



USS New Jersey Veterans, INC

“THE JERSEY BOUNCE”

Spring - Summer 2008

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USS New Jersey Crew Returns Home

September 17 - 21, 2008



*The USS New Jersey Plaque
To Be Dedicated 10 May 2008' 1230 hrs*

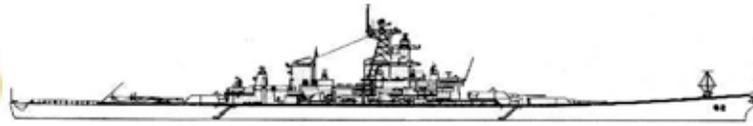
Through the donation from our organization and the private funds of our members, we will be dedicating this plaque in memory of our WWII Veterans at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredricksburg, Tx.



Bi-Law Changes

At the upcoming Reunion, we will be discussing changes requested to the already existing Bi-Laws of the USS New Jersey Veterans Association. President Mike Prime will also be putting together a Bi-Law Committee to review our current laws and make recommendations to present to our general membership. The primary purpose being to keep us current and adaptable to the ever changing membership base of our organization.

As always, each member will have a voice in helping to shape the direction of our group and the way we govern ourselves leading to the future. Make sure you're heard, contact your Era Directors.



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*From The President
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Clearing Off The Presidents Desk

Greetings Shipmates,

I'd like to let everyone know that Nick and Joe have spent a lot of time putting together the next reunion in Cherry Hill NJ. There are many tours and our memorial service will be aboard the Big "J".

All of the reunion information will be included in this issue of the Bounce. Please be sure to make your reservations at the hotel, as soon as you can. Be sure to mention you are part of the USS NJ Vets as we have a special rate for the organization, which is good for 5 days prior to the reunion and 5 days after. Please also find in this issue the many tours available and make your selections accordingly.

On Saturday, we will have our general meeting, a by-laws meeting and our elections for a new slate of officers, of which ALL positions are open. Please try to attend this year's reunion as we have many things to discuss at our meetings.

I understand there are many new areas aboard the ship that are now open to the public and more will be added prior to our reunion.

Please try to enlist one new member to join, rejoin or attend this year's reunion. We look forward to adding new members and forging new friendships, hearing new and old stories and building a stronger organization.

In closing, I hope to see all of you in Cherry Hill.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Prime
President, USS New Jersey Vets, Inc.



***From The Vice President
John Hagen
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Greetings to crew members and family,

Its 2008, an election year for the New Jersey officers & directors: oh, and that other thing in November. This will be my last letter as Vice President. During this reunion I am looking forward to walking the decks of the ship where I first put my anchors on in 1989.

In the last Bounce, I asked for crew members to look for photos to put on the web site. I want to thank those who sent in pictures of their time on a great ship. The web master has promised that as soon as the bugs in the website are fixed, the photos will be posted. Not only are they photos, but they are a document of the history of the USS New Jersey.

I received photos from Charles W. Frank, Capt. USN (Ret,) NROTC Class of 1942. He was a Lieutenant on the New Jersey in 1945. He had quite a story to go with the photos. He also has quite a story after the Navy as a journalist, photographer, and author.

The 20 x 20 inch plaque is done, ahead of schedule by a month, how ever I do not have a picture of it yet. I want to thank Sergio Morariu for his work on designing the plaque, and Richard C. Moore for permission to use a photo of his painting of the ship on the plaque. We do have the picture of the design. There will be a dedication at the Nimitz Museum; May 10 2008 at 2:pm Fredricksburg Texas. Pictures will be taken of the dedication for our web site.

The museum has a wed site where you can see all of the plaque they have in the memorial garden www.nimitz-museum.org by the time you this issue of the bounce a picture of the plaque might be available.

As always I will bring my DVD's and books to the reunion. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the New Jersey reunion.

Keep our Crewmembers, and our Service Men and Women in your prayers.

John Hagen MMC (SW) 1989-1991

Vice President
USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.





*From The Chaplin
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The Navy Chief and his Parrot

The old Navy Chief finally retired and got that chicken ranch he always wanted. He took with him his life-long pet parrot.

First morning at 0430, the parrot squawked loudly and said, "Reveille, Reveille. Up all hands. Heave out and trice up. The smoking lamp is lighted, now Reveille."

The old chief told the parrot, "We are no longer in the Navy. Go back to sleep."

The next morning, the parrot did the same thing. Chief told the parrot, "If you keep this up, I'll put you out in the chicken pen."

Again the parrot did it, and true to his word, the Chief put the parrot in the chicken pen.

About 0630 the next morning, the Chief was awakened by one heck of a ruckus in the chicken pen. He went out to see what was the matter. The parrot had about 40 white chickens at attention in formation, and on the ground laid 3 bruised and beaten brown chickens.

The parrot was saying, "ChickMates, when I say fall out in dress whites, I don't mean Khakis!"

Like the CPO and Parrot above, we have all experience important transitions in our lives. Some were smooth and some, well, were quite rocky. We traded barracks and berthings for houses and homes. Life always seems to have another obstacle to throw our way.

No matter what the world tempts us with, no matter what trails we face, no matter how rough the seas... We can find safe shelter with God.

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.





From The Liaison Officer / Director
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CONCERNING THE PHOTOGRAPHER AT THE REUNION FOR 2008.

PLEASE!! ALL ATTENDEES; HAVE YOUR POTRAITS TAKEN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PURCHASE ANYTHING. THE MORE PICTURES IN THE "CRUISE BOOK" THE BETTER A CRUISE BOOK.

GROUPS WILL BE IN ORDER;;

#1-WWII PLANK OWNERS (ONLY),** THEN ALL WWII - 1940'S ** KOREA -1950'S ** VIETNAM - 1960'S ** LEBANON CRISIS / PERSIAN GULF 1980'S **

#2-THEN = WWII PLANKOWNER WIVES ** WWII - 1940'S WIVES ** KOREA - 1950'S WIVES ** VIETNAM - 1960'S WIVES ** LEBANON CRISIS / PERSIAN GULF- 1980'S WIVES.

#3-BOARD OF DIRECTOR & STAFF GROUP.

#4-THEN LARGE DIVISIONAL GROUP PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT. GIVE ME A LIST FIRST.

WE WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM THIS SYSTEM.

ALL PORTRAITS WILL START AT 16:00 ON DINNER DANCE NIGHT;

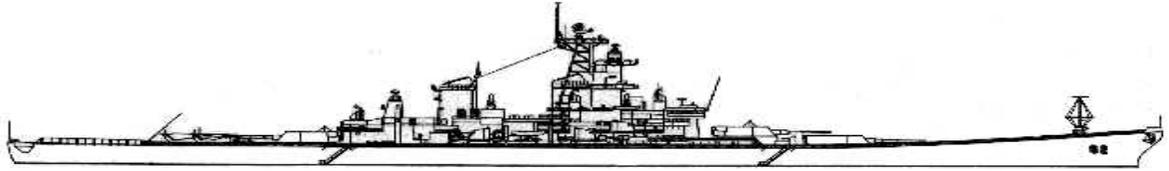
REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE ANYTHING IF YOU DON'T WANT TO. JUST PLEASE HAVE YOUR POTRAITS TAKEN. "THE MORE THE MERRIER"

THIS IS MY LAST REUNION AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPANT. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BE A PART OF SUCH AN HONORABLE ORGANIZATION.

RESP.

LARRY "SKI" KALAKAUSKIS, BTC USN RET.1967-1969 VIET NAM
LIAISON OFFICER, PAST VICE-PRESIDENT,
REUNION CO-ORDINATOR





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FROM THE WEBMASTER

Dear Shipmates,

This is the last general letter you will receive from me. No, I'm not terminal or anything like that. This is the end of my second term on the Board of Directors as Web Master and I'm not considering running for any other office. Hopefully we will find a suitable replacement and, if Bert Trottier follows through (as in has enough time), I'm sure he is suitable and highly qualified to do the job. Nevertheless, I'll be available to assist from time to time.

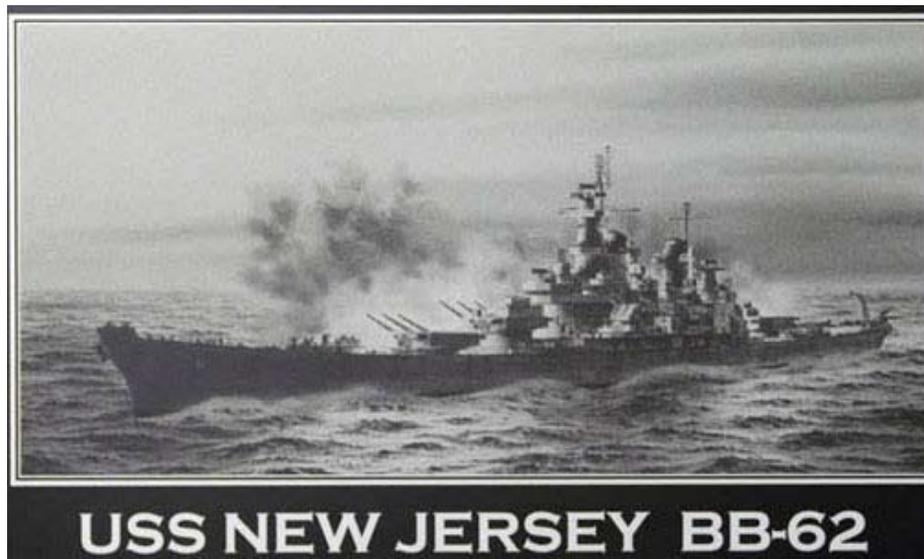
It's been a good run and I enjoyed every minute. Thank you all for the opportunity.

Some of you are aware that I've had some medical problems for the last three months. While the problems were and are serious the prognosis is excellent. It's just a matter of time before it's a distant memory. All of this time I've been in the care of the VA system. For those of you who have heard horror stories about the VA system I want to tell you I could not have had better care under any other system. I spent eight days in the VA hospital at Mather Field in Sacramento and could not have wished for better care or more attention. The staff at that hospital is outstanding. The staff at the Outpatient Clinic in Martinez, CA, is equally outstanding.

For that reason I want to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Frank LaRosa, who badgered me for close to two years to sign up for the VA Hospital Benefits. Don't let it go to your head, Frank but, I owe you one. Thanks.

God willing and the creek don't rise, I'll see many of you aboard ship in the Fall.





FROM THE DESK OF THE REUNION CO-CHAIRMAN

Let's talk about the forth coming reunion. A concerted effort has been exerted to make this one of the finest events possible. An opportunity to meet with old shipmates, relive the past, exchange real and not so real sea stories. This reunion will be something you will enjoy and reflect upon for many years.

The highlight of the reunion will be our revisit to the most decorated battleship in the world. A place where we lived, worked, relaxed and experienced extreme anxieties and exuberance.

This is a great opportunity to bring family members on board the ship to experience the excitement each of you did the first time you reported for duty on this great ship. I have been remised in the fact that, prior to this reunion, I have not taken the opportunity to have my daughter accompany me when I visited the ship. I will correct that mistake on September 19, 2008. With pride I will be able to show her where I lived and worked for over 18 months. I was extremely fortunate to be in the Combat Information Center. This was the brains of the ship, where tactical and strategic decisions were made in real time. She will be able to visit a turret and see the massive 16 inch rifles. Travel through the firepower tour and experience the awesome power the Jersey provided.

Mr. Troy Collins, Museum Director, and his entire staff are excited to have our organization return to the ship for the third time. You will notice that many improvements have been accomplished. The ship is painted, brass shined, and docents will be available to provide guidance and information. Slowly, the main deck teak wood is being replaced.

The Battleship New Jersey Museum Organization has been working hard to make your visit enjoyable, areas, within our ship, have been expanded to facilitate both old shipmates and visitors. Ms. Kate Mills (museum event manager) has been coordinating closely to assure that the entire ship is open to both our members and guests. She has provided identification bracelets for this activity. Ms. Judy Rogers (ARAMARK) will be distributing FREE box lunches immediately after the memorial service...

Continued from Nick Rasch:

Our ship is in good hands, will be available for visitation for many years, provides future generations an insight into how we lived and worked throughout those perilous years of world wide strife to make this a better world.

The traditional Welcome Aboard Dinner will be highlighted with a King Neptune Beauty Contest. This should be a riot and give all our lady friends a good laugh. Quality prizes will be awarded to all contestants.

Each morning will start with a FREE buffet breakfast in the Embers Room. The Hospitality Room will feature hot coffee or tea to help you relax, rekindle friendships or enjoy meeting new friends.

Tours, have I mentioned tours?

A full day tour to the Amish country with a visit to a 1200 cow dairy farm, followed by an Amish style lunch has been scheduled.

A unique tour of Philadelphia in a WW II modified DUCK. You will get to see Philadelphia from both land and sea.

An afternoon/evening tour of Atlantic City. You can stroll the world famous boardwalk, sit on the beach, swim in the Atlantic Ocean, or try your luck at the tables in one of the many casinos...

The Saturday morning business meeting will be very compact, voting for new officers, modifying the bylaws, and other new or old business.

Saturday night will feature the Banquet hosted by our own Speedy Gonzales. While enjoying dessert we will be watch an outstanding movie of our ship, encompassing WW II, Korea, and Viet Nam. This will be followed by the JuBo's for a night of dancing, singing and just having fun.

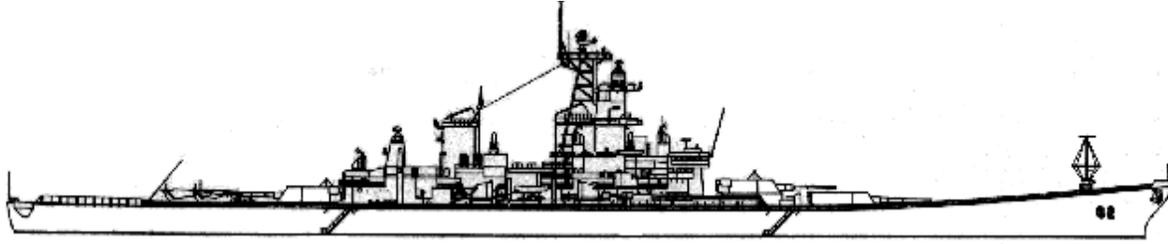
Looking forward to seeing both you and your family experiencing or should I say enjoying a great reunion.

Nick Rasch

Reunion Co-chairman



Vietnam Veterans Aboard USS New Jersey



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.
21ST ANNUAL REUNION**

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Hotel
2349 West Marlton Pike
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

WHEN: September 17th through the 21st, 2008

RESERVATIONS: Call 800-227-6963 or
856-665-6666

Mention the USS New Jersey Reunion

Special group rates available September 12th to the 26th

Handicapped Rooms Available

Reservations received after August 18, 2008 may not qualify for the special group rate

Cancellation Policy requires notification 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival

COST: \$112.00 Plus tax

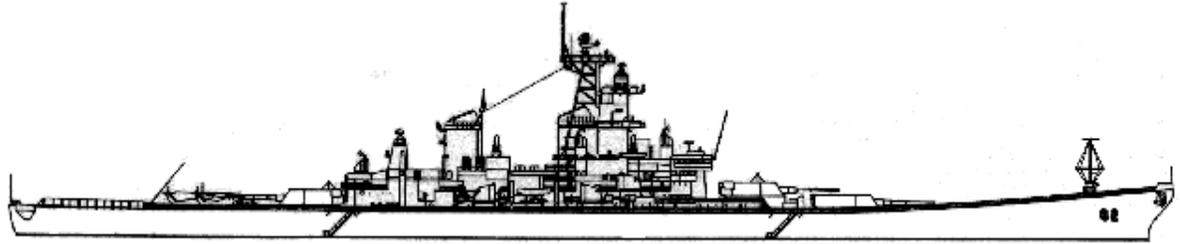
Check In Time: 4:00 PM

Check Out Time: 12:00 PM

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING
FREE BUFFET BEAKFAST

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

NOTICE: 10 % discount on purchases in both the hotel gift store and hotel restaurant



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

21ST Annual Reunion – Cherry Hill, New Jersey

September 17 – 21, 2008

Ground Transportation

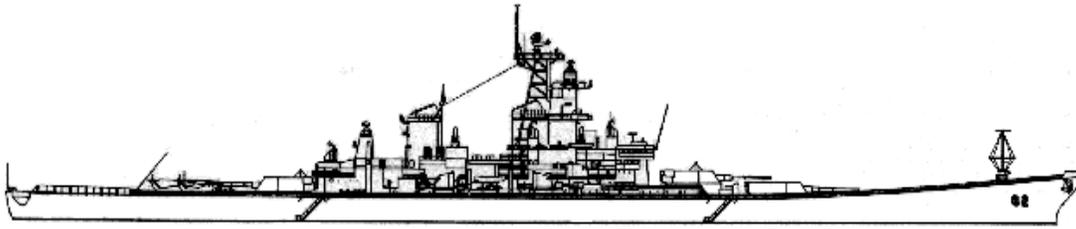
Upon arrival at the Philadelphia International Airport, follow the signs for Ground Transportation. Go to the Rapid Rover Desk; be sure to mention your association with the USS New Jersey Reunion.

Due to the variations in Aircraft arrival times there might be a short wait for the Rapid Rover transportation to the Hotel.

RAPID ROVER phone number – 856-428-8062

COST \$ 20.00 per person each way

However, if there are several people in your group using a standard taxi could be a cost saving. The standard taxi fee is approximately \$ 50.00 each way.



INFORMATION FOR SEATING

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Paid meal reservations must be made prior to seating request.
2. Request for Banquet seating will be accepted between May 1st and August 24th, 2008.

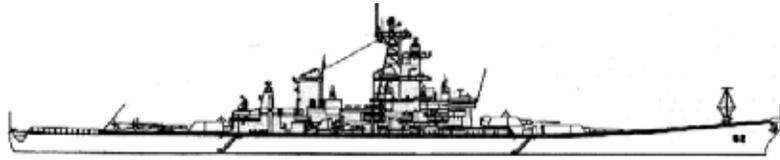
NOTE: Anyone requesting handicapped seating must notify the Seating Chairman prior to August 24th.

3. When requesting group seating, including family members or friends **ONLY ONE PERSON** per group should apply. Please list all individuals by name.
 - Check to ensure that everyone within the group has made and paid for their meal choice prior to making a seating request. This will reduce/eliminate confusion when individuals within the group either have not made reservation or make the reservations at the last minute.
 - **TABLE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL EVERYONE WITHIN THE GROUP HAS MADE AND PAID FOR THEIR MEAL RESERVATIONS.**
4. Seating requests can be made through E-mail, Fax, telephone, or letter.

NOTE: Messages left on an answering machine are not always reliable.
5. Send the names of all the individuals to the Seating Coordinator (ten people per table).

Nick Rasch
Banquet Seating Chairman
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 17 – 21, 2008

PLAN OF THE DAY

Wednesday September 17, 2008

Check in Day – Crowne Plaza Hotel -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey

- 1000 Registration, Small Stores & Hospitality Room Open (Plaza Rooms No. 1, 2, & 3)
- 1500 Directors Meeting (President's Suite)
- 1630 Registration, Small Stores & Hospitality Room Close
- 1845 Welcome Aboard Party (Riverside Banquet Hall) [King Neptune Beauty Contest]

Thursday, September 18, 2008

- 0630 – 0800 Breakfast Buffet (Embers Room)
- 0900 Amish Country Tour Buses Departs
- 0900 Registration, Small Stores & Hospitality Room Open (Plaza Rooms No. 1, 2, & 3)
- 1000 Pathway of the American Revolution Tour Departs (Ducks)
- 1500 Atlantic City Tour Buses Departs
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Close
- 2100 Hospitality Room Close

Friday, September 19, 2008

- 0630 – 0800 Breakfast Buffet (Embers Room)
- 0830 Tour Buses Depart For Memorial Service Aboard USS New Jersey BB – 62
- 1000 Memorial Service Commence
- 1130 Box Lunch Served Aboard Our Ship
- 1200 First Buses Depart Ship for Hotel
- 1300 Second Buses Depart Ship for Hotel
- 1500 Registration, Small Stores & Hospitality Room Open (Plaza Rooms No. 1, 2, & 3)
- 1500 Final Buses Depart Ship for Hotel
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Close
- 2100 Hospitality Room Close

Saturday, September 20, 2008

- 0630 – 0800 Breakfast Buffet (Riverside Banquet Hall)
- 0830 Business Meeting (General Membership) [Riverside Banquet Hall]
 - Standard Business Meeting** (including Revision to By-Laws and Election of Officers)
- 1200 Business Meeting Concluded
- 1200 Hospitality Room & Small Stores Open (Plaza Rooms No. 1, 2, & 3)
- 1600 Hospitality Room & Small Stores Close
- 1730 Group & Individual Pictures
- 1830 Diner Dance Banquet Featuring Our Own Speedy Gonzales (Grand Ballroom B & C)

Sunday, September 21, 2008

- 0800 Hospitality Room Open (Plaza Rooms No. 2, & 3)
- 0900 Directors Meeting (President's Suite)

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC. 21ST Annual Reunion Events Reservation Form

Wednesday, September 17th

Welcome Aboard Dinner: - 6:45 PM ___ People @ \$33.00 person = ___
___ Child @ \$17.00 = ___
Includes Miss USS New Jersey Beauty Contest (King Neptune will Judge)

Thursday, September 18th

Breakfast Buffet: (6:30 AM – 8:00 AM) **Free**

Event A: Amish Country Experience: (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM) ___ People @ \$69.00 person = ___
(Lunch included)

Event B: Atlantic City Excursion: (3:00 PM – 10:00 PM) ___ People @ \$30.00 person = ___

Event C: Duck tour of Philadelphia (10:00AM – 12:30 PM) ___ People @ \$32.00 person = ___

NOTE: Events A & B, and A & C, run at the same time

Friday, September 19th

Breakfast Buffet: (6:30 AM – 8:00 AM) **Free**

Event C: Memorial Service & Tours: **USS New Jersey BB- 62** ___ People @ \$20.00 Person = ___
(Includes Box Lunch) (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ___ Child @ \$10.00 = ___

Children Lunch: Peanut butter & jelly ___ Turkey & cheese ___ Ham & cheese ___
Adult Lunch: Chicken Caesar wrap ___ Roast Beef on roll ___ Turkey club & bacon ___
Children Lunch includes juice Adult Lunch includes bottle of water

Return Bus Schedule: 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, & 3:00 PM

Saturday, September 20th

Breakfast Buffet: (6:30 AM - 8:00 AM) **Free**

Event D: All Hands Business Meeting: (8:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

Event F: Banquet Dinner: (5:30 PM – Until ?) ___ People @ \$45.00 Person = ___
___ Child @ \$20.00 = ___

Chicken: ___ Steak: ___ Fish: ___

Enclosed Find \$ _____ To Cover Items Selected

Please Provide the Following

Please Print

NAME: _____ **SPOUSE/GUEST:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

ERA: _____ **DIVISION:** _____ **DATE SERVED:** _____

Email _____ **PHONE #** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ **PHONE #** _____

SEND COMPLETE FORM INCLUDING CHECK: BY AUGUST 15TH, 2008
TO:

USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
C/O Mr. L. Ashby, Treasurer
19683 Finney Road, Girard, IL 62640
CHECK # _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____ **AMOUNT:** _____

King Neptune Beauty Contest
Wednesday
Following The Welcome Aboard Dinner



King Neptune alias Speedy Gonzales

You will be pleased to know that the Reunion Committee searched far and wide to find King Neptune. He has been extremely busy controlling the Oceans and was reluctant to come to New Jersey for this event. The King stated that he would Judge the event and give appropriate prizes to every contestant.

King Neptune wants to assure that all contestants are given an equal opportunity to display their beauty. He made strict rules as follows;

- Contestant must be properly attired in either a dress or skirt.
- Contestant must have an appropriate feminine hair do (bows, ribbons, Scarf's). Wigs are acceptable.
- Contestants must display appropriate feminine figure & makeup.

Interested in joining in the fun? Complete the Application Form and mail by August 10, 2008

NAME: _____
Please Print

Entrance Fee \$ 5.00 Enclosed _____

Mail To: Nick Rasch (reunion co-chairman)
18310 Candice Drive
Triangle, VA 22172



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Amish Encounter

0900 -1800 Thursday, September 18, 2008

Depart the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 0900 and meet your Amish tour guide in Lancaster County to begin a journey back in time. Thousands of people visit the Amish Country, yet few, if any, get to actually meet and learn about these people and their lives. This tour provides an opportunity to meet face-to-face with these unique individuals. People think that anyone dressed like the Amish are Amish, but there are actually over 40 different groups of Amish, Mennonites, and Brethren who wear plain cloths and trace their religious heritage to the Anabaptists of the 16th century Europe. The Amish are extremely hard working, industries, religious, plain down to Earth individuals that strive to preserve their heritage.

Windmills turn to pump water, horses and mules pull carriages and farm equipment, children in plain cloths walk to and from one-room-schoolhouses. Around every turn is a **Picture postcard View**.

The days highlight will be a sit down lunch in an Amish restaurant, served family style. The homemade food is delicious, atmosphere delightful and the memories will last a lifetime. The menu consists of baked chicken, home grown corn, green beans, hard-to-resist Penn Dutch noodles, homemade bread and several desserts including the famous Shoo-fly pie.

Visit will include a famous Amish Quilt shop, displaying hand made items, in addition to the famous **Rockvale Outlet Mall** (variety of outlet shops).

Don't forget to purchase a Shoo-fly pie for your friends back home.

Price is \$ 65.00 per person (lunch included)



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Atlantic City Excursion
1500-2200 Thursday, September 18, 2008

ENJOY THE SURF, SAND, FINE DINING, AND ENTERTAINMENT

1500, depart the Crowne Plaza Hotel and travel through Southern New Jersey to world famous Atlantic City. Streets named in the game of Monopoly are taken from this tiny resort town on Absecon Island. The famous boardwalk was built in 1870 as a way of keeping sand out of the hotels. Today the boardwalk is 60 feet wide and nearly 5 miles long and a must to see and enjoy. Is Lucy the Elephant, built in 1881, still standing? Yes, in addition she is now a National Historic Landmark.

Anyway you look at it, Atlantic City guarantees fast-paced excitement and non-stop activities. Stroll the boardwalk; view the Atlantic Ocean, visit shops and malls. Adventurous, enjoy the many amusement parks, surf fishing at its best or take a party fishing boat.

There is so much to see and do at Atlantic City it is difficult to describe where to start. We have dispensed with tour guides to let everyone travel at their own pace and explore their options. Start planning your Atlantic City visit by going to www.atlanticcitynj.com

CASINOS

Atlantic City boasts 12 casinos. Everything from the modernistic Taj Mahal to the original Resorts, the first casino in Atlantic City. Both high and low rollers can find their niche at one of the casinos. Excellent food and entertainment is there for your pleasure.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR SALTWATER TAFFY

Price is \$ 30 .00 per person



USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.

Pathway of the American Revolution Tour

1000 – 1230 Thursday, September 18, 2008

Ride the Ducks in Philadelphia

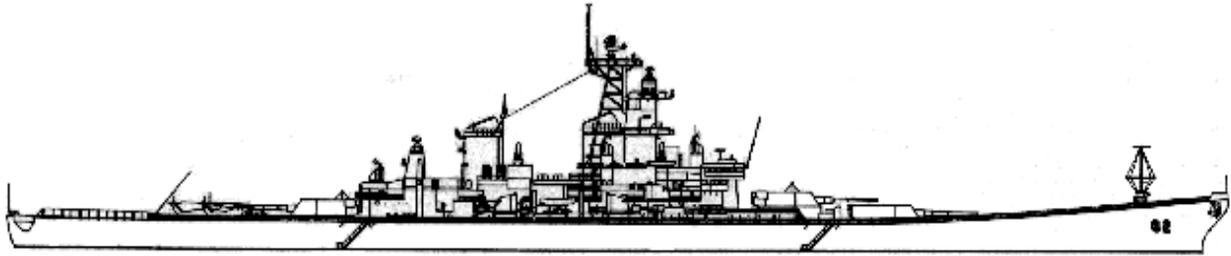
Depart the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1000 and sit back and enjoy historical Philadelphia. Your Captain (guide) will make history come alive as important sights are showcased and associated fun tidbits are shared along the way. There is nothing like sightseeing Philadelphia from a duck's eye view. Travel on land and water in one amazing vehicle.

The duck is an amphibious vehicle designed specifically for the Marines to land on hostile enemy held islands during the WW II island hopping campaign. The vehicles were capable of rapid movement after reaching the beach.

These ducks have been converted to provide the passengers with the capability of viewing historic Philadelphia from both land and sea. Travel along America's most historic mile, viewing Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell, The National Constitution Center, and the Betsy Ross House.

Then at Penn's Landing the duck will splash into the Delaware River. A short ride on the Delaware River to view the Philadelphia waterfront and then view the USS New Jersey BB-62 from the water. Return to the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1230.

Price is \$32.00 per person



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
21ST Annual Reunion – Cherry Hill, New Jersey

DINNER DANCE BANQUET

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

- 1730 Group and Individual Pictures
1830 Doors Open Cash Bar
1900 Serving Starts
2000 Outstanding Presentation of Our Ship from WW II to Viet Nam
2030 Entertainment by JuBo's (Featuring Own Speedy Gonzales)

Menu

Appetizers

Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fresh Fruit with Honey Lime Dressing

Entree

Marinated Grilled Chicken Fresh, Boneless, Breast Marinated With Fresh Lime, and
Chipotle Tomato Salsa

Or

Broiled Flounder Fresh Atlantic Flounder Stuffed with Crab Meat and Glazed
With Champagne White Grape Butter Sauce

Or

Roast Sirloin of Beef Roast Sirloin Sliced and Topped With Exotic Mushrooms and
Merlot Demi Glace

Children's Meals Chicken Fingers with French Fries & Soda

Desert: New York Style Cheesecake with Berries on a Painted Dish

All Meals Are Served With the Chief's Selection of Starch and Vegetable, Dinner Rolls & Butter
And Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee or Assorted Teas

**Banquet Entertainment
Saturday Evening**

JuBo's Karaoke Experience



**OUR OWN BOB (SPEEDY) GONZALES AND WIFE JULIE WILL BE
HOSTING THE BANQUET AND PROVIDING THE ENTERTAINMENT.**

JUBO's type of Karaoke is the Las Vegas style with multi-colored active lights, surround sound, laser lights, fog and mist for your added viewing pleasure.

A live band offers a few songs, but JUBO offers over 24,000 selections from the 40ies, 50ies, 60ies and up to and including present day Number 1 hits. They provide dance music from the eras we loved.

If you are not inclined to get out on the dance floor, you can sit back and reminisce of bygone times when we were young and foolish.

Speedy and his wife Julie not only sing but have the ability to make you feel that you are part of the show, NO not part of the show, but the main attraction in a night club production.

Join us for a great night of music, dancing, and entertainment from our own Speedy Gonzales.



It's An Election Year

At our reunion this September in Cherry Hill, we will be holding elections for offices held within our organization. As an Officer / Director, you have the opportunity to serve on behalf of the greatest group of sailors Davy Jones has ever spit back from the deep.

While many of the current directors will be running for re-election, all positions are open for active campaigning. Some positions are vacant with the incumbent leaving the position and a need for a fellow shipmate to step up and bring each of these areas up to the next level.

Listed below are the positions along with the current incumbent officers as of this printing.

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| President / Director | Mike Prime |
| Vice President / Director | Vacant |
| Secretary / Director | Vacant |
| Treasurer / Director | Vacant |
| Membership / Director | Vacant |
| Master at Arms / Director | Robert Gonzales |
| Liasion Officer / Director | Vacant |
| Small Stores / Director | Vacant |
| WebMaster / Director | Vacant |
| News Editor / Director | Vacant |
| Veterans Affairs / Director | Vacant |
| Member At Larger / Director | Dick McDowell |
| WWII Era / Director | Bob LaVine |
| Korean War Rep / Director | Richard Esser |
| Vietnam Era Rep / Director | George Stavros |
| Lebanon - Persian Gulf Rep / Director | Mark Findby |
| Seating Coordinator/ Director | Nick Rasch |



Appointed Positions Include:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Chaplin | Stewart Neiman |
| Reunion Coordinator | Vacant |
| Scholarship Chairman | Dr Brian Fogelson |
| Legal Council | Paul Siegret |

Mail Your Nominations To:
Charles J. Smith
4-C Heron Street
Manchester, NJ 08759
732-657-5453

On our Website, www.ussnewjersey.org we have listed the Bylaws for our organization including the job discription of each postion. You can also find them posted in the Fall 07 issue of the Jersey Bounce.

President Mike Prime has appointed Chuck Smith as the Election Chairman. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of a group where your contributions can make a life long difference.



EDITOR'S CORNER



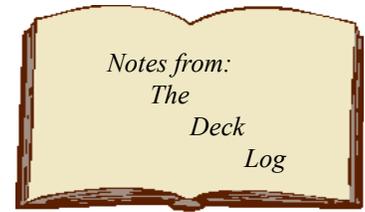
Hard to imagine, but this is my 11th newsletter as your editor. And with the elections coming up at the reunion in Cherry Point, NJ, this will also be my last. It has been a real pleasure to write about the things I have seen, heard and noticed. Like most things however, change is needed to keep it fresh, exciting and focused. I don't want to be like some of those bunk sheets I remember on the ship, old.... crusty..... and in need of some serious bleach.

Over the course of time I was fortunate enough to meet with so many of you. And while I am really bad at names. My first official reunion as editor was in Las Vegas. I could not wait to get there. I was loaded up with my little micro-recorder, notepad and a 3 megapixel camera. The only thing missing was the hat with "Scoop" on my nametag. There was free coffee in the lounge area of the Orleans's Hotel and I listened to all those stories. Men who couldn't remember what they had for breakfast, but could remember the exact details of a liberty call that still brings a sly smile that only another sailor with a nearly identical memory could recognize. "Hey Gunde, remember that time at the Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Manila?" I remember being on a bus with a few family members and asking questions for a story I had planned to write. A daughter of a shipmate set me straight as to why I was wearing "Plankowner" on my name badge. Her father was a plankowner, I couldn't be a plankowner and I shouldn't have that on my name tag. I loved talking with her. I won't forget the first time I met Frank. It was actually in Washington DC. I watched him as he walked alone along the Korean Memorial and I took his picture along the wall. He is loud, crusty, likes to drink and will talk to anyone. I am so glad that I met him. I spend a number of hours on the phone and via e-mail with Neil Liefer. He was the photographer for Time / Life and Sports Illustrated who authored *Dreadnaught Returns*. His pictures and stories of the ship and its crew during the Vietnam Era are priceless. I very much hope everyone remembers Ruth and Paul Mattern. I met both of these WWII Veterans on a tour of monuments in Washington D.C. I got to watch as they saw the WWII Memorial for the very first time. I also was able to see a couple that looked more in love with each other that day than the day they married. I will never forget sitting down with Admiral Snyder hearing his stories as a few members of his crew listened intently and nodded in agreement as he talked about the relationship he had with his crew. I also was fortunate enough to search out and find my last skipper, Admiral Milligan. Isn't it amazing how everyone you meet who has served aboard the USS New Jersey always considers her the best ship and the best crew they ever sailed with? In San Antonio, I met Charles and Bonnie Poznich. For those of you with a hard copy of the Fall 06 / Spring 07 issue, on the back is the pencil drawing of the riverwalk drawn by Bonnie. I can still remember in detail my reaction to seeing this final drawing when she handed it over to me for inclusion in the Bounce. I am to this day still wow'd by that picture.

As I end my tenure as the USS New Jersey Bounce Editor / Director, I hope you enjoyed my writings, ravings and sometime rantings. It has been beyond my pleasure to be a part of this magnificent organization. I thank you for your vote that allowed me to play a part. I thank you for items you have submitted to me for inclusion. I thank you for your story ideas. I thank you for letting me know when I did a good job and for letting me know when I missed something. I am honored to have been of service and hope that I can again play a roll with-in our organization in the future.



Peter V



OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG

From: John Hagen tincansd@aol.com

Looking for ship store operators with information on what geedunk was sold in the quick shop along with the brand of smokes and pop also known as soda. The ship wants to stock it with only the brand that were sold on the ship. Please contact me. Thanks John Hagen MMC(SW)Ret.

From: Sheldon Long theodoralong@bellsouth.net

I served aboard the New Jersey from 52-56. I worked in the S-3 Division (laundry for the most part then transferred to the tailor shop. I visit the Big "J" when i come up to see my son and grandchildren. My son Richard is helping me locate crew members. I have a list of about twenty men, I would like to know how many members are still with us. Had many good times aboard her and we worked very hard. I want to share past memories with my family. I now reside in Blackshear GA.

From: Kevin Cooksey kcdeuce@comcast.net

My father (Duane Cooksey) served on the Jersey during Korea in turret #1. He told us that they painted a picture on one of the guns called "Screaming Joan" after my mother. I was wondering if there was a picture of this and does anyone remember this?

From: Jessie Trafton jl_trafton@nightly

My grandfather was on this ship during the Korean War. His name is Maynard Trafton. Though he's still alive he's not doing well and I don't believe I'll ever have the chance to ask him anything about his time on the ship. I'd like to know if anyone remembers him or could tell me more. I know the chances are slim but it's worth a shot. Thanks!

From: Wendy Halpin wendyhalpin@yahoo.com.au

looking for Daniel Blancard who was on New Jersey 88 in Perth, Australia. I was Wendy Kane. Would love to hear from Dan



Check Out This Website!

<http://www.armed-guard.com/toon.html>



How Does Your USS New Jersey Scholarship Work?

By Brian Fogelson, Scholarship Chair

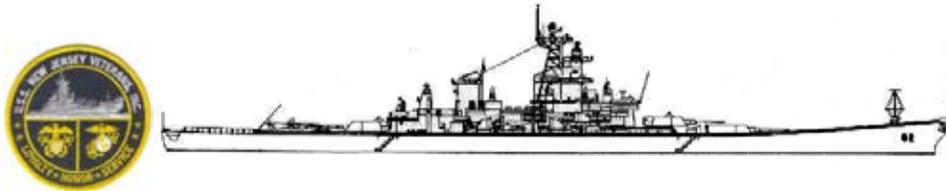
I've been asked to provide the membership with a brief description of how our scholarship works. It's relatively simple.

Up to now, the applications have been either obtained through the *Jersey Bounce* or directly on line at www.usnewjersey.org. Completed applications have been returned to my attention. After the deadline for application, the applications are forwarded to the committee members. We then read the applications and scan them for several key factors:

1. The student's overall Grade Point Average (GPA). Is this weighted or unweighted.
2. The student's class rank.
3. The difficulty of the student's course load. A student who has a 3.6 average and has taken Advanced Placement (AP) courses or a full load of Honors courses will stand a better chance than a student who has not taken the most challenging courses that his/her school offers.
4. Next, we look at activities. We are looking for well-rounded students. These students have achieved academically, while participating in athletics, music, drama, community activities, or their church or synagogue.
5. Recommendations count as well. Students solicit recommendations from favorite teachers, counselors, etc.
6. We read the essay carefully. Students who are very focused in their future plans usually rate better than those who are attending college with no particular major in mind.

After we've read all the applications and ranked them individually, we confer and compare notes. It's usually amazing to me that we usually come down to the same two or three students. We often have them ranked in the same order. In that case, it's easy. When we don't, we talk about the candidates and discuss their relative strengths and weaknesses and reach a consensus decision. That's the process in a nutshell.

Carolyn Lilley, Jack Feys, and Joe Santucci have been part of the selection team over the past number of years. I would like to publicly thank them for their service.



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 25, 2008.

Applications postmarked later than July 18, 2008 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 at least 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 2008.
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 2008
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. July 1, 2008 is the last date to request a Scholarship Application but be may printed off line as long as application is received no later then July 25, 2008
9. Scholarship winners will be notified by phone and a follow-up letter from the President of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

Submit Application to: USS New Jersey Veterans Scholarship
Mr. Brian Fogelson
19 Senator Stout Road
Frenchtown NJ 08825



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC / SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENT INFORMATION

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:** _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ **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:** _____



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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 than 200 words)

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Application and Documentation will Not be returned to applicant



Items Presently On Hand in Small Stores

Golf Shirt – Embroidered on front over pocket \$22.00
Available in Navy Blue, Green, Ash, Light Blue, Maroon, White
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large

T-Shirt \$18.00
Available in Light Blue, Tan, Maroon, White
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large

Sweatshirt (Blue or Ash) – Embroidered \$22.00
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large

Pullover V Neck Navy Blue Sweater \$36.00
Sizes Large, Extra Large & XX Large

Button Down Cardigan Navy Blue Sweater \$36.00
Sizes Large, Extra Large & XX Large

Satin Baseball Jacket (Royal Blue) – \$37.00
Embroidered on Front / Screen Print of Ship on Back
Sizes Medium, Large & Extra Large

Ladies Shirts

Scoop Neck Tee – Short Sleeve \$20.00
Available in Butter or Red / Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large

Scoop Neck Tee – Long Sleeve \$20.00
Available in Pink or Sky Blue / Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large

Coach Style Jacket (Navy Blue) USS New Jersey Silhouette \$27.00
Embroidered Left Chest / Available in Medium, Large & Extra Large

Hat – USS New Jersey on Front \$13.00
“WWII” on back “Plankowner” on back Blank (80’s-90’s Crew)
“Korea” on back “Vietnam” on back

Hat – (White) USS New Jersey \$13.00
“WWII” on back “Plankowner” on back “Korea” on back
“Vietnam” on Back Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew)

Socks (White) – USS New Jersey BB-62 \$10.00 pair

PINS:

Ribbon Pin - USS Navy \$4.50
Ribbon Pin - USN W/ Anchor \$4.50
Lone Sailor USS New Jersey BB-62
Cross Flags Navy Cross Flags WWII Veterans
Cross Flags Vietnam Veterans Vietnam Veteran
Korea Veteran USS New Jersey Reunion Lapel Pin
Yellow Ribbon w/ American Flag Support our Troops \$4.00 ea.

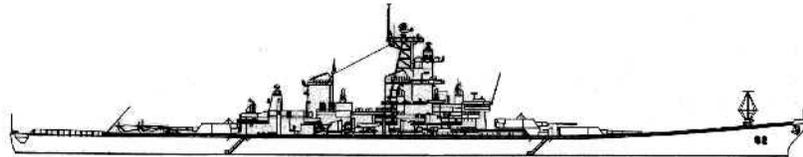
Tote Bags \$10.00

Patches All Era’s \$5.00 Each / \$22.00 Set

Chrome License Plate Frames \$9.00 each

Blue Background W/ White Letters Battleship Sailor (Top) - USS New Jersey BB-62 (Bottom)

SHIPPING AND HANDLING 1-2 Items \$5.99 3 or More \$7.99



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 _____

| City: | Year | | |
|----------------------|------|-------|-------|
| 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 | _____ | _____ |
| San Antonio, TX. | '06 | _____ | _____ |
| San Diego, CA. | '07 | _____ | _____ |
| Cherry Hill, NJ. | '08 | _____ | _____ |

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 _____

OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG

The Ship Small Stores
 Available on line at:

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



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

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)

USS NEW JERSEY
BB-62



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.

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

Section 3--Pricing

| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Eq.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Style I Badges | X | \$5.00 = | _____ |
| Style II Badges | X | \$3.00 = | _____ |
| Attachments | X | \$2.00 = | _____ |
| (From Back of Form) | | | |
| Shipping/Postage | | | \$2.00 |
| 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
 1603 Elder Avenue
 Chesapeake VA 23325



From The Membership Director

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



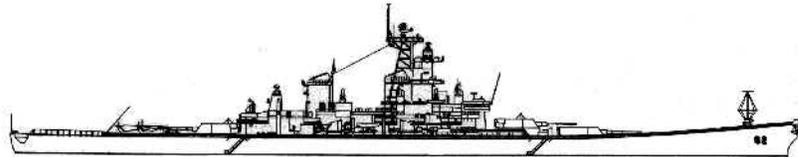
My, how time does fly. It hardly seems possible that the four-year term for this position is nearly over. I want to thank the many members who swamped my mailbox with dues payments within two weeks after the dues bills were mailed. Also impressive were the many notes that mentioned fond memories of service aboard USS New Jersey and the good times enjoyed at many of our Reunions.

This issue of the Jersey Bounce includes the names of new members and an update to the TAPS list. The numbers on these two lists are about the same. Our membership numbers are declining mainly because annually we must drop approximately 70 members who are over two years behind in paying their dues. If you do not plan to renew your membership, telling us the reason why will help us plan for the future.

John Hayes, Membership Chairman
USS New Jersey (BB-62)
FA Division/Weapons Department 1967-1969



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| <p><i>\$20.00 USS New Jersey Membership Application \$20.00</i></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____</p> <p>Division: _____ Rate / Rank _____ Era On Board _____</p> <p>Years on Board _____ Spouse: _____</p> <p>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 news letter mailed to you, please check the box.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> I would prefer to get the Bounce Mailed</p> | <p>Make Checks Payable To: USS New Jersey Veteran's Inc</p> <p>Mail To: John Hayes Membership Director 162 E Grand River Williamston, MI 48895-1450</p> |
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Welcome New Members of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

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|-----------------------|---------|--------------|
| William A. Mitchell | Lebanon | G-2 Division |
| David C. Posey | Lebanon | E Division |
| William O. Feild | Vietnam | R Division |
| Thomas P. McNaughton | Vietnam | E Division |
| Arthur L. Wolcott, Sr | Vietnam | M Division |
| Robert V. Capucci | Korea | 3rd Division |
| Thomas Kingry | Korea | 8th Division |
| Sheldon L. Long | Korea | S-3 Division |
| Haskel L. Partridge | Korea | 7th Division |
| Donald Carroll | WWII | Division |
| Henry B. Pierce | WWII | S Division |

Proposed Bi-Laws Changes

Article IV Annual Meetings

Section 1. Reads: An Annual Reunion, hence known as the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, shall be held in September or October of each year and at a site to be approved by a majority vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting. **Change to read: Shall be held in at a site and date approved by a majority of vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting.**

Section 2 a: Reads: The Board of Directors meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at a location pursuant to the President's designation as to date and time. Majority attendance of Board of Directors constitutes a quorum. **Change to read "Majority attendance of Board Members Present, attending Annual Meeting of the Corporation, constitutes a quorum."**

and add the following section:

Section 3. The Board of Directors, shall, when accepting the positions there of, be available for and attend the yearly reunion to be able to conduct their positional business unless dismissed by the President with reason.

Article VI Officers; Directors and Appointees

Section 1. The following officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting every four years (the first election to be in 2004), and if there is no contest, the election shall be by voice vote. If there is a contest, the election shall be by written ballot.

| | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| President-Director | Newsletter Editor-Director | Korea Era Rep.-Director | Vice President-Director |
| Small Stores-Director | Vietnam Era Rep.-Director | Secretary-Director | Veterans Affairs-Director |
| Lebanon/Persian Gulf Era Rep.-Director | | Treasurer-Director | Membership Chairman-Director |
| Member at Large-Director | Liaison Officer-Director | U.S. Marine Corp. Rep.-Director | Master at Arms-Director |
| Web-Master-Director | W. W. II Era Rep.-Director | | |

Change to remove US Marine Corp Rep (They would be covered by ERA Representative) and make Seating Coordinator a Directors Position. These should each be a separate Vote.



"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

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| William Polk Colvard | WWII | 03-31-2008 |
| Alvin L. Thompson | WWII, 5th Division | 03-15-2008 |
| John L. Gafford | WWII Plankowner | 09-03-2006 |
| Carl Altz II | Korea, 5th and 2nd Divisions | 03-14-2008 |
| Henry "Hank" Buckley | Korea, 5th Division | 01-23-2008 |
| Hugh Taylor | Korea, S-3 Division | 01-25-2008 |
| Norman R. Boissonneault | Vietnam, M Division | 01-09-2008 |
| Charles J. Hrenchir | WWII, 8th Division | 11-17-2007 |
| Chester Rader | WWII, M Division | 12-17-2007 |
| Ed Delvin | Korea, A Division | 12-13-2007 |
| Thomas A. Lynch | Korea, C Division | 11-28-2007 |
| Jerry Vitello | Korea, A Division | 11-15-2007 |
| Arthur Downs | Korea, M Division | |
| George Bacich | WWII, 4th Division | |
| James H. Suiter | Korea, H Division | |
| John Fazzini | WWII | |
| Jimmie Lee Hunn | Lebenon / Peacetime | 01-29-2008 |
| Mildred McDowell | Associate Member | 12-18-2007 |

Holy One, who gave us the gift of life and breath,
and whose love for us never ceases,
We give you thanks for these whose journey has
moved them beyond us.
We thank you
for the memories that we treasure because of them,
for the good that they shaped in us,
for enjoyment and growth that they called forth in us
In the silence we let them go from us,
while we will ever hold dear their memory.





Stamp Commemorating Beirut Bombing Victims

Multinational Peacekeeping Force



IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 18, 2007

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. GOODE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. COBLE, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in remembrance of the victims and in honor of the veterans of the peacekeeping mission in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1982 to 1984.

Whereas on the morning of October 23, 1983, at approximately 6:20 a.m., a truck packed with explosives broke security and detonated outside of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon;

Whereas 241 United States Military personnel were killed in the blast;

Whereas a total of 273 members of the Armed Services from 36 States across the United States were killed while serving in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1982 to 1984;

Whereas the servicemen were part of a multinational peacekeeping force;

Whereas the honor and sacrifice of the victims and veterans will never be forgotten;

Whereas remembering those who lost their lives and those who served in Beirut would enhance public awareness of the roots of the war on terror and strengthen public resolve to rid the world of evil;

Whereas October 23, 2008 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Beirut bombing; and

Whereas the Nation should celebrate the peace in the American spirit that was embodied in the mission of these fallen heroes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp in remembrance of the victims and in honor of the veterans of the Beirut peacekeeping mission; and

(2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

H.RES.887

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Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 12/18/2007) Cosponsors (18)

Latest Major Action: 12/18/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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