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**The 22<sup>nd</sup> reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The reunion committee has been working very hard to make this one of the best reunions ever. However, only your attendance can make the reunion a success. The reunion is a great opportunity for shipmates to get reacquainted, reminisce old sea stories, both true and fabricated. Meet old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the seafaring ambiance.**

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### TWO INCIDENTS HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR ORGANIZATION

#### The first incident directly involves our organization.

Since all the members of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. were not present at the last business meeting I want to provide a little background: At the General Membership Business Meeting held on September 20, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey a new set of directors were elected. This included Mr. Robert Gonzales as President and Mr. George Stavros as Vice President. At this time it was agreed that the new officers would not assume responsibility until the conclusion of the reunion.

Much to my surprise and chagrin, on November 24, 2008, Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Stavros resigned from their elected positions and also from the USS New Jersey Veterans Organization. These unanticipated resignations caused Mr. Joe DiMaria (secretary) and Mr. John Vance (treasurer) to temporarily assume the duties of president and vice-president respectively.

Mr. Mark Babcock (Liaison Director) immediately contacted the remaining directors with the information and procedure (per Roberts Rules of Order) to select an interim president and vice president until the next General Mem-

bership Business Meeting. The directors unanimously voted Mr. Joe DiMaria for interim President and Mr. John Vance as interim Vice-President. These gentlemen will continue to serve in their original elected positions as Secretary and Treasurer and interim President and Vice-President respectively. However, they are restricted to one vote.

I want to personally thank both Mr. DiMaria and Mr. Vance for stepping

I was informed that Mr. Troy Collins, President and CEO of the USS New Jersey Museum and Memorial (for the past 5 years) departed this position on January 20, 2009. Ms. Patricia Egan Jones, Chairwoman for the Home Port Alliance (HPA) announced that Mr. Jim Schuck assumed the duties of President and CEO. Mr. Schuck appears well qualified as he has been employed as the Chief Financial Officer for the past 3 years



In addition the Board of Trustees had suspended regular guided tours from January 5<sup>th</sup> until February 5<sup>th</sup> due to lack of operating funds.

The state of New Jersey was forced to cut partial funding to the HPA for the USS New Jersey Museum and Memorial by 1.4 million dollars. This represented approximately 40% of the

forward and assuming these positions on such a short notice.

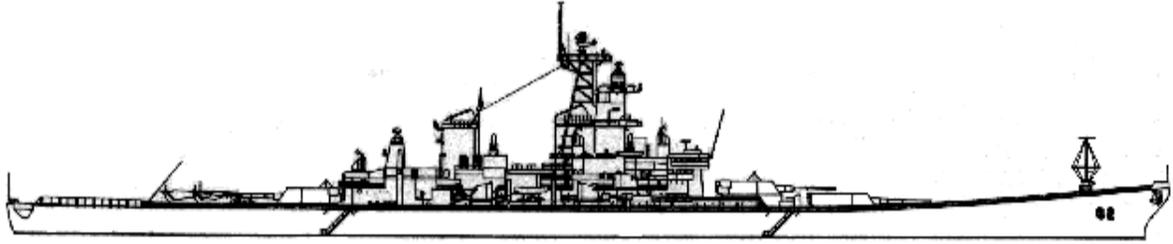
At the next General Membership Business meeting a permanent President and Vice-President will be elected to serve the remaining 3 years of the term.

#### The second incident involved the management and operations of the USS New Jersey BB-62 Museum and Memorial.

funds provided by the state for operation and maintenance of the ship.

Gentlemen the overall economy is not in very good shape and anything we, as either an organization or individual, can do to help the ship would be appreciated. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to:

Mrs. Claire Allamby  
62 Battleship Place  
Camden, NJ 08103



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**

**WHERE:** Crowne Plaza Hotel  
1201 Riverplace Blvd  
Jacksonville, Fl. 32207

**WHEN:** October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 800-227-6963 or  
904-398-8800

Mention the USS NEW JERSEY REUNION

Special group rates available October 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Handicapped Rooms Available

Free parking, make sure you notify front desk upon arrival

Reservations received after September 6, 2009 may not qualify for  
The special group rate

Cancellation Policy requires notification 72 hours prior to scheduled  
arrival

<b>COST:</b>	<b>Standard City View</b>	<b>\$115.00 Plus tax</b>
	<b>Standard River View</b>	<b>\$135.00 Plus tax</b>
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Check In Time:	4:00 PM
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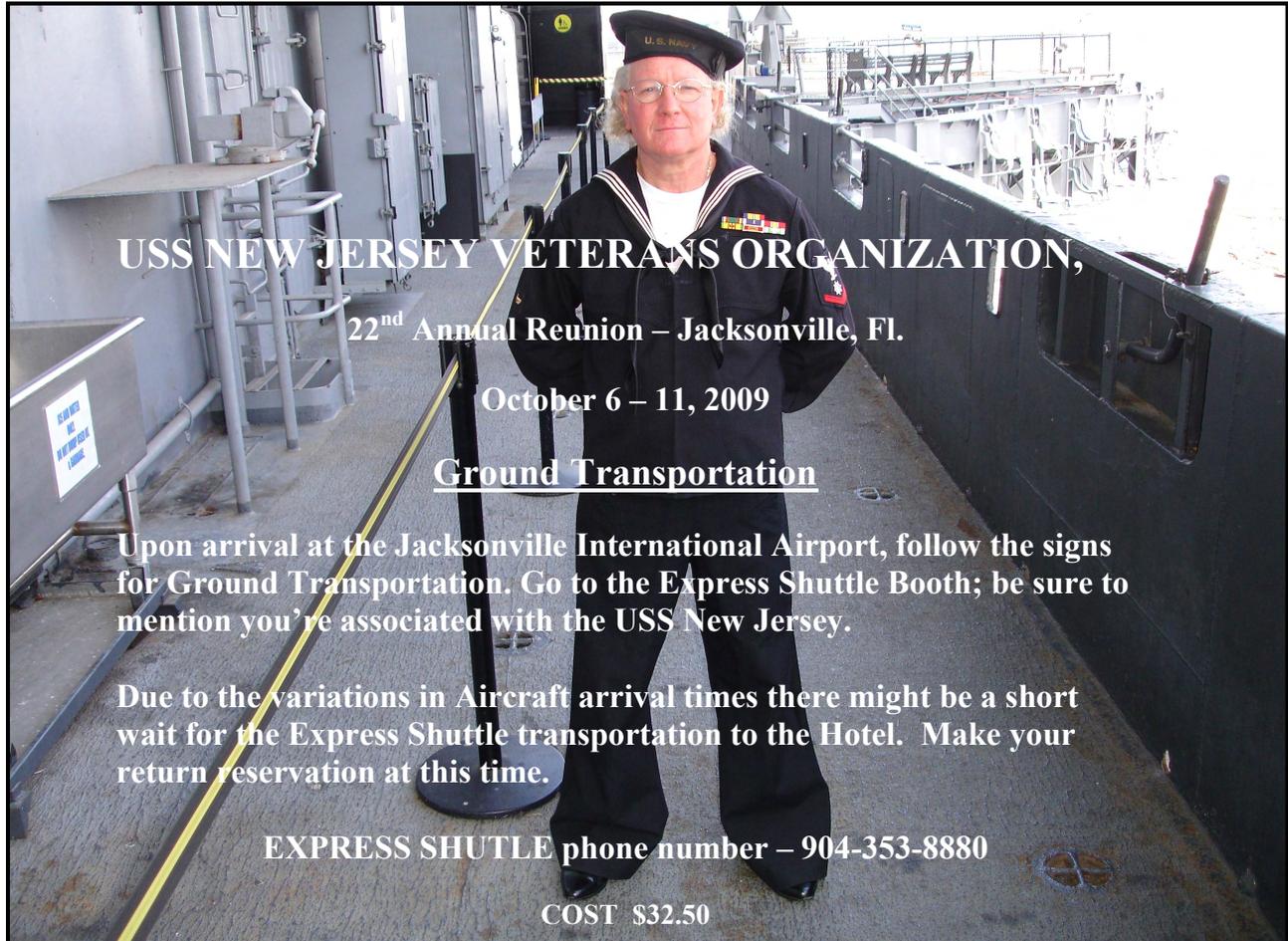
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February 25, 2009

Dear John Vance:

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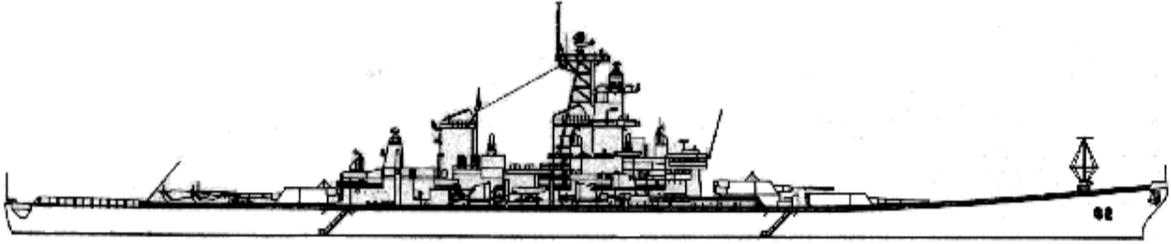


**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION,**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reunion – Jacksonville, Fl.  
October 6 – 11, 2009  
Ground Transportation

Upon arrival at the Jacksonville International Airport, follow the signs for Ground Transportation. Go to the Express Shuttle Booth; be sure to mention you're associated with the USS New Jersey.

Due to the variations in Aircraft arrival times there might be a short wait for the Express Shuttle transportation to the Hotel. Make your return reservation at this time.

**EXPRESS SHUTLE phone number – 904-353-8880**  
**COST \$32.50**



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

**INFORMATION FOR SEATING**

**PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION**

1. Paid meal reservation must be made prior to seating.
2. Request for Banquet seating will be accepted between June 1 and Sept. 15, 2009

**NOTE:                    Anyone requesting handicapped seating must notify the Seating Chairman prior to September 15, 2009**

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 make 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 RESERVATION.**

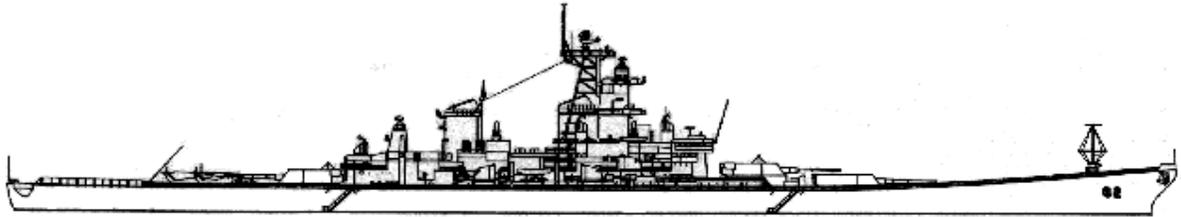
4. Seating requests can be made through E-Mail, telephone, or letter.

**NOTE: Messages left on an answering machine are not always reliable.**

5. Send the names of all the individuals to the seating coordinator (10 persons per table)

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11, 2009

**PLAN OF THE WEEK**

**Wednesday October 7, 2009**

Check in day – Crowne Plaza Hotel Jacksonville, Fl.

- 0900 Registration, Small Stores, Hospitality Room Opens (Osceola & Kingsley Rooms)
- 1400 Directors Meeting (De Leon)
- 1630 Registration, Small Stores, Hospitality Room Closes
- 1900 Welcome Aboard Reception (Pool Side)

**Thursday October 8, 2009**

- 0630 Breakfast Buffet (American Grill Café)
- 0900 Registration, Small Stores, Hospital Room Opens (Osceola & Kingsley Rooms)
- 0915 St. Augustine Historic Tour (meet in Lobby)
- 0930 Veteran's Memorial Wall, Jacksonville City Tour, Anheuser-Busch Tour (meet in Lobby)
- 1630 Registration, Small Store Closes
- 2100 Hospitality Room Closes

**Friday October 9, 2009**

- 0630 Breakfast Buffet (American Grill Café)
- 1000 Memorial Service Commence (Lone Sailor Statue)
- 1100 Memorial Service Reception (Pool Side)
- 1200 Registration, Small Store, Hospital Room Opens (Osceola & Kingsley Rooms)
- 1630 Registration, Small Store Closes
- 1730 River Cruise and dinner (Meet in Lobby)

**Saturday October 10, 2009**

- 0630 Breakfast Buffet (American Grill Café)
- 0900 Business Meeting (Duval Room)
- 1200 Small Stores, Hospital Room Opens (Osceola & Kingsley Rooms)
- 1600 Small Stores, Hospital Room Closes
- 1900 Dinner Dance Banquet

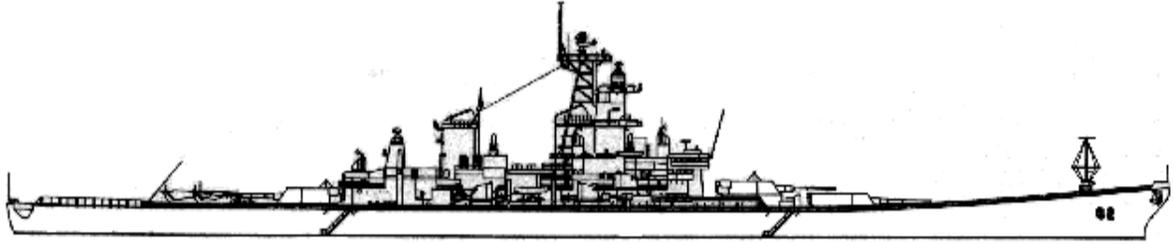
**Sunday October 11, 2009**

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME,**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE NEXT YEAR**







## **USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE LUNCHEON**

#### **MENU**

Assorted Finger Sandwiches  
Traditional English Scones with Butter & Preserves  
Assorted Pastries  
Chantilly Cream and Lemon Curd  
Assorted Domestic and Imported Chesses

Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee  
Selection of Hot Tazo Teas, Honey, and Lemon  
Sweet & Unsweetened Iced Tea  
Bottle Water  
Keg of Beer



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*The cruise will commence and end in downtown Jacksonville on the majestic St. John's River. The St. John's is one of two major rivers (the other being the Nile) in the Northern hemisphere that flows to the North.*

*5:45pm Meet in Lobby/depart hotel*

*6:00pm Cruise departs*

*8:00pm Cruise returns*

*8:00pm Return to hotel*

*Your tour includes:*

- *Two hour river cruise*
- *Active Escapes representative available during activities*
- *3 course buffet dinner on the ship*
- *All taxes, gratuities, and coordination*

***Price: \$55 (dinner) per person (based on a minimum of 50 participants)***

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## *St. Augustine Historic Tour*

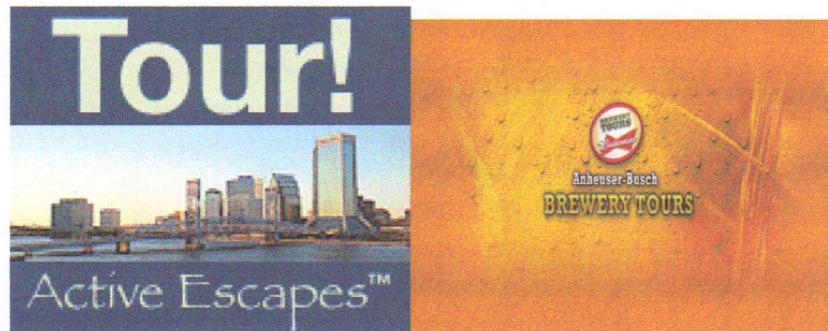


*Your professional tour guide meets the group dressed in period costume. We cover 450 years of colorful history: the Ponce de Leon discovery, the pirate days of Sir Francis Drake, the Spanish and English colonial years, and the Victorian Flagler era. We tour all the major sites and stop at the Castillo de San Marcos, the fort that was never captured in battle. St. Augustine was also the first winter resort for the rich and famous during the Gilded Age. Hear how Henry Flagler built the most opulent hotels of the day and turned the city into the "Newport of the South". The second stop will be the Venetian Renaissance gem of Flagler Memorial Church. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.*

*This tour will be conducted on our coach and will be a 2-hour tour. Once this memorable tour is complete, our guides will lead you to the historic district and make some lunch recommendations. Then you are on your own for lunch and shopping in St. Augustine's unique historic district. What a wonderful way to enjoy our nation's oldest city!*



***Veteran's Memorial Wall, Jacksonville City Tour  
Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour***

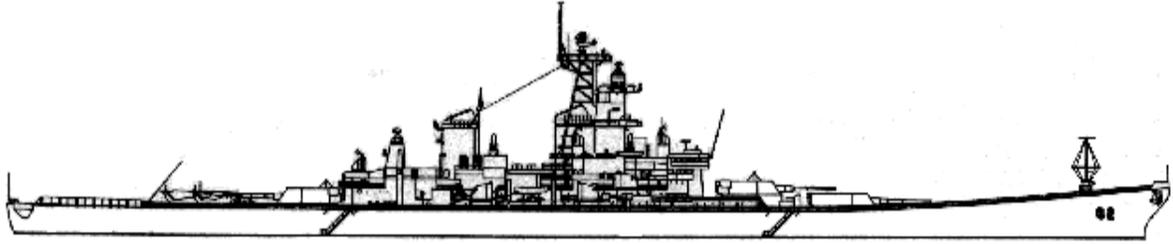


*This unique two-hour tour of Jacksonville, the "River City" will highlight the defining sites of its history and cultural downtown locations. Commencing at the waterfront Jacksonville Landing, our guide will trace the city's roots to its origin as "Cowford". Learn of the Timuquan Indians, the area's first inhabitants and French and Spanish colonization 55 years before the Pilgrims landed in the New World. The historic neighborhood of San Marco will give the visitor a view of beautiful homes along River Road and its shopping district will be our location for lunch. Modern points of interest include the Jacksonville Veteran's Memorial Wall in downtown Jacksonville. This Memorial Wall is unique in that it lists the veterans of Duval County that have died during wartime service by the high schools in which they attended.*

*Lunch will be at Jacksonville's Premier Riverfront Restaurant, River City Brewing Company. Overlooking the Jacksonville skyline and the St. John's River, this restaurant offers delectable cuisine and an on-site microbrewery.*

*The Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour features an open-air gallery overlooking the floor of the Brew Hall, which offers an excellent step-by-step look at the all-Natural Budweiser brewing process. You will marvel at the speed and efficiency of the bottling and canning operations. Midway through the tour, relax in the Hospitality Room over complimentary tastings of the popular beers.*

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**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reunion – Jacksonville, Fl.**

**DINNER DANCE BANQUET**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2009**

1830 Doors Open  
1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

**Menu**

**Salad**

Garden Fresh Greens with Sliced Cucumber and Vine Ripe Tomato

**Entrée**

**Chicken Oscar**

Chicken Breast and Lump Crabmeat with a Béarnaise Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes with Fresh Grilled Asparagus

OR

**Grilled Salmon**

Salmon Filet Marinated with Pesto Served on Yellow Rice and Fresh Market Vegetables

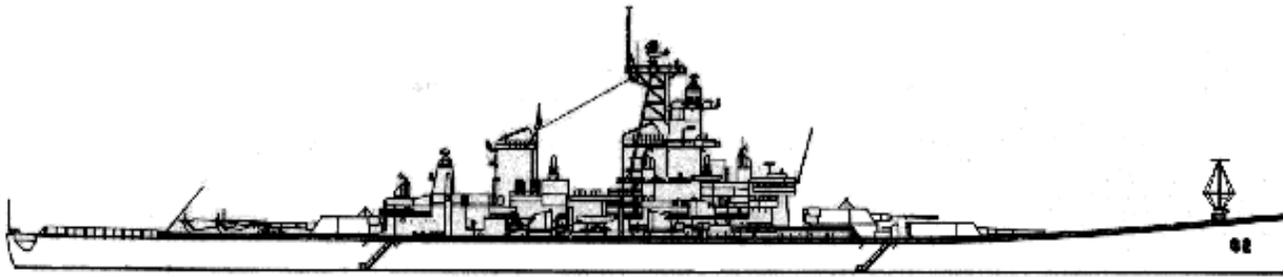
OR

**New York Strip Steak Au Poivre**

NY Strip Loin with Peppercorns and a Rich Cream Sauce, Herb infused Mashed Potatoes With Fresh Market Vegetables

**Dessert**

Chef's Sweet Dessert du Jour



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I wish to take a few minutes to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

As most of you know, there have been a few changes since our last reunion. The president and vice president both resigned within 2 months following our reunion. The Board of Directors voted to have John Vance, (our treasurer), and myself, (our secretary), move up to vice president and president until the next reunion in Jacksonville, Fl. Presently, we are in the 2 positions. My name can be nominated as president with your approval at the reunion, John would rather just do the position of treasurer, and therefore, we will need a vice president. I will finish the term until the next regular election which should be in 2012 if approved by the membership. We will also need a secretary and a reunion coordinator. If you are interested in any position, please contact me, or any other Board member.

I have appointed two well qualified people to co-chair the Scholarship Committee. The names are Pam Calhoun & Patricia DiMaria. If you know of a potential applicant for the scholarship, please download the application and requirements from the website. Just a reminder, ([www.ussnewjersey.org](http://www.ussnewjersey.org)). Once the application is completed, please have them mailed to me, I will then forward to the committee. Applications are due by 7/25/09

We will be having our 2009 reunion at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jacksonville, Fl. I realize that Charleston, SC was voted on earlier, but by the time we looked into it all facilities in Charleston were already booked or unable to hold our group. I then started looking for 2010, but the prices are extremely high. If you notice, we received a good rate for Jacksonville. We will be able to have our Memorial Service at The Lone Sailor, this is within

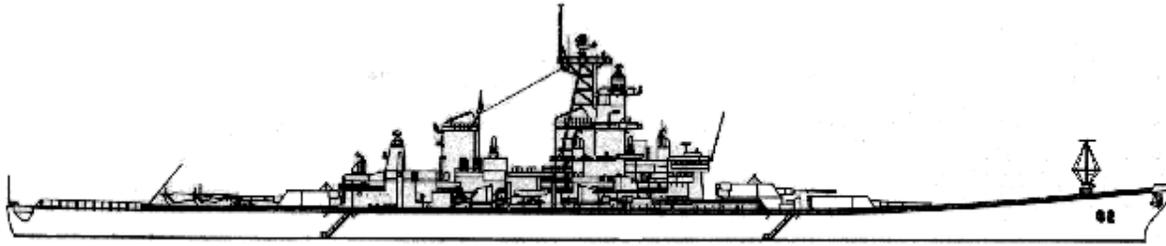
walking distance of the hotel, and we will have a small luncheon after the Memorial Service.

We are all set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion, it will be held at the Holiday Inn Select/Opryland in Nashville, Tn. The room rate is \$109.00 per night. This rate will include a full breakfast buffet; the rate is good for 3 days prior to the reunion and 3 day after. There is a free shuttle to and from the airport. We are looking at some tours with a show at Opryland on Friday evening.

At Jacksonville, Fl. Reunion we will be voting on the location for 2011 and 2012.

Joe DiMaria  
President/Secretary





**NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Fellow Shipmates

I would like to thank everyone for sending in their 2009 dues, my mailman thanks you as well!

When I agreed to be your Membership Director I thought I knew what was involved, I did not. Your response was overwhelming.

Over the past six months I have received notes from old shipmates, new applications for membership, "small world" surprises (neighbor and high school graduates New Jersey Veteran members that I was unaware of) and sadly notification of members passing.

Many thanks go to John Hayes, the previous Membership Director for holding my hand through months of instruction. He walked me through the job responsibilities and added to my computer skills. I can't thank him enough.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, more new members would make for more enjoyable re-unions.

Our membership includes those who have already located and contacted many ex-shipmates who have added to our enjoyment at past reunions. They are more than willing to share step by step instructions about the process to anyone only barely computer literate.

Thanks for your patience when you were billed even though your membership had been paid. I am updating records and hope to avoid any future miscommunication.

The Jacksonville re-union is right around the corner. I hope to see "new faces", that in a large part depends on all of us putting out the word

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely  
 Steve Sheehan  
 Membership Director  
 Viet Nam E-Division

**APPLICATION FORM FOR PRESENT & NEW MEMBERS**

Fee: \$20.00 Make Checks Payable To: USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

Mail the following form to:  
 Steve Sheehan  
 1209 Cumberland Rd. Abington, PA 19001

NAME: _____	ADDRESS: _____
DIVISION; _____	CITY: _____
ERA & CALENDAR YEAR ABOARD: _____	STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
RATE/RANK: _____	SPOUSE: _____



**FROM THE DESK  
OF THE NEWS EDITOR**



**PUSAN KOREA**

This is my second attempt at Editing the Bounce. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Fall 2008 publication. I will strive to enhance each issue with items of interest which will including a new page of nautical question, (and answers). I want to make the Bounce an item that all the members are anxiously to receive.

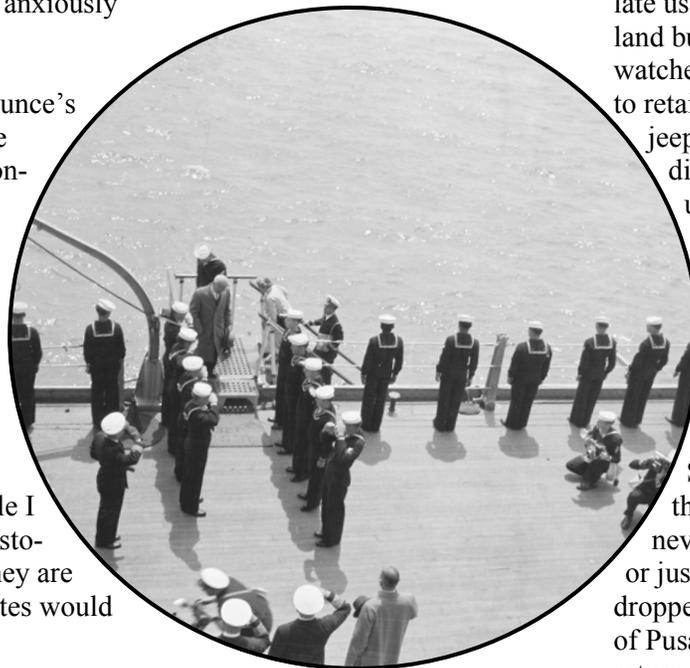
During the second cruise to Korea the ship experienced several visits from Syngman Rhee, President of Korea, and his entourage which included his wife and cabinet members.

I fully understand that the Bounce's primary function is to provide members with information concerning both the organization and the ship. The spring issue will have all the necessary information for the reunion and the fall issue will provide a synopsis of the reunion

In order to make the Bounce more interesting and enjoyable I need your help. We all have stories to tell. You might feel they are insignificant but your shipmates would enjoying reading about them.

Mr. John Garrison Jr. a World War II veteran would like to see more stories from that ERA. My personal experiences were all related to the Korean War. Yes, I could go to the archives at the Naval Memorial in Washington, DC and get information but this information would not have the personal touch as coming from our members.

How can we improve the Bounce, I am open to all suggestions. However, using color pictures is prohibited due to associated publication costs. I have strived to accommodate color pictures in the web version of the Bounce.

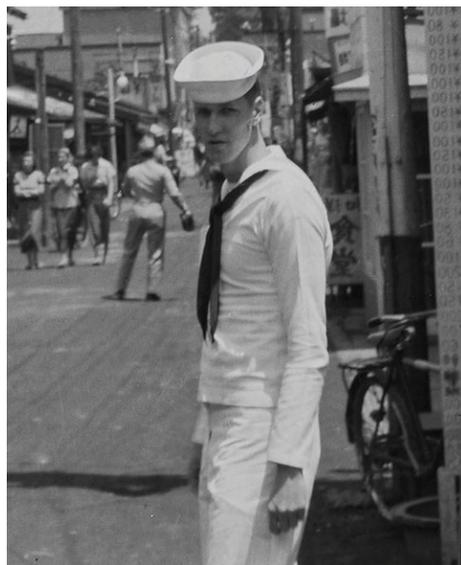


days. This provided several of us from 'K' division to visit Pusan. This was a real experience. There were seven or eight in our group and we walked down one of the main streets until we were surrounded by Koreans. These Koreans were not present to congratulate us for helping to save their homeland but were attempted to steal our watches and money. We battled them to retain our watches until MPs in a jeep drove up. The Koreans immediately ran away. The MPs told us that the area was extremely unsafe and we should go back to the Enlisted man's Club. They escorted us to the Enlisted man's Club. After a few drinks a siren sounded indicating we were under an air raid. We went to the Air Raid Shelter for several hours until the all clear was sounded (we never knew if it was a real air raid or just a drill, since NO bombs were dropped). We had experienced enough of Pusan and Korea and were happy to return to the safety of our ship.

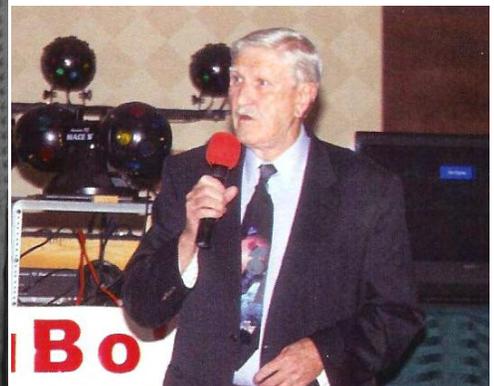
In retrospect, it was strange how a little excitement quenched our thirst.

Nick Rasch  
News Editor

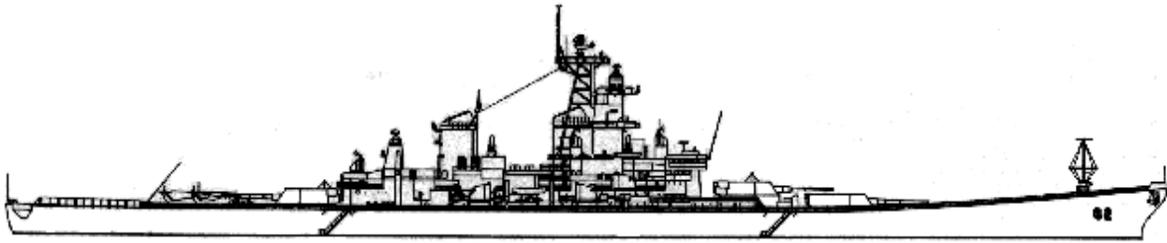
During one of these visits the ship remained anchored in port for several



Sasabo Japan 1953



Cherry Hill , New Jersey 2008



The Veteran's Corner  
MA1 Michael F. Prime USN/RET

Shipmates,

Greetings from the cold and snowy northeast. I'm sure many of us can't wait for the warm weather to arrive.

As you read this edition of the Bounce, you will see that all arrangements are

ready for our next reunion. I know it seems like a long way off but it will be here before we know it.

As promised, in the last Bounce, you will find many helpful phone numbers and web sites to help you with many Veteran related questions or concerns

that you may have.

See you all in the fall.

Mike

## Division of Veterans' Affairs

### U.S. vets eligible for Korean War Medal

America's military veterans of the Korean War are now eligible to accept and wear a medal initially offered by the government of South Korea nearly a half century ago.

In 1951, South Korea offered to all service men and women who fought under the banner of the United Nations, the "Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM)."

While military personnel from other nations accepted the medal, American law at that time prohibited members of its armed forces from wearing medals issued by foreign governments.

The law was changed in 1954, but South Korea did not renew its offer of the service medal until 1998.

This past May, in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, the South Korean government announced it would again make the medal available to U.S. veterans, or to their surviving next of kin.

The United States Air Force has been designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals.

To be eligible, a veteran must have served between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953 in the territorial limits of Korea, its adjacent water or in the air over Korea. A copy of the veterans military discharge or other acceptable proof of service must be provided.

Additional information on how to apply can be obtained by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 558-1404, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, or by writing to: Headquarters, AFPC/DPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, 78150-4714.



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### VISN 2: Veterans' Wellness, Fall 2008

#### Useful Web sites and hotlines to make your life easier

Each of these entries offers free, reliable and professional information



VA National Center for Patient Safety

[www.patientsafety.gov](http://www.patientsafety.gov)\*

VA National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

[www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/index.jsp](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/index.jsp)

VA National Hepatitis C Program

[www.hepatitis.va.gov](http://www.hepatitis.va.gov)

VA National HIV/AIDS Program

[www.hiv.va.gov](http://www.hiv.va.gov)

VA Suicide Prevention lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

VA Public Health Influenza (Flu)

[www.publichealth.va.gov/flu](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu)

Department of Veterans Affairs

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York

[www.visn2.va.gov](http://www.visn2.va.gov)

VA federal benefits for veterans and dependents

<http://www1.va.gov/OPA/IS1/index.asp>

Healthier US

[www.healthierusveterans.va.gov](http://www.healthierusveterans.va.gov)

VA Mental Health

[www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov)

VA National Center for Health Promotion and  
Disease Prevention

[www.prevention.va.gov](http://www.prevention.va.gov)

(Weight Management Program for Veterans)

[www.move.va.gov](http://www.move.va.gov)

ANGEL FLIGHT NE

(provides free flights for military personnel and veterans  
and their families to access medical care)

[www.angelflightne.org](http://www.angelflightne.org)

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

(information on military, civilian and retired pay)

[www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil)

Fisher House Foundation

(donates "comfort homes" on grounds of military and VA  
medical centers that enable family members to be close to a  
loved one during hospitalization)

[www.move.va.gov](http://www.move.va.gov)

Military.com

(links to all things military and veteran oriented)

[www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

(Weight Management Program for Veterans)

[www.move.va.gov](http://www.move.va.gov)

My Healthy Vet

(a personal online health record and health library)

[www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES : VETERANS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES

(to request copies of military discharges, service personnel  
records and service medical records)

[www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html)

TRICARE

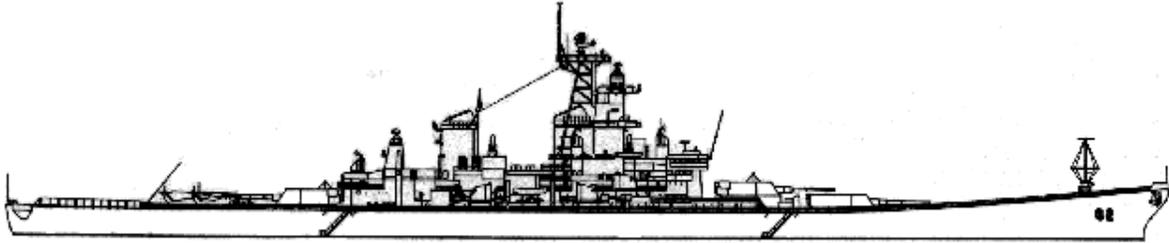
(information on medical insurance for military retirees and  
their families)

[www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil)

WebMD

(excellent source of general medical information)

[www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com)



## Division of Veterans' Affairs

### VA links diabetes to Agent Orange Exposure

Vietnam veterans with Type-II diabetes are now eligible for disability compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on their presumed exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides.

The VA's decision to add diabetes to the list of presumptive diseases associated with herbicide exposure was announced in December by Acting Secretary Hershel W. Gober. VA officials, however, cautioned it will take several months to write the rules before Vietnam veterans with diabetes can begin applying for disability compensation.

The decision follows the latest in a series of reports by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) examining the impact of herbicide exposure on veterans' health. IOM researchers found "limited/suggestive" evidence of an association between the chemicals used in herbicides during the Vietnam War and adult-onset (Type-II) diabetes.

This announcement begins a 60-day period for VA to publish proposed rules for implementing this change in benefits. After the rules are published, a 90-day period begins during which VA will seek input to the proposal, including a public comment period. When this process is complete, VA will publish final rules for implementing the change.

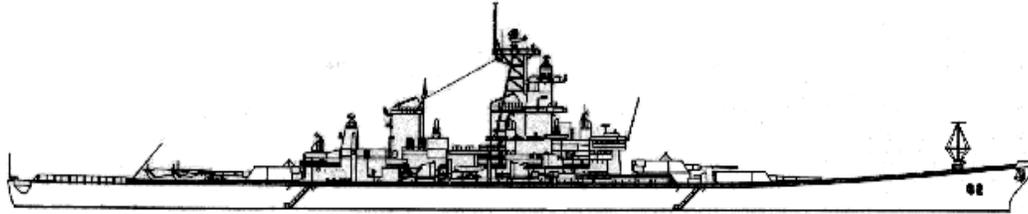
Vietnam veterans do not have to wait for this process to receive VA medical care for diabetes. They can enroll in VA's health care system immediately and begin receiving the care they need.

State Veteran Counselors can assist Vietnam veterans with diabetes in collecting information and data that can be used in supporting a claim for VA compensation once federal rules are developed and announced.

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Diabetes mellitus is characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to process the hormone insulin. More than 90-percent of the 16 million diabetics in the United States are categorized as Type-II, which occurs primarily in adults.

Approximately 16-percent of veterans receiving care in VA medical facilities have been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death and the leading cause of blindness in the United States.



**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

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# Fact Sheet

August 2007

## Military Funeral Honors

The Department of Defense (DoD) provides military funeral honors at the burials of veterans on request. Funeral honors can be given at private or government-operated cemeteries.

For military funeral honors, the rights of veterans and the responsibilities of the federal government were written into a law, the National Defense Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-65), which took effect in 2000.

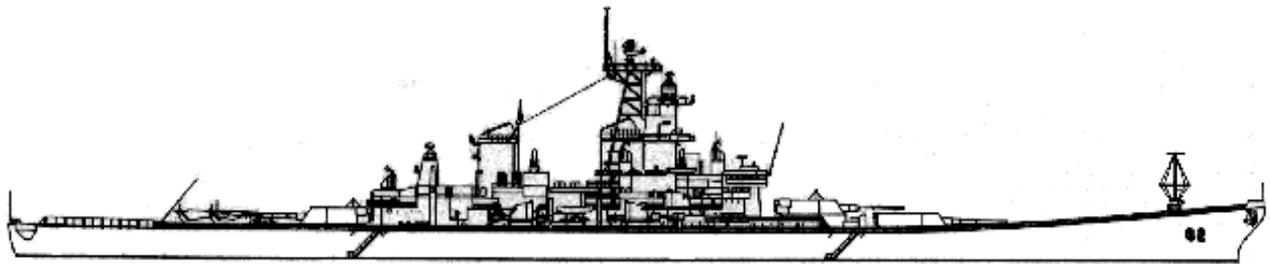
Military funeral honors include the presence of a funeral honors detail to fold and present the U.S. flag and play "Taps," either by a high-quality recording or by a bugler. The law defines a military funeral honors detail as two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the veteran's branch of military service.

Funeral home directors request funeral honors from DoD, whether burial is in a national cemetery or another cemetery. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) staff at national cemeteries also can assist to arrange funeral honors at VA national cemeteries.

Some local veterans organizations may provide military funeral honors or assist military members rendering honors. When honors are desired at a national cemetery, they are arranged by the funeral home in advance of the committal service. A few VA national cemeteries are served by veterans groups or other volunteers who regularly provide funeral honors.

DoD maintains a military funeral honors web site at [www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil). Questions or comments concerning the program may be sent to this DoD address:

Department of Defense  
Directorate for Public Inquiry and Analysis  
Room 3A750, The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1400



## NOTES FROM THE SMALL STORES DIRECTOR

Shipmates,

There has been alot going on in regards to the ships store. I have been in contact with some new distributors about some new merchandise. As with everything prices have gone up and I have to pass them along. I have tried to get the best prices to keep the cost down. There will be a 10% increase on merchandise. That will cover our costs and still be inexpen-

sive. I have been doing business with some old suppliers and their costs are high. I will be dealing with local suppliers and I will not have to pay for shipping. Thats a big savings there. I will be getting new merchandise in for future sales. That will include mens, womens and youth. They will be put on the website when I get it all set up. If there is something that you would like to see then by all means send me

an E-mail or call me with your ideas. I will work to get it and make it available. Prior to sending in an order please call about availability. I have placed and order for items but best to confirm first.

John Chase,  
Small Stores Director  
Email: [Rangertruikin@aol.com](mailto:Rangertruikin@aol.com)  
Phone: 603-286-7065



## Letter from Acting Chaplain;

Fellow Shipmates, Friends, USS New Jersey Vets. Inc.

Ha! Remember in the Fall Issue of the Bounce, I bid adieu.

Well! I'm back,

But only on a temporary basis until the organization can get a replacement.

I will be keeping a tally of our shipmates who have passed away and sending out "Sympathy Cards" to relatives of our deceased shipmates. If you know of any shipmate that has passed, whether a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. member, past or current and any non-member but still an ex-

crewmember, please send me their names, div and date of passing for the roster. You can do this VIA, the Liaison Officer, Mark Babcock or the Membership Chairman, Steve Sheehan.

In keeping with tradition, "Heavenly Father, as the days and months pass, keep a watchful eye on our shipmates and families, Your flock. May You guide them and keep them and their loved ones under Your wing and protection. May Your spirit be with us as we venture into this new year with hope for peace, health, wisdom and prosperity. May You guide the new members of the Board of Directors and Staff in their quest for

ideal presentations for the organization and its members. We ask this in Your Holy Name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen"

Resp. Yours,  
"Larry K."

Larry Kalakauskis, BTC USN Ret.

Acting Chaplain

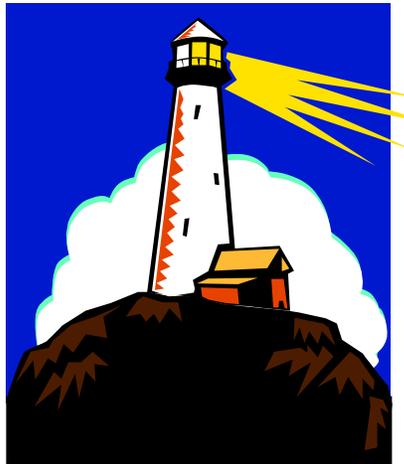




## NOTES FROM THE LEBANON/PERSIAN GULF ERA DIRECTOR

I just want to say hello to past shipmates, and let them know that I am ERA Director for Lebanon-Persian Gulf. My name is Danny Fielder I served on board the New Jersey from March 1982 to October 1984. My wife and I attended the reunion in Cherry Hill New Jersey last year and had a real enjoyable time. There were not many to represent our ERA, hoping that will change this year. We really need to think about the history behind such prestigious warship as **THE BATTLE SHIP NEW JERSEY**. I was really taken back in time. It's not about when you served onboard; it's the fact that you did serve onboard. A group of electricians from Vietnam took my wife and me under their wings, and made us feel at home. The

USS NEW JERSEY having participated in WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM, LEBANON and the PERSIAN GULF made a lot of history, a lot of stories, but few to be



able to claim to be part of this family. I urge whoever can come to Jacksonville this year, to try and put the effort. Thanks MM3 Daniel C. Fielder

My contacts  
Danny Fielder  
5198 Bethesda Rd.  
Crystal Springs, Ms.39059  
Phone (601)892-6086  
Cell (601)955-8233  
E-Mail:  
gulfstatedanny@aol.com



## MERITORIOUS MEMBER

### LARRY KALAKAUSKIS

Mr. Larry Kalakauskis is recognized as the *Meritorious Member* of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. for the 2009 Spring Issue of the Bounce.

My initial contact with Mr. Larry Kalakauskis was upon attending my first reunion, held in Washington, DC, (2004). I remember seeing this big man and immediately thought 'He had to be a Chief Boatswain's Mate.' He fit the bill of a Chief Boatswain's Mate, a big man, going around the banquet hall like a Bull in a China shop.

My next encounter with Mr. Kalakauskis was in San Antonio. He was working the reception desk and I ask if he was Joe Porampo. He just laughed and laughed. As I soon learned Joe Parambo is about 1/3 the size of Larry. Again Larry was everywhere helping here and then there, doing whatever had to be done to make the reunion a success.

At the San Diego reunion Larry again showed his mettle. Prior to the start of the reunion, the reunion coordinator resigned. The directors were stunned but again Larry stepped forward and took responsibility and control of the reunion. Larry did an outstanding job and the reunion was a total success.

At the last reunion Larry helped when ask. He worked in the Small Store, at the reception desk, and when ask, participated as the auctioneer at the Blind Auction. Larry had never tried his hand at auctioneering but his effort brought in \$718.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

Prior to the conclusion of the last reunion, Larry's wife was experiencing serious health problems, Larry decided he was needed at home and did not run for office. Well we know that Larry just couldn't stay away and volunteered to be the interim Chaplin.

#### USS NEW JERSEY ATTACHMENT

Larry volunteered and was assigned to the New Jersey in 1967. He was one of the original 19 enlisted men assigned for the recommissioning of the ship. Larry served in Fire Room # 2 as a Boiler Technician for 21 months which included a tour to Viet Nam.

During the Viet Nam tour the ship fired more 16 inch shells at enemy positions than it did during 2 tours to Korea.



**Larry Kalakauskis 2007**

#### ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Larry joined the organization in 1982 and attended 19 reunions. During this period he had served one term as Vice President. He and Ed McDowell were coordinators for 7 reunions. Larry and Ed Campbell were instrumental in establishing the Web site and Larry was influential in revising the Bi-Laws.

In addition to the aforementioned he established the position of Era Representative.

We are all proud to be associated with Larry, both as a shipmate and as an individual.

8-A—THE DETROIT NEWS— Wednesday, March 12, 196



LAWRENCE A. KALAKAUSKIS MRS. M. OESTERWIND  
Ship has place in his heart "Such a beautiful thing"

Son died at sea in '51

### **Mother is consoled by letter from sailor**

By Charles Manos  
Detroit News Staff Writer  
(March 15, 1969)

Her fingers fumbled nervously over the package from Vietnam. "You have to try to be happy," said Mrs. Mildred Oesterwind a 60 year old widow.

Tears streamed down her face as she unraveled the paper around a small silver plaque and two gold plated emblems of the USS New Jersey.

A letter from Lawrence A. Kalakauskis, Boiler Tender first class, U.S. Navy explained the gift. Mr. Kalakauskis explained that he had seen an article from the Detroit News stating that when Mrs. Oesterwind saw a television report of the USS New Jersey shelling North Vietnam targets she cried, "THAT'S MY SHIP."

Her son, Robert, was only 20 when he was killed in action aboard the USS New Jersey off the east coast of Korea in 1951.

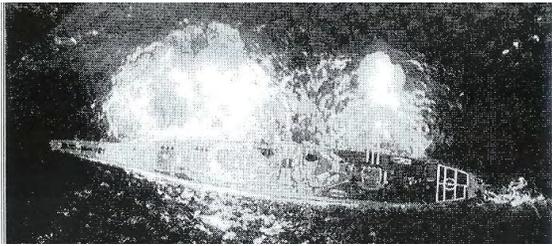
Larry explained that "This is one ship that will always have a place in my heart, as she does in yours." He went on to explain that serving aboard the Big 'J' was a very rewarding experience and could imagine how her son felt when he served on her. Larry said that in the 11 1/2 years he served in the Navy he never had such a love for a ship until reporting aboard the USS New Jersey.



## NAUTICAL QUESTIONS

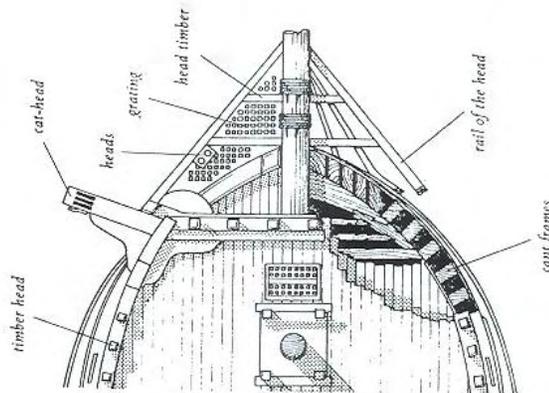
1. Where did the term 'HEAD' originate from?
2. Which state or states never had its name carried on a commissioned US Battleship?
3. How many battleships were named New Jersey and when were they commissioned?
4. How far does a battleship move sideways when they fire a full broadside.? (Include the Bismarck and Yamato)

## ANSWERS



Take a close look at the wake of the battleship. See how straight it is? If the ship had really been pushed sideways by the broadside, you would see a "kink" in the wake indicating a sideward movement. If there are any doubters I have the calculations and would be more than glad to share them. Either send me an Email or write for the information.

1. The term 'Head' comes from sailing ship days when the sailors did not have toilet facilities and had to go to the safety net rigged under the bowsprit (head of the ship) to attend to their bodily functions. Consequently the name 'Head' was adopted and it is still used by all sailors.
2. The answer is Montana. Both BB 51 and BB 67 were assigned the name Montana but neither were built. There was an earlier warship named Montana which did serve but it was an armored cruiser.
3. The name New Jersey was assigned to two (2) battleships. The first being BB-16 commissioned in 1906 and the second being the BB-62 commissioned in 1943.
4. Contrary to common belief the battleship firing a full 19 gun broadside would not move a millimeter in water.



### HEADS

The vessel's lavatory, which was formerly a grating over the bow of the BREAK-HEAD

## **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC will continue providing annual Scholarship Awards. 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 Awards must be received by the committee not later than July 25, 2009.**

### GUIDELINES:

- 1 No committee member's family or relatives are eligible for an award.
- 2 Scholarship will be awarded to deserving students who have maintained at least a "B" or 3.0 grade point average.
- 3 Students must be a graduating senior, attending an accredited high school / vocation technical institution. Graduating in the Class of 2009.
- 4 Applications must be recommended by their high school guidance 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 accomplished through the USS New Jersey Veterans Newsletter and on the Internet. Information and application forms are available on the Internet reference:

E-MAIL [WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG](http://WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG)

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Any son, daughter or grandchild of a member in good standing, included children of a Member in good standing who passed away during the current membership year. (Must had been a USS New Jersey Veteran)
2. Must be a high school senior graduating in class of 2009.
3. Official transcripts for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, submitted with application.
4. Two (2) academic references.
5. Student's Personal Resume
6. Student's essay completed on the internet
7. Name of educational/technical institution to be attended.
8. Scholarship winners will be notified by phone and a follow-up letter from the President of the  
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

**Eligibility requirements, items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 must be submitted to the secretary, Joe DiMaria ([joedimaria@msn.com](mailto:joedimaria@msn.com)) by either standard mail (postmarked July 18, 2009) or Email by July 25, 2009.**

Katie E. Daigle  
257 Highland Drive  
Mandeville, LA 70471  
(985) 626-3328

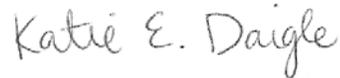
January 27, 2009

Mr. Joseph DiMaria  
Secretary  
USS New Jersey Veterans Organization, Inc.  
645 Brisa Court  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Dear Mr. DiMaria:

I wanted to express my gratitude for being selected to receive the USS New Jersey Scholarship. It has certainly eased the burden of my college expenses at Louisiana State University. My first semester was challenging, but I am happy to report that it was successful. (Please see attached letter.) I would like to assure you and all of the members of the USS New Jersey Veterans Organization that I appreciate their support and am proud to represent their organization.

Sincerely,



Katie E. Daigle

Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Vance  
Treasurer



Office of the Chancellor

January 13, 2009

Ms. Katie Elizabeth Daigle  
PO Box 17950  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Katie:

Congratulations on earning a 4.00 grade point average last semester! Your achievement is a marvelous one, and I am delighted that your success has garnered you a spot on the Fall 2008 Chancellor's Honor Roll. I know you and your family are equally as pleased.

The caliber of the LSU student body grows increasingly impressive. As it does, our students are conquering the intellectual challenges they face in the classroom and further advancing the National Flagship Agenda by strengthening the University's reputation as a school of excellence.

Thank you for contributing to this effort and for representing LSU so well. I wish you continued success in your academic pursuits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael V. Martin", written in a cursive style.

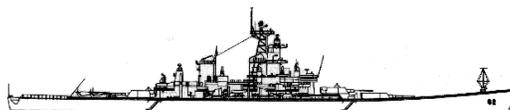
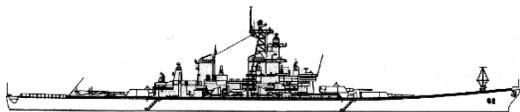
Michael Martin  
Chancellor

# USS NEW JERSEY BB 62      NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

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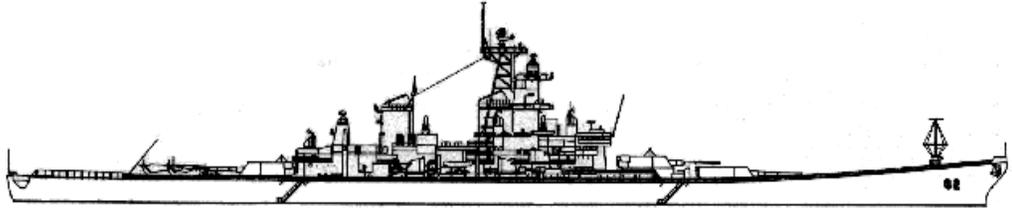
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**Mail Complete Order Forms and checks to;**

**John Chase, 174 School Street,  
Tilton, NH 03276**

**Phone: 603-286-7065**

**Email: [Rangertrukin@aol.com](mailto:Rangertrukin@aol.com)**



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**HISTORY STRING**

**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 want to purchase.

**NOTE; Each of the following strings are \$2.00 each**

<u>Attachment Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Plankowner</u>
Long Beach, CA	1982	_____	_____	_____
Atlantic City, NJ	1984	_____	_____	_____
Indianapolis, IN	1986	_____	_____	_____
New Orleans, LA	1988	_____	_____	_____
Daytona Beach, FL	1990	_____	_____	_____
Nashville, TN	1992	_____	_____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	1993	_____	_____	_____
San Diego, CA	1994	_____	_____	_____
Norfolk, VA	1995	_____	_____	_____
Fort Mitchell, KY	1996	_____	_____	_____
Danvers, MA	1997	_____	_____	_____
Colorado Springs, CO	1998	_____	_____	_____
Seattle, WA	1999	_____	_____	_____
Daytona Beach, FL	2000	_____	_____	_____
Branson, MO	2001	_____	_____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2002	_____	_____	_____
Las Vegas, NV	2003	_____	_____	_____
Washington, DC	2004	_____	_____	_____
Valley Forge, PA	2005	_____	_____	_____
San Antonio, TX	2006	_____	_____	_____
San Diego, CA	2007	_____	_____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2008	_____	_____	_____
Jacksonville, FL	2009	_____	_____	_____

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Include contents of the attachment in Total Cities/Guest Badge QUANTITY in Pricing.

**TOTAL CITIES SELECTED \_\_\_\_\_**

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## ITEMS IN SMALL STORE

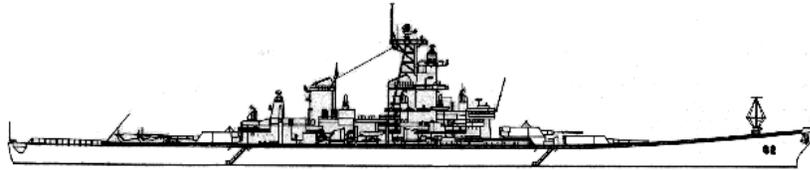
Golf Shirt – Embroidered on front over pocket available in Navy Blue, Green, Ash, Light Blue, Maroon, White, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large	\$22.00
T-Shirt – Light Blue, Tan, Maroon, White, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large &XX Large	\$18.00
Sweatshirt – Available in Ash Embroidered, Size Large	\$22.00
Pullover V Neck Navy Blue Sweater, Sizes Extra Large & XX Large	\$36.00
Button down Cardigan Navy Blue Sweater, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large &XX Large \$36.00	
Satin Baseball Jacket - Navy and Royal Blue – Members Only – Embroidered on Front/ Screen Print of Ship on back, Sizes Medium, Large & Extra Large	\$37.00
Coach Style Jacket – White USS New Jersey Silhouette Embroidered Left Chest Size Medium	\$27.00

### LADIES SHIRTS

Scoop Neck Tee – Short Sleeve Butter or Red, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large	\$20.00
Scoop Neck Tee – Long Sleeve, Pink or Sky Blue, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large	\$20.00
Hat – USS New Jersey on Front – Black “WWII” on back “Plank owner” on back - Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew) “Korea” on back “Vietnam” on back	\$13.00
Hat – USS New Jersey on Front – White “WWII” on back “Plank owner” on back “Korea” on back “Vietnam” on back Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew)	\$13.00
Pins - Lone Sailor USS New Jersey BB-62 Cross Flags Navy Cross Flags Korea Cross Flags Vietnam Vietnam Veteran Korea Veteran USS New Jersey Reunion Lapel Pin Yellow Ribbon w/American Flag Support our Troops	\$ 4.50 \$ 4.00
Tote Bags -	\$10.00
Patches – All Era’s	\$4.00 ea/or \$22.00 set
Chrome License Plate Frames – Blue Background W/White Letters Battleship Sailor (Top) - USS New Jersey BB-62 (Bottom)	\$ 9.00
USS New Jersey MUGS Ceramic white with black wrap around picture of our ship	\$ 5.00

Shipping and Handling: \$8.00

(Please Call for Availability)



**WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS**  
**to the**  
**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.**

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
FELIX BAUTISTA	LEBANON	E
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FRANCIS J. DUTTON III	VIET NAM	X
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WILLIAM J. MITCHELL	KOREA	X
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JEROME E. STECK	VIET NAM	B
AL WINTERBURN	KOREA	FA
FRANK D. ZIMBARO	VIET NAM	2nd

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**USS New Jersey Taps Listing**



*“I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to  
Tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep.  
Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at  
Their best: men who suffered and sacrificed, who suffered and were  
Stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were*

*Delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men.*

*I have never given anyone such trust. They were*

*Willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have*

*Carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain*

*We all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another,*

*As long as I have a memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am*

*Sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and*

*My comrades. Such good men”*

*Author Unknown*



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**WORLD WAR II and 1940's**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
JAMES J. BRUNO,	AV.	01-07-09
ROLAND SEVERIN CARLSON	GM	08-19-07
HARRY J. JR. JONES,	B.	12-31-07
HAROLD KRASNICK	L.	10-30-08
GEORGE HILTS	S.	03-12-08
MALCOM E. McKenzie	B.	06-13-08
JACKSON PARKER	S.	unknown
FRANK STEVENS	5 <sup>th</sup> .	10-08-08

**KOREAN WAR and 1950's**

JAMES “JIM” BURNSIDE	M.	12-19-08
BRUCE F. GREER		02-14-09
BERT HILL	2 <sup>nd</sup> .	08-04-08
JOSEPH MURRAY	E.	07-21-08
EDWARD RICHSTEIG	H.	11-15-08
ROBERT G. SAVAGE	unknown	07-26-08

**VIET NAM WAR and 1960's**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
ROY E. BRUNER	4 <sup>th</sup>	10-02-08
DOMINICK BUFFO, JR.	FA.	11-09-04
STEVEN J. CAPP	E.	01-24-07
THOMAS C. COCO	E.	02-??-06
JOHN THOMAS CURRAN	3 <sup>rd</sup> .	11-07-05

**LEBANON CRISIS –PERSIAN GULF –1980'S**

JAMES AUMENT	MED. DEPT	04-??-08
ALBERT K. GIRARD	OI.	09-13-08

**ERA - UNKNOWN**

ROBERT O. BRACKEN	unknown	unknown
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**ASSOCIATE MEMBER;**

MARGARET A.. WEBBER		unknown
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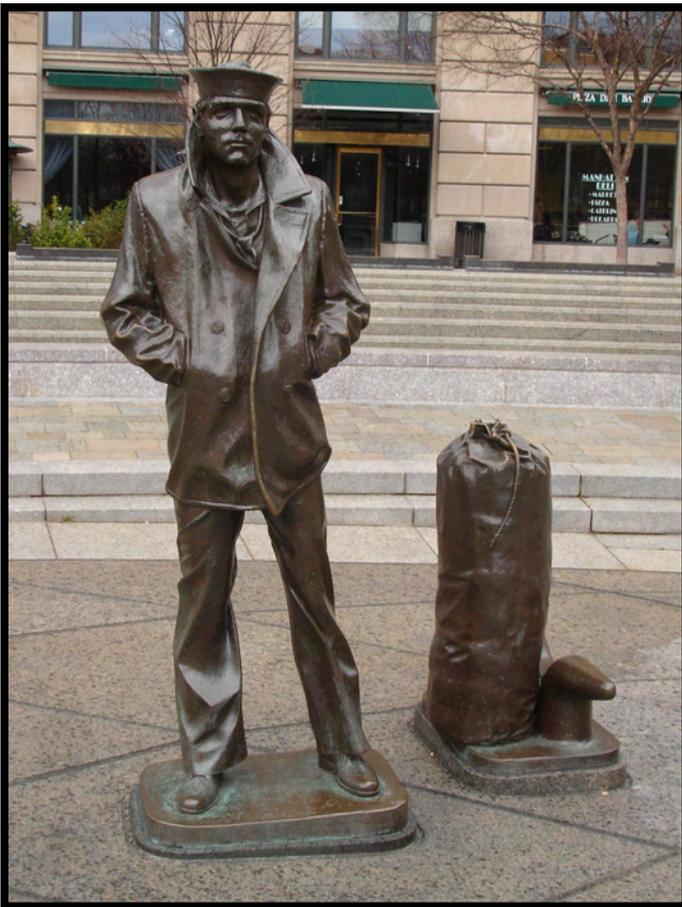
# USS NEW JERSEY MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

## VISITORS CENTER

The plaque that our organization donated to the Home Port Alliance (caretaker of the USS New Jersey) at the 2008 reunion is proudly displayed at the entrance to the Visitors Center.

When visitors enter the facility one of the first things that they notice is the plaque which is directly above the magnetic gyro.

This plaque represents the ribbons and battle stars awarded to the Most Decorated Battleship in the United States Navy.



### *THE LONE SAILOR*

*The Lone Sailor is the  
Nationally recognized symbol of  
The United States Naval Memorial  
And stands as a reminder  
Of yesterday's, today's, and  
Tomorrow's men and women who  
Serve our military at sea*



## MASTER CHIEF'S ODE

To all ye Swabbies who rode the briny before 1958,  
Read and take heed from the Old Chief Boatswain.

Come gather round me lads and I'll tell you a thing or two;  
About the way we ran the Navy in nineteen forty two.

When wooden ships and iron men were barely out of sight,  
I am going to give you some facts just to set you right.

We wore the old bell bottoms, with a flat hat on our head;  
Always hit the sack at night and never "Went to Bed."

Our uniforms were worn ashore and we were mighty proud  
Never thought of wearing civvies,  
In fact they were never allowed.

Now when a ship puts out to sea, I'll tell you son it hurts;  
When suddenly you notice that half the crew is wearing skirts.

And it's hard for me to imagine, a female boatswains mate  
Stopping on the Quarter deck to make sure  
Her stockings are straight.

What happened to the KiYi brush, and the old salt-water bath;  
Holy stoning decks at night cause you  
Stirred old Bosn's wrath!

We always had our gedunks stand and lots of pogeys bait;  
And it always took a hitch or two just to make a rate.

In your seabag all your skivvies, were neatly stopped and rolled;  
And the blankets on your sack had better have a 3 inch fold.

Your ditty bag, it is hard to believe just how much it held;  
You wouldn't go ashore with pants that hadn't been bellied.

We had succotash and good old SOS;  
And when you felt like topping off, you headed for the mess.

There weren't too many gripes;  
For the deck apes were never hungry and  
There were no starving snipes.

Now you never hear of Dave Jones Locker,  
Shellbacks, or Polliwogs;  
And you never splice a mainbrace to  
Receive your daily grog.

Now you never have to dog a watch  
Or stand the main vent;  
You even tie your lines today, back  
In my time they were bent.

We were all two-fisted drinkers and no  
One thought you sinned;  
If you staggered back aboard your ship  
Three sheets to the wind;

And with just a couple hours of sleep you  
Regained your usual luster;  
Bright eyed and bushy tailed- you still  
Made morning muster.

Rocks and shoals have long since gone'  
And now it's UCMJ;  
Then the old man handled everything  
If you should go astray.

Now they steer the ships with dials,  
And I wouldn't be surprised;  
If some day they sailed the damned  
Things from the beach computerized.

So when my earthy hitch is over,  
And good Lord picks the best;  
I'll walk right up to HIM and say'  
"Sir, I have but one request."

"Let me sail the seas of Heaven in a coat of Navy blue;  
Like I did so long ago on earth  
Way back in Nineteen-Forty-Two."



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