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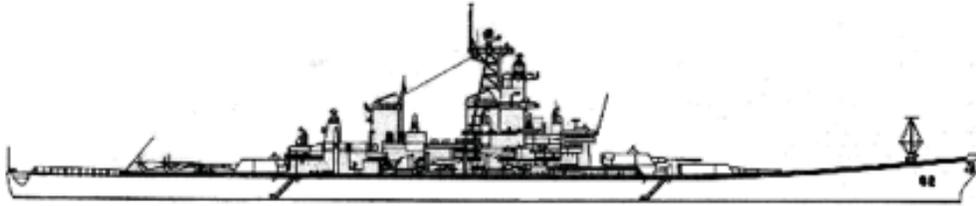




## Unconditional Surrender

*Unconditional Surrender* is a series of sculptures by Seward Johnson representing a photograph by Alfred Eisenstaedt, *V-J Day in Times Square*. Seward Johnson said that his sculptures were based upon a similar, less well known photograph by Victor Jorgensen (a US Navy photographer). Both photographs were taken at the same time on August 14, 1945 when it was announced that Japan had surrendered ending World War II. The original statue was first installed in Sarasota, Florida, then was moved to San Diego, California and New York City.

The sailor was QM1 George Mendonsa who passed away in February 2019. The lady was a dental assistant, Greta (Zimmer) Friedman who passed away in 2016. The incident was a “spur of the moment” event between two strangers. They separated immediately after the kiss but were reunited in 1980 for a recreation of the kiss in Times Square. Until they died, they both said they remained proud of the split-second of shared history when they represented, awkwardly and breathlessly, a world finally at peace.



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**NOTE:** The 2020 Reunion will be held in conjunction with a visit to the ship in Cherry Hill, New Jersey from September 16<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>. Hotel Reservations at the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia - Cherry Hill can now be secured. Details are on page 42.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings to all,

Once again, our annual reunion is in the books. San Diego was warm and sunny, as is normal for that Navy town during the month of September. The memorial service on the flight deck of the USS Midway Museum was very moving. The names of our Shipmates who passed away since our last reunion were read by VP Leon Tucker. The color guard from San Diego's Patrick Henry High School Jr ROTC did a great job. It was nice to see high school students honor our flag with precision, pride and professionalism. Once again, we contacted "Bugles Across America" for this year's bugler. Captain Ken Castren (USN Ret) and SSgt Roy Zanni (USMC Ret) answered the call. Ken performed a moving rendition of Taps with Roy providing the echo bugler. The Welcome Aboard party and the Saturday banquet were well attended and enjoyable. Danny Fielder honored us with his annual cartwheel across the dance floor, without major embarrassment. He did lose one of his new shoes that he had to buy because he left his dancing shoes at home in Mississippi.

This reunion showed the changing face of our organization. There was only one World War II Veteran in attendance. Paul Robbins, a plank owner from the first commissioning, made the trip from Omaha, NE. For the first time since the start of the organization, there were no Korean Era Veterans at the reunion. The largest era for the past few years, Vietnam, was surpassed by our Shipmates who served during the 1980's. There were twenty-three 80's vets at the Banquet, four more than the Vietnam veterans in attendance.

At the Annual Meeting, the proposed By-Law changes were approved with minor corrections to what was published in last Spring's issue. The 2019 revised Bylaws are published in this issue. Oklahoma City was selected as the site for the 2021 reunion by a majority of voting members in attendance. The 2020 reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ. The dates are September 16 - 20, 2020. Hotel reservation information is in this issue and reservations can now be made. No tours have been selected yet. On Friday September 18th, we'll be going to the Battleship New Jersey for our memorial service, lunch and time to tour the ship. The 2020 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 19, at 9:00AM. There will be a number of open positions on the Board of Directors. The list of open positions will be in the Spring issue of the Jersey Bounce.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone who helped with this year's reunion. Special thanks to Steve and Mickie Sheehan for the initial planning and selection of the hotel, trolley tour and organizing the visit to the Midway. Thanks to Phil and Helen Tasker for all they do to organize the reunion packages you receive at registration. Thanks to Leon Tucker for organizing the memorial service. We were lucky to have a member who lives close to San Diego offer to help any way he could. Wayne Bendelow, (Vietnam, E Division) was able to get us the memorial wreath for a lot less than

the original cost we got from a florist recommended by the Midway staff. Wayne also brought the coolers we used in the hospitality room for water and soda. Once again, Mike Schappaugh and Beverly Langford did a wonderful job with the small stores. They were helped by Bob Williams, Larry Ruble and Mary Porter. Of course, the wonderful ladies who greet you at the registration table, Judy Dingman, Carol Cusumano, Helen Tasker, Louise Blaylock, and Hilda Tucker deserve a special thank you.

I hope you and your family have a safe winter season. I look forward to seeing you at the 2020 reunion in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Sincerely,

***Bob Dingman, President***  
***EM2, E Division, Sept '67 - Dec '69***

## **BATTLESHIP NJ OVERNIGHT??**

We'd like to know if there is an interest in having a one night overnight encampment aboard the Battleship New Jersey in conjunction with the 2020 reunion. The overnight would be schedule for Tuesday, September 15th, the day/night before the official start of the reunion. This would be an on your own event. That means that group transportation will not be provided. You will have to get to and from the ship on your own, or with your buddies.

Our usual price for an overnight is \$69. It normally includes dinner, breakfast, a tour and, of course, the opportunity to sleep in the bunks. The staff says they will work with us to make it special for the former crew. We have not worked out any specific details at this time.

I need to find out if there's a real interest. Please answer the following questions

1. Would you be interested in attending an overnight on the New Jersey on September 15th?
2. Should this be for our members only, or our members and their family/guests?

Please send me your answers to the questions below and other comments. You can call me or text me at 1-603-455-4441, (If I don't answer, please leave a message. I monitor unknown calls due to spam.) or email me at [bdingman@metrocast.net](mailto:bdingman@metrocast.net).



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings,

My home was full of excitement when it was discovered that our 2019 reunion was going to be held in San Diego California. The thought of returning to exact location of where I once lived and where my wife gave birth to our daughters at the now historic Balboa Naval Hospital. Was overwhelming.

Moving forward the Memorial Day service on board the USS Midway CV- 41 brought back memories. Upon completing basic training in May of 1973, I said farewell to a very good friend AN Casper. Who had orders to the Midway and my orders were to the USS Mauna Kea AE-22. Casper and I parted knowing our ships would one day be alongside each other. In February of 1974 Mauna Kea made a port visit to naval base Yokosuka Japan after departing the Tonkin gulf. I met my buddy (AN Casper) and lost track of him afterwards. After several different tours I observed the New Jersey while assigned to the USS Juneau LPD-10 during a western pacific deployment. Being a GMG2 I prayed for orders to be assigned on board a ship named after my home state. The orders request was unattainable which was heartbreaking. In lieu of my denial for the battleship I was given orders to RTC San Diego Company Commander duty.

While at RTC the USS Missouri company passed my company, the spark was relit. I resubmitted for orders to the battleship my request was granted. But not to Missouri to the New Jersey.

I served on New Jersey and Missouri decommissioning both enjoying being a sixteen-inch fifty gunners' mate. The Reunion visit was joyful and solemn at the same time. I tried to locate a forwarding address for my buddy while on board Midway to no avail. My wife and I visited balboa naval hospital which was no longer used and turned over to San Diego County. Finally, our reunion came to its conclusion my wife and I along with Bob and Judy, Joe and Carol visited the USS Iowa BB-61. Thanks to Len Jablon our official tour guide. Visiting the Iowa was my opportunity to say give a spiritual farewell to two fellow classmates who were lost in turret two on that dreadful day. In closing this reunion will forever be remembered for my wife and me. We thank the entire USS New Jersey family for this reunion visit. I am looking forward to reunion in 2020.

*Leon Tucker, Vice President*



Leon and Hilda Tucker

# SECRETARY/LEBANON PERSIAN GULF ERA DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello shipmates, the light house is still burning, and we have had some new members find their way. We had a really good time in San Diego this year. Trolley tour of the city was great and going to Cordova was a great time as well. Things have changed since I was in San Diego last which was about 35 or so years ago. Next year we will be back at



the ship in Camden New Jersey and we will be staying at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill. Dates will be September 16-20, 2020. We do not have all the details yet but be looking for Spring Bounce, it will have all the reunion details. Our organization is staying between 550- 600 members, but we could use some more. This year was the largest showing of 80's era members, great job guys. There are a lot of you from the Lebanon/ Persian Gulf era that we would like to get on board, these reunions are really fun, and everybody has a great time. Not only are we going back to the ship next

year, but it is also election year for officers in the organization. There are going to be possibly some spots open, so 80's lets help out. Guess I will sign off for now, happy sailing for now.

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Danny and Sheila Fielder

## SHIP'S STORE ADVISOR'S REPORT



All is well at ships store. Gearing up for Cherry Hill 2020. New items coming, shirts for the men and the ladies also JACKET patches along with several smaller items. Thanks to everyone that visited the store in San Diego.

*Mike Schappaugh - Ship's Store Advisor*



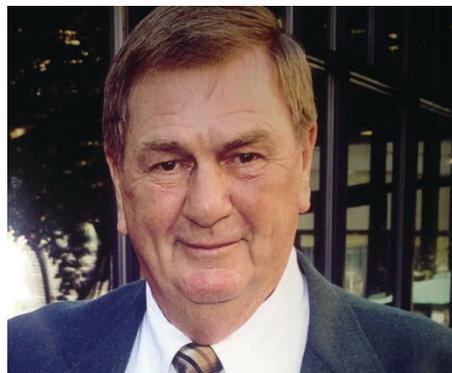
Mike Schappaugh and Beverly Langford

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Shipmates,

Another USS New Jersey Veterans Reunion has come and passed. It was great to see old friends and make new ones, same as always!!

The weather was perfect in San Diego, the hotel was very good, the tours were great, and the food was excellent. Steve and Mickie and Bob and Judy did a great job on planning the reunion and Wayne and Sue Bendelow did some groundwork locally. Thanks to all of them for a great reunion!!!



As always at this time of year we mailout the dues invoices and as always, we get news of some of our shipmates that have passed on. We have a declining membership. There are not many of the older battleship sailors left.

When we meet next year at Cherry Hill, we will elect officers. Be thinking about this. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thanks,

*Garry Blaylock - Membership Chairman*



Garry and Louise Blaylock

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We just concluded our thirty-third annual reunion held this year in San Diego. This was the organization's third time visiting this southern California city that is rich in naval history and tradition. While we were in San Diego, the USS Nimitz paid a visit and of course the USS Franklin Roosevelt is home ported there. As impressive as the USS New Jersey is, viewing these modern aircraft carriers is also awe inspiring.

Attendance this year did not match last year's very successful reunion in New Orleans, but it was pretty much on par with recent west coast venues. I think all in attendance had a wonderful time and again enjoyed catching up with old friends and shipmates.

Financially the organization remains on solid footing. At September 30<sup>th</sup> we had \$35,850 in bank balances after paying virtually all of the reunion expenses. That balance is down only slightly from our bank balances at the beginning of this year. Of course, the fiscal year does not end until December 31<sup>st</sup>, so we still have additional expenses coming up including the costs of this Bounce, but on the positive side Garry is just beginning the dues renewal solicitations. Besides serving as Treasurer, I also currently edit the Bounce. I would like to really thank those that have provided photographs, particularly Carol Cusumano who help make the production of this journal manageable. Also please note that most of the photographs of our visit to the USS Midway for our Memorial service were provided by the USS Midway Museum and their photographer, Felix Zamora. Thank all of you!!!

Next year we will again visit the ship in Camden, and I look forward to seeing many of you on Board.



*Phil Tasker - Treasurer*

### **2019 Reunion 50/50 Winners**

**First Place: \$369.00**

**Tom Gallucci  
Jackson, NJ**

**Second Place: \$276.75**

**Hilda Tucker  
Jersey City, NJ**

**Third Place: \$184.50**

**John Van Dine  
Huntington Beach, CA**

**Fourth Place: \$92.25**

**Atticus Sneed  
Monroe, NC**

## SEATING COORDINATOR'S REPORT



We now have put another reunion to bed, and it was a huge success. Although attendance was small it was a great time had by all. San Diego is such a beautiful city to visit and with its gorgeous weather this year's visit was no exception.

The Crowne Plaza and their staff seemed to go out of their way to accommodate us and the meals were absolutely delicious. The Reunion Committee did an excellent job of finding a backup location after everything fell through in the San Pedro/Long Beach area. They should be commended.

The Old Town Trolley Tour was very enjoyable, and the Memorial Service aboard the USS Midway was well done.

After the service all were free to tour the Midway or explore the nearby Seaport Village. All too soon it was time to say goodbye to friends, old and new until the next reunion next year when we will gather in Cherry Hill, NJ. At this time, we will be able to once again set foot on the decks of our beloved ship USS New Jersey and I hope to see you there.

Next year's reunion will be my last to serve you as your seating coordinator. It will mark my 12th year as seating coordinator and the completion of my 3rd term. I feel it is time to turn over the reins to someone else. This is not a hard job and it takes very little time. This is a good spot for someone from the 80's era to get their feet wet. Don't hesitate to throw your hat in the ring.

So now is the time to start thinking about next year and making plans to attend the reunion in Cherry Hill, NJ. I hope to see you there.

*Bill Myers - Seating Coordinator*

## LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT



Well we had a great reunion in San Diego, by the time you receive this bounce there should be many pictures posted on the web page. To those who went to the reunion and have pictures that aren't already on our web page please send them to me by email

I work with Garry Blaylock our membership director on keeping the roster up to date. If you know of anyone who has passed away, if you have changed your address, email address or phone number please contact me so our data base can be updated.

If you know of anyone who served on the USS New Jersey that isn't a member, any era, please contact me with their name and info. I

keep a list of all USS New Jersey crew members that I'm aware of.

Finally, next year we will be back to the ship and it will be an election year, please try to attend and see what going on with our organization, we need your support to keep going! Stay well,

Stay well,

***Bob Williams, Liaison Officer/Web Master***

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# Minutes USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

Business Meeting Saturday 9/21/19 10:00 am.  
Crowne Plaza San Diego Mission Valley

Officers and Advisor's Present:

President-Bob Dingman, Vice President- Leon Tucker, Treasurer- Phil Tasker, Secretary-Danny Fielder, Membership Chairman- Garry Blaylock, Small Stores-Mike Schauppauagh, Web Master- Bob Williams, Master At Arms Ray Kehoe and Seating Coordinator- Bill Myers

Meeting Opening and Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Dingman

Opening Prayer: Felix Bautista

Reading of past minutes was dispensed to the 2018 Fall issue of the Bounce. Motion by Danny Fielder to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Williams motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Phil Tasker 2018 operating revenue \$50613.00 operating expense \$55147.00 operating deficit \$4500.00. 2019 operating revenue \$17948.00 as of September 12, 2019 operating expense \$14410.00. The 2019 financials incomplete until all numbers in after reunion. Bounce running approx. \$4400.00 due to addition of by law information, normally around \$3200.00. Motion to accept by Len Jablon 2<sup>nd</sup> by Garry Blaylock.

Membership Report: Garry Blaylock reported that we currently have 587 members and 2 new members this this reunion. Point of information that 8 years ago there were over 800 members. Due to time and age we are losing many members. Nonpayment of dues will lead to 40 members being dropped this year. Garry went over the active and inactive list. Organization is finally getting more response from 80's, however we need to increase the participation of 80's era shipmates. Bob Dingman had some discussion on New Jersey shipmates. End of report. Motion made to accept by Phil Tasker with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len Jablon. Motion carried.

Editors Report: No report

VA Report: No report

Small Stores: Mike Schauppauagh reported all is going good with store. Have some new ideas he is thinking about. He said he has done a lot of sales at this reunion as well as taken orders.

Reunion 2020 Bob Dingman: Back to ship next year, Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill. The dates will be September 16-20, 2020. Friday will be the Memorial Service other details have not been finalized yet.

Old Business: President Bob Dingman first brought out that Ann Margaret has declined to be an honorary member.

By-Laws: The amendments to the by-laws were published in the Spring 2019 Bounce, and that President Dingman had copies if anyone needed to look at them while discussion was going on. Membership to include new submarine to be commissioned in the future USS New Jersey SSN 796. Comment by Bill Sosmowski that including the sub crew would continue to help keep our organization going. Motion to accept new By-Laws as rewritten and with amendments was made by Ray Kehoe with 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Joe DiMaria. Discussion as follows. Bob Williams commented that there are several groups that have reunions where Destroyer's and Sub groups are together. Bob Dingman mentioned that there are USS New Jersey groups that do their own reunion and do not come to ours. Chuck Oehme had concerns about sub being part of organization. Joe Cosumono had concerns about logo being changed because the sub would be different. Questions then brought up concerning this motion. Ray Kehoe and Wayne Greenleaf both gave explanations on Roberts Rules. With no further discussion the motion carried. Bob Dingman said the new By-Laws with changes will be published in the next Bounce.

New Business:

Scholarship Recipients for 2019 (Only gave out 2 scholarships this year because we only had 2 applicants):

Lauren Grela, Westen, Ma.  
Ryan Kelley, Wenatchee, Wa.

Bob Dingman pointed out that if anybody knows of a shipmate passing, try and get as much information as we can before we pass along, such as family info e-mail, we can use so we can add to taps list.

**REMEMBER NEXT YEAR AT SHIP ALSO ELECTION YEAR. THERE WILL BE SOME POSITIONS OPEN.**

2021 reunion location. There were 3 suggested locations, asked for any other suggestions there were none. Voting as follows:

Oklahoma City, Ok.	23
San Antonio, Tx.	3
Nashville, Tn.	5

2021 reunion will be Oklahoma City.

Point of information from Bob Dingman is that next year there may be an overnight stay on board USS New Jersey. This would not be reunion related, and each person would be responsible for making their own arrangements. However, we would be provided with information.

This concludes the 2019 business meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Ray Kehoe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Calhoun, meeting adjourned.  
Recorded Minutes

*Danny Fielder: Secretary USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.*

*Note: The following are the revised by-laws that were approved at the general membership meeting held on September 21, 2019*

## **BYLAWS OF THE USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC.**

### **ARTICLE I - OFFICES:**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the village of Hancock, County of Delaware and State of New York. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places within the continental limits of the United States, as the Board may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:**

The purpose for which this Corporation has been organized is as follows - to promote the social welfare of all military veterans who served on the USS NEW JERSEY BB62, or SSN796, to carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of the deceased veterans who served on the USS NEW JERSEY and to comfort the survivors, to sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature and to provide social and recreational activities for all veterans who served on the USS NEW JERSEY.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Qualifications for membership: all persons, Sailors and Marines, who were assigned to active United States Naval service aboard the USS NEW JERSEY BB62, or SSN796.
2. The spouse, surviving spouse, children and grandchildren of members, who served on the USS NEW JERSEY, shall be entitled to membership in the Corporation as associate members and shall pay dues, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and they shall not be entitled to serve as officers of the Corporation.
3. Associate Membership shall also be open to all interested persons and said persons shall pay dues but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and shall not be entitled to serve as officers of the Corporation.
4. Upon successful completion of a term as president, the outgoing President and spouse shall be made Life Members. Presidents who die in office shall be considered to have successfully completed their term and their spouse shall be eligible for Life Membership. Any person having served as President, who has not successfully completed their term of office, shall not be eligible for free Life Membership.
5. The membership totals of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. shall comply with the current IRS requirements for IRC 501(c)19 Veterans Organizations, as indicated in the IRS Manual - 7.25 Section 19, Veteran's Organizations.

## **ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL MEETINGS:**

### **Section 1: Reunion**

1. An annual reunion, hereafter known as the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, or Annual Meeting, shall be held between July 1st and October 30th of each year. Voting members shall nominate sites for the annual reunion at the Annual Meeting. From the list of nominated sites, a final site shall be selected by a majority vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting. A reunion shall be held at least once every four years, in the area where the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial is moored. If there is more than one nomination for a reunion site, the membership in attendance shall vote and select the site. If for some reason the site cannot be selected at the Annual Meeting, then the Board of Directors is authorized to select the site. The President shall announce the selection of the site in an upcoming corporate newsletter before the next Annual Meeting. Site selections shall be made a minimum of two years in advance.
2. A non-refundable reunion registration fee for attending the Annual Meeting may be fixed by the Board of Directors. This fee shall be per registered member, associate member and guests, levied in addition to the usual Annual Meeting charges.
3. If, after thorough investigation and negotiations by the reunion coordinator, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, it is found that there is not a suitable hotel available in the immediate area of the site selected for the reunion, the site shall be changed to one that is in the same general geographical area as the original selected site.
4. A memorial service shall take place at each annual reunion to honor all former USS New Jersey crewmembers, sailors and Marines, who have passed away since the previous annual reunion. All veterans who served on the USS New Jersey, whether current organization members, or not, shall be honored at the annual memorial service.

### **Section 2: Annual meeting of the Corporation**

1. Annual Meetings of the Corporation shall take place at the annual reunions. The Annual Meeting shall be conducted by the President or, in his absence the Vice-President or in his absence the Secretary or in his absence the Treasurer.
2. The annual meeting shall be open to all members of the Corporation. Perspective members, members spouses and guests are welcome to attend, but at any time, these attendees may be asked to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Officer in charge.
3. Only members who are up-to-date with payment of their dues may vote on Corporation business. A majority of up-to-date members in attendance constitutes a quorum at the annual meeting.
4. The Board of Directors meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at a location date and time designated by the President. Majority attendance of Board of Directors constitutes a quorum.

5. All Annual Meetings, Special Meetings and all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be governed by these bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation, and by Robert's Rules of Order, in cases not covered by these bylaws.

### **Section 3: Order of Business**

The order of business to be conducted at an Annual or Special Meeting of this Corporation shall be:

- a. Opening of the Annual or Special Meeting
- b. Posting of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem
- c. Invocation by Chaplain
- d. Reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.
- e. Reading of the Financial Report
- f. Committee reports
- g. Old business
- h. Correspondence and new business
- i. Selection of reunion site
- j. Election of Directors and Advisors (every 4 years)
- k. Good of the Corporation
- l. Closing Invocation by Chaplin
- m. Adjournment /closing of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

## **ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS:**

### **Section 1: Term of office and composition**

- a. Term of office: Directors and Advisors shall serve for a period of four (4) years. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting in years divisible by 4. (i.e. 2004, 2008, etc.)
- b. The Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board, shall consist of seven (7) directors and not more than ten (10) advisors plus past presidents who have successfully completed their term. New officers will take office on January 1st following the election.
- c. Election of Officers: Nominations may be by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and/or from the floor. Self-nomination shall be permitted.
- d. Voting for election of officers shall be by show of hands. If necessary, or requested, a paper ballot may be used.

### **Section 2: Executive Committee**

- a. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. All past Presidents of the Corporation may, when requested, participate in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee.

**Section 3: Voting rights of the Board of Directors**

Only the Directors shall have voting rights at Board meetings.

**ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS, ADVISORS, AND APPOINTEES:**

**Section 1: List of Directors and Advisors**

The following Directors and Advisors of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting every four years beginning in the year 2020, and if there is no contest, the election shall be by voice vote. If there is a contest, the election shall be by written ballot.

- |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| President-Director           | Korea Era Rep.-Advisor            |
| Vice President-Director      | WWII Era Rep.-Advisor             |
| Secretary-Director           | Vietnam Era Rep.-Advisor          |
| Treasurer-Director           | Lebanon/Persian Gulf Era -Advisor |
| Reunion Coordinator-Director | Master-at-Arms-Advisor            |
| Liaison Officer-Director     | Storekeeper-Advisor               |
| Membership Chairman-Director | Veterans Affairs-Advisor          |
|                              | U.S. Marine Corp. Rep.-Advisor    |
|                              | Newsletter Editor-Advisor         |

**Section 2: Appointees**

The following appointees shall be named by the Board of Directors for a (4) four-year term. The first appointments will be made in 2004.

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Legal Counsel | Chaplain(s) |
|---------------|-------------|

**Section 3: Powers**

- a. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, or Bylaws, the powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors, which may, however, delegate the performance of any duties or the exercise of any powers to such Directors, Advisors and committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, designate.
- b. No contracts or financial business involving this organization shall be conducted by individual members without approval of the Board of Directors, or to the extent allowed by these Bylaws.
- c. Replacement of Director, Advisor or Appointee:
  - 1) Whenever a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, (Directors, advisors or Appointees), by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy

shall be filled by appointment of a new Director, Advisor or Appointee by the Board of Directors, until such time as the next Annual Meeting for a majority vote of approval. Any Board Member may hold two positions when there is a vacancy on the Board, but he shall have only one vote.

- 2) Any Director, Advisor or Appointee may be removed, with or without cause, by the majority vote of the Members of the Board of Directors.
- 3) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors or Officers shall hold office for then unexpired term of his predecessor in office, subject to the power of removal stated above.

d. Quorum:

A majority of the Board of Directors, present at any meeting of the Board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

e. Manner of Acting:

The act of a majority of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a Quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or these Bylaws.

f. Compensation:

The Board of Directors, Advisors and Appointees shall serve without compensation, but the Board may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with performance of their duties and they shall submit receipts to obtain reimbursement.

g. Telephone conference meetings:

Any or all Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board, or a Committee of the Board, by means of conference telephone as long as all members in the meeting are able to hear each other.

h. Action without meeting:

No meeting need be held by the Board to take any action required, or permitted to be taken by law, provided all members of the Board shall individually, or collectively, consent in writing to such action, and such written consent, or consents, is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as action by unanimous vote of the Directors.

i. Liability of Directors:

Liability of Directors, Advisors and Appointees: The Directors, Advisors and Appointees of this Corporation shall not be personally liable for its debts, liabilities, or any other obligations.

#### **Section 4: Board Members - Directors:**

a. PRESIDENT: Director

- 1) Chief executive officer of the Corporation exercises general supervision over all activities of the Corporation.
- 2) Preside at all Annual Meetings, Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- 3) Receives quarterly reports from all Directors and Advisors as to the activities of Chairs under their jurisdiction.
- 4) Has final authority in appointment of committee chairs as recommended by the Vice President.
- 5) Makes semi-annual reports to the membership in the Corporation newsletter and Annual meeting.
- 6) Provide request for guest speaker for Annual Meeting dinner dance.
- 7) Assists the Reunion Coordinator with any and all aspects of the planning and operation of the annual reunion, as requested.

b. VICE PRESIDENT: Director:

- 1) In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions, of the President
- 2) Supervises activities during the Annual Meeting
- 3) Responsible for coordinating activities of various Committee Chairs
- 4) Makes semi-annual reports to the membership in the Corporation newsletter
- 5) Has responsibility for the Memorial Committee and coordinates these activities
- 6) Assists the Reunion Coordinator with any and all aspects of the planning and operation of the annual reunion, as requested

c. SECRETARY: Director

- 1) Keeps minutes of Annual Meeting for publication in the Corporate newsletter issued subsequent to Annual Meeting
- 2) Keeps minutes of Board of Director meetings and Executive Committee meetings on file
- 3) Keeps records and file of Corporation correspondence
- 4) Is custodian of Corporation property, per Article X, Section 1
- 5) May appoint an Assistant Secretary, who shall perform any duties as delegated by the Secretary, and shall act during the Secretary's absence or disability
- 6) Assists the Reunion Coordinator with any and all aspects of the planning and operation of the annual reunion, as requested.

d. TREASURER: Director

- 1) Receives all membership dues from the Membership Chair. Record and deposit dues in Corporation account.
- 2) Make payment of any and all approved debits of the Corporation.
- 3) Keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation funds in the Corporation ledger, such accounts to differentiate between funds designated for general Corporation expenses and accounts and those designated for Memorial, Museum, Annual Meeting or special purposes.
- 4) After the end of the fiscal year, provides a detailed report to the Audit Committee for review and approval.
- 5) Provide a detailed yearend financial statement to the Editor for publication in the corporate newsletter.
- 6) Payment of expenditures of \$1000.00, or more, shall be approved by the Executive Committee. Payment of contractual funding or invoices for the Annual Meeting shall not require approval by the Executive Committee.
- 7) May appoint an Assistant Treasurer who shall perform any duties as delegated by the Treasurer and shall act during the Treasurer's absence or disability.
- 8) Assists Reunion Coordinator at the pre-reunion selection site visits. Assists with negotiations and final selections of the hotel, and other reunion activities.
- 9) Sets the fiscal year of the organization. The current fiscal year is January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

e. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Director

- 1) Mails dues invoices to all current members in September or October of each year.
- 2) Receives and records dues payment from members and forwards dues payments to Treasurer.
- 3) Follows up with members who are delinquent with their dues, as needed.
- 4) Receives applications for new membership and forward dues payment to Treasurer.
- 5) Prepares and mails membership cards to members and associate members. Include a personal note to make a new member feel welcome after dues are collected.
- 6) Notifies Board of Directors of all new members and associate members with updated data.
- 7) Notifies Board of Directors of the passing of shipmates immediately when known.
- 8) Keeps an up-to-date roster of active members for purpose of keeping current addresses, contact information and dues payment status.
- 9) Drops from the active roster all inactive members who have failed to keep dues current for a period of two (2) years starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year that dues were first not received. Notifies the Board of non-current, delinquent members.

- 10) Provides the Editor of the corporate newsletter with an up-to-date roster of names and addresses of current members prior to each mailing of the corporate newsletter.

f. LIAISON OFFICER: Director

- 1) Keeps an updated database of all current members, associate members, and all known former crew members who served on BB62 or SSN796, but who are not members of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
- 2) Inform Era Representatives of all Executive Committee decisions and information pertinent to the wellbeing of the Corporation in general matters of common interest pertaining to the general membership, associate members and non-members.
- 3) Receive from Membership Chair and pass on to Era Representatives, all pertinent information regarding the passing away of fellow shipmates, Associate Members, to inform the current membership of such.
- 4) Act in the best interest in liaison communication with all civic matters concerning the Corporation and notify Directors of information concerning their specialties of said civic matters.

g. REUNION COORDINATOR: Director

- a. Coordinate all aspects of the reunion aspects as designated by the President, or the Vice President.
- b. Procure all pertinent contracts of the reunion, including tours, meals, hotel accommodations, DJ or band, Color Guard, bugler, photographer, plaques, transportation buses/shuttles and all other facets required pertaining to the directive of Reunion Coordinator.
- c. If a military reunion planning company (MRPC) is contracted to organize an annual reunion, the Reunion Coordinator shall act as the liaison between the MRCP and the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. until such time as needed. The Reunion Coordinator, in conjunction with the President and Treasurer, shall determine the level of involvement the MRCP will have and shall negotiate the final contract with the MRCP. All required tasks, not part of the planning company's contract, shall be the responsibility of the Reunion Coordinator.

## Section 5. Board Members - Advisors

a. WEBMASTER: Advisor

- 1) Maintains the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. website, ussnewjersey.org, and the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. Facebook page for the Corporation.
- 2) Upgrade the website and Facebook page, as needed.
- 3) Maintains the website on-line e-mail roster and concurrent roster of active & inactive members.
- 4) Forwards all changes & additions to e-mail roster to Liaison Officer.
- 5) Monitors and edits the website Deck Log and Facebook page on regular basis. Delete all negative, slanderous, derogatory or political viewpoints

and comments may be deemed offensive, without express permission of the Executive Board.

- 6) Adds relevant photos, notices, etc. when they become available to the website and Facebook page.
- 7) Answer questions submitted through website or forward said question to Board of Directors for pertinent response, if warranted.
- 8) Notifies Treasurer of the amount and when to pay any URL, hosting or website charges.

b. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Advisor

- 1) Receive input from Board of Directors for insertion into semi-annual issues of the corporate newsletter.
- 2) Receive requests for "Shipmate Locator Directory" (non-E-Mail type) for insertion into semi-annual newsletter.
- 3) Edits all incoming information and pictures, prepares proofs for publisher of semi-annual newsletter and provides names and addresses for labeling of newsletter to be published and mailed
- 4) Submits proof to President prior to publishing, for approval.
- 5) Shall not publish any negative, slanderous, derogatory or political viewpoints, including photos, cartoons, newspaper or magazine articles, letters and personal opinions, in the corporate newsletter without express permission of the Executive Committee.
- 6) The name of the corporate newsletter shall be "The Jersey Bounce".

c. STOREKEEPER (SMALLSTORES): Advisor

The storekeeper shall perform his duties in accordance with Article XIII - Ship's Store.

d. VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Advisor:

- 1) Shall be a member having knowledge of Veterans' Affairs pertaining to the medical and clerical aspects of veterans' benefits via the Veterans' Administration, such as Military Burials, Medals and Awards, Military Records etc.
- 2) Shall keep an updated directory of related names, phone numbers, addresses, fax numbers, and email addresses and access to publications for the benefit of the membership pertaining to Veterans' Affairs.

e. MARINE CORPS. REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor

Shall be a former U.S. Marine Corp Detachment crewmember, keeping a separate roster of all U.S. Marine Detachment personnel, relaying any and all matters related to the U.S. Marine Detachment of the Corporation.

f. ERA REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor

Era Representatives: - Four (4) total, one (1) for each era -WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM, 1980's

- 1) Keep an updated roster provided by the Membership Chair
- 2) News and Information, pertinent to the Corporation from Board of Directors, received by the Liaison Officer, shall be passed on to Era Representatives for distribution to the members of their era
- 3) When an Era Representative finds out that a USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. member, Associate Member, or non-member has passed away, that information is to be relayed to the Board of Directors via the Liaison Officer, for disbursement and updating of the roster.

g. MASTER AT ARMS: Advisor:

- 1) Shall be responsible for the Order and Calm of all functions during the Annual Meeting.
- 2) Shall be in charge of Side Boy Honor Guards for escorted dignitaries, Color Guard and "Call to Attention" for all National Honor Functions.

**Section 6. Board Members - Appointees:**

a. LEGAL COUNSEL: Appointee

- 1) Shall be a person admitted to practice law and in good standing in his state of residence and/or in the state where his office is located. Shall advise the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee concerning legal matters affecting the Corporation.
- 2) Any services which require litigation, said counsel shall be paid a fee as approved by the Board of Directors. The legal counsel may recommend to the Board of Directors that outside legal counsel be retained for specific matters and the fee be approved by the Board of Directors.

b. CHAPLAIN(S): Appointee

- 1) Shall conduct the Invocation for all starting and ending functions. Shall, when informed of the death of a USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. member, mail to the surviving spouse or family a sympathy card from the

membership. If informed of a passing member from an outside source, shall notify the Membership Chair, Liaison Officer and Webmaster for proper roster update and insertion into the database and the Taps List. Only USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. members are to receive the courtesy of a sympathy card.

- 2) The Chaplain shall, in conjunction with the President, or duly designated Executive Committee Member, assist and console a spouse, companion or family of a deceased member who has passed away or become seriously ill at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Section 7. Removal of a USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. Member:**

Any member may be suspended or removed from membership for conduct not in the best interest of the Corporation by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors and approval of the majority of the members present at the next Annual Meeting following the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

All Officers and Committee chairs shall be dues paying members with current paid up dues.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - VOTING:**

- a. Voting privileges for members of the Corporation shall be extended to those paid-up members in attendance at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote of those present shall enact resolutions, motions and nominations presented
- b. Board members may vote on all matters for the Corporation during the year, with consideration for the General Membership to approve or disapprove changes to rules or bylaws on approval by attending membership at the next Annual Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX - DUES:**

##### **Section 1.**

The dues of the USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC. shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and be for the fiscal year of January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

##### **Section 2.**

Member shall be considered delinquent with unpaid dues for one (1) year at time of Annual Meeting.

### **Section 3.**

Member shall be considered inactive, with loss of privileges, with unpaid dues for two (2) years at time of Annual Meeting or beginning of fiscal year January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ARTICLE X - USS NEW JERSEY VETERAN'S CORPORATION PROPERTY:**

All material donated to or purchased with Corporation funds, including pictures, display material, files, artifacts, printed material, etc., shall be actually or constructively in the custody of the Secretary or as designated by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE XI - MEMORIALS:**

The Corporation shall establish and support, within the limit of available funds, such suitable memorials to veterans of the USS NEW JERSEY as are recommended by the Board of Directors and as approved and adopted by majority vote of members attending its Annual Meeting. Voluntary contributions may be accepted by the Corporation to accomplish the purpose of any approved memorial program.

### **ARTICLE XII - COMMITTEES:**

#### **Section 1.**

The President shall have supervisory responsibility for all committees but shall exercise responsibility only through the designated elected officer, if any, assigned to oversee or supervise a committee.

#### **Section 2.**

Committees shall be of two (2) types:

- a. SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES: whose Chair is appointed by and report directly to the President
- b. STANDING COMMITTEES: whose Chair are appointed jointly by the President and designated supervisory officer but report only to their designated supervisory officers

#### **Section 3.**

1. Special Purpose Committees and their duties:

- a. AUDIT COMMITTEE: This Committee is to audit the records of the Treasurer annually prior to insertion into the fall issue of the corporate newsletter.

- b. RULES COMMITTEE: This Committee shall form rules that govern the smooth operations of the Corporation concerning adherence to dates of Annual Meetings, added registration fees and any facet thereof.
- c. BYLAWS COMMITTEE: This Committee shall communicate and consult by mail, telephone or, if feasible, meet annually at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting and may submit suggested amendments to the existing bylaws to the Board of Directors for approval, and if approved, be submitted to the General Membership present at the Annual Meeting to be ratified and submitted to the Editor to be published in the subsequent edition of the newsletter, after the Annual Meeting.
- d. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The President shall appoint the Chair of this Committee, and two (2) additional members, to report to the President and membership of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, its recommendation of a slate of officers for the ensuing term. Nominees included in the Nomination Committee Report, will be present for the nomination.
- e. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: This committee shall receive from the President all the forms and information received from all scholarship applicants for that school year. The Committee shall review, and evaluate the information received from each applicant. The Committee shall determine if each applicant has conformed to all rules and regulations listed on the application and provided all information required. The Committee shall evaluate each applicant on a fair and equal basis. Following the evaluation of the applicants, the Committee shall submit the names of those applicants it recommends for one of the scholarships currently offered by the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

## 2. Standing Committees and their duties:

REUNION COMMITTEE: Under direct supervision of the Reunion Coordinator, or in his absence, the designated supervisory officer. This Chair shall select committee members from the area of the reunion, plan and execute arrangements for volunteers to assist at the reunion.

## **ARTICLE XIII - SHIP'S STORE:**

### **Section 1.**

The Corporation Ship's Store is established for the purpose of providing the members, and others, with keepsake memorabilia pertaining to the USS New Jersey and the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. Profits from the sale of Corporation merchandise shall be deposited in the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. treasury.

- a. The storekeeper shall make provisions to obtain volunteers for table sales at the reunion.

- b. The storekeeper shall inform the Reunion Coordinator what the space requirements will be for the ship's store at the reunion, including the size and number of tables that will be required for display of inventory.
- c. The storekeeper shall keep accurate records of all purchases and sales.
- d. All income from the sale of merchandise shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for deposit.
- e. The storekeeper shall coordinate with the Treasurer with respect to payment of all invoices. Invoices shall be submitted to the Treasurer for either direct payment to the vendor or for reimbursement to the storekeeper for payments he has made to the vendor.
- f. All expenditures of \$1000.00 or more shall require approval by the Executive Committee.
- g. The storekeeper shall keep sufficient inventory for sales at the reunion and via Phone, Postal Mail, Website and E-Mail. Payment shall be in the form of Money Order, Certified Bank Check or a Personnel (Bank Cleared) Check.

## **Section 2.**

The Ship's Store shall have sole authorization for the sale of said memorabilia in the hospitality room, at registration and/or at other sites that are designated as exclusive to the Corporation during a Reunion.

## **ARTICLE XV - DISOLUTION**

### **Section 1.**

Should the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. cease to exist, or the purposes for which the Corporation was organized no longer exist, the Corporation shall be dissolved in the manner described in Article IX of the Certificate of Incorporation, dated 26 August 1985. It is recommended that after satisfying the Corporation's liabilities, and expenses of winding up and dissolving, all remaining assets of this Corporation shall be transferred to the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial, 62 Battleship Place, Camden, NJ 08103

## **ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS;**

### **Section 1.**

The bylaws of this Corporation may be altered, amended, or repealed, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation.

**Section 2.**

The proposed amendment(s) shall show word for word how the article and section to be amended appear in the article and section presently in force and how the proposed amendment(s) will read.

**Section 3.**

The information presented in Section 2 of this article shall be published in the newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Section 4.**

The proposed amendment(s) shall be read at the first reunion following receipt of the proposed amendment(s) and shall be voted on by the general membership at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 5.**

The amendment(s) must carry fifty-one per cent (51%) of the votes of the membership present on the floor at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 6.**

The amendment(s) shall become effective on the first day following the closing of the Annual Meeting.

**Section 7.**

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to make the necessary copies of the altered, amended or repealed bylaws for distribution to all members of the Board of Directors - Directors, Advisors and Appointees. The general membership will be notified of the alterations, amendments, or repeal by publishing the revised bylaws in the first newsletter after the Annual Meeting.

Revision and instituted amendments of the USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC., By-Laws.

Revision: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated- \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted: Board of Directors USS New Jersey Veterans. Inc.  
Approved: By General Membership, USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.  
Instituted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date, \_\_\_\_\_

**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC**

**33RD REUNION**

**SEPTEMBER 18 - 21, 2019**

**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**



**Captain Ken Carstens USN and SSgt Roy Zanni USMC performing an exceptional rendition of Echo Taps at the Memorial Service**

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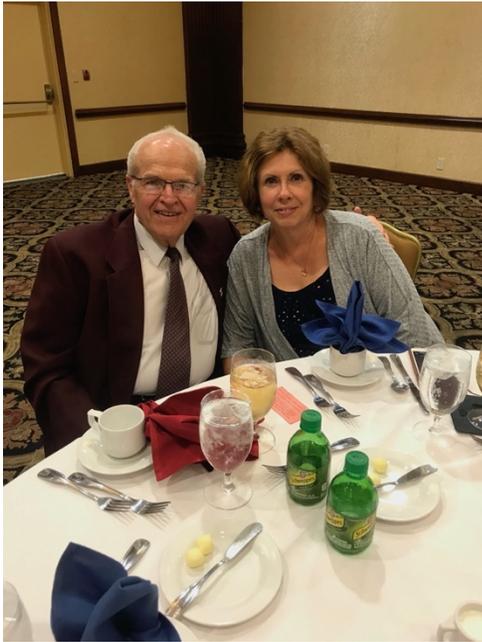


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**USS Midway Visit and Memorial Service**



Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

I thank you for being here to remember our shipmates who have passed away since our last reunion, and also those shipmates who have passed that we do not know about.

In a few months we will celebrate Veterans Day. Children will be out of school. Parents will have a day off. Car dealers will be open for their holiday sale. But there will be hardly a thought as to how fortunate they are to live in this land of such liberty.

How did these unique blessings of liberty come to be? They were certainly not provided by the media, by our college professors, or the clergy.

They were provided by the men we honor today, with stout hearts, strong beliefs and stiffer spines, who stood tall and strong together, to nurture the ideals of liberty and to defend the heritage we teach our children and cherish today.

It was our military who brought us these gifts...patriots who served our country, who obtained for us such enormous blessings unknown previously in human history. And it was the military who protected these freedoms so often, at such great personal sacrifice. Our shipmates swore an oath to protect and defend our constitution and our country, with their very life, if necessary.

I am reminded of a bumper sticker I once saw - "Freedom is not free, but don't worry, a soldier has paid your share."

Our monuments and memorials reflect the costs of such a promise and the sacrifice made in keeping it. Our shipmates left homes, families, children, jobs, and opportunities. They

sailed to foreign shores, serving in numerous crisis areas of the world, away from those who loved them, frequently in tough conditions and often in danger. They were America's fathers, sons, nephews, and brothers. They were your veterans!

Why did they serve? The answer was as simple for our shipmates as it was for those in George Washington's Continental Navy...To serve their country. An unselfish act repeated over and over since the founding of this great nation and repeated this very morning at Recruit Training Command - Great Lakes by young men and women who graduated from boot camp, as we witnessed during our 2017 reunion visit to Great Lakes. The question stands, Why? And the answer will always be the same, because they love their country and are not afraid to say so...

There was a time when every neighborhood knew a boy who was serving and were proud of him. Times and customs have changed and now we have an all-volunteer service. and too many Americans don't recognize or appreciate the sacrifices of these men and women and their families, who give, or have given so much.

America has heard far too much of the Kardashians, Beyonce', Colin Kaepernick and other celebrities. Their trivial antics command extensive TV time, interviews, talk show appearances and unlimited exposure. They get more publicity than the moon landing did in 1969.

How many of you know: Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Elis Barreto Ortiz, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dustin Ard, Master Sgt. Luis DeLeon-Figeroa or Master Sgt. Jose Gonzalez?

These are American's sons, and they died for their country and your freedom in Afghanistan, within the last two months. The latest, Sgt Ortiz, just 2 weeks ago today. They left behind grieving wives, little children, loving families with hardly a public notice in the news. Please tell me who else sacrificed their very lives and future for your families and their freedom this month...?

So, we honor our shipmates who have passed in the last year and all the veterans who also passed and all the men and women who have served and are serving. These Veterans, both with us and long past, all have a faith and trust that they will not be forgotten, that they will always be remembered.

So, in conclusion, if I may leave you with a very short sailor's prayer, and a term so enduring to this Navy Town...

"Peace!"

May God bless you all; may God bless America; and may he shine his face on all who sleep in peace here.

Thank you.

***Bob Dingman, President***

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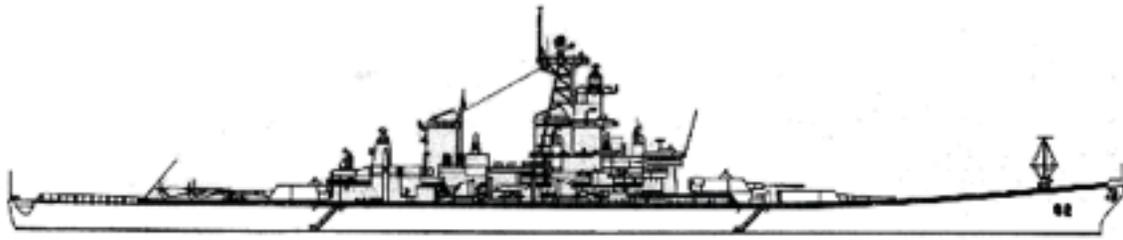


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## 34<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

**WHERE:** Crowne Plaza Philadelphia - Cherry Hill  
2349 West Marlton Pike  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

**WHEN:** September 16 - 20, 2020

**RESERVATIONS:** 1-888-233-9527 (Crowne Plaza Reservations, toll free)  
1-856-665-6666 (Hotel Direct)  
For group rate mention the: USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS  
Online reservations can be made at the website link below:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50005768>

To modify your existing reservations, call 1-888-233-9534.  
Special group rates are available for reservations between  
September 13th thru 22nd.  
Handicapped rooms are available upon request.  
Reservations received after 5:00PM(EDT), August 17, 2020, may not  
qualify for the group rate.  
Individuals will be allowed to cancel reserved rooms up to 48  
Hours prior to arrival without penalty.  
There will be no penalty for early checkouts of individual group  
participants.  
Parking is free. Complimentary WIFI.  
Sorry, service pets only.

**COST:** **One King or Two Double - \$115.00 (plus 14.625% NJ sales and NJ  
occupancy taxes)**

Check In Time: 4:00 PM

Check Out Time: 11:00AM

**For those who stay at the host hotel, the room rate  
includes breakfast coupons for 2 people per room**

## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lauren Grela, Weston, MA



Lauren is the daughter of Linda and Peter Grela and the granddaughter of shipmate Leo Glasheen. (Korea, E Division) Lauren graduated this past spring from Ursuline Academy, Dedham, MA. She was Class Salutatorian of her senior class. She graduated as a member of the National Honor Society and with Academic First Honors. Lauren was a recipient of the Yale Book Award in 2018 and she was a Scholastic Art and Writing Honorable Mention for 2016-2017. Her activities at Ursuline included Varsity Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Junior Classics League, Memory Project Club, Stock Market Club, and Helping Hand Club. She has volunteered at St. Vincent dePaul, the Boston Marathon and during the summer she works at a summer camp in Vermont, as a camp counselor for children ages 3-5.

At the time when she applied for this scholarship, she had a GPA of 4.0/4.0. Lauren is now attending Columbia University. She will be majoring in Human Rights.

Ryan Kelley, Wenatchee, WA

Ryan is the son of Carolyn Kelley and Douglas Kelley, and the grandson of shipmate Ray Kehoe (Vietnam, E Division). Ryan graduated this past spring from Wenatchee High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and Math Club. Ryan was state officer for the State of Washington Career and Technical Sports Medicine Association, freshman track athlete of the year and third team all-district Discus Thrower. He put in over 400 hours of his time working in his high schools after school sports medicine treatment center treating fellow athletes. He also participated in football. In 2018, Ryan was a volunteer at a summer camp in Detroit Lakes, MN, operated by Young Life, a worldwide religious organization.

At the time when he applied for this scholarship, Ryan had a 3.6 GPA. Ryan is now a freshman at Boise State University, Boise, ID. He plans on majoring in Pre-Med.





## USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kenneth Agresto	E	WWII	Norfolk, VA
Arnold Blackwell	R	Korea	Brownstown, IN
Russel Collins		WWII	
William Crull III	FA	Korea	Metairie, LA
Harry Dangler	C	Korea	North Port, FL
Nicholas Delgobbo		80's	
Jarvis Everett	5 <sup>th</sup>	WWII	Greenville, NC
Donald Ferrier	Radar	WWII	Marco Island, FL
John Garrison	4 <sup>th</sup>	WWII	Cordova, TN
Gregory Giallionardo		Vietnam	Franklin, MA
Glenn Kessler	H	Korea	Westfield, IN
Jerald Manring	CS	WWII	Albany, MO
Robert Michael	M	Korea	Hastings, MN
Roger Oosterink		WWII	
Ronald Pittenger	7 <sup>th</sup>	Korea	Lafayette, NJ
John Porter		Vietnam	
David Schenck	OE	Vietnam	Tavernier, FL
Thomas Stephens	6 <sup>th</sup>	Korea	Manton, MI
Richard Urycki		80's	
William Walker		WWII	
Gene Wallace	6 <sup>th</sup>	Korea	Lancaster, SC
David Craig Wright	K	Korea	Oklahoma City, OK



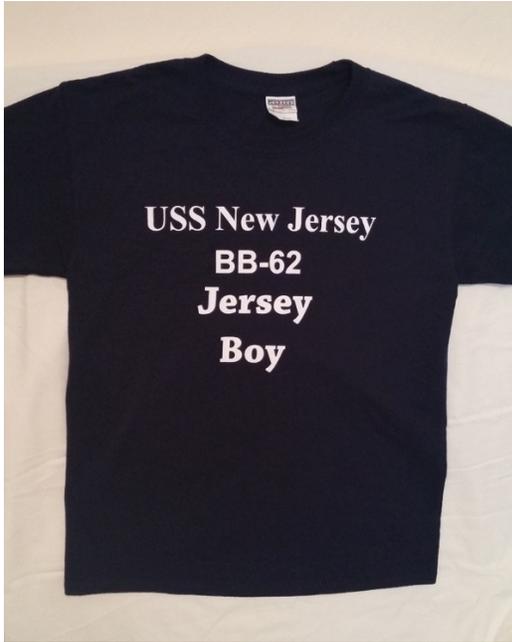
## USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Frank Carter	FA	WWII	Port Aransas, TX
Bruce Killebrew	GM	80's	National City, CA
Michael Mitchel	1 <sup>st</sup>	80's	Alma, MI
Phil Smith	OPS	80's	San Diego, CA



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# San Diego 2019 Reunion Site

## Mission San Diego de Alcalá

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San Diego was historically home to the Kumeyaay people. It was first visited by Europeans in 1542 by Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo who claimed the area for Spain, forming the basis for the settlement Alta California 200 years later. The Presido and Mission San Diego de Alcalá (which was founded in 1769) formed the first European settlement in what is now California. In 1821, San Diego became part of the newly declared Mexican Empire and California became part of the United States in 1848 following the Mexican-American War.

The San Diego area has a rich naval tradition. The southern portion of the Point Loma peninsula was set aside for military purposes in 1852. Significant U.S. Navy presence began in 1901 with the establishment of the Navy Coaling Station in Point Loma and expanded greatly during the 1920's. By 1930 the city was host to Naval Base San Diego, Naval Training Center San Diego, San Diego Naval Hospital, Camp Mathews and Camp Kearny (now Marine Corps Air Station Miramar).