goals in attending higher education.

What activities have you pursued towards achieving your career goal?

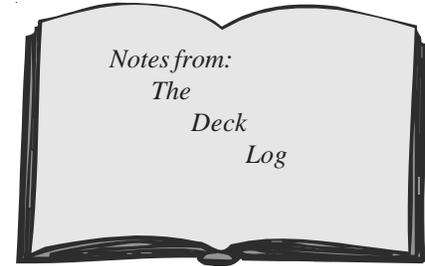
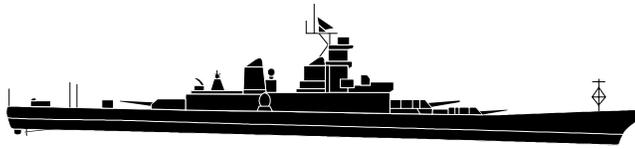
(Not more then 200 words)

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Application and Documentation will Not be returned to applicant





From Dick Esser:

I am looking for the whereabouts of 3 sailors that were with me on me on 21 May 1951 on Wonsan Harbor the morning Bob Osterwind was killed. They are J.E. Schaniel, J.H. Dzekon and J.A. Bailey. If anyone has any information on these men, please contact me. 440-246-5594 or e-mail esser3@hotmail.com

From Bob Dingman:

I served in E Division during Vietnam. I am looking for someone who has a copy of the Decommissioning Program from December 17, 1969, and is willing to make me a copy of the list of the ships crewmembers. I will pay all copying and mailing costs. Email me at bdingman@metrocast.net

From Jerry Lindley:

Hi, If anyone has any information on my father, who is deceased, please let me know. He served on the USS New Jersey during WWII in 1943 in the Eighth Division on the I think, 20 mm's. He was injured along with Cosse and both men received a Purple Heart. His name was Herbert E. (Gene) Lindley Sr. I need to find out the reason he was awarded the Purple Heart and any other information on his and his job duties would greatly be appreciated. Thanks for your help. Jerry_L._Lindley@hud.gov

From Norwin Sanders:

I am looking for a Cruise Book from the Korean Era (1951 - 1953). Mine was lost or stolen while in storage. Willing to pay any reasonable price including shipping. Phone 405-912-9986 or E-mail wsanders05@sbcglobal.net

From John Talbot:

Does anyone remember my father Edward Talbott? Tall, gangly, big ears...played piano very well..He was with the 9th as an AAMG Crewman from about '43 to '45 or thereabouts... scubajet1@msn.com

From Robert O'Neil:

My brother, YNT3 Ed O'Neil served aboard the New Jersey from Commissioning until Discharge in 1946. I have been trying to find someone who served with him aboard the New Jersey with him. Ed died in September of 1985. He was about five foot ten and wore glasses. If anyone can give me information about Ed, I would appreciateit . Please contact Bob O'Neil 156 BearHill Road, Apt 205, Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864-6042. Phone (401) 333-3677 or e-mail me at bobandeileen248@msn.com

E-mail me at peterv_bb62@yahoo.com to add People you are looking for into "The Deck Log"



From The Membership Director

John Hayes
162 East Grand River
Williamston, MI 48895
hayesjoj@msn.com



Shipmates,

Just a few words to update you regarding membership. Because of the turnover of officers in October 2004 the dues statements were not mailed until mid-January. We are scattered around the country and it took some time to get files updated and the mailings set up. This is not a permanent change: dues statements for 2006 dues (due as of October 1, 2005) should be mailed in October this year.

The response to the dues statements has been excellent. Most payments were received in the first month and are still coming in fairly steadily. Of 1,010 due statements mailed, 21 were returned as undeliverable. This is not too bad, but higher than normal for our organization. So I urge all members to contact me with any address changes or corrections. We all like to get our *Jersey Bounce* on time but we cannot get it to you if your address is not current.

There have been some questions on why some members are no longer receiving the *Jersey Bounce* or dues statements. If a member does not pay dues for two years, he or she is transferred to the Inactive Member list. As such, dues notices and newsletters etc. are not sent to them. It is therefore good policy to pay your dues promptly.

We are steadily getting new members, although not in large numbers. Bravo Zulu to Bob Dingman (Vietnam Era, E Division) who has been searching the nation for former shipmates. Several of his "finds" have joined the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc recently.

John J. Hayes

Membership Chairman



USS New Jersey Membership Coupon		Make Checks Payable To: USS New Jersey Veteran's Inc Mail To: John Hayes Membership Director 162 E Grand River Williamston, MI 48895-1450
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code _____
Telephone: _____	E-Mail _____	
Division: _____	Rate / Rank _____	Era On Board _____
Years on Board _____	Spouse: _____	
The USS New Jersey Bounce will be made available on line at www.ussnewjersey.org . If you would prefer to have your issue of the ships newspaper mailed to you, please check the box.		
		<input type="checkbox"/> I would prefer to get the Bounce Mailed



Burial At Sea Prayer.....

“We therefore commit his body to the deep, looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the sea shall give up her dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.”

USS New Jersey Taps List

Charles DERIVAUX, Korea, 6th Division Passed Away November 27, 2003

William B. STAFFORD Jr., Vietnam, X Division Passed Away January 7, 2004.

Albert C. GRACEFFA, WWII, E Division Passed Away February 27, 2005.

Richard SAXON, WWII, S Division Passed Away March 3, 2005.

John BANOVIC, Korea, FA Division Date of death unknown.

Gerald T. FERRICK, WWII, N Division Passed Away September 6, 2004.

Grover J. HALE, WWII, K Division Passed Away April 7, 2004.

Clarence MCLAUGHLIN, Korea, B Division Passed Away November 13, 2004

James A. POWELL, WWII, B Division Passed Away March 20, 2004

Tommy THOMAS Passed Away 9 Jan 200

Arthur W. GOTT, 1950-52 as S-3, Passed Away 14Feb05

Victor SORRENTINO, WWII, A Division Passed Away December 3, 2003.

Russell BROWN, WWII, A Division, Founding President; USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

Donald “Frenchy” GERVAIS, Korea, 5th Divisions. Passed Away January 5, 2005.

Howard W. ARING, WWII, 3rd Division Passed Away May 25, 2004.

Donald L. ERNSBERGER, WWII, Eng Division Date of death not stated.

Floyd KOETS, WWII, 6th Division Passed Away January 19, 2005.

"Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh — Falls the night.

"Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

"Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright,
God is near, do not fear — Friend, good night."



USS New Jersey Taps List

Raymond SHERTEL, Korea, 5th Division Passed Away February 2, 2004.

William, KRIEGER, WWII, R-Div Passed Away 11-04

Arthur MATTHEWS, Korea, (7th Division) Passed Away July 29, 2004.

Harry Bennett, WWII Passed Away in April 2004.

Howard Mathus, WWII, FA Division Passed away June 12, 2004.

William CONRAD, WWII, S Division Passed away September 28, 2004

Bert WARD, Korea, EX Division Passed Away May 2, 2004

William C. TERRELL, WWII, B Division Passed Away June 17, 2004

Frederick LANDIS, WWII, LS Division Passed away January 17, 2003

Walter B. FITT, WWII, CR Division Passed Away May 28, 2003

William F. KENNEDY, FM Div. Korea 1951-54

James A. Cubby LUCIANO, Korea, Passed Away December 5, 2004

Charles "Red" FOY, WWII, Passed Away May of 1998

Ervin LAGOCKI, WWII, 6th Division Passed away November 13, 2004

Wesley SMITH, Korea (no Division listed), Passed away January 8, 2005

Richard G. DAVIS, Korea, 5th Division Passed away September 10, 2004

Thomas E. DOLAN, WWII, 7th. div, passed away 10-16-2004

Whats Going On With Our Sister Battleships



The USS Iowa (BB-61)

Moored at the inactive ship facility in Suisun Bay, California. USS Iowa awaits her turn to come pier-side in San Francisco, California.

Talking with Paul Gomez, from the USS Iowa Veterans, the politicians are still working on getting this goal accomplished. The Port of San Francisco recently passed a historical bill setting up requirements for docking a ship in the harbors. The USS Iowa meets most of those requirements now. While they are not looking for the Iowa to be a museum in the next year. The next step is to get the ship removed from the reserve fleet and donated to the Historic Ship Memorial at Pacific Square.

The USS Iowa Veterans Association will be holding it annual reunion in Rapid City, South Dakota from 14-18 September. For more information on the USS Iowa, go to www.ussiowa.org.

The USS Missouri (BB-63)

Now a floating museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii she sits fittingly near the USS Arizona Memorial.



It all started when World War II Navy Commander Edwin Carter, USNR, (Ret.) sat down with retired Admiral Ron Hays and retired Navy Boatswains Mate Harold Estes for lunch in early 1994, they discussed the battleship and how she deserved a place where she could share her lessons of peace, honor and glory. The three agreed, “Why not Pearl Harbor?”

On May 4, 1998, the Navy officially granted the battleship’s care to the Association. Six weeks later, on Father’s Day, June 21, 1998, the Missouri received a hero’s welcome as she passed the shores of Waikiki. The following day she first took her current post where she proudly stands watch over fallen comrades in the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor.

On January 29, 1999, seven months after her arrival and nearly five years after Carter, Hays and Estes met for lunch, “Mighty Mo” welcomed the public with open decks and open doors.

The annual reunion of the USS Missouri Veterans will be held on 31 August - 7 September, 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, learn more at www.ussmissouri.org

The USS WISCONSIN (BB-64)



Berthed at the National Maritime Center-Nauticus, in Norfolk, Virginia. The association is thrilled with, what will hopefully be, her permanent home. The public will only be allowed to walk the main decks. They will also be able to get a close-up view of her massive 16" guns. The ship will be maintained for readiness by navy personnel, therefore, the below decks areas will be off limits to the general public.

The membership association holds a biannual reunion. The next one to be from 3 October - 15 October aboard the Carnival Cruise Ship Spirit for a 10 day cruise to Hawaii. Including stops at the Arizona Memorial and our sister ship, The USS Missouri (BB-63). Visit their website at www.usswisconsin.org



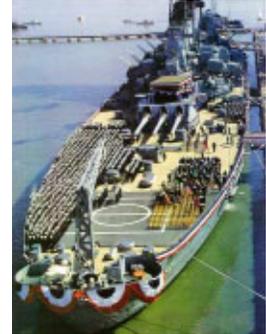
The USS New Jersey Story

Vietnam



New Jersey's third career began 6 April 1968 when she was recommissioned at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard with Captain J. Edward Snyder in command. Fitted with new improved electronics and a helicopter landing pad, the USS New Jersey had her 40-millimeter battery removed. Her primary mission was to provide heavy bombardment with 16" guns that could reach targets in Vietnam inaccessible to smaller naval guns and, in foul weather, safe from aerial attack.

As the world's only active battleship, New Jersey departed Philadelphia on 16 May heading through the Panama Canal in-route to her new home port of Long Beach, California. There wasn't much time for the ship or her crew to get to comfortable as on 3 September they sailed for Pearl Harbor and Subic Bay before arriving along the Vietnamese Coast on 25 September. Near the 17th parallel on 30 September, USS New Jersey fired her first shots in battle in over sixteen years. In only her second day of firing, New Jersey fired against targets north of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) rescuing the crew of a spotting plane forced down at sea by anti-aircraft fire.



USS New Jersey spent the better of the next six months with a steady pace of bombardment and fire support missions along the Vietnamese coast. In her first two months alone, New Jersey directed nearly ten thousand rounds of ammunition at Communist targets; over 3000 of these shells were 16-inch projectiles.

As her first Vietnam tour came to a close, New Jersey departed Subic Bay on her way to a two day port call at Yokosuka, Japan and a return sailing to America. The trip to Long Beach was delayed when on 15 April North Korean jet fighters shot down an unarmed EC-121 Constellation electronic surveillance plane over the Sea of Japan, killing its entire crew. New Jersey was ordered to come about and steam back towards Japan in readiness for what might befall. As tension lessened, New Jersey was released to continue her voyage home arriving back in Long Beach 5 May 1969 after an eight month deployment.

As the crew spent the summer months preparing the New Jersey for her return to action in Southeast Asia, political will and economics sent a ripple through the Navy. On 22 August 1969, the Secretary of Defense released a list of ships to be inactivated. On top of that list was the USS New Jersey. Five days later, Captain Snyder was relieved of command by Captain Robert Peniston.

It wasn't long; 6 September 1969, that New Jersey got underway with her new Captain and her crew as they prepared for the melancholy task of placing the ship into the "Mothball Fleet". Arriving in Puget Sound on 8 September, the crew began the preinactivation overhaul to ready her for the decommissioning. On a cold rainy December day in Bremerton, Washington, New Jersey's colors were hauled down and she entered the inactive fleet. Captain Peniston ended the ceremony with his now well known prophetic call; "Rest well, yet sleep lightly" and here the call, if again sounded, to provide firepower for freedom."



How could Captain Peniston have known that then California Governor Ronald Reagan would become President Ronald Reagan and would make that call more than a dozen years later.....