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LPD 21 USS NEW YORK

The 22<sup>nd</sup> reunion was held at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The organization enjoyed a very successful reunion. The Memorial Service, St. Augustine and Jacksonville tours, Dinner Cruise, Welcome Aboard Dinner, and a Dinner Dance Banquet were well attended. We want to thank the reunion committee for a job well done.

The reunion committee worked hard in providing this annual opportunity for our shipmates to become reacquainted with old friends and shipmates. These reunions are a great opportunity to make new friends, or just reminisce sea stories of bygone days. The days of the battleship, the most feared dreadnaught on the high seas, are long gone, but the battleship sailors live on and on.

Newer and more deadly ships are joining the fleet providing firepower that we cannot imagine only conjecture.

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#### <u>NEVER FORGET</u>—

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

#### **USS NEW YORK, LPD-21** (Shown on Cover Page)

The USS New York, LPD-21 was commissioned by Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus and put into Navy service November 7, 2009. The ceremony was staged on the Hudson River pier that is home to the Intrepid Sea,

Air, and Space Museum. Among the dignitaries were newly reelected New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York governor David Paterson.

The USS NEW YORK was built at the Northrop Grumman Ship yard in Avondale, Louisiana. The ship's bow stem was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the

Dock of the San Antonio class. This is It was a spiritual moment for everya new class of warships specially designed for missions that include operations against terrorists. The USS New York is 684 feet long and will have a crew of 360 Sailors (28 officers + 332 enlisted men) and 700 combat ready Marines (66 officers + 634 enlisted men) to be delivered ashore by heli-

body at the foundry. The foundry operations manager, Junior Chavers said; "When the WORLD TRADE CEN-**TER** Steel first arrived and I touched it with my hand, the hair on my neck stood up. It had a big meaning for all of us. They knocked us down, but they can't keep us down. We will be

back."



#### 'NEVER FORGET'

Is the ship's motto

It seems that the politicians, news media, and liberal citizens have already forgotten.

THE SAILORS FROM THE USS **NEW JERSEY** VETERANS ASSO-CIATION WILL NEVER FORGET.

#### WORLD TRADE CENTER.

She is the fifth Amphibious Transport

copters, tilt rotor aircraft, and assault craft.

Twenty four (24) tons of scrap steel from the WORLD TRADE CEN-**TER** was melted down in a foundry in Amite, Louisiana to cast the ship's bow section.

When the steel arrived at the foundry the big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence recalled navy Captain Kevin Wensing.

NOTE: The USS NEW YORK is a rather unique design with the two stacks representing the twin towers.

The ship is powered by four Colt-Pielstick PC 2.5 SSTC Turbocharged Marine Diesel Engines (total 41,600 shaft horsepower) with inboard Rotating Rolls-Royce Controllable Pitch Propellers. Each engine is rated at 7755 kilowatts at 520 rpm.

### CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (Jacksonville Florida) OCTOBER 10, 2009

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

Prior to calling the meeting to order Ms. Lisa Stackhouse, marketing manager from the Hilton Head Crowne Plaza, gave a presentation on the merits of having a future reunion at the Hilton Head Crowne Plaza.

After Ms. Stackhouse departed Mr. Joe DiMaria (acting president) opened the business meeting.

#### **SECRETARY REPORT**

Mr. DiMaria, secretary, read the annual Secretary's report which was accepted by all.

#### **TREASURES REPORT**

Mr. John Vance, treasure, gave the following abbreviated report:

Beginning Balance: \$57,335.87

Deposits: \$24,443.38

Expenses: \$21,494.84

Balance: \$60,284.41

The treasure's report was accepted by all.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Mr. Steve Sheehan, membership chairman, reported that of October 8, 2009, the organization had a total of 1003 members. There are 9 new members with 21 deceased (Reference Pages 35 & 36).

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Mr. DiMaria announced that Mr. Christopher Beau Ryan, and Mr. Edward F. Zaremba III were the winners of the 2009 scholarships. Additional

information can be found on page 28.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. DiMaria announced that the directors had appointed Reverend Will Clark to be the Chaplin for the next 3 years. Rev. Clark will replace Mr. Larry Kalakauskis who was the acting Chaplin.

Mr. DiMaria opened the selection for the 2011 reunion. The members selected Hilton Head, South Carolina by a vote of 33 to 4.

Mr. DiMaria made a motion that the members select future reunion sites two (2) years prior to the reunion to provide sufficient time for the reunion committee. In addition, be recommended that anyone making a motion for a site be in a posture to assist the reunion committee to secure a hotel and associated amenities. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Joe Cusumano asked why the 2012 reunion was not going to be held at the ship. He reiterated that at a previous reunion the members had voted to return to the ship every 3rd year. Mr. Mike Prime stated that at the following business meeting the members voted that the reunion would only return to the ship when the members made a motion to return to the ship and the motion carried. Mr. DiMaria explained that future reunions will be held at the locations selected by the membership at the business meeting.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. DiMaria stated that if only one member is nominated for an office the Secretary will cast a single vote.

# THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM (3 years)

President: Mr. Joe DiMaria

Vice-President: Mr. Ernest Dalton

Secretary: Mr. A. L. Smith

Small Store: None (Mr. J. Vance agreed to fill the position as an acting position). Mr. Vance will only have one vote at the directors meeting.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Nick Rasch brought up the issue of the Web Master position. The President explained that due to logistics Mr. Bert Trotter was unable to continue in the position and the directors reinstated Mr. Ed Campbell.

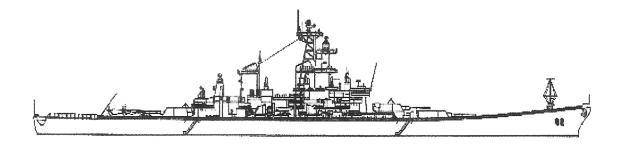
Mr. Mike Prime announced that the Veteran's Administration Information, that he provided (included into the spring issue of the Bounce) helped several members to receive needed help.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. The President then closed the meeting.

Submitted by;

Mr. Joe DiMaria

BTCM, USN Retired



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

#### 23rd ANNUAL REUNION

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WHEN:

September 29, thru October 3, 2010

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Special group rates available September 26 thru October 6, 2010 Handicapped Rooms Available.

Free parking.

Reservations received after August 30, 2010 may not qualify for the special group rate.

Cancellation Policy requires notification 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival

**COST:** 

Single & Double

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**Executive Level:** 

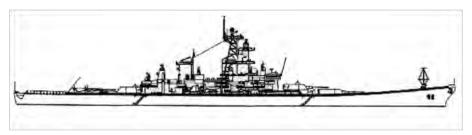
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#### **OPEN LETTER FROM**

#### **Bill Myers (Seating Chairman)**

What do you expect the USS New Jersey Veterans to do for you? In what direction do you feel the organization should be moving and how do you propose it gets there? These are but a few of the questions that the directors of the organization are faced with and they need inputs from you, the membership, to let them know what you think.

The organization is currently experiencing a loss of members. Naturally as an aging association any organization experiences an ever increasing loss from members passing, but disturbingly, the organization is experiencing many losses simply because members are being dropped from the

roster due to failure to pay dues. The question is WHY? Perhaps if someone could tell the directors WHY, they could rectify the problem or problems.

There are also many shipmates out there who have never heard of the USS New Jersey Veterans Organization. We need to get the word out and invite them into our organization. If each member could encourage just one shipmate to join (or one former member to rejoin) the membership would double. If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to attract new members or how to get the word out about our organization to potential new members please, let us know.

In addition, we are seeing a decline in reunion attendance. WHY? Is it the location? Is it the economy? Is the reunion being held too often? Is it the time of year? Tell us your thoughts. What would encourage you to attend a reunion? If you only attend sporadically, what would encourage you to attend more often?

If you have any thoughts, ideas, or concerns please covey this information to any Board Member. The organization is an open minded society and we are always looking for ways to better serve our membership. However, to accomplish this we need your inputs to show us the direction to proceed.

#### TEN WAYS TO WRECK AN ORGANIZATION

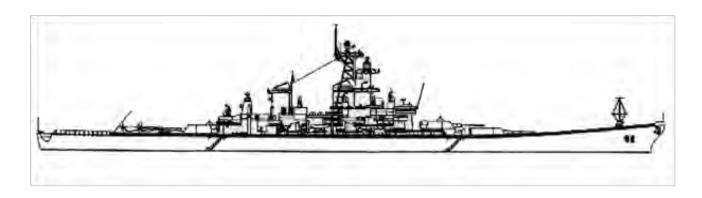
#### From

Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure

#### Submitted by Bill Myers

- 1. Don't come to meetings.
- 2. If you come to meeting, come late.
- 3. If the weather does not suit you, don't think of coming.
- 4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and the other members.

- 5. Never accept an office, as it is eas- 8. Do nothing more than is absolutely ier to criticize than to do things. But when members roll
- 6. Feel hurt if you are not appointed to a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
- If asked by the chair to give your opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say; after the meeting tell everyone how things should be done.
- 8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the organization, say that the unit is run by a clique.
- 9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.
- 10. Don't bother about getting new members, let someone else do it.



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

We have just returned from our reunion in Jacksonville, Florida. Although, the attendance was slightly down, everyone had a very good time.

There were eight (8) applicants for the Scholarship, all were well qualified and deserved to win. Unfortunately, we could only award two scholarships.. The scholarship committee had a difficult task in deciding the two winners.

I would like to thank the scholarship committee, consisting of Patricia Di-Maria and Pam Calhoun for their time and effort. The winners for this year are Mr. Christopher Beau Ryan and Edward F. Zaremba III. Additional information on the scholarship awards can be found on page 28.

At the directors meeting, the directors approved to raise the scholarship from \$750.00 to \$1000.00 starting in 2010. Please advise anyone applying for a scholarship that the applications must be postmarked by July 18, 2010 or Emailed by July 25, 2010.

During the all-hands business meeting it was discussed that the membership had voted to return to the ship every 3 years. However, Mr. Mike Prime (past

President) stated that at the following reunion the 3 years was changed to 5 years.

It has been common knowledge that the reunion will be held where the majority of members, attending the business meeting, select.

A caveat has been added that anyone recommending a reunion location be ready and willing to assist the reunion committee with the amenities associated with the reunion. These amenities include hotel selection, organizing tours and etc.

The 2010 reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Select/Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee September 29 through October 3. Again the reunion committee was able to negotiate for a full breakfast buffet. Additional information can be found on page 4, and the details will be in the Spring Issue of the Bounce.

At the 2010 reunion we will be voting of the site location for the 2012 reunion.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone that voted for me, Mr. Ernest J. Dalton as Vice President, and Mr. A. J. Smith as Secretary. With these position solidified, I'm anxious get the organization back on a positive track.

Especially, I want to thank Mr. John

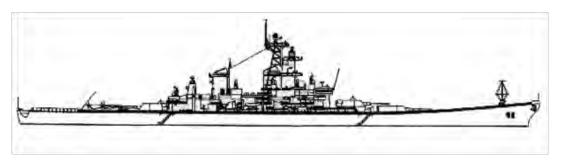
Vance for stepping up to temporary Vice President and helping with the reunion. Without his help the reunion would not have been a success.

Remember 2012 is an election year, not only for the President of the United States, but for the organization's officers. Give this some serious thought and determine if you could make a positive contribution by becoming an officer.

Joe DiMaria President



BTCM. USN retired



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

#### Dear Shipmates;

I am assuming the duties of Vice President of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. The reason I decided to take this position is to help maintain a good organization. We had a unusual occurrence which required some members to wear two hats. Joe DiMaria and John Pete Vance assumed additional duties this past year. These members deserve a "well done" by all hands. With out assuming these responsibilities there would not have been the fine reunion we enjoyed in Jacksonville. At this time we have all positions filled except

the Small Stores Director. Our organization will only succeed if we all work together.

I served on the New Jersey from late 1954 to June 1956. During that time I was assigned to "C" Division and worked in Radio One. I had four assignments during my enlistment, but the time of the New Jersey was the most rewarding. It has been my pleasure to be in contact with crew members who I met in boot camp in the fall of 1952.

My goal is to assist the other board members in the successful planning of future activities for our organization. I urge all members to Email their local newspaper and submit the information of our up coming events. I have found former shipmates by using some of the free locators offered on the internet.

Our ship has spanned one of the longest sea service of any ship in its class. The Jersey is special to me and I am sure you all feel the same way.

Ernest J. Dalton
Vice President
"C" Division



CANNON FROM THE OLD SPANISH FORT IN ST. AUGUSTINE DOES NOT LOOK LIKE OUR MAIN BATTERY



#### NOTES FROM THE LIAISON OFFICER

### We, the crew of the USS New Jersey, are united in our responsibility to promote the history and legacy of our ship for future generations to come.

Shipmates,

When I volunteered for the Liaison Officer position, I knew it would be a challenge, and it certainly has been. My goal this year has been to contact not only my list of past crew members that are not yet actual current members of our organization, but also to reach out to former crew members in order to interest them in our organization, reunions, etc.

I have been able to contact a large number of shipmates utilizing many sources throughout the internet to help accomplish this goal, which has proven to be an excellent source of information. The 80's crew has been my main focus in the past months, as they represent quite a large number of sailors who served on the battleship during that time period, and we certainly need their support to keep our organization strong.

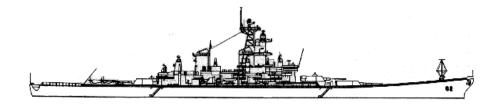
I want to personally say a "Well Done" to all the active current district volunteers for their outstanding efforts to maintain contact with all the crew members in their respective districts. Keep up the excellent work gentlemen.

As we attend more and more reunions, we always enjoy hearing from our members in regards to what type of activities they like to experience at our reunions. Suggestions are always welcome, but keep in mind that price, availability, geographical area, and several other factors have to be considered by the committees planning the reunion events.

Please keep your district volunteer, or myself, informed of any change of address, email, phone number, etc. Also, if any of you **do not** have a computer, or email address, perhaps you have a close relative who might allow us to contact you through them. The invention of the email has allowed us to keep in contact without the time and expense involved in regular mail. Our district volunteers have been instructed not to send any junk emails to the members, just pertinent information regarding the organization.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this year's reunion in Jacksonville, due to a severe knee injury which I am still trying to get over. I certainly am planning to go to Nashville in 2010 however, and hope all of you can also. Thanks for the opportunity to perform the Liaison Officer duties, and I will attempt to keep up the tradition of the position throughout the rest of my term.

Mark Babcock Liaison Officer-USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.



#### NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

#### Fellow Shipmates

By now you should have received your dues notice for the year 2010. Sorry for the incorrect date, they were prepared at the beginning of the month but not mailed until after the 2009 reunion. The date had not been changed. If you know of any former members of the organization who would like to rejoin, have them contact me. They need only pay dues or 2010.

It goes without saying that new members are always welcome, any era, any division, the more the merrier.

Your dues also entitle you to our publication, 'The Bounce' twice a year, which contains information about the organization, shipmates, reunions etc. There is also an order form for the USS New Jersey small stores items in every issue. My contact information is in 'The Bounce', and on your dues

notice. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely

Steve Sheehan

Membership Director

Viet Nam E-Division

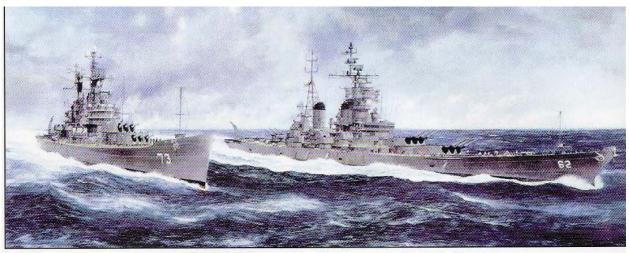
#### **APPLICATION FORM FOR PRESENT & NEW MEMBERS**

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

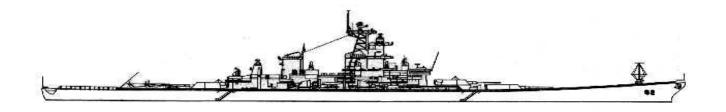
Mail the following form to Steve Sheehan,

1209 Cumberland Rd., Abington, PA 19001

NAME:	ADDRESS:
DIVISION:	CITY:
ERA & Calendar Years Aboard:	STATE: ZIP:
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USS SAINT PAUL CA - 73 and USS NEW JERSEY BB - 62
From an original 84" by 30" painting by artist Richard W. DeRosset
Painting was specially commissioned by Dennis Covert and is part of the Dennis Covert Collection.



#### Dear Shipmates,

There is not a great deal to report this time other than we finally upgraded the web site to something a little more modern. You can, check it out. The content is essentially the same but more accessible with new pull down menus.

Since the upgrade has been completed there are still a few of minor issues. If you incur a problem, please don't hesitate to contact me directly so the necessary repair can be made.

I was unable to attend the last reunion. Consequently, I have no photos to add

#### FROM THE WEBMASTER

to the site. If any of you who did attend took some photos and want to share, please e-mail them to me and I'll post them.

Here's wishing you all a very happy holiday season.



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#### JIM SCHUCK

Mr. James M. Schuck has been named CEO and President of the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial. Mr. Schuck of Gloucester Township, New Jersey has been the acting CEO since February, 2009. Previously, Mr. Schuck had served as Executive Vice

President, Finance and Operations Officer since July 2005.



## Jim Schuck named CEO Battles

James (Jim) M. Schuck President of the Battles Memorial. Schuck, 50 of been the acting CEO sir as Executive Vice President in July 2005.





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Our members come from many different geographic area, various religious organizations and ethnical backgrounds. We vary in age, vocation, and both physical and education skills.

We all have one thing in common. We all served on the most decorated battleship in naval history. During our time aboard the ship our naval training and

experiences varied. Our duties were diversed but the centergistics was an outstanding fighting unit, feared by any combative navy or country. This is an accomplishment we can all be proud of.



Liberty Call Sasabo, Japan 1953

ganization a homogeneous unit. The reunion committee continues to extend themselves in providing excellent amenities and great geographical choices throughout the country.

veterans or-

I encourage each and every member to become involved with the organization. **Take ownership**. Contact fellow shipmates,

get a group together, attend the reunions get involved.

### FROM THE DESK OF OF THE NEWS EDITOR

Since departing the ship the members have developed many different skills and vocations. Many used the G.I. bill to improve their economic standards. Several have become doctors, lawyers, engineers, dentists and other professionals.

The directors have exerted an extensive amount of energies to make your



In addition, I encourage you to send stories and experiences, that only you recall, to the News Editor. Every member has a story to tell, something you might not feel worth repeating. Your shipmates could find these stories interesting, humoristic, and maybe even educational.

The reunion provides an unique environment for the members to renew old friendships, meet and make new friends, visit new areas, sit back, relax and enjoy.

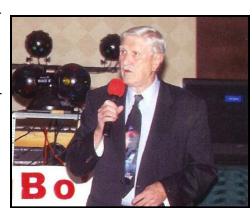
The reunion committee takes care of all the amenities to ensure the attendees can enjoy themselves, not worry about anything, and just relax and have a good time with old shipmates and friends.

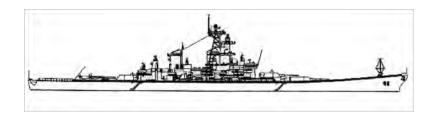
I encourage each and every member to evaluate your resources and make an exerted effort to attend the next reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. Take ownership, put out that extra effort, get involved

> Nick Rasch News Editor



**Fellow Radarmen 1950** 





#### SEATING COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR

As the Seating Coordinator/Director my primary duties involve the seating needs for the WELCOME ABOARD PARTY and the BANQUET at the reunions. Basically I make all seating

assignments for these events. I handle any special requests for Handicap or special needs seating and requests by members to be seated with a special friend or group of friends. I make every effort to accommodate these requests. Although we are all shipmates re-

gardless of the era we served, I attempt problem next year. to group the table assignments by era. This was my first year in this position and it was a learning experience. I

believe that everything went well as I heard NO complaints. If anyone had a problem with where they were seated please let me know and I will do everything in my power to avoid a similar

ideas and present them to the Board of Directors for possible action or consideration.

I hope this explains my duties and

hopefully you will continue to allow me to handle your seating needs at the next year's reunion in Nashville, Tennessee



I also serve in any capacity as directed by the President and I'm always available to take any members concerns or

Your shipmate;

Bill Myers.





#### LEBANON/PERSIAN GULF ERA DIRECTOR



Hello again its Danny Fielder from the only ones from our era. Lebanon ERA.

We just finished up the 2009 Reunion which was held in Jacksonville, Florida. Again a good time was had by all.

The same group of electricians from Vietnam and their wives took my wife and I in once again. As a matter of fact when they saw us, Thursday morning, they said, "Hey look the kids are here." You may think we are from 2 different times but it doesn't matter. We have the Battleship USS New Jersey in common. We fit in just as well as the WWII and Korea veterans.

"Come On," Lebanon and Persian Gulf men you are important. Look it is eventually going to be up to our era to keep the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. organization going. WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans have done and are doing a wonderful job, but we have had 41 shipmates pass away since the reunion last year. This year Felix Bautista and I, (from E Div.) were the

This really needs to change. Have you thought about the history behind the gallant lady that we served on. The most decorated ship in Naval History, Commissioned more times than any other ship, served in more wars, and recorded more nautical miles than any other ship,

Yes, we were part of this. Lets not let these memories die. Guys I am really reaching out. Lets have a really great showing next year in Nashville, Tennessee. These are hard times and the economy is not great, but let us not forget the greatness of the BATTLE-SHIP USS NEW JERSEY.

Thank you:

MM3 Daniel C. Fielder



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Pictures courtesy of Carol & Joe Cusumano

#### 2009 REUNION

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Jacksonville, Florida
October 7—11, 2009

### This new section is added to provide members that attended the reunion and members that were unable to attend an in-depth view into the reunion.

The 22nd reunion was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jackson-ville, Florida and was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

The reunion committee exerted unlimited energy in an effort to make this reunion a success. However, only your attendance can make the reunion a rememberial experience.

Unfortunately, with the economy in such poor condition, many members were unable to attend due to social economic issues. It is understandable that attending these reunions can be an economic concern and many members feel their limited resources can better be used for other important things.

However, this is the most important function the organization offers its members. Yes, the Bounce, Web Site, and Small Stores are provided but the reunion is the only opportunity for members to reunite and reflect on bygone days. Each day, we are all getting more mature and enjoy spending the precious time remaining with family and friends, but this is your extended family and we strongly feel that everyone would find enjoyment by attending.

Get in-touch with your old shipmates (get a group together) and start planning to attending the 2010 reunion which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The committee is already working to create a reunion that everyone can enjoy.

Start saving those pennies, nickels, and dimes. Soon they will accumulate into real money and make the costs associated with the reunion much more affordable.

#### On a personal note;

To minimize the financial impact associated with the reunion, I send my payment for the banquets and tours as early as possible. This does not reduce the total cost but mentally reduces the impact, as I only have to pay for the meals and hotel at the reunion.



Chaplin: Will Clark

&

#### 4 His Glory

The barbershop quartet that preformed at the Memorial Service

Marilyn Boller
Barbara Hoops
Donna Hunt
Carol Smith

#### BANQUET PICTURES FROM THE 22 REUNION OF THE USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORG.



WW II VETERANS AND GUESTS



**KOREAN VETERANS AND GUESTS** 

(Pictures furnished by Carol & Joe Cusumano)

#### **BANQUET GROUP PICTURES—continued**



**VIETNAM VETERANS AND GUESTS** 



LEBANON—PERSIAN GULF VETERANS AND GUESTS

(Pictures furnished by Carol & Joe Cusumano)

#### **WELCOME ABOARD RECEPTION**

The reunion commenced with the Welcome Aboard Reception on Wednesday evening. The diner was very good and it gave everyone an opportunity to get reacquainted.



#### **ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORICAL TOUR**

#### A LITTLE HISTORY OF ST.AUGUSTINE

St. Augustine is the oldest European city in the United States. The area was In 1883, first visited by Ponce de Leon in 1513, but it was Juan Menendez that established the first settlement, almost a half came to the century prior to the first English settlement at Jamestown. In 1672 the Spanish, under the direction of Queen Mariana, built Castillo de San Marcos a military fortress to protect the Spanish interest from the expanding British empire. This fort was never captured in battle.

The city of St. Augustine changed hands several time with the British controlling the city from 1763 until

1784 when the city was returned to the Spanish. Finally in 1821 the Spanish sold Florida to the United States.

Henry Flagler (Oil Tycoon) city. He was so impressed that he helped in the restoration and development of the city as a win-

ter resort. Mr. Flagler contributed some of the cities grandest architectures such as the Alcazar hotel (now

> the Lightner Museum), the Cordova, and the

Ponce de Leon hotel. The Ponce de Leon hotel is now the Flagler College.

> Our tour was met at the visitors center by our guide (Docent) which provided an outstanding interactive historical tour of the city which included the most photographed street in the United States, the

fort Castillo de San Marcos, the Flagler Memorial Church, Flagler College and several other unique Flagler architectural contributions.



**DOCENT** dressed as early Spanish settler



MOST PHOTOGRAPHED STREET Live Oak trees with Spanish Moss hanging from the branches



**SOME OF OUR GROUP at** Castillo de San de Marcos fort



**CANNONS at Castillo de San Marcos** 



**GIANT CROSS** 



FLAGLER MEMORIAL CHURCH

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

The Memorial Service was held at the Naval Military Memorial area adjacent to the St. Johns River. Mr. Richard

Esser organized the Memorial Service orchestrated by Chaplin Will Clark.

This was a very unique Memorial Service as a barbershop quartet from Reverend Clark's church preformed. The barbershop quartet, named 4 His Glory, performance was outstanding.

The Jacksonville Naval Air Station provided the Honor Guard.

The service commenced with the

barbershop quartet, leading the attendees in singing the Nation Anthem.

The names of our deceased shipmates, having departed within the past year, were honored. As each name was an-

nounce, a bell would be rung in their honor.

After the last name was announced, a representative from World War II tossed the Memorial wreath into the St. James River.

This concluded the Memorial Service. The members then went back to the hotel for a very nice luncheon.



JACKSONVILLE NAVAL AIR STATION HONOR GUARD



CHAPLIN WILL CLARK WITH BARBER SHOP QUARTET (4 His Glory)

#### PRIVATE RIVER CRUISE AND DINNER ABOARD THE ANNABELLE LEE

The cruise commenced and ended adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Annabelle Lee is a true paddle boat and cruised up and down the majestic St. John's River. The St. John's river is unique because it flows North



THE ANNABELLE LEE APPROCHING THE DOCK ON THE ST. JOHN'S RIVER

The veterans that went on the river cruise experienced a unique treat. Yes, Jacksonville, at this time of year. The the Annabelle Lee was a true paddle boat and provided enclosed dining on the main deck and open dining on the top deck. When the cruise commenced the temperature was 94 degrees, which

was unaccustomed hot weather, for food was served buffet style and was very good. Several guest, seated in the main dinning room, decided to go out on the bow and enjoy the scenery. The guest on the top deck had a great view

of Jacksonville and enjoyed the cruise.

Several guests felt that they could have cruised up and down the river all night. However, like any good thing it had to come to an end.



#### **SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**

The reunion concluded with the Banquet on Saturday evening. This was an excellent dinner with background music supplied by a DJ. Most everyone seemed to enjoy dancing to the 40ies and 50ies music.



#### **Hospitality Room**

The Hospitality Room was well attended and supplied with unlimited coffee, tea, soft drinks, and snacks. Many of our members used this facility to get together with old shipmates and

tell some tall sea stories. It is questionable if any of the stories could be related to what actually transpired. That is one of the advantages of getting more mature (not older but wiser).

We have the unique ability to embellish the truth.

After the Memorial Luncheon a Keg of beer was also available.

#### **Ship Small Stores**

Adjacent to the Hospitality Room was the Ships Small Store, operated by Mr. Joe Poramabo and his staff. Joe has been working at the store for over 7 years and deserves a lot of credit. Although Joe is no longer the Director of the Small Stores you can be assured that you will be able too find him

somewhere near the store. I think the store is in his blood. Joe seems drift aimlessly around the hotel but will always navigate back to the store.



John Vance working at the Ships Small Store



Happy guest enjoying the Annabelle Lee



Flagler Coach at the St. Augustine Welcome Center



Jacksonville across the St. Johns River

#### MERITORIOUS MEMBER

#### **JOE PORAMBO**

Mr. Joe Porambo is recognized as the Meritorious Member of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. for the 2009 Fall Issue of the Bounce.

Joe's military career started in 1948 when he joined the Army. He served for 18 months in Germany before being sent to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Upon being discharged from the Army he returned to the Norfolk area.

He only remained home for about 60 days and in 1952 volunteered to joined the Navy.

As he had previous military experience he did not have

to repeated boot camp and was immediately assigned to the USS New Jersey.

Initially, Joe was assigned to the 6th division but soon transferred to the 5th division. Joe's combat expertise on the ship included both the 40 mm anti-aircraft guns and 5 inch mount. Joe retired after serving 20 years and immediately became active in the Virginia Beach Fleet Reserve, Branch 99.

After retirement, Joe went to work at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a civilian machinist specializing in hydraulics.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOM-PLISHMENTS

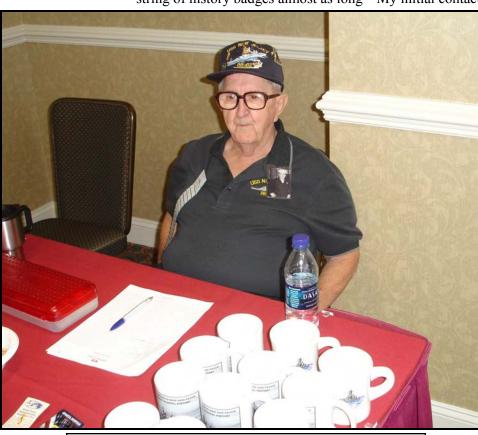
Joe has attended 20 reunions and has a string of history badges almost as long take tours and remains available whenever the store is open and assures that everything is ship shape.

My initial contact with Mr. Porambo

was when I attended the reunion, held in Washington, DC, (2004). I remember seeing this short pleasant man and immediately thought 'did he really serve onboard the ship was he a real warrior'? Within a very short time I found out that he was a real warrior and size had nothing to do with his ability.

My next encounter with Mr. Porambo was at, the following reunion, in the small Stores he was wear-

ing a long string of Reunion History Badges.



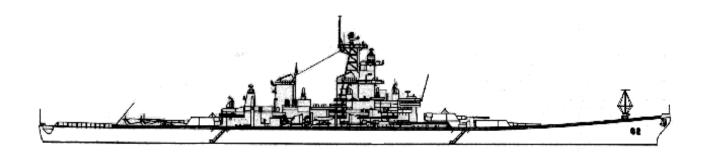
This is where Joe can be found at every reunion

as he is tall. Joe had been the USS New Jersey Veterans Organization Ship's Store Director for 7 years. This might appear to be a small task but required Joe to anticipate the wants and needs of the members, and find vendors that could supply quality merchandise at a reasonable price. In addition, Joe had to store the merchandise at his home and then ship the items to the reunion location and return the unsold items to his home. Also, the position required that Joe fill mail orders for the remainder of the year.

At the reunions Joe puts in many long hours at the Ships Store, he doesn't

#### PERSONEL LIFE

Joe had met Ellie (she was a WAVE). They spent an afternoon together but then went on their separate ways. Both married and they didn't see each other for many years. After Joe's wife passed away and Joe located Ellie (our Dancing Queen), who was divorced, they were soon reunited and have been married for over 17 years. When you meet either Joe or Ellie, they are extreme extroverts, they have the unique ability to make you feel welcome.



#### **HUMOR AND MEMORIES, OF BYGONE DAYS ON OUR SHIP**

#### LIBERTY BOATS RETURN

Early in 1951 when the New Jersey first came into Korean waters, I was transferred from a patrol frigate to the USS New Jersey. I was accompanied with twenty six other sailors on a cargo ship. We transferred from the cargo ship to the Jersey via a highline. This was my first and only experience on a highline and it was both exciting and terrifying.

When we arrived onboard we were assigned to various divisions. I was assigned to the First Gunnery Division. Upon returning to Japan I was put on duty at the enlisted man's Quarter Deck with a young (very new) Ensign. As the liberty boats returned with the liberty parties everything went well until the last boat arrived. As they pulled along side we could see that several of the sailors where imbibed a little too much. They were laying around on the bottom of the liberty boat.

The Ensign ordered me to go do down and carry these drunken sailors up the ladder. I told him that I could barely get up the ladder myself and I was perfectly sober. He ask me for any suggestion to get these sailors aboard. After pondering the situation over for a while, I recommended that we locate a cargo net and lower it down to the liberty boat. Have the coxswain steer the

liberty boat to the aft end of the ship and use the airplane crane to lift the cargo net filled with drunken sailors up onto the fantail. The sailors were then rolled out of the cargo net onto the deck. After the sailors started to sober up they would stagger off to their bunks. This worked quite well and the Ensign was pleased with my recommendation.

#### **KEEPING THE**

#### **USS NEW JERSEY SHIPSHAPE**

Every time an Iowa Class Battleship passed through the locks at the Panama Canal they would scrape the sides and have to be re-painted. The water at both entrances of the Canal were quite polluted as ships would pump their bilges while waiting to start through.

One time after going through the Canal the Executive Officer ordered several sailor over the side to repaint the sides of the ship. It was not too long before one of the sailors managed to fall out of his bo's uns chair into the polluted water. He was immediately rescued and sent off to sick bay to be cleaned up and de-tocified. The corpsmen cleaned him up and gave him a shot of medical whiskey, and told him to go to his bunk and sleep it off. THE NEXT DAY FOUR MORE SAILORS MANAGED TO FALL OFF THEIR

### BO'SUNS CHAIRS INTO THE POLLUTED WATERS.

Submitted by Norris G. Olney Jr. (1st division, EX division and Flag division)



Norris just relaxing

#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Whether it's to comment on our content, sing our praises, or take us to task.

You all have stories. Your fellow shipmates would enjoy reading these tidbits.

Unfortunately when we all go to our makers these stories will go with us unless we share them and put them into print.

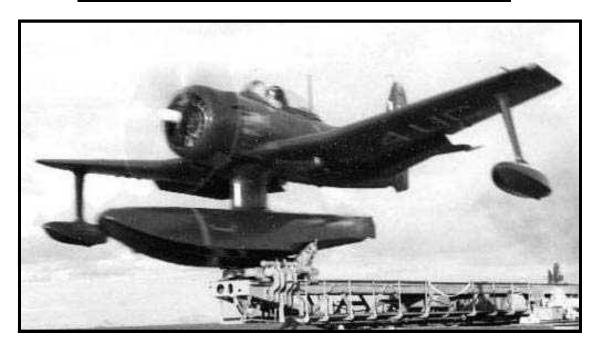
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#### MEMORIES, AND MORE MEMORIES, OF BYGONE DAYS



#### CURTIS SC - 1 SEAHAWK

#### **A FISH STORY**

During a period in 1946 the USS New Jersey was anchored in the Long Beach Harbor. Our Seahawk (amphibious airplane) was kept on the beach at what was then the Long Beach Naval Air Station.

When we had operations with the ship, the aircraft was usually flown out to the ship and hoisted onboard.

When we returned from the exercise we wanted to put the plane back on the beach. We landed in the Long Beach Harbor and taxied to the ramp, where beaching wheels were attached and the plane towed up the ramp to the parking space. To attach the wheels it was necessary for the crew to get into the water and wade around in waist to neck deep water. For some unknown reason the local Sand Sharks liked the area where we had to put the wheels on. Several times when the men accidently stepped on the sharks they were bitten. This did not please the men.

'Off Duty Fishing' was initiated by using a 5 or 6 foot sharpened rod, and swimming or carefully wading out and harpooning the sharks. The pilot usually joined in on the 'Off Duty Fishing'.

This is an experiences that sticks in my memory.

I wonder how many of our crew that helped put wheels on the amphibious aircraft are still with us?

Submitted by: Don Carroll Lt, USNR, Retiree



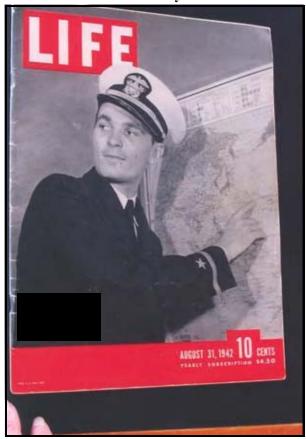
Castillo de San Marcos defender

#### **NAUTICAL QUIZ**



1. What is the name of this famous Island and why is it important?

2. Who is this man and why is he famous?

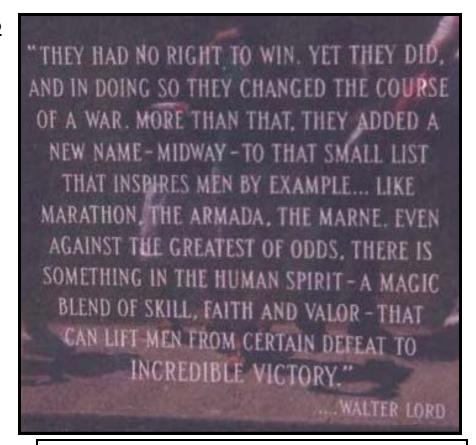




3. Who is having chow with the enlisted men?

#### ANSWERS TO NAUTICAL QUIZ

#### 1. MIDWAY ISLAND



Plaque from Midway Island honoring our brave fighting men.

2. **ENSIGN GAY**: Sole survivor of torpedo squadron 8 (CV-8, USS HORNET) at the battle of Midway.

During an interview with Lieutenant Porter, October 12, 1943, Ensign Gay stated:

Personally, I was just lucky. I've never understood why I was the only one that came back, but it turned out that way, and I want to be sure that the men that didn't come back get the credit for the work that they did. They followed Comdr. Waldron without batting an eye and I don't feel like a lot of people have felt that we made mistakes and that Comdr. Waldron got us into trouble. I don't feel that way at all. I know that if I had it all to do over again, even knowing that the odds were going to be like they were, knowing him like I did know him, I'd follow him again through exactly the same thing because I trusted him very well. We did things that he wanted us to do not because he was our boss, but because we felt that if we did the things he wanted us to do then it was the right thing to do.

The Zeros that day just caught us off balance. We were at a disadvantage all the way around.

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Ensign Gay received the Navy Cross for his heroism in the Battle of Midway and also the Presidential Unit Citation given Torpedo Squadron 8.

3. **Admiral Bull Halsey,** having dinner with the crew on the Battleship USS New Jersey during WW II in the south Pacific Ocean.

#### 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, 2010.

#### **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 2010.
- 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 <u>WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG</u>

#### **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 2010.
- 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. Graduation picture or equivalent.
- 9. 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, 7, and 8 must be submitted to the secretary, A. J. Smith <u>asmith1947@comcast.net</u> by either standard mail (postmarked July 18, 2010) or Email by July 25, 2010.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

To the Officers and Members of the U.S.S. New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

The following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for 2009:

There were eight applications for the U.S.S. New Jersey Veterans, Inc. Scholarship this year. They represented a broad cross-section of the Class of 2009. The Committee recommends the awarding of the two scholarships to:

#### 1. Christopher Beau Ryan of Newbury, Ma.

Beau is the son of John Ryan and Mary-Lorraine Lyons and the grandson of U.S.S. New Jersey Veteran William Ryan. Beau graduated St. John's Prep with a GPA of 3.67.

While at St. John's Beau was a member of the National Honor Society, a Prep Scholar and other awards. He was a member of the school's History Club and participated on the rugby, soccer & cross country teams.

Beau is attending The Virginia Military Institute where he is studying History. Congratulations Beau.

#### 2. Edward F. Zaremba III of Hampstead, NH

Edward is the son of Edward & Robin Zaremba and the grandson of Edward F. Zaremba Sr. who has served aboard the U.S.S. New Jersey. Eddie graduated from Pinkerton Academy with a GPA of 3.8.

Eddie was a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Honor Society and had many other academic awards. He was a member of the school chorus, Student Council and volunteered in his community and church in many capacities.

Eddie is attending Syracuse University and is studying Business Administration. Congratulations Eddie.

I wish to thank the two members of the committee, Pam Calhoun and Patricia DiMaria for their insight and hard work in choosing the winners.

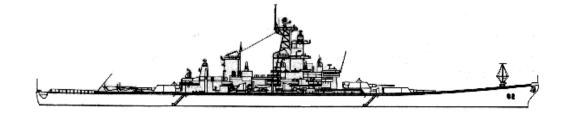
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#### USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### **HISTORY STRING**

#### Mark Your Required History String (s)

Indicate your required Reunion History Badges by placing an 'X' in the appropriate column nest to the Reunion City you want to purchase.

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Pullover V Neck Navy Blue Sweater, Sizes Extra Large & XX Large	\$36.00
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#### **ORIGINAL SHIPS PAPERS**

#### **CLEAN SWEEP DOWN**

This was the name of the initial ships paper published November 1943. The 12 page publication tried to reflect the, "goings-on in the wardroom, gun turrets, engineering spaces, and all other areas of the New Jersey bounded by Port and Starboard, fore and aft, above and below."

Captain Carl F. Holden supported the publication.



Now Hear This - - - - This is by way of an introduction. We hereby present ourself to you. This is by way of an introduction. We hereby present ourself to you.

We are nameless as yet, but will cail ourself "Clean Sweep Down" until some clever fellow comes up with a good name and wins a \$10 cash prize.

We are your Ship'sPaper, which will try to reflect the coings-on in wardroom, gun turrets, engineering spaces, and all the other areas of the New Jersey bounded by pert and starboard, fore and aft, above and below.

The ship is our oyster, and we will try to uncover as many pearls as possible. We will be as serious as the occasion demands, and as funny as we possibly can be. We will try to include art, literature, humor, controversy, personalities, and just plain talk within these columns.

Our purpose is to provide a medium for the exchange of information, ideas, and acquaintance among all the several thousand members of this good ship's company. Anything that adds to intrest and convenience of shipmates has a legitimate right to our pages.

This is your paper. It will represent you to your mates on other ships and stations of the Naval establishment. Your pride in your ship should reflect itself in your Ship'sPaper All of you are sub-editors and contributing editors, as well as subscribers.

The staff which will carry on the work of putting out this sheet are probably a corny lot, who cant write half as well as the rest of you. So you are invited to take a hand in the publication by contribution, through your division correspondents, of all the material that would possibly be of intrest to amy of us or to all of us. Your Ship's Paper is intrested in worrthing, from gossip to gripes.

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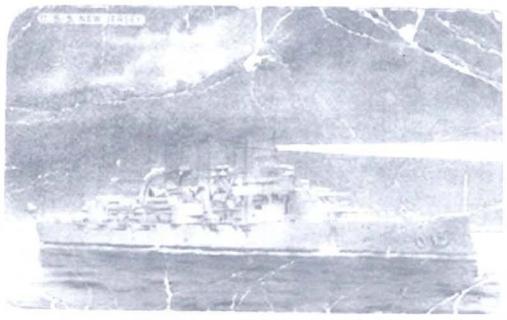
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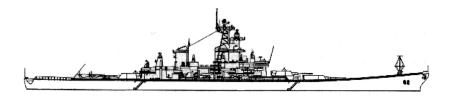


1918 Post Card showing the original USS New Jersey BB-16
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**USS NEW JERSEY BB-62** 





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

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#### USS New Jersey Taps Listing



When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared —
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,
A step on the road home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds—
Miss me, but let me go.

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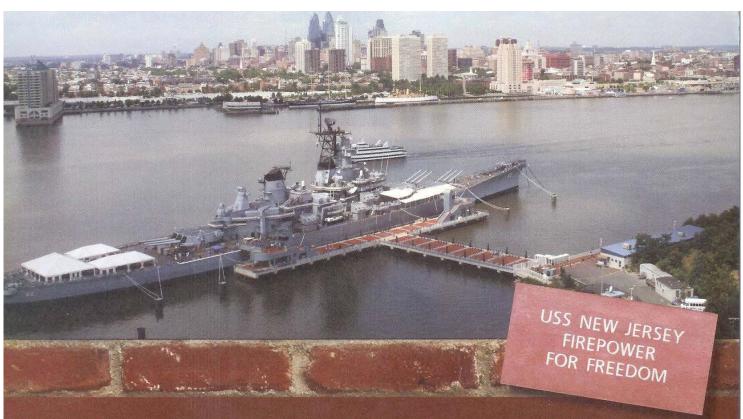
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**USS INDEPENDENCE LCS-2** 

We have all been hearing about the Navy's new triple hulled ship. The USS Independence LCS-2 was launch several months ago. The ship was built by General Dynamics and is called a 'littoral combat ship (LCS). This trimaran can move huge weapons around faster than any ship in the Navy.

Littoral means close to shore, and that's where these ships will operate. They possess the capacity to launch helicopters, tilt-winged aircraft, and armored amphibians assault craft.

This tri-maran is the first of the new fire-breathing breed, ready to scoot out at a rumored 60 knots (68 MPH). It's a speedy, heavily-armed carrier for helicopters and tilt-winged aircraft.

The Pirates may want to find another profession.



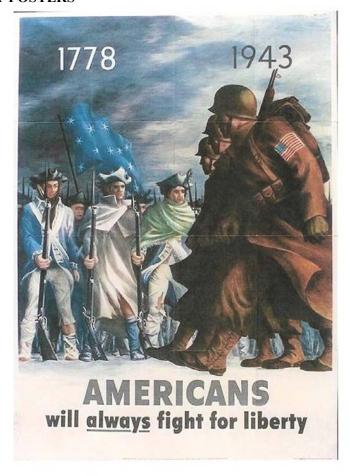


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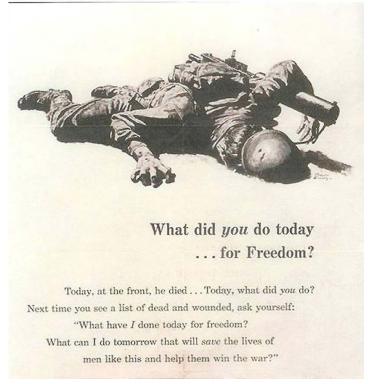
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