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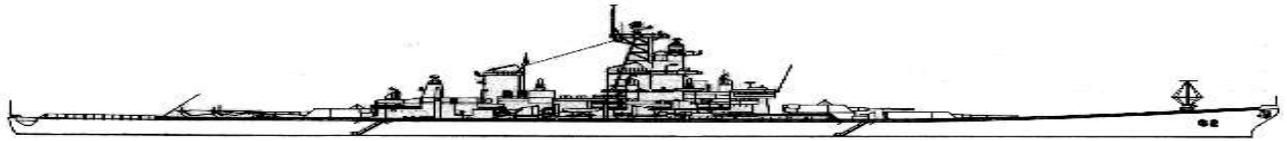


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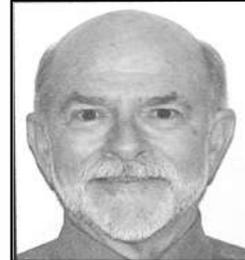
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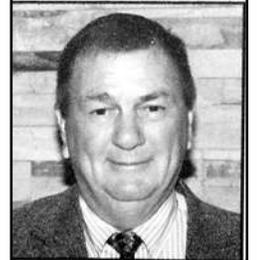
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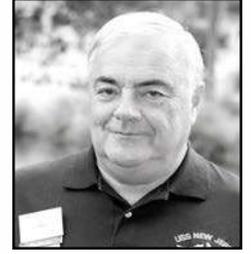
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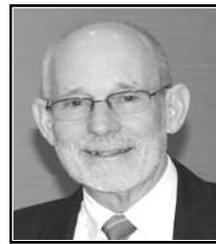
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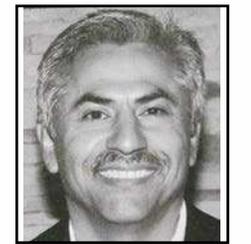
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Message from the President

Greetings Shipmates,

In January, I received a letter from the Battleship New Jersey telling us about a campaign that had started to secure four items of USS New Jersey history that are in danger of being lost forever. The letter explained that there are three 16" gun barrels sitting in a field near Norfolk and that they are in danger of being sold for scrap. There has always been a desire to display a 16" barrel on the pier of the Battleship New Jersey. The threat of having these artifacts destroyed has helped to start an active campaign to save the barrels. The navy has set an April deadline to claim the barrels. In this issue you'll find information from the Battleship New Jersey describing the campaign.

Steve Sheehan, our former president, and the current Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Battleship New Jersey, also contacted me about the campaign. The campaign is called "40 for the Quad 40's". The campaign is to secure the release of the barrels, transport the three former USS New Jersey 16" barrels from Norfolk to Camden by barge. The fourth item that's included in this campaign is a Quad 40MM gun mount that was removed from the ship during the 1967-68 reactivation in Philadelphia. It's been determined that all of the 40mm guns were scrapped, except this one. This one is on display at the former Philadelphia Naval Base. The current owners of the former base have offered the gun mount to the ship in exchange for one of the 16" barrels. They want to have some history of the former Shipyard on display on the property. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$200,000 to secure these items, restore them and put them on display. The hope is to raise the primary funds by getting 40 individuals, or organizations, to donate \$5000 each. Of course, they will also accept donations of any amount.

In determining a response to the letter we received, I looked at the support we have received from the Battleship New Jersey over the years. Currently we schedule a day on the ship during our reunion every four years. On that day the ship is very generous toward our needs. The normal fee to rent the fantail of the ship would be \$3000. We were not charged for this. Former crew members are never charged admission, but on that day, all of our guests were given free admission to the ship and there was no additional charge for special tours. This year the ship donated a certificate for the opportunity to fire the 5" mount, for us to auction off on Wednesday evening. Organizations are charged \$500 for this opportunity, but it was donated and we raised \$600 for it, at the auction. Their support goes back to previous reunions we had at the ship over the years. I hope everyone agrees that we should do everything we can to help preserve all items that are part of the history of the USS New Jersey. In response to the request, I contacted the Board members and asked if they were in favor or against us donating \$5000 to this campaign. The response by the Directors on the Board was six in favor and zero against. I also asked all the Advisors on the Board if they would support this donation. Seven were in favor and one was against. As a result of this vote, we have donated \$5000 to the campaign. I hope we'll see many of you in Deerfield, IL, this August.

Sincerely,

Bob Dingman, EM2 '67-'69



My Navy Biography - Bob Dingman

I grew up in Syracuse, NY, with my parents and two sisters. I graduated from high school in 1965, and got a job in a downtown department store. One day, a fellow worker and I were talking about our chances of being drafted. It was just a matter of time before we would get our "Greetings" letter, so we decided to go talk to the navy recruiter. The day I went, I made the decision to enlist in the Navy. As a high school graduate, I was promised an "A" school, and got a 120 day delayed enlistment. On February 23, 1967, I left for Great Lakes, where I went to boot camp and EM "A" School.



When the duty stations were announced, myself and three classmates instantly became Battleship Sailors. We were going the Philadelphia Naval Station to be part of the pre-commissioning crew of the USS New Jersey. I served in E Division. As part of the pre-com crew, there wasn't a lot for us to do. The ship was being reconditioned by the Shipyard, and the workers were union, so we couldn't do anything that was considered one of their jobs. We spent a lot of time learning our way around the ship.

I worked in electrical distribution during my entire time on the NJ. I started out in #3 engine and fire rooms, then forward and aft diesels, and finally in #1 engine & fire rooms. There was something special about serving on the USS New Jersey during the Vietnam era. Maybe it was because we were the only active Battleship in the world. Maybe it was the length of time we were in commission, which was cut short for political reasons. Maybe it was we served under Captain Snyder. For whatever the reason, it was great duty.

When the NJ was decommissioned, I received orders to the USS Hoel, DDG-13. The Hoel was home ported in San Diego, but she was in WESPAC, so I was sent to San Diego to wait for her return in March. After about 4 weeks of living in the transient barracks, I was told at morning quarters to report to my ship. The only problem was that she was still in WESPAC. My orders were to fly overseas. I flew out of Travis. It took me about three weeks of traveling to Honolulu, Yokota AFB in Japan, Okinawa, Camp Tien Sha in Danang, Saigon, and finally Subic Bay Naval Base, Where I finally reported on board. I completed my enlistment on the USS Hoel and was discharged in November, 1970.

I returned to Albany, NY, where my family was now living. I worked and attended college. After college, my first job was at General Electric, where I worked as an electrical draftsman for five years. In 1978, I joined an engineering firm as an electrical engineer. I've worked for that firm for the past 39 years, designing and engineering electrical systems for all types of buildings around New England. I am currently working three days a week and planning on full retirement soon. Judy and I are a blended family. Each of us has a son and a daughter, all of whom we are very proud of. We've been blessed with five beautiful grandchildren and enjoy our time with family and friends.

Message from the Vice President

I am truly honored to have been nominated to the office of Vice President. I will serve my time in that faithfully. A special thanks to all concerned for selecting me. I am very excited about the upcoming reunion to the place where it all began - Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. I hope the turn out is the very best, to say the least, and I hope it will a proud moment, for me and mine. I am also hoping it will be the same for you, and yours.

Short Bio - My Time on the "Big J."

The USS New Jersey is the best thing that ever happened to me. While serving on the USS JUNEAU, I saw the "Big J," and made up my mind. I would make it there. During my duty at R.T.C. - San Diego, my wish came through. Orders to one of greatest ships in the U.S. Navy! 16 inch 50 "C" school duty, in turret one. I am truly honored to have served on a ship named after my home state. Once there, I accomplished all I could. Career counselor, Turret Captain, 3M Efficiency, Officer of the Deck in port, and finally, Sailor of the Month and Snap II System Coordination. When it was time to go, I was very sad to discover that most "Big J" crew members were going to the Missouri. After retiring from the navy, I tell all the people I meet about my time serving in the navy, and most importantly, duty on board the USS New Jersey BB-62. I am also able to provide DVD's of The USS New Jersey BB-62.

Leon Tucker, Vice President



Message from the Secretary/Era Director



Lebanon/Persian Gulf Era

Hello shipmates:

I hope all is well with everyone. I am serving in two capacities for the organization, and I am combining both articles for this issue of “The Bounce.” Serving this organization has been very enjoyable. Some of you remember me from “then,” and you should know who I am now. When I was discharged from the Navy, I went to work for Gulf States Engineering, where I have been for 31 years. I was married for 13 years and then divorced. I have two step children, and one daughter of my own, who is now 23 years old, and a Pharmacy Tech. Nine years ago I married my current wife, Sheila, who is absolutely a wonderful person. Sheila has four grown sons and I think they are absolutely fantastic. Going to my grandchildren's various events keep us busy, but it is truly a wonderful thing. Our honeymoon took us to Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where I attended my first USS New Jersey Reunion. I really wasn't sure how she would enjoy that trip, but we have not yet missed a reunion. We were the only ones from the 80's, but all of the other era members made us feel so welcome, it was like we had known them for years. I have heard some true sea stories and have enjoyed everyone of them. In the past, I have said why I use the light house as a symbol. It is a way for all of us to find our way back to the ship. Last year Sheila and I spent 3 days in “D.C.” before the reunion, especially enjoying going to the Navy Memorial, and seeing the USS New Jersey plaque. I really knew at that time, that I was part of history. I may be considered a dork, lifer or other chosen names, but that is really not the case. It is soon going to be up to our era to keep this going, and I hope more of us step up to the plate. There are many excuses - some say not enough time, still working, have children at home, too much money, got out of the Navy and don't want to think about it any more, etc. But really, this is a true blessing, so please think about it. This year Chicago, next year New Orleans. Well this is me now. Just wanted to let everyone know who the Secretary was, as well as the Era Director. Remember, the “LIGHT HOUSE” is still shining - let's not let it burn out. Happy sailing everyone.

Hope to see you in Chicago.

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Message from the Membership Chairman

Hi Shipmates,

I hope everyone is in the best possible health, and enjoying life, as Louise and I are.

It's time to start thinking about the next reunion in Deerfield, Illinois. We will be there, and I am anxious to see the recruits march and graduate. For myself, being there as a recruit was an eye opener, mainly the cold. I had never been north of Tennessee and when I left home, I thought I was going to San Diego. WRONG!! I got through it with no problems and joined the Fleet.

Short Bio

I was sent to Charleston, South Carolina, to the USS Howard W Gilmore AS-16. Pier November was my home for a while. I worked as a mess cook for six weeks and then on to the deck force, for six more weeks. The Captain wanted all new personnel, below the rank of E-4, to know what it was like to do those jobs. I had just gotten out of Electrical School in Great Lakes and this was not what I had in mind!

I finally made it to the Electric Shop and started learning that I didn't know squat about electrical work, but with the help of my shipmates, I did okay. I was assigned to Distribution, but we all had to help in other areas, because of our small number of sailors in the electric shop.

I was startled at quarters one morning, when it was announced that I was going to the Big J. WOW!! Big difference in ships!

I'm very thankful that I got to serve on the Jersey and made so many lifelong friends. Dingman, Meyers and Cusumano found me in time, to go to the 2005 reunion, in Valley Forge. It was as if we had just left each other in Bremerton.

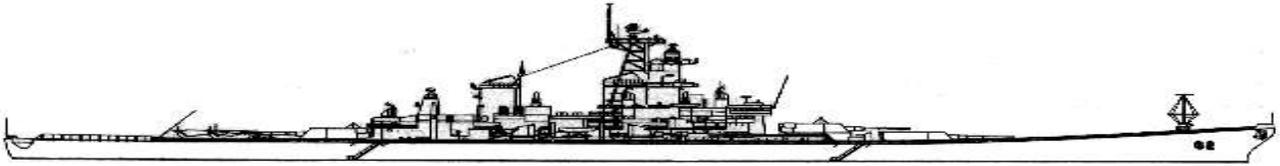
I'm very thankful to the U S Navy. I learned my lifelong skills as a maintenance electrician, and made a very good living for myself and my family.

Please notify me if you have any changes of your address, telephone numbers or email so that I can update the information on the roster. Thanks to all who responded to the invoices for the 2017 dues. As of now, we have had almost 400 responses, and several notices of changes of address, and unfortunately, some deaths.

Sincerely,

Garry





Message from the Treasurer

Included with this edition of the Bounce, is a 2016 Financial Summary for the organization. As noted in the summary, our actual cash position improved slightly during 2016, although this is somewhat misleading, since the Fall Bounce was not distributed until early this year, and those expenses were not paid until 2017. The good news is that Len Jablon was able to negotiate with a new printer and the cost of the Fall Bounce was about 45% less than that of previous editions. We ended the year with \$43,560 in cash balances.

We ran a deficit of \$1,455 from basic operations. This is in line with recent historical trends. Dues received in 2016 were slightly above the historical average, while the reunion subsidy was slightly lower than recent experience. The most significant change in operating disbursements was in Small Stores Inventory, as Mike Schappaugh builds the inventory, and expands the merchandise available for purchase.

We ended the year with \$2,300 in the Scholarship Fund. As best as I can research, this is the first time the Scholarship Fund has ended the year with a positive balance. That is directly attributable to the exceptional job the Reunion committee did with the auction, at the reunion in Philadelphia.

Finally, our membership contributed \$6,635 to restoration activities on the ship itself. This is the second consecutive year that our members have made this level of support available for the ship.

I look forward to meeting up with everyone again in Deerfield this August.

Phillip Tasker - Treasurer





**USS New Jersey Veterans Association
2016 Financial's
Summary**

<u>Bank Balances</u>	<u>Operating Account</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>
Adjusted Bank Balances at January 1, 2016	\$ 5,069.48	\$ 38,130.37
Total Funds Received in 2016	55,384.78	15.18
Total Funds Disbursed in 2016	55,040.08	-
Funds Transfers	-	-
Bank Balances at December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 5,414.18</u>	<u>\$ 38,145.55</u>
Net YTD Change in Bank Balances	\$ 344.70	\$ 15.18

<u>2016 Operating Results</u>	
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Dues	\$10,888.00
2016 Reunion Registrations	25,950.00
Small Stores Sales	6,719.97
Bank Interest	15.18
Miscellaneous	130.81
Total Receipts	<u>43,703.96</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
2016 Reunion Expenses	\$ 26,500.95
2017 Reunion Expenses	2,552.40
Jersey Bounce	4,651.72
Internet Site Hosting	144.90
Small Stores Inventory	9,008.91
Small Stores Postage	420.57
Postage (General)	489.94
Office Supplies	233.91
Miscellaneous	1,155.78
Total Disbursements	<u>45,159.08</u>
Net Operating Results	<u><u>(\$1,455.12)</u></u>

<u>2016 Scholarship Fund Activities</u>	
Scholarship Fund Balance Forward From 2015	\$ -
2016 Fund Raising Activities:	
Reunion Auction Proceeds	2,185.00
50/50 Proceeds (Net of Pay outs)	1,888.00
Scholarship Donations	1,473.00
2016 Scholarships Awarded	(3,246.00)
2016 Scholarship Fund Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>

<u>2016 Ship Restoration Fund Activities</u>	
Ship Restoration Fund Balance Brought Forward from 2015	\$ 515.00
2016 Ship Restoration Fund Donations	6,150.00
2016 Ship Restoration Fund Disbursements to Battleship New Jersey	(6,635.00)
2016 Ship Restoration Fund Ending Balance	<u>\$ 30.00</u>

Message from the News Editor

Greetings Shipmates:

After having spent quite a few days working on my first issue of "The Bounce," I realize how hard a job Nick had over the past few years. I know I made a few mistakes in the Fall 2016 issue, but I will endeavor to get better as I move forward, and not make the same mistakes twice.

I'm looking forward to our next reunion in August, and I'm sure that our visit to Great Lakes, or "Great Mistakes," as many of us have called it, will bring back a lot of memories for all of us. I still remember how cold it was my first winter there. While I was attending "A" School, it hit 48 below zero with the wind chill, and I ended up with 3rd degree frost bite on my left ear, because they wouldn't let us use ear muffs, while wearing our dress blues.

For those of you taking various tours during the upcoming reunion, please take lots of pictures, write about what you did, and then submit them to me by e-mail, text message or good old fashioned "snail mail." I will then try to put your stories and pictures in the Fall 2017 issue of "The Bounce." Also, if you have any interesting stories that you feel our shipmates would like to hear about, militarily related, or not, please feel free to contact me, and we can discuss whether it is suitable to share in our publication.

As you all noticed in the last issue, the "Taps List," is getting very long. Please stay in touch with all your buddies who are getting up there in years, and share your memories with each other. Our friendship is priceless, and we never realize how much we've lost, until that buddy is no longer around to commiserate with us.

Finally, we Lebanon Era veterans, as well as Vietnam Era veterans, need to reach out to all our shipmates from the 1960's through the 1980's. There are thousands of us out there, who aren't affiliated with us, and we need them to help sustain the life blood of our organization. Roll up those sleeves and get to work gentlemen. Looking forward to see all of you this August.....

Fair winds and following seas to you and your families.....

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Short Bio

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Volunteer - Chicago Children's Memorial Hospital - 6/85 - 3/86



Message from Small Stores Advisor

We are looking forward to the Illinois reunion. We'll have a large selection of shirts, sweatshirts, hats, hat pins and other items. We have added ladies polo shirts along with "BT" and "Boiler Maker" hat pins.

We are now in the process of possibly offering our shipmates a "ships" ring. The details are being worked out between the ship, our organization and Josten Ring Company. We are hoping for a great outcome.

We'd like to remind everyone that is planning to attend the reunion, that if they would like their NAME BADGE before the get together, please send the form to me as soon as possible. We'll have them for you at the reunion. Please download and send the form to: Mike Schappaugh, 3540 - 16th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

Anyone with suggestions for items to carry in the store, please let us know, and we'll look into it. Cost does play a part in all decisions, as well as the quality of the item. We are still looking into Tote Bags, Coolers, Bumper Stickers, etc. Let us hear from you - it's your organization!

The ships store page on our website is being updated. Anyone wishing items brought to the reunion, please e-mail me.

Thanks,

Mike Schappaugh

Ships Store Manager



My Bio

I was born in Illinois, March, 1946. My parents farmed until 1958, and then moved us to Florida. He owned a fence company, and I worked for him. I graduated from High School and a Junior College, getting a degree in Business Administration and Management.

I entered the Navy Reserve in 1966, and got out in 1972. I was an SH3 on the New Jersey from August, 1968-her decommissioning in 1969.

After the navy, I was employed by the Florida Power Corporation, working in their Stores Department and the RECO - DISCO Department. I retired in 2007.

My main interests include car collecting: '55 -'57 T-Birds, and '66 - '70 Plymouth & Dodge performance. I also enjoy collecting Neon Beer Signs, & Art (pottery).

Been the Ships Store Manager since August, 2016, and I'm looking forward to making the store a great part of the organization.



Seating Coordinator - My Biography

My name is Bill Myers, and I have been a member of the USS New Jersey Veterans, since I discovered this group in 2004. I only regret that I didn't discover it earlier, as I have not only rekindled many old friendships, but I have also made many new ones, with shipmates from all eras.

I was born and raised in Northeast Kansas and by the time I was a Senior in high school in 1966, I couldn't wait to leave and see far away places. Exactly one month after graduation, I arrived in San Diego for Boot Camp, and quickly asked myself, "what have I got myself into?" After Boot Camp, I attended Electrician's Mate A School in San Diego, before being assigned to my first ship, a Minesweeper out of Charleston. Nine months later I received orders to Pre Com School in San Diego, prior to reporting to the USS New Jersey in Philadelphia, as part of the Commissioning Crew. I went from one of the smallest ships in the Navy, to one of the largest.

I was separated from the Navy in Bremerton, WA, on Dec 4, 1969, less than two weeks before her 3rd Decommissioning. This was a bittersweet moment for me. I was excited about starting the next chapter of my life, but at the same time, it was with extreme sadness to leave what had been my home for almost two years. I ended up going to Omaha, NE, to look for work, and in early January of 1970, I was hired by the Omaha Public Power District, in the Substation Department. We built, maintained and operated all of the Substations within our system, which encompassed 13 counties. Over the course of 34 years, I worked in all areas of the department, and retired as a Construction Crew Leader in March of 2004.

In the summer of 1970, I met the woman who would become my wife, Mary. We met in June and we were married on October 8, 1970 and we celebrated our 46th anniversary last October. She had a daughter, Stephanie, who I quickly accepted as my own and eventually adopted. We had one more daughter, Barbara. Stephanie presented us with two grandsons and they live in Winchester, Virginia. Barbara gave us three granddaughters and they all live here in the Omaha area. Our middle granddaughter recently presented us with our first great grandson.

I try to maintain a fairly active lifestyle. In addition to my duties as the Seating Coordinator for the USS New Jersey Vets, I serve on my Church Council, I do volunteer work and fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association, in honor of my wife, who was diagnosed with Dementia in late 2004. She now resides in a care facility and I go see her most every day, and most days I go twice. I also still enjoy Deer hunting in the Fall and Turkey Hunting in the Spring. I travel to Virginia once a year to visit my daughter and her family, and naturally there is always a trip each year to the USS New Jersey Veterans Reunion. I recently started a part time job driving for Enterprise Car Rentals. I average 3 days a week and love it. This pretty well sums up my life and now I'm anxious to hear about yours. The only way I can hear your story, is if you make it to one of our reunions. So let's start making plans to attend this year's reunion in Deerfield, IL so we can sit down and visit. While you are making your plans, reach out to the old buddies you used to run with, and encourage them to join you. I am looking forward to serving your seating needs.



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Message from Liaison Officer

Shipmates,

For those of you who were able to attend our last reunion in Philly, you probably came away with the same impression that I did.....what a fantastic time! Thanks to all the committee members who put this together and thank you for all your efforts to make this a great success.

Also, I'd like to congratulate Bob Williams, our webmaster, on his appointment to **Vietnam Era Representative** last month. Bob and I have worked together for many years and his appointment to this position will be a great help to me. We've had some vacancies in our Era districts, and Bob and I have been filling the voids. Also, I like to thank Chief Weaver who has been volunteering for the Vietnam group for the past 3 years, but can no longer continue in his position as Vietnam Era Central District Representative. THANKS Chief, you've been a great help to me, and you did a great job.

I am in the process of consolidating our organization into East, West and Central groups, rather than North, South, East and West groups. It seems to make sense and the information flow should be easier. I will continue to pass information to the Korean and WWII gang as before.

Please, if you are thinking about changing your email address, or home address, phone number or any other contact information, contact either Garry Blaylock, Bob Williams or myself. We need to keep your information current.

Stay well,

Bill Meredith
Liaison Officer

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

ERA REPRESENTATIVE;

W.W.II ---1940's KOREA---1950's VIETNAM ---1960's LEBANON /PERSIAN GULF 1980's

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DISTRICT VOLUNTEER: Non-Director;

<u>WWII</u>	<u>KOREA</u>	<u>VIETNAM</u>	<u>LEBANON - PERSIAN GULF</u>
<u>EAST:</u> Henry B. Pierce	<u>EAST:</u> Donald Eggleton	<u>EAST:</u> Bob Williams	<u>EAST:</u> Vacant

CENTRAL:
William J. Myers 1967-69
4021 Vernon Ave
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E-Div. (EM)

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Bill Meredith

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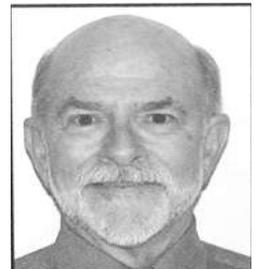
Liaison Director - My Biography

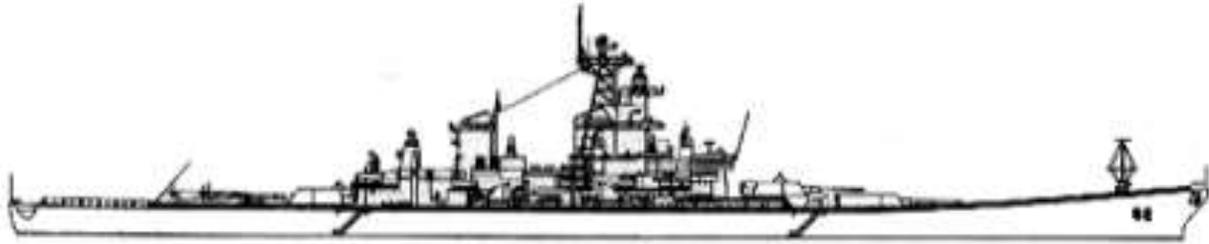
I graduated from high school in 1965, and not knowing what path to go down, I decided to work a year and make up my mind about what I planned to do with my life. I worked at our local Sears store for about a year, and decided in August of 1966, to enlist in the Navy. I graduated from boot camp at Great Lakes, the same year, and then returned to work for the Public Works Department on “main side”. It was there that I received my orders to report for PRECOM school for the USS New Jersey. Shortly into our cruise, I decided to become a Yeoman striker, and after becoming E-4, I was assigned as the Navigators Yeoman. I was later reassigned to the ADMIN office and worked for the XO for the duration of our cruise. I advanced to E-5 shortly after we returned to Vietnam and before we left for Bremerton. I was part of the decommissioning crew, and while stationed in Bremerton, I received orders to the USS Bridget, a reserve destroyer escort, stationed at pier 91 in Seattle, Washington. Spending my last 9 months there, I was discharged in June of 1970.

I returned home to Rochester NY and started working part-time at Eastman Kodak Co. At the same time, I was also attending college, working on a technical degree in applied sciences and mechanics. I was hired full time in 1973 after graduation, into the Engineering Department, and continued working on my BSME at the University of Rochester. I worked at Kodak for 34 years and took an early retirement package in 2004. After about a year or so, I decided to do a little contract engineering. I worked both full and part time, doing opto-mechanical design work for Melles Griot Optical Science Division, here in Rochester, NY, for 6 additional years. In 2013 I finally hung up my engineering hat.

Donna and I spend most of our time between two places. One, is our home here in Rochester, and the other is our seasonal residence, on Opinicon Lake, in Ontario, Canada. We run back to Rochester and spend about a week here a month, just to make sure things are in order and our parents are okay, and then we head back to Canada again. Most of our family and friends come to our place at the lake to visit, all during the summer months. Our kids and the grand kids love it there, and we always have an exhaustingly wonderful time. When everyone leaves, Donna and I kick back, put our feet up, pour a glass of wine, and listen to the silence or just drink in a fabulous sunset over the lake. Life is good and we’re making the most of it.....every day!

Biography of: Bill Meredith
Liaison Director
USS New Jersey Veterans Org.





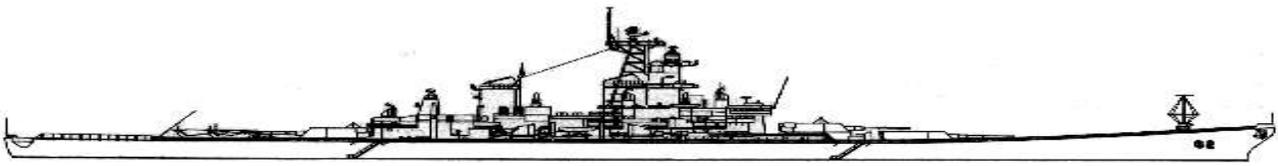
USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

INFORMATION FOR SEATING

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Paid meal reservations must be made prior to requesting group seating.
2. Banquet seating requests will be accepted between June 1 and July 20, 2017.
NOTE: Anyone requesting handicapped seating must notify the Seating Chairman prior to July 20, 2017
3. When requesting group seating, including family members or friends, only **ONE PERSON** per group should apply. Please list all individuals by name.
Check to ensure that everyone within the group has made and paid for their meal choice prior to make a seating request. This will reduce or eliminate confusion when individuals within the group either have not made reservation or make the reservations at the last minute.
TABLE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL EVERYONE WITHIN THE GROUP HAS MADE AND PAID FOR THEIR MEAL RESERVATION.
4. Seating requests can be made through E-Mail, telephone, or letter.
NOTE: Messages left on an answering machine are not always reliable.
5. Send the names of all the individuals to the seating coordinator (**10 persons per table**)
6. **Please make every effort to submit your reunion reservation and any seating request by the posted date's deadline. We will make every effort to accommodate your request, however we cannot guarantee you will be seated where you requested or even with your era, if your request is received after the deadline.**

Bill Myers
Reunion Seating Chairman
4021 Vernon Ave., Omaha, NE 68111
Cell Phone 402-676-0082
E-mail williamjmye@msn.com



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

**31ST Annual Reunion Events Reservation Form
(Refer to the Plan of the Week for event start times)**

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Welcome Aboard Dinner _____ People @ \$35.00/person \$ _____

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Chicago Experience Tour _____ People @ \$79.00/person \$ _____

Friday, August 11, 2017

RTC Great Lakes "A" Tour (limit 60 or less) _____ People @ \$55.00/person \$ _____

RTC Great Lakes "B" Tour _____ People @ \$55.00/person \$ _____

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Banquet Dinner _____ People @ \$55.00/person \$ _____

Chicken Florentine _____ Beef Strip Loin _____ Tilapia _____

50/50 TICKETS \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ to cover all items selected

Please provide the following and please print:

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

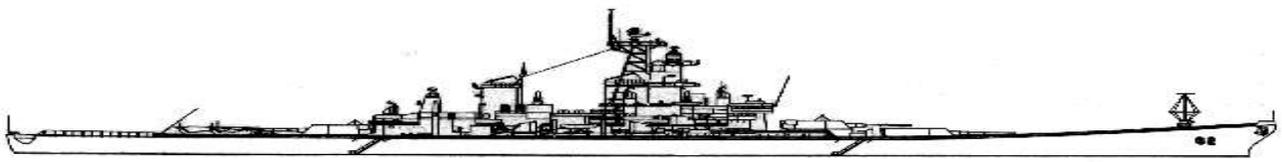
ERA: _____ DIVISION: _____ DATE SERVED _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE # _____

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM, INCLUDING CHECK, BY JUNE 27, 2017, TO:
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
c/o Mr. Phillip Tasker, Treasurer
470 Greystone Court SW
Vero Beach, FL 32968

Date Received: _____ Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____



CITY HISTORY STRING

Mark Your Required History String (s)

Indicate your required reunion history string by placing a quantity in the appropriate column next to your choice.

City	Year	Quantity
Plankowner	1943	_____
Plankowner	1950	_____
Plankowner	1968	_____
Plankowner	1982	_____
Long Beach, CA	1982	_____
Atlantic City, NJ	1984	_____
Indianapolis, IN	1986	_____
New Orleans, LA	1988	_____
Dayton, OH	1990	_____
Nashville, TN	1992	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	1993	_____
San Diego, CA	1994	_____
Norfolk, VA	1995	_____
Fort Mitchell, KY	1996	_____
Danvers, MA	1997	_____
Colorado Springs, CO	1998	_____
Seattle, WA	1999	_____
Daytona Beach, FL	2000	_____
Branson, MO	2001	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2002	_____
Las Vegas NV	2003	_____
Washington, DC	2004	_____
Valley Forge, PA	2005	_____
San Antonio, TX	2006	_____
San Diego, CA	2007	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2008	_____
Jacksonville, FL	2009	_____
Nashville, TN	2010	_____
Hilton Head, SC	2011	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2012	_____
Virginia Beach, VA	2013	_____
St. Louis, MO	2014	_____
Portland, OR	2015	_____
Philadelphia, PA	2016	_____
Deerfield, IL	2017	_____

Total Strings Selected _____ X \$3.00 = _____ Total Cost

USS NEW JERSEY BB-62 REUNION NAME PLATE FORM

Name Plate will be attached to your envelope at the Welcome Aboard Table.

Complete this section by selecting the designed name plate for crew member, associates, spouse or guest.



Crew Member Plate 2.0 x 3.0 inches (white with blue letters)



Associate Member, Spouse, or Guest 1.0 x 3.0 inches (white with blue letters)

Please print desired text as you wish it displayed on the lines provided. We reserve the right to Rearrange text for clarity and to minimize disorder.

Pricing

Each name tag is \$10.00 each (2x3 inch or 1x3 inch)

Make checks payable to USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

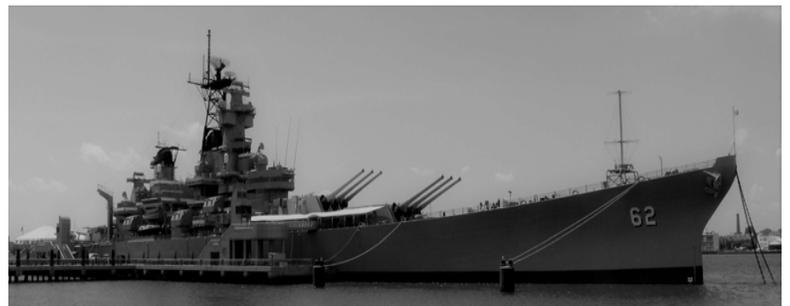
Mail this complete order form and check to:

Mike Schappaugh, 3540 16th ST N

Saint Petersburg, FL 33704

Phone: 727-415-5798

Email: sixpaca12@yahoo.com



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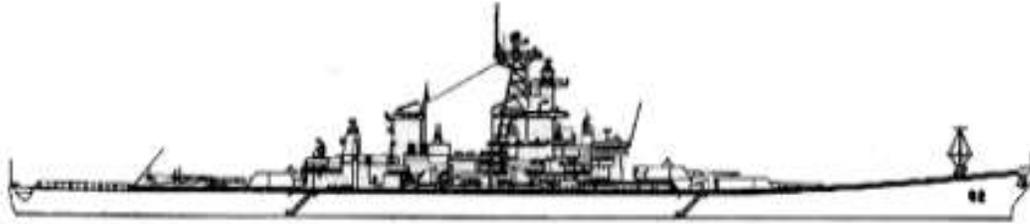
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USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.
31ST ANNUAL REUNION

WHERE: Hyatt Deerfield
1750 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

WHEN: August 9 thru 13, 2017

RESERVATIONS: 1-888-421-1442 (Hyatt Reservations, toll free)
1-847-945-3400 (Hotel Direct)
Mention the: USS NEW JERSEY REUNION

Online reservations can be made at the Hyatt website:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USSNewJerseyVeterans>

Special group rates are available for reservations between August 6th thru 16th, 2017
Handicapped rooms are available upon request
Reservations received after 11:00AM(CST), July 19, 2017, may not qualify for the group rate.
Individuals will be allowed to cancel reserved rooms up to 3PM (CST) 24 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.

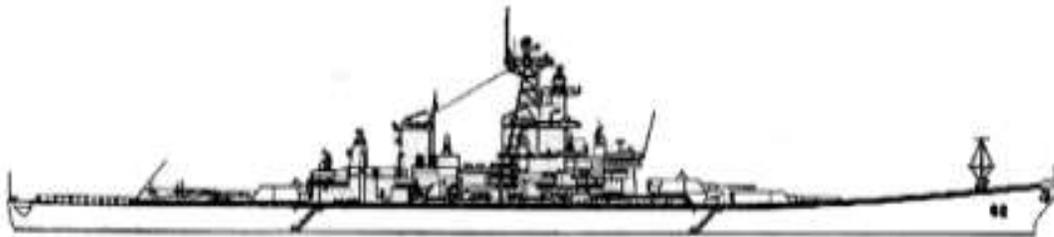
COST: Semi-Suite (one King or two Double) \$79.00 (plus 12% tax)
w/queen sofa bed

Check In Time: 3:00 PM

Check Out Time: 12:00PM

For those who stay at the Hyatt, the room rate includes breakfast coupons for 2 people per room (contact reunion planner if additional coupons are required)





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

31st Annual Reunion – Deerfield IL

August 9 – 13, 2017

Ground Transportation from/to Airport

ATTENDEES ARE ADVISED TO USE O'HARE AIRPORT
O'HARE IS CLOSER TO THE HOTEL AND CAB FARE TO AND FROM IS
LESS EXPENSIVE

IF YOU ARE USING MIDWAY AIRPORT YOU MUST CALL 303 TAXI AT 1-847-256-8294 BEFORE YOU LEAVE AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR FLIGHT DETAILS 303 TAXI DOES NOT STATION CABS AT MIDWAY AND NEEDS TO SCHEDULE YOUR CAB

Upon arrival at the Airport, proceed to baggage claim. After you have picked up your bags, call 303 TAXI 1-847-256-8294 and they will ask which airline you used and terminal you are located. They will tell you where to wait and which taxi you will be using.

THE FARE FROM O'HARE IS \$32 PER CAB, MIDWAY IS \$62 PER CAB

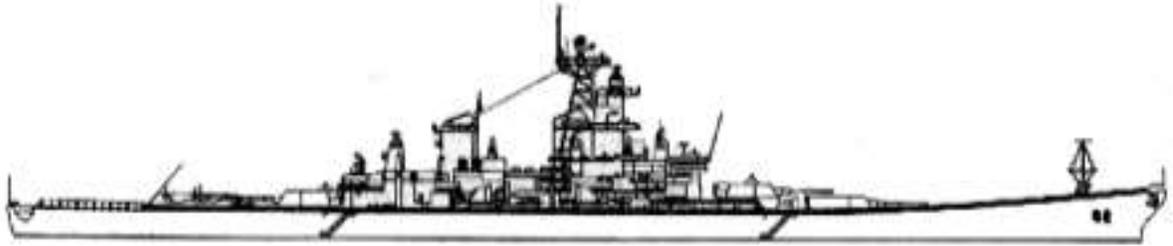
YOU MUST TELL THEM YOU ARE USING CORPORATE #3401

Driving Directions to the Hyatt Deerfield from the Airports

Traveling from O'Hare, follow I-190 toward I-90, I-294, take exit 1C onto I-294 N toward Milwaukee, I-90W Keep Left merge onto I-294 N toward Milwaukee 12 miles take the exit onto Lake Cook Rd. right on Lake Cook Rd toward Deerfield, In .3 miles make a U- turn, In .2 miles turn right, you have arrived, 1750 Lake-Cook Rd Deerfield, 60015

Traveling from Midway, Keep left on West Airport Dr toward Airport Exit, I-55, then keep right on W Airport Dr toward I-55 Stevenson Expy. Take a slight right onto So. Cicero Ave., in 1.1 miles turn Left onto W 47th St. In 1 mile turn right onto So. Central Ave. In .2 miles slight left merge onto I-55 So. In 8.3 miles take Exit 277A onto I-294 N toward Wisconsin after 29 miles take Exit onto Lake-Cook Rd. toward Deerfield, In .3 miles makes U-Turn In .2 miles turn right you have arrived 1750 Lake-Cook Rd. 60015





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

PLAN OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Check in day – Hyatt Deerfield

- 0900 Registration, Hospitality Room, Small Stores mail order table opens (York Rm.)
- 1400 Board of Directors Meeting (Boardroom)
- 1630 Registration, Hospitality Room, Small Stores mail order table closes
- 1900 Welcome Aboard Reception Dinner (Regency Ballroom)

Thursday, August 10, 2017

- 0715 Architectural Tour of Chicago departs
- 0900 Hospitality Room, Small Stores mail order table opens (York Rm.)
- 1630 Small Store mail order table closes
- 2300 Hospitality Room closes

Friday, August 11, 2017

- 0630 Tour of Great Lakes Training Center , Memorial Service and Graduation departs

Saturday, August 12, 2017

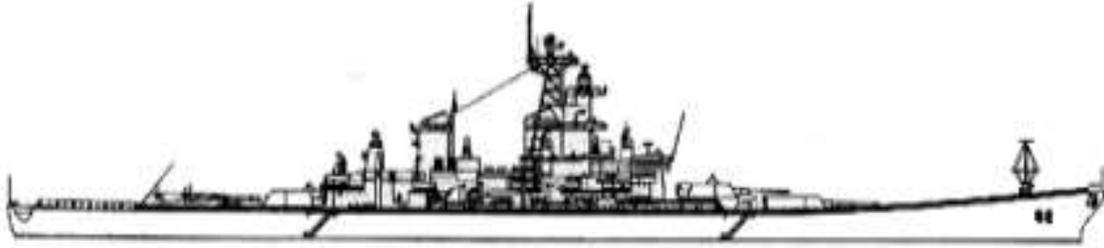
- 1000 General Membership Business Meeting (North Shore Room)
- 1200 Hospitality Room, Small Stores mail order table opens (York Rm.)
- 1500 Hospitality Room, Small Stores mail order table closes
- 1700-1900 Individual and Group pictures (Atrium)
- 1830 Doors open
- 1900 Dinner Dance Banquet (Regency Ballroom)

Sunday, August 13, 2017

- 1200 Hotel checkout time

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME & SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

WELCOME ABOARD RECEPTION

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

1830 Doors Open
1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

Menu

Garden Salad

(Tender Baby Lettuces with sliced cucumbers and cherry tomatoes, choice of dressing)

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes

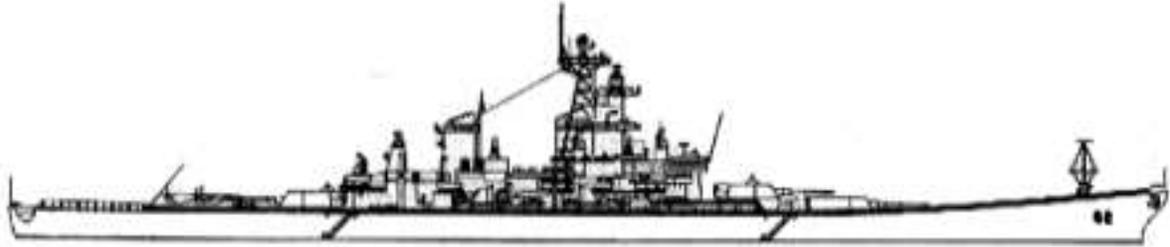
Maple Glazed Green Beans

Dessert

Chef's Choice

Ice Tea, Water, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC

Thursday August 10, 2017

7:15 AM to 4:30 PM

Deluxe Motor Coaches Meet the Group at the Hyatt, Deerfield
Professional Guides Meet the Group Downtown Chicago

Cruise and view world famous buildings from the unique vantage point of an **Architectural Highlights Tour** on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Learn about Chicago's role in the history of the modern skyscraper and see the variety of building styles that make the Chicago skyline so admired.

Enjoy a guided tour of **Millennium Park** with its stunning outdoor art and philanthropic spirit. This 26 acre park features an ice rink in the winter a 1500 seat theatre for music and dance, a fountain with a reflecting pool book ended by two 50 foot high towers of glass brick with changing video images onto the towers and the amazing Cloud Gate, affectionately called "the bean", a 1100 ton elliptical sculpture forged of a seamless series of highly polished stainless steel plate which reflect the city's famous skyline and the clouds above. **Great photo-op of "the bean"**.

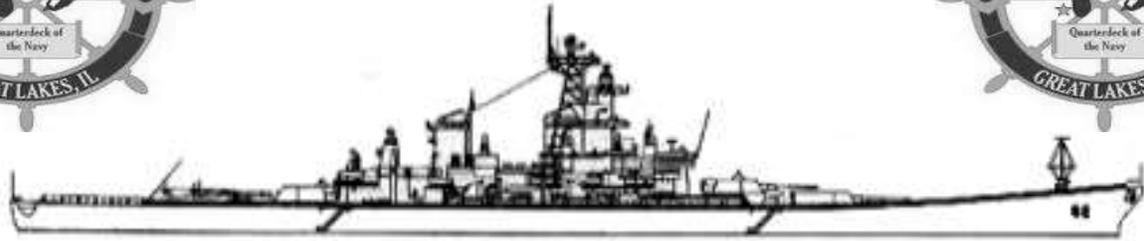
ENJOY a "Wonderful Town" tour, highlighting Chicago's history, architecture, culture, and magnificent skyline as you traverse the city. Some of the driving highlights will include the Board of Trade, Calder's Flamingo, Picasso's Sculpture at the Daley Center, Miro's Lady, Oldenburg's Batcolumn, and Chagall's Mosaic Wall, and the state of the art State Illinois Center. We'll drive through some of Chicago's 26 miles of lakefront, viewing Buckingham Fountain, Soldier Field, Millennium Park, and the museum campus that comprises the Shedd Oceanarium, Field Museum, and the Adler Planetarium.

VISIT The Museum of Science and Industry, (this beautiful building still remains from the World's Fair), where you will learn about the innovations of modern science through hands on exhibits that bring the greatest discoveries of the past and present to life. Explore the German U-Boat U-505 (head count required for boarding ahead of time and an additional \$8 fee is required) or the Omnimax theater (head count required ahead of time) (lunch on your own at the Museum)

STOP and take a few minutes to enjoy the **Memorial Waterfall at Soldier Field**, home of the Chicago Bears. This 280 foot long wall of polished green granite honors the different branches of the armed service. A veil of water continuously flows over the sculpted memorial. **(Great photo-op)**

RETURN to the hotel to relax for the remainder of the afternoon.





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

REUNION ATTENDEES

AFTER CONTRACTING TO BRING OUR REUNION TO GREAT LAKES TO TOUR THE BASE AND REVIEW A GRADUATION WE WERE ADVISED BY THE RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER THEY ONLY RESERVE 60 SEATS FOR NON-FAMILY GUESTS. THAT NUMBER MAY DECREASE IF THE SEATS ARE NEEDED FOR THE GRADUATES FAMILIES. BASED ON THIS INFORMATION WE HAVE DECIDED TO HAVE TWO TOURS OF THE BASE ON FRIDAY. TOUR "A" WILL BOARD BUSES AT 6:30 AM AND ATTEND THE 9:00 GRADUATION. TOUR "B" WILL BOARD BUSES AT 9:30 AND JOIN THE "A" TOUR AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. BOTH BUSES WILL FINISH THE TOUR OF NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES TOGETHER.

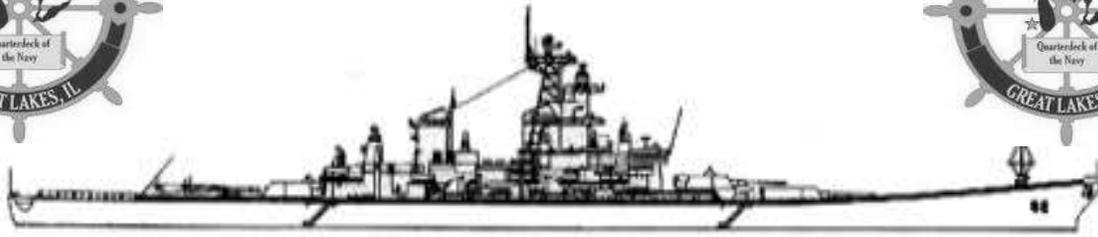
WE HOPE YOU WILL BE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR VETERAN MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RELIVE THE RECRUIT GRADUATION EXPERIENCE. FOR THAT REASON WE WILL LIMIT THE NUMBER OF "A" TOUR TICKETS TO A FORMER CREWMEMBER AND ONE COMPANION. RESERVATIONS WILL BE HONORED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED.

WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY OF OUR MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS WORKING WITH THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER.

WHILE ATTENDING GRADUATION YOU WILL BE SEATED ON BLEACHERS FOR AN HOUR





**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.
FRIDAY TOUR OF NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES, GRADUATION
CEREMONY, MEMORIAL SERVICE, LUNCH, VISIT AND SHOPPING**

***6:30AM Board Busses at Hyatt Deerfield**

***6:45 Busses depart for Naval Station Great Lakes**

***7:30 Meet Escort from Naval Station Great Lakes**

***8:00 Be Seated for Graduation Ceremony**

***9:00 Graduation Ceremony Begins**

10:30 Depart Graduation Ceremony for Lakeside Memorial Service

10:45 Lakeside Memorial Service

11:30 Depart for Port O' Call for Lunch

11:45 Lunch

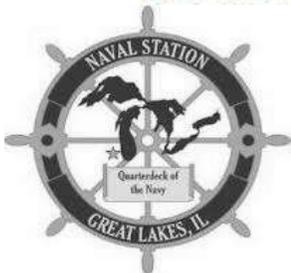
1:00 Depart for Windshield Tour of the Naval Station Great Lakes

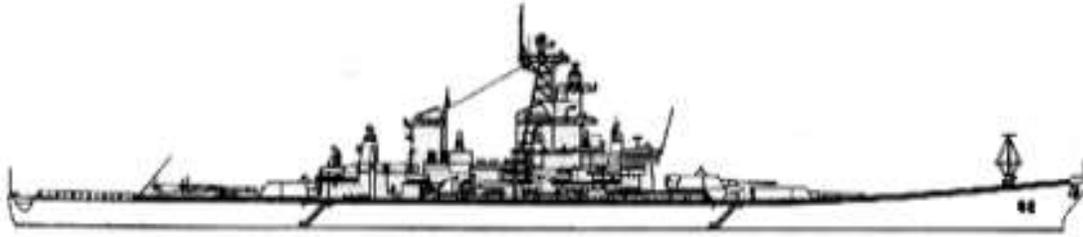
1:30 Visit Naval Station Great Lakes Exchange for Souvenirs

2:30 Depart for the National Museum of the American Sailor

4:30 Depart Naval Station Great Lakes for Hyatt Deerfield

***If we can be accommodated, we will not know if they have room for us until the end of June, if we cannot go to Graduation the busses will not board until 9:30 and depart at 9:45**





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

DINNER DANCE BANQUET

SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2017

1830 Doors Open Cash Bar
1900 Serving Starts

Menu

Salad

Caesar Salad with Shaved Parmesan Cheese

Bread Presentations

Entrée Choices

Chicken Florentine

Beef Strip Loin

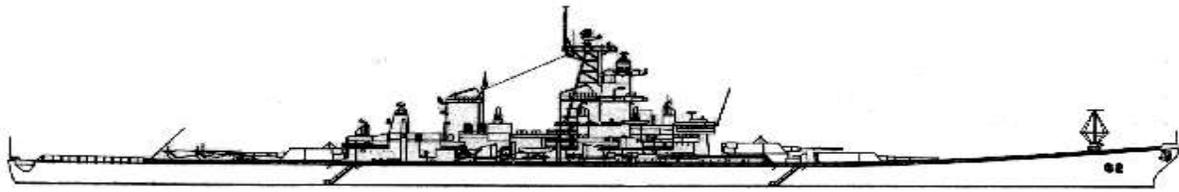
Tilapia

With Rice Pilaf and Mixed Vegetable Medley

Chef's Choice of Desert

Iced Tea, Water, Decaffeinated and Regular Coffee and Tea





SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY, AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

The organization will continue to award two \$1000.00 scholarships in addition to the \$1000.00 Dick Esser Scholarship. A committee appointed by the President will review the applications and make the selection. This listing will then be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. These selections will then be forwarded for final approval by the members at the formal business meeting.

Applications for the Scholarship must be mailed and postmarked NO later than June 1, 2017.

GUIDELINES:

- a. No Committee member's family or relative is eligible for the award.
- b. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who have maintained a 'B' or '3.0' GPA
- c. Students must be a graduating senior, attending an accredited high school/vocational technical institution graduating in the class of 2017.
- d. Applicants must be recommended by their high school guidance counselor.
- e. Awards must be used at an accredited educational/technical institution for undergraduate studies.
- f. Awards are not available for graduate studies.
- g. The award will be paid directly to the institution selected.

Additional information and forms are only available on the internet at WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Any child, or grandchild of a member in good standing, including children of a member in good standing who passed away during the current membership year is eligible.
- b. Must be a high school senior graduating in the class of 2017.
- c. Official transcripts for the 11th grade and the available marking periods of 12th grades completed by June 1, 2017, must be submitted with the applications.
- d. Must have two (2) academic references.
- e. Student's personal resume.
- f. Student's complete essay.
- g. Name and address of educational/technical institution to be attended.
- h. Graduation picture.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Eligibility requirements b, c, d, e, f, g, and h must be postmarked by June 1, 2017. Mail application to:
Robert Dingman, 1215 Old North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246-2690

**THE PRESIDENT WILL NOTIFY THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS BY
PHONE AND A LETTER OF CONFIRMATION.**

Battleship New Jersey 40 for the Quad 40 Fundraising Campaign

Mission Statement:

Quickly raise the funds needed to: 1) move three original 16-inch gun barrels, currently located in Chesapeake, VA, to the Camden Waterfront and former Philadelphia Naval Shipyard; and 2) acquire and refurbish a Quad 40mm Bofors Mount that was removed from the Battleship during her reactivation for service off the coast of Vietnam in 1968.

Introduction

When you approach the Battleship from the pier and look up at those big 16-inch guns pointing skyward, you might think about how they were instrumental in winning World War II, or how they provided gunfire support off the coasts of Korea, Vietnam, and Lebanon.

Well, that's not exactly true. It is a little known fact that after WWII, and two tours of duty in the Korean War, all of the 16-inch gun barrels on the Battleship were removed and replaced. The original gun barrels were then sent to the Naval Ordnance Plant in Pocatello, ID. There they were relined and later placed in storage at St. Juliens Creek Annex in Chesapeake, VA, where three original barrels remain to this day.

In 2015 representatives of the Battleship went to St. Juliens Annex to assess the condition of the gun barrels and express their interest in obtaining them. These gun barrels are historic artifacts that fired countless rounds in shore bombardments of places like Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa in support of Marine amphibious landings in the Pacific during WWII. Later they provided critical heavy naval gunfire support to United Nations troops during the Korean War at places like Wonsan, Kosong, Songjin, and Hungnam. Today they sit forgotten in a muddy field in Virginia, awaiting their fate.

The Navy will donate these gun barrels. They won't charge the Battleship a penny. The costs that will be incurred - which are quite significant - will be to move them with a specially designed crane onto a barge, where they will be towed by tug to the Camden Waterfront.

The Quad 40mm Bofors Mount

For many years the Battleship has been working to obtain a Quad 40mm Bofors Mount that is currently on display on a concrete pedestal in front of the Commandant's Quarters at the former Philadelphia Navy Yard. This "Quad 40" mount was removed from the Battleship during her reactivation for service off the coast of Vietnam in 1968. Sadly, this historic artifact, which saw action battling Japanese bombers and Kamikaze attacks against the fleet during WWII, now sits rusting away.

The Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) is a non-profit organization that currently controls the former Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. They see this Quad 40 as an important link to the former Navy Yard's past. However, they have expressed a willingness to exchange the Quad 40 for one of the three 16-inch gun barrels, which they plan to display at the former Marine Parade Grounds adjacent to Buildings 100 and 101.

The Plan

The estimated cost to move the gun barrels is \$150,000. The estimated cost to refurbish and install the 16-inch gun barrels, and refurbish and install the Quad 40 mount on the Memorial Pier is \$50,000. That puts the Battleship's goal for this fundraising campaign at \$200,000.

What the Battleship is looking for are 40 "champions" of the project who are: 1) willing to step up and write a check for \$5,000; or 2) willing to commit to raising \$5,000 for this effort by the end of April 2017. The Battleship needs to move quickly. If these historic artifacts are not saved, the Navy plans to cut the gun barrels up for scrap, and the Quad 40 will continue to rust away.

How You Can Help

The Battleship understands not everyone can just write a check for \$5,000. For those who can, that is wonderful and welcome to the ranks of the 40 for the Quad 40! For those who can't, the Battleship is asking you to please do everything you can to help get the word out about this effort to anyone you think might be willing to help.

The Battleship has established a Go Fund Me page at www.battleshipnewjersey.org/40 where supporters can donate to the cause from anywhere in the world. When the refurbished Quad 40mm Bofors Mount is put on permanent display on the Battleship's Memorial Pier it will feature a special plaque with the engraved names of the 40 for the Quad 40 donors who helped acquire and restore this historic artifact. As an added incentive, the person who raises the most money for this effort will receive a small solid brass model of a 16-inch gun turret, built in the ship's machine shop by Ken Kersch, long-time volunteer, and plank-owner during the ship's service off the coast of Vietnam.

For more information, contact: Clark Perks, Development Director, Battleship New Jersey, Museum and Memorial 62 Battleship Place, Camden, NJ 08103, Phone: (856) 966-1652 ext. 127, e-mail: c.perks@battleshipnewjersey.org



Recent photo of the Quad 40 Mount the Battleship is raising funds to acquire.

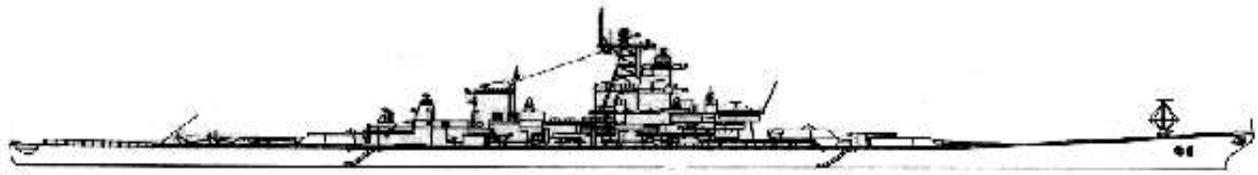


Rendering of how the refurbished Quad 40 Mount will look on the Memorial Pier.



One of the historic 16-inch gun barrels the Battleship is raising funds to acquire.



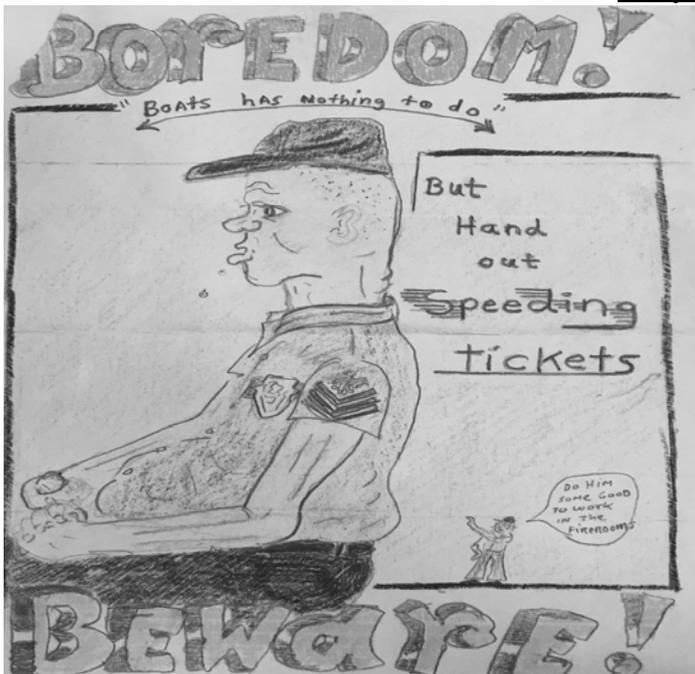


Do You Know These Men?

My father, SM3c Frank Aiello (deceased 1977), served on New Jersey from 09 FEB 43 – 23 DEC 45. I recently found this photo of him and several of his shipmates. There were no names or notes on it. My guess is this is post- VJ day. I'm on a quest to try to identify the men he is with. Our assumption is that they were all part of the Communications Signals (CS) Division aboard New Jersey during WWII. Please contact David Aiello via email at dave@aiellobuzz.com or at 503-740-8103.



Navy Humor



Courtesy of William Sosnowski

A former sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable. On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-aleck punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. Dead Silence.....The rest of the year went very smoothly. Hoo-Yah! You gotta love a Marine. (Courtesy of

28 John Faulis - Nevada State Representative)

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON AUTHORIZED FOR WWII AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Are you a World War II or a Korean War veteran, who was on board the USS New Jersey, during combat with the enemy? If you are, you may be able to have the Navy Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) added to your service record.

The CAR was originally authorized for individuals, who qualified, retroactively back to March 1, 1961. In 1999, the Annual Defense Authorization Bill (Public Law 106-65, Sec 564) authorized the CAR to be awarded retroactively back to December 7, 1941.

You should understand that the CAR is not a unit award, it is awarded to individuals, even though the ship includes the CAR with one gold star on the ribbons displayed on the side of the 04 level. The CAR was authorized for crew members who were on board the USS New Jersey when the ship was fired upon while off the coasts of Vietnam and Beirut, Lebanon. As we all know, the USS New Jersey was fired upon during many actions in World War II and while off the coast of Korea. Those of you who were on board when these actions occurred deserve to receive the Combat Action Ribbon. When enemy action occurred off the coasts of Vietnam and Lebanon, the crew was notified that they were authorized to wear the CAR by their captain, and the authorization was entered into each sailor's individual service record. Having the CAR added to a WWII and Korea veterans service record will be a little more difficult for our members. It will be up to each former crew member, or a family member of a deceased crew member, to apply to the Chief of Naval Operations, in Washington.

It may take time for you to get together the required proof and for the Navy to check what you submit and then to reply, but if you think it's worth it and are willing to put in the effort, you can get the CAR added to your official service record. Following is what I found out about how you can request the Combat Action Ribbon if you are a WWII or Korean War veteran.

This is a copy of an earlier news release addressing how to request the Combat Action Ribbon:

NEWS RELEASE

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense,
Public Affairs, Washington, DC, 20301
No. 138-00

March 21, 2000



RETROACTIVE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON ELIGIBILITY FOR NAVAL VETERANS FROM 1941 TO 1961 ANNOUNCED

Navy & Marine Corps veterans who served in combat in or after World War II are now eligible to receive the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR). Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig has recently authorized this award for those who served in combat, but never received their CAR. "At the time when we are focusing on the contributions of these great Americans, this seems especially fitting," said Danzig.

In order to be eligible for the CAR, veterans must have participated in ground or surface combat after Dec. 6, 1941, but before March 1, 1961, and cannot already have been recognized for the same participation. Under Public Law 106-85, Danzig can award the CAR to veterans retroactively. The time period required for submission is being waived in all cases. Two blocks of time have been designated by Danzig for eligibility of the CAR; World War II: Dec. 7, 1941 - April 14, 1946, and Korea: June 27, 1950-July 27, 1954. Navy Veterans who served during these periods may write directly to the Navy Awards Branch for settlement at:

Chief of Naval Operations (NO9B33)
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20350-2000

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON AUTHORIZED FOR WWII AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS

The following information must be provided:

1. Standard Form 180 or cover letter with the following information:
Full name, social security number, service number (if applicable), period of eligibility, unit assigned at the time, and mailing address.
2. Copy of Naval Personnel Form 553 or Defense Department (DD) Form 214; DD-215 (if applicable).
3. Additional substantiating documentation (optional): Copies of Combat awards; copies of evaluations; muster sheets or orders showing assignment to the unit for the period requested. A special section will handle these requests, but no other awards may be requested in conjunction with the CAR. Only CAR requests dated after March 15, 2000, and in accordance with the prescribed guidance will be forwarded to the board for decision. Any prior requests must be resubmitted. If a veteran cannot provide the required documentation, a request for personal record information must be submitted to the St. Louis Records Center before submitting the request to the Navy Awards Board.

If a veteran desires to address a different period of time, a request to review the period may be sent, with substantiation documentation, to the navy Board of Decorations and Medals at the above address.

I hope this article is helpful to all of my fellow USS New Jersey shipmates. If you have any questions, or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try to help, if I can.

Good Luck,
Bob Dingman, EM2
E Division, Sept, 1967- Dec, 1969



“The Veteran’s Hat”

I saw him in the coffee shop,
Sitting all alone,
Just staring into space,
In some far out distant zone,
He was an older Veteran,
From the Second World War,
Which I was able to determine,
By the Veteran’s hat he wore;
Then in came another fella,
With a boy who called him “Pop.”
This fella wore a baseball cap,
With “Viet Nam” stitched on,
It was a busy little place,
The door opened but a crack,
As a young man with no legs,
Had a hat that spelled “Iraq.”
The little boy jumped off his seat,
To let this young man in,
He may not have had legs,
But he had the nicest grin,

He sat down to have his donut,
And a coffee nice and warm,
He was joined by a young man,
Whose hat said “Desert Storm,”
The one say, “Gee, it’s good to see you!”
As a gray-haired man appeared,
With a Vet’s hat that said “Korea,”
The last young man to enter,
Had lost both his hands,
But his buddies quickly helped him,
His hat read “Afghanistan,”
For me it was a special day,
I was in true angels’ company,
With all these different Veteran’s,
Who served to keep us free,
I got up and thanked each one of them,
Then with my coffee I relaxed,
And thanked God that I knew who they were,
Because they wore their Veterans’ hats.

Written by Margie Riesl

INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET FOR SF 180, REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

1. General Information. The Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF180) is used to request information from military records. Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on the SF 180. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available". Include as much of the requested information as you can. Incomplete information may delay response time. To determine where to mail this request see Page 2 of the SF180 for record locations and facility addresses.

Online requests may be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) by a veteran or deceased veteran's next-of-kin using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

2. Personnel Records/Military Human Resource Records/Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) and Medical Records/Service Treatment Records (STR). Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **LESS THAN 62 YEARS AGO** and medical records are in the legal custody of the military service department and are administered in accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, Coast Guard). STRs of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic. After the last day of active duty, STRs should be requested from the appropriate address on page 2 of the SF 180. (See item 3, Archival Records, if the military member was discharged, retired or died in service more than 62 years ago.)

a. **Release of information:** Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. The authorization signature of the service member or the member's legal guardian is needed in Section III of the SF180. Others requesting information from military personnel records and/or STRs must have the release authorization in Section III of the SF 180 signed by the member or legal guardian. If the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided. If the former member is deceased, the surviving next-of-kin may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the general public. The next-of-kin may be any of the following: unmarried surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Requesters **MUST provide proof of death, such as a copy of a death certificate, newspaper article (obituary) or death notice, coroner's report of death, funeral director's signed statement of death, or verdict of coroner's jury.**

b. **Fees for records:** There is no charge for most services provided to service members or next-of-kin of deceased veterans. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances, service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will receive an invoice with your records.

3. Archival Records. Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **62 OR MORE YEARS AGO** have been transferred to the legal custody of NARA and are referred to as "archival records".

a. **Release of Information:** Archival records are open to the public. The Privacy Act of 1974 does not apply to archival records, therefore, written authorization from the veteran or next-of-kin is not required. In order to protect the privacy of the veteran, his/her family, and third parties named in the records, the personal privacy exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6)) may still apply and may preclude the release of some information.

b. **Fees for Archival Records:** Access to archival records are granted by offering copies of the records for a fee (44 U.S.C. 2116 (c)). If a fee applies to the photocopies of documents in the requested record, you will receive an invoice. Photocopies will be sent after payment is made. For more information see <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/military-personnel-archival/ompf-archival-requests.html>.

4. Where reply may be sent. The reply may be sent to the service member or any other address designated by the service member or other authorized requester. If the designated address is NOT registered to the addressee by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), provide BOTH the addressee's name AND "in care of" (c/o) the name of the person to whom the address is registered on the NAME line in Section III, item 3, on page 1 of the SF 180. The COMPLETE address must be provided, INCLUDING any apartment/suite/unit/lot/space/etc. number.

5. Definitions and abbreviations. DISCHARGED -- the individual has no current military status; SERVICE TREATMENT RECORD (STR) -- The chronology of medical, mental health, and dental care received by service members during the course of their military career (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL -- Temporary Disability Retired List.

6. Service completed before World War I. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquire@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address on page 2 of the SF 180.

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996), as amended in title 31, section 7701. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then retained as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per request, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (ISSD), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. **DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.** SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THE SF 180.

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

Requests from veterans or deceased veteran's next-of-kin may be submitted online by using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>
To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE BELOW.

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much information as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, full middle)		2. SOCIAL SECURITY #		3. DATE OF BIRTH		4. PLACE OF BIRTH	
5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.)		DATE ENTERED		DATE RELEASED		SERVICE NUMBER (If unknown, write "unknown")	
a. ACTIVE	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. RESERVE	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. STATE NATIONAL GUARD	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? NO YES - *MUST* provide Date of Death if veteran is deceased: _____

7. DID THIS PERSON RETIRE FROM MILITARY SERVICE? NO YES

SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING:

DD Form 214 or equivalent. Year(s) in which form(s) issued to veteran: _____
This form contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next-of-kin, or other persons or organizations, if authorized in Section III, below. **An UNDELETED DD214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.** If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be blacked out: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and, for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost.
An UNDELETED copy will be sent UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A DELETED COPY by checking this box: I want a **DELETED** copy.

Medical Records Includes Service Treatment Records, Health (outpatient) and Dental Records. *IF HOSPITALIZED (inpatient) the FACILITY NAME and DATE (month and year) for EACH admission MUST be provided:* _____

Other (Specify): _____

2. **PURPOSE:** (Providing information about the purpose of the request is **strictly voluntary**; however, it may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.)

Benefits (explain) Employment VA Loan Programs Medical Genealogy Correction Personal Other (explain)

Explain here: _____

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

1. **REQUESTER NAME:** _____

2. I am the MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN identified in Section I, above. I am the VETERAN'S LEGAL GUARDIAN (*MUST submit copy of Court Appointment*) or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (*MUST submit copy of Authorization Letter or Power of Attorney*)

I am the DECEASED VETERAN'S NEXT-OF-KIN (*MUST submit Proof of Death. See item 2a on instruction sheet.*) OTHER

(Relationship to deceased veteran) (Specify type of Other)

3. **SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:**
(Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)

Name _____

Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4. **AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE:** I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section III is true and correct and that I authorize the release of the requested information. (See items 2a or 3a on accompanying instruction sheet. Without the Authorization Signature of the veteran, next-of-kin of deceased veteran, veteran's legal guardian, authorized government agent, or other authorized representative, only limited information can be released unless the request is archival. No signature is required if the request is for archival records.)

Signature Required - Do not print _____ Date _____

Daytime phone _____ Fax Number _____

Email address _____

* This form is available at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html> on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site. *

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER		
		Personnel Record	Medical or Service Treatment Record
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 5/1/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 9/30/2004	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2004 – 12/31/2013	1	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	1	13
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1	
	Reserve, IRR, Retired Reserve in non-pay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2	
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	2	13
COAST GUARD	Discharge, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1898	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1898 – 3/31/1998	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 4/1/1998 – 9/30/2006	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2013	3	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2013	3	14
	Active, Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve or TDRL	3	
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1895	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1905 – 4/30/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 12/31/1998	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1999 – 12/31/2013	4	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	4	8
	Individual Ready Reserve	5	
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, TDRL	4	
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 11/1/1912 (enlisted) or before 7/1/1917 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 11/1/1912 – 10/15/1992 (enlisted) or 7/1/1917 – 10/15/1992 (officer)	14	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/16/1992 – 9/30/2002	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) 10/1/2002 – 12/31/2013	7	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) on or after 1/1/2014	7	9
	Current Soldier (Active, Reserve (including Individual Ready Reserve) or National Guard)	7	
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1886 (enlisted) or before 1/1/1903 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1886 – 1/30/1994 (enlisted) or 1/1/1903 – 1/30/1994 (officer)	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/31/1994 – 12/31/1994	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1995 – 12/31/2013	10	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	10	8
Active, Reserve, or TDRL	10		
PHS	Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps officers only	12	

ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS and SELF-SERVICE WEBSITES (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) – Where to write/send this form

1	Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/DPSIRP 550 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721	6	National Archives & Records Administration Research Services (RDTIR) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20408-0001	11	Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center ATTN: Release of Information P.O. Box 5020 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center Records Management Branch (DPTSC) 18420 E. Silver Creek Avenue Building 390 MS 68 Buckley AFB, CO 80011	7	US Army Human Resources Command's web page: https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Accessing%20or%20Requesting%20Your%20Official%20Military%20Personnel%20File%20Documents or 1-888-ARMYHRC (1-888-276-9472)	12	Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support ATTN: Records Officer 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852
3	Commander, Personnel Service Center (BOPS-C-MR) MS7200 US Coast Guard 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, DC 20593-7200 MR_CustomerService@uscg.mil	8	Navy Medicine Records Activity (NMRA) BUMED Detachment St. Louis 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, Building 103 St. Louis, MO 63120	13	AF STR Processing Center ATTN: Release of Information 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217
4	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Manpower Management Records & Performance (MMRP-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030	9	AMEDD Record Processing Center 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217	14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002 eVetRecs: http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
5	Marine Forces Reserve 2000 Opelousas Avenue New Orleans, LA 70146-5400	10	Navy Personnel Command (PERS-313) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3120		

History of Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes

The mission of Recruit Training Command is embodied in the Recruit Division Commander's Creed.

"These recruits are entrusted to my care. I will train them to the best of my ability. I will develop them into smartly disciplined, physically fit, basically trained sailors. I will instill in them, and demonstrate by my own example, the highest standard of Honor, Courage, and Commitment."

In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt approved the founding of Naval Station Great Lakes. At the time, it was unheard of -- and many people were astounded -- to have naval training be done more than a thousand miles away from any ocean. And it was a novel idea, at the time, to train enlisted Sailors before they got to the fleet. Before 1881, enlisted Sailors joined the Navy and went directly to a ship. All their training took place underway.

With Capt. Albert Ross directing and supervising, Navy civil engineer Lt. George McKay and noted Chicago architect Jarvis Hunt joined forces to plan and design the original 39 buildings of Naval Training Station Great Lakes.

Great Lakes opened its gates July 1, 1911. Two days later, the first recruit arrived - Joseph Gregg, of Terre Haute, Indiana. When he graduated with the first class of 300 Sailors, President William Howard Taft was there along with Capt. Ross, Mr. Hunt, Lt. McKay, and 10,000 civilian spectators.

In 1917, the United States entered World War I. At Great Lakes tent cities sprouted up, while Sailors with skills in construction helped civilian workers build housing and training facilities.

Through the 1920's and early 1930's, Great Lakes had only an air base and a radio school. Recruit training slowed to a crawl, and was even halted for a time.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese Imperial Fleet. At the time, there were just about 6,000 Sailors training at Great Lakes. Six months later, there were 68,000. By September, over 100,000 Great Lakes Sailors were in training.

Between the attack on Pearl Harbor and the surrender of Japan Aug. 14, 1945, more than one million Sailors were trained at Great Lakes.

By 1950, the Cold War was well under way. Very quickly, Great Lakes was as busy as it had ever been. In one week, in 1951, the base graduated 98 companies of recruits, matching its record in WWII.

New RTC barracks, mess halls, classrooms, and staff offices, costing upwards of \$8 million were built over the next decade. Those buildings served for nearly half a century before the current RTC rebuilding began in the late 1990's.

Navy Seals began finding new people at RTC. The first experimental company of 37 recruits graduated in December, 1967. They were chosen from 250 volunteers and given special recruit training to prepare them for the more rigorous SEAL training to come at Coronado and beyond. Many, perhaps all of them, served in combat in Vietnam.

In 1987, RTC cut the ribbon for the Golden 13 Recruit In processing Center, which now greets every new recruit who joins the Navy.

In 1993 -- in the wake of the draw down after Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm -- the Base Realignment and Closure commission decided to shut down Naval Training Center Orlando and NTC San Diego.

As a result, in 1998 began the RTC Re- capitalization Program, the most ambitious building program at Great Lakes since its founding in 1905.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the world changed again. Here at Great Lakes, RTC continues to do what it did in WWI, in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, training new Sailors with a sense of purpose. Supplying the fleet with top-quality, basically-trained Sailors ready for follow-on training is why we are here.

WELCOME TO NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES

Great Lakes has been turning civilians into Seamen and Seamen into Sailors for more than 90 years. From its founding in 1911, Great Lakes has maintained its position as the Navy's largest training facility.

Since World War I through today, it has trained and sent to the Fleet more than two million new Sailors through the Recruit Training Command, and nearly an equal number from its technical schools.

It's the largest military installation in Illinois and the largest training center in the Navy.



Recruit training, or "boot camp," will be approximately seven weeks long. The goal of this training is to transform you from a civilian into a Sailor with all of the skills necessary to perform in the fleet. Your training will include physical fitness, seamanship, firearms, firefighting and shipboard damage control, lessons in our heritage and core values, teamwork, and discipline. Your training will be challenging but highly rewarding. Are you ready to Go Navy?

The goal of military training is to instill and reinforce the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment with the basic skills of training in a team environment. You will be academically, physically and emotionally challenged. RTC will prepare you for life in the Navy.

Your first week will be taken up by medical, dental and administration screenings. This processing week - or P-Days - will fly by as you are ready for your training to start. The first two weeks of training are very difficult: your body and mind will have to adjust quickly to new rigors. You must memorize your chain of command, the general orders and rank recognition. You will stand security watches in which you will challenge all persons on or near your post.

During the next four weeks of training, you will be working-out regularly and will quickly notice your strength and stamina improving. Much of your day will be spent in class or in a hands-on technical training environment. Teamwork, self-discipline and attention to detail are the keys to successfully completing this stage of your training, preparing you for challenges that lie ahead.



GENERAL ORDERS

1. To take charge of this post and all government property in view.
2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert, and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. To repeat all calls from posts more distant from the guard house than my own.
5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. To receive, obey, and pass on to the sentry who relieves me all orders from the Commanding Officer, Command Duty Officer, Officer of the Deck, and Officers and Petty Officers of the Watch only.
7. To talk to no one except in the line of duty.
8. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
9. To call the Officer of the Deck in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all officers and colors and standards not cased.
11. To be especially watchful at night and during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

P Days

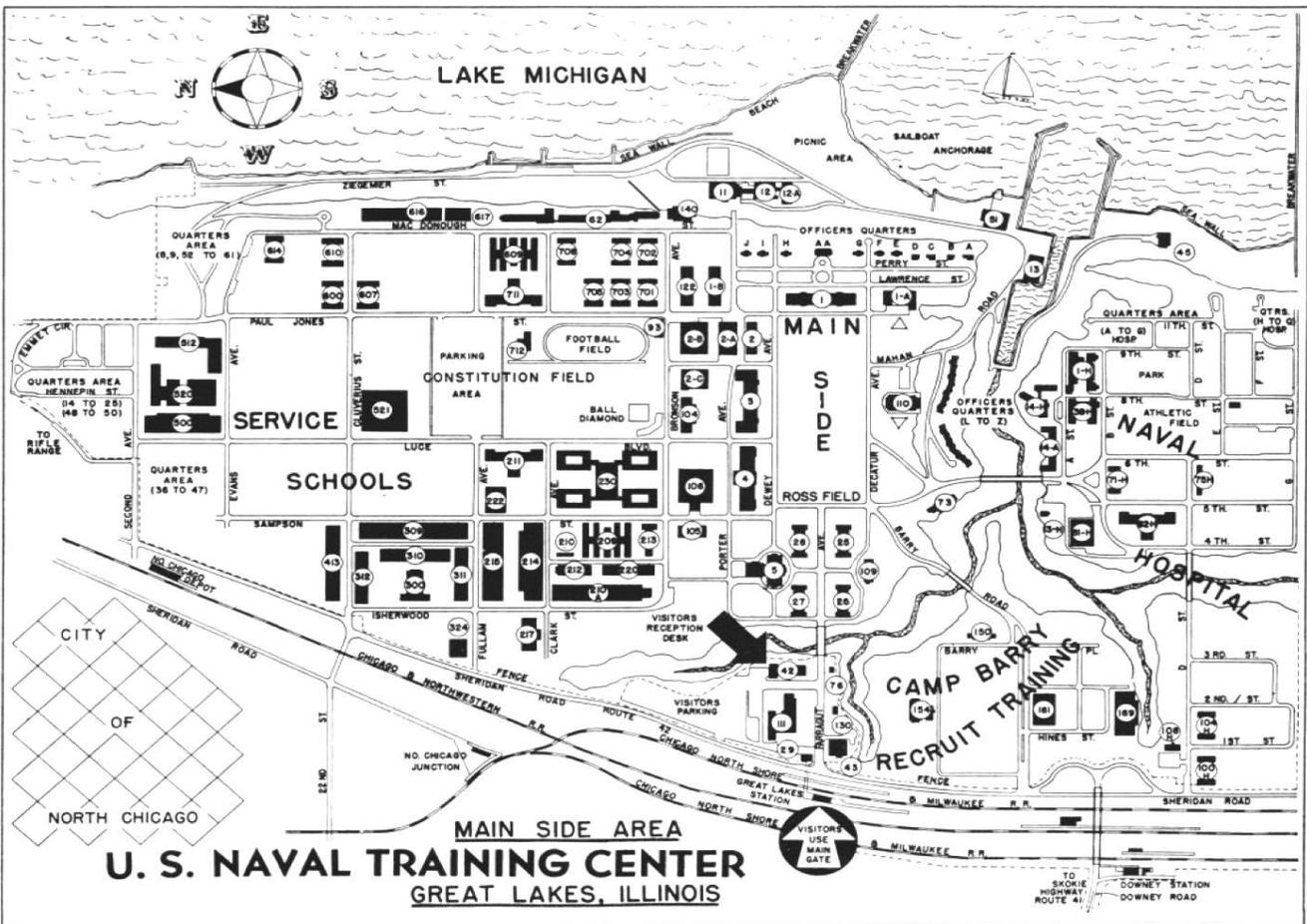
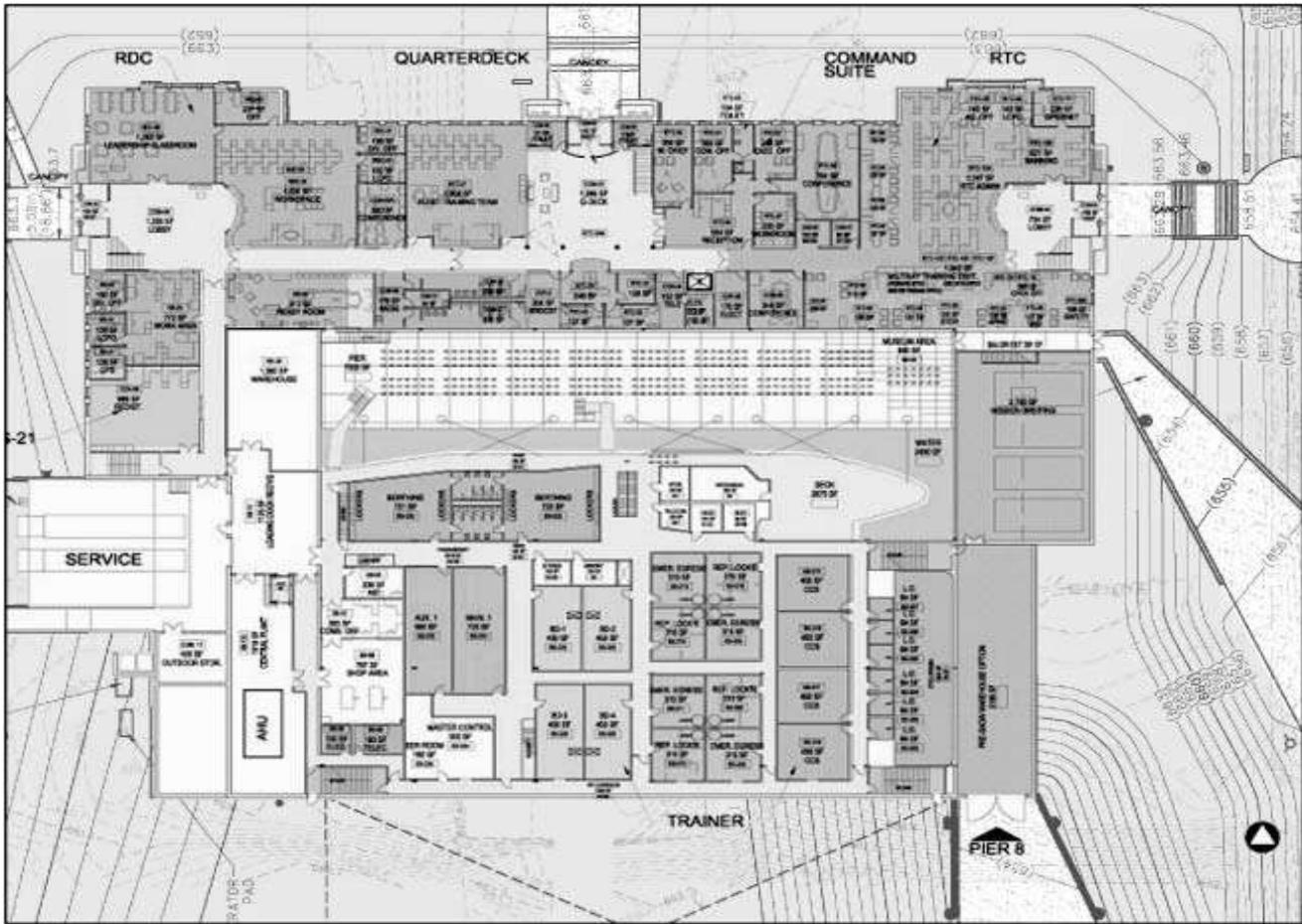
Before your formal training can begin at Recruit Training Command, you will undergo further medical, dental and administrative screenings. You will also receive a thorough round of inoculations and an initial issue of uniforms.

All Recruits will be given a thorough drug screening urinalysis by a Navy Drug Lab upon arrival. The Navy has a Zero Tolerance policy regarding drug use, including any prescription drugs for which a Recruit does not have a valid prescription. There are no exceptions to this rule, so be sure that even before you arrive onboard, you are adhering to the Navy's Code of Conduct regarding drug use.

Your first week of training consists of processing days (P-Days). This period lasts for approximately five days, but can run a little longer depending on weekends, holidays and the schedule of arriving Recruits.

During P-days, you will be taught the basics of watch standing, given information to memorize, and will learn to organize your gear and life. P-Days conclude with a commissioning ceremony in which your division receives its guidon (divisional flag displaying division number). This ceremony marks the official start of your training. Hold on! Things will move very quickly from this point on.

Maps of Great Lakes Naval Station



What to Expect in Boot Camp

Your life as a recruit will be unlike anything else you have experienced before. At first you will find it quite difficult. You will be obeying orders for the first time and expected to lead others. As the daily routine becomes more familiar, you will notice that your division is starting to work together. By the end of training your team will be "running on all cylinders," and you will feel that you can accomplish anything together.

Vast improvements have been made to the training environment in the past few years. State-of-the-art and climate-controlled ships (barracks), computer-assisted electronic classrooms, new clean galleys and proudly decorated drill halls will remind you that you are in fact joining the world's finest and most technically advanced Navy.

Where do I live?

Once your division has formed up, you will move to what will be your new home for the next seven weeks. The barracks in which you will live is called a "Ship" and is named for an important ship in naval history. Each state-of-the-art ship can house up to 1300 recruits and contains multiple berthing areas, a galley, and multiple classrooms. Each climate-controlled ship is designed for maximum quality of life.

Where do I sleep?

"REVEILLE, REVEILLE UP ALL BUNKS. . ."

Your berthing compartment (sleeping quarters) houses up to 88 recruits -- your entire division. Male-female integrated divisions are housed in single-gender compartments but come together for training. It is where you sleep, shower, dress, iron your uniform, and polish your shoes. It also is where your RDC instructs you on proper folding and stowing techniques, passes out vital information, and hands out letters from home. You will be inspected, stand watch, and practice marching in this space. You will be responsible for cleaning every square inch of it (all 350,000 of them). This is your home for the next seven weeks.

Where do I eat?

Each ship has its own galley, serving 3 nutritious meals a day for up to 1,300 recruits and staff members. Your food will be carefully prepared and served-up with a smile by our dedicated galley staff.

Your **physical training** will be both rigorous and challenging. The physical training program includes one hour daily workouts, six days a week. Training alternates between strength and conditioning exercises that focus on building your body's major muscle groups and cardiovascular endurance. B.A.S.E.S (or Balance Agility Strength Explosion and Stamina) is a weekly exercise routine which incorporates shipboard required skills with aerobic and strength training.

To have the opportunity to run "battle stations" at the completion of training, receive your Navy ball cap, and graduate from RTC, you must pass a Navy Physical Fitness Assessment in your 6th week of training. Males will be expected to run 1.5 miles in under 12:15 perform 54 curl-ups and 46 push-ups in 2 minutes. Females will be expected to run 1.5 miles in under 14:45 perform 54 curl-ups and 20 push-ups in 2 minutes. You also must be within approved body composition measurements for your height and weight.

The demanding exercise program will continue rain or shine, in extreme heat or bone-chilling cold. Freedom Hall is your gateway to physical fitness in the U.S. Navy. It provides a clean, climate-controlled environment for strength and cardio training and physical fitness assessment testing for all recruits and staff members every day of the year, no matter what the conditions are like outside.

The **Basic Naval Orientation (BNO)** staff is responsible for teaching you various classroom topics during your training. The lessons are taught by an instructor in a group-paced classroom setting or self-paced by Computer Based Training. Classes are taught to two recruit divisions at a time. Lesson topics are taught according to the division's day of training.

The following is a list of all lesson topics:

Direct Deposit System (DDS) Brief	Montgomery G. I., Bill (MGIB)
Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)	U.S. Navy Ships and Aircraft
First Aid	Rank/Rate Recognition
Uniforms and Grooming	Conduct during Armed Conflict
Military Customs and Courtesies	Equal Opportunity
Rape and Sexual Assault Awareness	Check Issue (Financial Information)
Naval History	Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection
Thrift Savings Plan	Navy Knowledge Online (NKO - Mypay - 5VM)
Conduct and Precautions Ashore	Weapons Familiarization (M9 Service Pistol)

Pay attention and study hard. You will take three academic tests covering this material during boot camp.

Your **technical training** will provide you with the opportunity for hands-on practice of the lessons learned in the classroom. Here you will learn the skills of a Sailor. You will learn to handle and shoot the M9 service pistol and M870 shotgun properly. You will learn basic seamanship, basic water survival skills, basic shipboard damage control, firefighting and anti-terrorism.

One of the most physically challenging and motivating events in your training calendar is Basic Seamanship. You will start with the basics of line handling and shipboard watch standing. Don't relax, your training will move quickly. By the end of the third day you will be tested on getting the USS **MARLINESPIKE (simulated training ship)** underway and back to port safely as a team. Successful completion of this vigorous training will put you one step closer to the final hurdle "Battle Stations."

Are you Sea Worthy?

What does it mean to be a Sailor? Are we heroes? Do we go to sea to defend America? Do we abide by strict self-discipline and live by Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment? Yes, a Sailor is all these things and more.

By choosing to join the United States Navy, you pledge yourself to a new way of life. At Recruit Training Command we will train, mentor and anchor your life in the war-fighting culture of being a Sailor. This process is called Sailorization.

Sailorization is a program designed to integrate Sailors into Navy life, shape their expectations for future duty assignments, and give them the tools needed for career and personal success. Those in the Sailorization process include recruiters, Recruit Division Commanders (RDCs), instructors and officers. The leadership and staff at RTC work to provide the fleet with world-class Sailors who possess the basic skills necessary for Naval service.



When fire breaks out onboard ship there is no calling 911. You can't leave and wait for the fire department to show up. Every Sailor onboard the ship is a firefighter and must know what to do when an emergency happens.

Firefighting is one of the most important phases of your training at RTC. We will teach you to respond as a team so that you can return from sea alive. The firefighting phase will consist of 5 days of classroom lectures and hands-on fire team training. You will learn about basic shipboard damage control, how to combat flooding, how to make casualty reports like the one listed above, the chemistry of fire, and how fire is extinguished. We will teach you to protect yourself and your shipmates against the hazards of fire, smoke, and a chemical weapon attack. By the end of training, you will man a hose as a team and give orders at the scene to put out the fire rapidly and safely. Are you ready to test your courage?

RTC's **Water Survival** Division will provide you with basic Survival-at-Sea techniques, including lifeboat organization, survival kit contents and usage, and the 3rd class swim qualification. Your training will ensure that you can stay afloat and stay alive without the use of a personal floatation device in open water long enough to be rescued if you were to fall overboard. This includes swimming 50-yards, a 5-minute prone float, and clothing inflation.

Water Survival Instructors are certified experts in swim instruction, in-water rescue, life guarding, and CPR. Every Sailor graduating RTC must be a qualified swimmer.

Your **weapons training** will consist of marksmanship fundamentals, M9 service pistol and M870 shotgun characteristics, clearing barrel procedures, and weapons safety practices for successful completion of the Navy Handgun Qualification Course and M870 shotgun familiarization. In addition, you will receive basic **Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection training**. You will be going into harm's way. We will give you the skills you need to protect your ship, your shipmate, and yourself.



Firefighting



Marlinspike



Basic Seamanship



Water Survival



Weapons Training



Recruit to Sailor

You have completed five-and-a-half weeks of intense training. You have scored well on three academic tests. You have passed personnel inspections in which your appearance, knowledge, and military bearing have been tested. Your compartment and gear have been judged as "ship-shape" during your bunk and locker inspections. You have passed the final Physical Fitness Assessment. You have demonstrated your ability to work as a team at firefighting and basic seamanship. Now at the end of the sixth week of training you will put your skills to the test. Completion of Battle Stations will earn you the respect of your peers. You will become a Sailor in the United States Navy. Your family will see you march at graduation. Your life is about to change, if you can just pass this final hurdle.

Battle Stations

Throughout boot camp you will be given multiple instructions, tasks to complete, and numerous obstacles to overcome. Battle Stations is your final hurdle. It will test your physical fitness, knowledge of Naval history, commitment to the team and the ability to apply everything you have learned in boot camp. In order to complete Battle Stations and become a Sailor, you will have to demonstrate your understanding of our Navy Core Values: Honor, Courage and Commitment. Are you ready?

Capping Ceremony

"Who thought that four letters--N, A, V, and Y--could mean so much?"

The final event of Battle Stations is a motivating and emotional ceremony during which each new Sailor receives his or her Navy ball cap. This event marks the end of the recruit phase of training. By placing the ball cap on his or her head, each new Sailor tells the world that he or she deserves the right to be called a United States Sailor. With this privilege comes an increased responsibility to act according to our Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment and live up to the meaning of the word SHIPMATE.

Pass-In-Review

Recruit graduation is known as Pass-In-Review. It is a formal military ceremony which honors your hard work and dedication to a new way of life. It also ties together the future of the Navy with our long-held Naval traditions and customs. This is your opportunity to impress your family and friends with what you have accomplished in a mere seven weeks.

The ceremony starts promptly at 9 a.m. Your family will already be seated in the drill hall. You will march in with about 800 of your newest and closest friends to a sea of flashbulbs, applause and praise. There is no prouder moment in your life. You will be placed on liberty immediately following the ceremony for a chance to meet with your family and to explore the surrounding area.

Rules on Liberty

Liberty is 'time off' from the daily work routine. Graduating Sailors will be granted daytime liberty after graduation to spend time off-base with their families and friends. Sailors are expected to act responsibly and maintain military bearing while interacting in a civilian environment.

Graduating Sailors are prohibited from using tobacco products or consuming alcoholic beverages at any time while on liberty, regardless of age.

Graduating Sailors are prohibited from operating any motorized vehicles.

Graduating Sailors must remain in their complete uniform while on liberty. If they are engaging in physical activity or swimming, they must wear the authorized Navy issued workout gear.

Food, tobacco products, video cameras, cell phones, or any other portable electronic shall not be brought back to RTC.

Sailors reporting to A School at Training Support Center, Great Lakes generally detach from Recruit Training Command (RTC) on Friday. Sailors who will attend A School outside of Great Lakes will depart on Saturday. To get the most accurate information please communicate with your recruit.

Graduating Sailors departing RTC for follow-on training the same day as graduation or those who are in a duty status will be granted limited on-base liberty.

Graduating Sailors must stay within a 50-mile radius of RTC.

Graduating Sailors receive an in-depth liberty briefing prior to their graduation day.

What's Next?

A few hours to a few days after graduation you will board the bus that will take you to your next duty station. When you depart depends on your follow-on orders and when you arrived at RTC. You now realize that passing boot camp was not the end but the beginning of your life's greatest adventure. You leave RTC with the skills, discipline, and Core Values necessary for service in the fleet. You are part of something bigger than yourself and you are about to prove that you deserve the title--United States Sailor.

The Changing Tides of Boot Camp

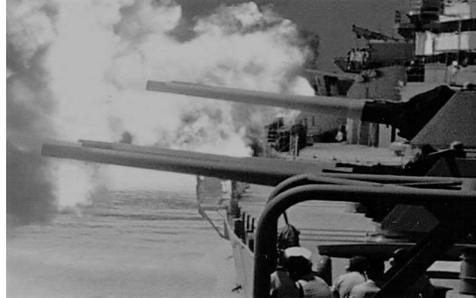
By Len Jablon, News Editor

As you can see, "boot camp" has really changed from WWII to the present day. The only things that have stayed the same, are where you eat and sleep. There are now courses on rape and sexual assault awareness, equal opportunity, anti-terrorism, and navy knowledge "online." I'm sure many of the "A" and "C" schools have changed, just like our public schools have. The future brings constant change, and I am glad that our navy is facing those challenges head on, in order to protect our beautiful country, the world, and all that we hold dear. Bravo Zulu to all our men and women in the navy, and all our armed forces!





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David Berg	M	80's	Lima, OH
Michael Camasso	A	80's	Bermuda Dunes, CA
Ed DePozo	H	Korea	Henderson, NV
Susanne Edwards		Assoc.	Bridgewater, MA
Euripides Kyriacos	4 th	Korea	Alexandria, VA
John Garrison	4 th	WWII	Cordova, TN
Jose Garza	G-4	80's	Corpus Christi, TX
Al Haskell	E	Vietnam	Blue Hill, ME
John Hastings	NAV	Korea	Appleton, WI
William Jones	B	Vietnam	Martins Ferry, OH
John Lane	B	Vietnam	Danville, NH
Bill Lawlir	FA	80's	Lago Vista, CA
Raymond Lewis	FM	80's	Waldorf, MD
David J. Lind	OPS	80's	Martinsburg, WV
Brian Macdonald	FM	80's	National City, CA
Marvin Minor	B	Vietnam	Tuolumne, CA
Dennis Nowik	S-1	Vietnam	Cumming, GA
John Rogers	MED	Vietnam	Wilksboro, NC
Frank Saude	G-4	Vietnam	San Jose, CA
Gary Scherer	G-3	80's	Camp Hill, PA
Pearl Schicker		Assoc.	Ripon, WI
Michael Seals	NAV	80's	Kalamazoo, MI
Stewart Snyder	E	Vietnam	Bakersfield, VT
Kenneth Story	FM	80's	Evergreen, CO
James Swafford	H	Vietnam	Olympia, WA
David Wasmer	E	Vietnam	New Holstein, WI
Phillip Wells	FM	Korea	San Diego, CA
Marvin Williams	OI/X	80's	Clarksville, TN
James Womack	B	80's	St. Johns, AZ

USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing



Nan La Carte - BB-62 volunteer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Arthur Aufmuth	E	Korea	Middleburg Heights, OH
David Bickford	USMC	WWII	Holyoke, NH
William Breckel	C	Korea	West Palm Beach, FL
Frank Carfioli	2 nd	Korea	Mount Laurel, NJ
Salvatore (Sam) Cesario	L	WWII	Carmichael, CA
Gerald Connors	4 th	Korea	Sleepy Hollow, NY
Lee Cox	B & M	WWII	Plano, TX
Michael DeJoseph		Korea	Mechanicsburg, PA
Clay Dwain	B	WWII	Grand Marais, MN
Charles E. Eamigh	4 th	WWII	Woodhaven, NY
Douglas Hoag	M	Korea	Troy, NY
William Kies	K	Korea	Foothill Ranch, CA
Ronald B. Kroenig Jr.	S-2	80's	Henrietta, NY
Albert Parshall	USMC	WWII	Chambersburg, PA
Allen Peters	EX	WWII	Corvallis, OR
D. Reed	3 rd	80's	
Ronald J. Rustick	R	Korea	Hudson, NY
Dennis Snyder	E	Vietnam	Fairmont, MN

Reunion Pictures from Philadelphia



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