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Alternative Payment Options

The organization has worked over the past year to expand payment options for Ship's Store purchases, Reunion registrations and Membership Dues. We can now accept payment through PayPal, Zelle, and by credit card, Apple Pay, And Google Pay.

To make a payment through PayPal you can scan this QR code:



In the alternative, you can make payment through PayPal or Zelle by e-mailing the payment to

bb62veterans@gmail.com

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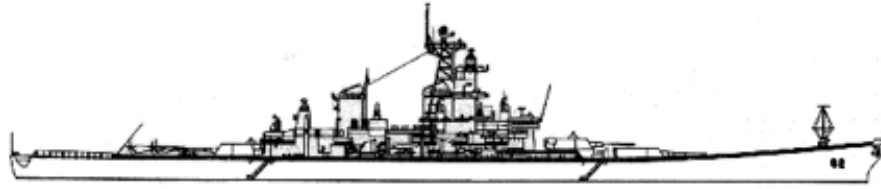


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello to all,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that you were able to spend time with family and friends. Unfortunately, the Covid virus is still one of the top stories on the evening news. It has not stopped our planning for the 35th reunion. In this issue you'll find all the information needed to plan your trip Cherry Hill, NJ. Our new reunion planner, Dave Wasmer (Vietnam), has done a great job of getting things scheduled. The staff and volunteers of the Battleship New Jersey are looking forward to having the crew back onboard. I'm sure you'll be impressed with the new teak deck that many areas have received.

Thanks all the members of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. who, over this past year, have made donations toward the restoration of the teak decks on the Battleship New Jersey. Donations were made in a multiple of ways. Many of you donated at the 2021 reunion in Oklahoma City through the 50/50 raffles, the auction and just personal checks handed to our treasurer. You may have added a donation when you sent in your dues check last fall. At the end of December, our treasurer sent the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial our donations totaling \$19,467.00. This amount was doubled to \$38,934.00 through a matching grant provided by the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund. The staff and volunteers of the Battleship New Jersey deeply appreciate the support they receive from our membership and the former crewmembers of the USS New Jersey BB62.

The submarine NEW JERSEY SSN796 was christened on November 13, 2021, at Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia. The Chief of the Boat contacted the Battleship New Jersey to offer a limited number of tickets to the event. I need to thank Steve Sheehan for asking that I be included with those attending. Steve, Ken Kersch and I represented the USS New Jersey Veterans at the ceremony. I was able to talk to Chief of the Boat, STSCM Hamilton Felt, and present him with one of our challenge coins. He said that a challenge coin display is planned for the Chiefs Mess and the USS New Jersey Veterans challenge coin will be prominently displayed. The boat should be launched soon, and they hope the commissioning will be at the end of 2022 or the beginning of 2023. At this time, I have no information on invitations to the commissioning.

We've started our planning for the 2023 Charleston, SC reunion. Several proposals have been received. We found that Charleston is a very popular weekend destination and hotels are not willing to offer discounted rates on Friday and Saturday nights. The best discounted rates are available Sunday through Thursday nights. There is a good chance that the 2023 reunion will begin on Monday and end with the banquet on Thursday night. Nothing is finalized and we haven't visited, or negotiated with, any of the hotels yet. We'll have more information to report at the general meeting in August.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing many of you in Cherry Hill.

Bob Dingman, President

EM2, E Division, Sept '67 - Dec '69



Reunion T-Shirt

“Too Soon for Taps”

Last Fall I received the email below from Anthony Petriello. Our membership chairman, Chuck Oehme, immediately contacted Tony and apologized for our error. I want to add my apologies and thank Tony for the kindly worded and humorous email. Most of the time, the emails I receive about errors are worded quite differently. We appreciate your understanding that we are all human. Happy belated 98th Birthday and you look fantastic!!!

Sincerely, Bob Dingman

From: SHEILA PETRIELLO <ramishma@aol.com>

Date: November 16, 2021 at 3:07:43 PM EST

To: bdingman@metrocast.net

Subject: Too soon for Taps

I just received the latest Jersey Bounce, and I was listed in Taps.

I just celebrated my 98th birthday, November 14 with a small party and I am very much alive and kicking, not very high though.

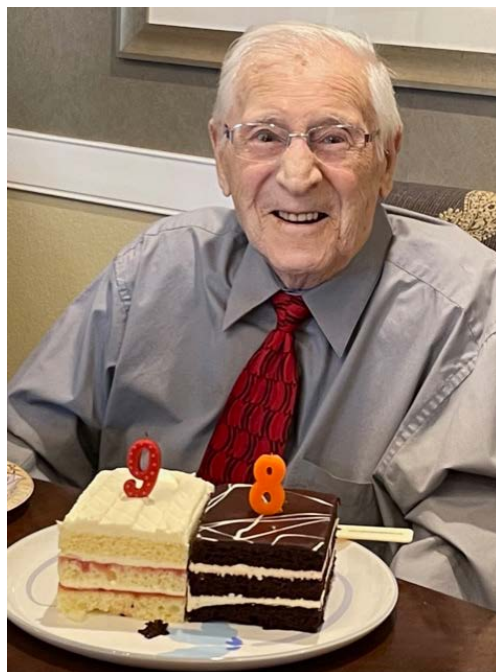
You will be notified when I should be on that list. Thank you for the many years you have kept me on a forgiving dues list.

My traveling days are over, but should you ever have a reunion in Phoenix, Az I will do my best to be there.

There is lot to see out here

Best wishes

Anthony Petriello



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings Jerseymen,

I hope everyone is doing well during these challenging times. Hilda and I are looking forward to the reunion in August and visiting the ship

Hoping to see you all at the 2022 reunion at Cherry Hill. Peace!

Fraternally,

Leon Tucker Jr. GMG1(SW)

G1 Division 87-90

SECRETARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello shipmates.

Hello again shipmates it is time for another Bounce. We will be back at the ship this year and Sheila and I are really looking forward to it.

Our taps list is getting bigger each year; however we are starting to gain some new members and that is exciting news. Remember the 80's ERA crew really needs to step up so we can keep the organization going. The 3 ERA'S before us have done an outstanding job, we do not need to let all the hard work come to an end. WWII ERA men are just about no more. 80's was commissioned the longest and have the least interest, lets really work hard to change this.



Last Bounce had the business meeting minutes in it. Please feel free to comment or give suggestions if you think something was incorrect or needs changing, I am human and subject to mistakes.

The reunion should be really great this year. When you receive the Bounce make sure you look at the activities that are planned out, some will have deadlines.

At one time we were over 1000 members and now we are under 500, lets really work hard to change and yes you by yourself can make a difference. There may be shipmates you have lost contact with after the Navy and wondering what they are doing this is a wonderful way to reconnect. This can make lifelong friendships. A Korean era member by the name of Ken Hobbs had passed away, an outstanding man that Sheila and I became friends with as well as his wife Junie. We still stay in touch with her. Korea and 80's were years apart but still part of the USS New Jersey family. Remember it is time to live, laugh, love, and remember. Let's keep the memories going. So long for now.

Hope to see you in Camden in August!

Danny Fielder/MM3 Lebanon, Secretary

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SHIP'S STORE ADVISOR'S REPORT

Greetings:

From the Ship's Store to all our shipmates and their families, we hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday. I would like to take a moment and thank all that ordered and received merchandise from the store.

We will be starting our ordering for the August reunion shortly. Please remember we still have merchandise on sale, especially in sizes small and medium plus other great values for everyone.

Anyone wishing to place an order can always reach us at Sixpaca12@yahoo.com. We accept checks, credit cards, PayPal, and other payment methods.

Please remember that the sales of store merchandise helps towards our scholarships ship restoration projects and maintaining our dues structure.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Cherry Hill this August.

The store can also be reached at:

727-415-5798

Mike Schappaugh - Ship's Store Advisor



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Hello shipmates and friends,

In my job I get to talk to a good number of our members. A couple of months ago I was talking with Korean War Era Vet, George "Wally" Johnson of Lake Jackson, Texas. We were talking about when you are nineteen years old how exciting it is to be on a ship that is going places and doing things. Wally then told me about the time he was on the USS Pittsburgh as a Photographer's Mate and the Captain wanted to get a picture of the midshipmen lining the rail, so they high lined him over to a destroyer to get some photos. What a marvelous adventure! He then got to do it again on a different cruise. It got me to thinking, how many of our members have been high lined from one ship to another? If you ever have, please let me know. If you have a picture, I would love to see it.

I guess crossing from one ship to another, traveling at a synced speed of about 12 knots and dangling over the ocean will always be on my bucket list.



In the 2021 Fall Bounce, I asked that if you had an old shipmate that you would like to reconnect with, just let us know and we would try our best to locate him. Our crack research team had just one request that we resolved. The Maytag repair man is busier than we are. Send those requests in, we need the work.

See you on the ship in August,

Chuck Oehme - Membership Chairman

ETR2, OE Division, 67-69

chelaine@comcast.net



This invoice is for those members that haven't yet paid their 2022 Dues

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC

**Dues Invoice
For Year 2022**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Street: _____

Please include a copy of this
invoice with your dues
payment.

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone #: _____

Era _____ Division _____

This question is for future reunion planning purposes.

Are you retired? Yes _____ No _____

Is your spouse retired? Yes _____ No _____

Due Date	Charges and Credits	
	2022 Annual dues	\$25.00
	Total	\$_____

Please make your check or money order payable to:
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc and mail check or
money order to:

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC

% Chuck Oehme

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<p>HOW DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR BOUNCE? MAIL _____ WEBSITE _____</p>
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Thank You,
Chuck Oehme
Membership Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

I hope everyone is in good health and doing well.

Accompanying this report is the financial summary for 2021. I will try and summarize the results of last year.

During 2021 we had total net receipts of \$48,090 and total net disbursements of \$47,798 for a net increase in funds of \$292.

The primary source of funds during the year were *Donations to the Ship for Deck Restoration (41%), 2021 Reunion Registration Fees (22%), Membership Dues (21%), and Ships Store Sales (10%)*.

Primary disbursements were for *Membership Donations Forwarded to the Museum (39%), 2021 Reunion Expenses (22%), Jersey Bounce Expenses (15%), Ships Store Inventory Purchases and Expenses (7%), 2022 Reunion Deposits and Expenses (6%), and Scholarships Awarded (6%)*.

It is very impressive that during 2021 our membership donated \$20,542 towards restoration of the ship's teak decks. During the last six years the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc membership has raised almost \$50,000 towards Ship Restoration projects.

We ended the year with \$40,291 in bank and PayPal balances on hand which as I noted above was slightly above the balances on hand at the end of 2020.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions, comments etc. regarding the financials or any information that I provided.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the ship later this year.

Phil Tasker - Treasurer

ETR2, OE Division, Sept '67 - Dec '69





**USS New Jersey Veterans Association
2021 Financials
Summary**

<u>Bank Balances</u>	<u>Operating Accounts (Including PayPal)</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>
Adjusted Balances at January 1, 2021	\$ 21,834.15	\$ 18,165.22
Total Funds Received in 2021	48,086.42	3.41
Total Funds Disbursed in 2021	47,797.86	-
Funds Transfers	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Net Balances at December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 27,122.71</u>	<u>\$ 13,168.63</u>
Net YTD Change in Bank Balances	\$ 5,288.56	\$ (4,996.59)
	<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>
CASH ASSETS	\$ 35,094.84	\$ 5,196.50
		<u>Total Cash Funds</u>
		\$ 40,291.34

<u>2021 Operating Results</u>	
<u>Reunion Activities:</u>	
2021 Reunion Registrations/Funds	\$ 10,717.00
2021 Reunion Expenses	10,283.26
2022 Reunion Expenses	2,900.00
Net Reunion Revenues	\$ (2,466.26)
<u>Ship's Store Operations</u>	
Ship's Store Sales	\$ 4,929.70
Ship's Store Inventory Purchases	3,055.90
Ship's Store Postage and Supplies	212.30
Net Ship's Store Revenue	\$ 1,661.50
<u>General Operations:</u>	
<u>Funds Received</u>	
Dues Received	\$ 10,310.00
Bank Interest Received	3.41
Miscellaneous Revenue Received	15.00
Total Funds Received	10,328.41
<u>Funds Disbursed</u>	
Jersey Bounce	\$ 7,143.22
Postage (General)	347.25
Office and Other Supplies	466.93
PayPal and Square Fees (Net)	(21.72)
Web Hosting and Internet Services	-
Miscellaneous	-
Total Funds Disbursed	7,935.68
Net General Operating Revenue	2,392.73
Net Operating Results	<u>\$ 1,587.97</u>

<u>2021 Scholarship Fund Activities</u>	
<u>Scholarship Fund Balance Forward From 2020</u>	\$ 5,827.50
<u>2021 Fund Raising Activities:</u>	
Reunion Auction Proceeds	-
50/50 Proceeds (Net of Payouts)	1,119.00
Banquet 50/50 (Net of Payouts)	-
Scholarship Donations	50.00
2021 Scholarships Awarded	(3,000.00)
2021 Scholarship Fund Ending Balance	<u>\$ 3,996.50</u>
Unpaid Balance Due 50/50 Winners	\$ -

<u>2021 Ship Restoration Fund Activities</u>	
Fund Balance Brought Forward from 2020	\$ 125.00
2021 Ship Restoration Fund Donations	19,542.00
2021 Ship Restoration Fund Disbursements to Battleship New Jersey	(18,467.00)
2021 Ship Restoration Fund Ending Balance	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>

REUNION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates

It's been quite a challenging but an interesting experience putting the finishing touches on the USS New Jersey Veterans' 2022 Reunion.

With the ever-changing restrictions to COVID, rising fuel costs, wages, etc., it has been difficult to put together a tour for all to enjoy at a reasonable cost.

Due to COVID, we changed the tours to outside the city of Philadelphia. This year you have a choice of two different tours. The Amish Experience in Lancaster or The River Boat Cruise in Toms River. Both tours include transportation, lunch and shopping.

As you are reading the Spring Bounce, we will be in the process of selecting the hotel, tour and confirming the dates for the 2023 Reunion in Charleston.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Dave Wasmer - Reunion Coordinator



LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT



Shipmates,

By the time you're reading this, we will be anticipating the arrival of spring and hopefully have added the spring bounce and next reunion information to the webpage. We have gained several new members since our last reunion, which can be attributed to our website, membership chairman, and several of our current members who are constantly contacting prospective members to join our organization.

Thanks to all of you who are active members, and we look forward to your continued support. If you know someone who used to be a member, but is no longer, maybe give them a call and give them a nudge in the right direction. Also, if you have any changes in your contact information, please contact me, Chuck Oehme, or any of the other officers in the organization, so we can keep your information current. As Liaison director I have a data base of all who have served on the USS New Jersey by era's, I continue to add shipmates who are found and were not in the list. Hope that everyone enjoys our ship web page. I have updated the ship store for Mike since our last reunion.

If you see anything on our webpage that is not right, please let me know!

Note: I'm in process of converting our existing web page to a html format, our existing web page is in the old Front Page which is now obsolete I'm in need of a member who knows webpage design to help me fix an issue with the new web page. I have created a new temporary site at www.ussnewjersey.us, carried over from the old site are "pop-ups" that I can't figure how to get rid of. Your help would be appreciated!

Bob Williams, Liaison Officer/Web Master

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SEATING COORDINATOR'S REPORT



Greetings,

Greetings from Middle Tennessee, as you are reading this, I hope that Spring has sprung for you as Mother Nature has not been kind to us this winter with extreme cold, heavy snow, floods, tornadoes, and wildfires along with COVID. Now is the time to begin making your plans along with your family to attend our upcoming reunion this summer in Cherry Hill, NJ where we can walk the hallowed decks of our ship the USS New Jersey reminiscing of our time aboard and our shipmates whose friendships meant and still means so much to us. I ask that you reach out to your shipmates that have not attended in the past and encourage them to attend, the more the merrier and the sea stories seem to be much better. I look forward to seeing all of you and attending to your seating need.

*Marvin Williams - Seating Coordinator
OI/Admin Division, 82-83 & 89-91*



Celebrating the 250th Birthdays of the Navy and Marine Corps at their Birthplace – the Delaware River

As the United States prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary – the Semiquincentennial – of its Declaration of Independence in 2026, we should celebrate in 2025 the creation of the military services that enabled and defend our independence. Homecoming 250 Navy Marine Corps’ “Launching the Semiquincentennial” plan puts the Battleship New Jersey on center stage for the Navy and Marine Corps 250th.

The 250th anniversary of the Navy’s founding on October 13, 1775, will be celebrated in October 2025 by assembling for touring on both banks of the Delaware historical, replica, and active-duty ships representing every major war which the Navy has fought: the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and subsequent conflicts in the Middle East. This unprecedented exhibition of Navy history is only possible on the Delaware where Philadelphia hosts the unique USS Olympia, and Camden hosts the USS New Jersey, the most decorated Navy ship afloat, and the only battleship to fight in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War. The Battleship will be joined by historic and replica ships from the age of sail to the most impressive Navy vessels of today, producing a visual and historical spectacular to honor the Navy.

The 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps’ founding on November 10, 1775, will be celebrated in November 2025 by assembling on both banks of the Delaware ships with a special connection to the Marines, including the Battleship New Jersey which supported the Marines in the Pacific, Vietnam, and Lebanon, as well as amphibious and aviation vessels. The Marines’ 250th will also be celebrated at the recreated Tun Tavern, the Philadelphia waterfront tavern that was the birthplace of the Marine Corps and other organizations, where history was made by Washington, Adams, and Franklin. The operating, charitable tavern will be a mecca for Marines and others for decades to come, adding to the historic fabric of our Nation’s birthplace.

Both celebrations will feature ceremonies, parades, aerial demonstrations, reenactments, and related historical, art, and science exhibits at the Battleship, Philadelphia's World Heritage historical sites, its superb museums, and exhibition sites on both sides of the Delaware.

These impressive 250th celebrations in October and November 2025 will provide exciting opening events for the semi quincentennial, shine an early national spotlight on the Battleship and the Delaware Valley where the Navy, Marines, and Nation were born, and honor the Navy, Marine Corps, and their 250-year history in the most densely populated area of the Country, attracting residents, tourists, veterans, history lovers, and grateful Americans.

Homecoming 250 is a non-profit created by numerous individuals and organizations to host the main 250th celebrations of the Navy and the Marine Corps in their birthplace. Our plan has generated great enthusiasm in the Navy, the Marine Corps, the semi quincentennial organizations, the Delaware Valley and beyond. It is endorsed by the Governors and Legislatures of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the Mayors and Councils of Philadelphia and Camden, the entire Congressional delegations of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, all fourteen living Secretaries of the Navy. For more information, check our website at www.homecoming250.org or contact us at info@homecoming250.org.



62 Battleship Place ❖ Camden Waterfront ❖ Camden, New Jersey 08103

December 21, 2021

Phillip Tasker, Treasurer
USS New Jersey Veteran's Association, Inc.
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Dear Phillip,

I want to thank you and all the other members of the USS New Jersey Veteran's Association for giving \$19,467 to the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial to support the ongoing restoration of the ship's historic teak decks. The Battleship is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity.

We have put down more than 12,000 square feet of new teak on the fantail, an area devoid of teak for more than 20 years. With your donation and the ongoing support of other individuals and organizations, we plan to complete the restoration of the deck before the ship's 80th birthday on May 23, 2023. When you come to the reunion this year, we should have the 01 Level complete and be moving forward from the fantail.

I hope to see you and everyone else at the ship this year so I can personally show you the work made possible by your support. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please contact me at (856) 966-1652, Extension 127, or c.perks@battleshipnewjersey.org

Thanks again!

Clark Perks
Development Director

Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial #22-3604324

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State of the Museum Report

Shipmates,

The last few years have been trying for the museum as I'm sure they have been for many of you. 2021 saw definite improvements in visitation and our financial situation but we are still significantly below our 2019 numbers. Throughout 2021 visitation remained fairly consistent, and so far in 2022 those numbers have held true too. We have been holding steady between 70 and 80% of "normal" self-guided visitation for about 10 months now and there are currently no indications of that improving. We are way up from 2020 but still have a way to go to get back to 2019's numbers. As of now the numbers suggest that won't happen this year.

On a positive note, we had a great reunion in Oklahoma City, and it was my first time spending a reunion with you. The New Jersey Veteran's association donated more to the ship in 2021 than ever before and that has really helped us stay afloat this year. Here is some information I pulled for my year-end report that will give you an idea of the condition your ship is in, and the success and shortcomings we have experienced over the last year.

There are practically no group bookings for tours, but we have had to keep adding slots to our various after-hours tours because individuals keep signing up, and that is making up some of our difference. Despite significantly lower visitor numbers for guided tours, revenue is around 80% of normal because we charge individuals 4 to 100 times more, depending on the tour, than the \$10 we charge for students.

Overnights have not been held in two years and we normally see around 7,000 scouts each year. We planned on starting them this January, but the surge in new infections after the holidays led to us postponing them until at least March. This involves contacting approximately 100 group leaders and rescheduling around 2,000 total individuals who had booking in January and February. These groups represent roughly \$150,000 of deferred revenue. Even so, it was an easy decision to make with the increase in COVID cases we have seen since everyone got home from their holiday gatherings.



State of the Museum Report

Notice, while self-guided numbers are close to normal, total visitation is still less than 60%. That is where the lack of guided tours and overnights are killing our numbers.

	Total Guests	Self-Guided Guests	Guided Tour Guests
2021	35,808	32,108	3,543
2020	12,449	11,907	336
2019	64,530	44,499	11,522
2018	62,210	41,906	12,151

It would take about 250,000 self-guided ticket sales to cover our annual expenses. We do not see that many people; in fact, we have the lowest visitation of all the museum battleships. So how do we manage to survive with 1/5th of the visitation it takes? We have significantly more diverse offerings. Believe it or not, some battleships just do self-guided tours. We get revenue from guided tours, events, overnights, social media, sponsorships, grants, the state, you name it. This diversity contributed to us weathering the pandemic so well compared to some of our peers. No self-guided guests and no overnights? No problem, we have YouTube and events. Can't do events, no problem we have specialty guided tours and online classes.

This isn't always the case, but right now we have one of the highest revenues of any battleship. That is still a fraction of our normal, and we still have to tighten our belts, but some solid leadership and the past decision to do some of everything instead of banking on one source of income means that while other museum ships are all but closed with furloughed staff, we are ramping up our restoration projects, hiring a marketing agency, creating new tours, and are one of the only local events venues that is open. In other words, we aren't losing another year like some places have or worse yet the experience of key staff who had to be laid off. This is critical for maintaining an 80-year-old artifact and I applaud the leadership decisions that have gotten us to this point.

Much of our income is in the form of grants which are paying for the teak deck restoration. After two years of work the entire fantail is just about redecked and groups of carpenters and painters are working on the main deck portside and 0-1 outside the captain's cabin. Wherever you are in the ship you can hear the buzzing of their needle guns as they chip the layers of scale that have bloomed up under the teak over the years.



State of the Museum Report

In 2021 we welcomed 51 new volunteers. I think that is a record for the museum. That takes the number of current active volunteers from 166 to 217, an increase of just over 30%! We had a total of 6,151.25 volunteer hours in 2021. 40% of these hours were by just 17 individuals and 25% of our total hours were logged by those 51 new volunteers. In 2021 we had a 100% increase over the 3,052 hours logged in 2020. By comparison, in 2021 we only logged about 43% of the 14,450 hours logged in 2019. I am hopeful in 2022 we will both break our 2021 record of new volunteers and our 2019 number for hours of service.

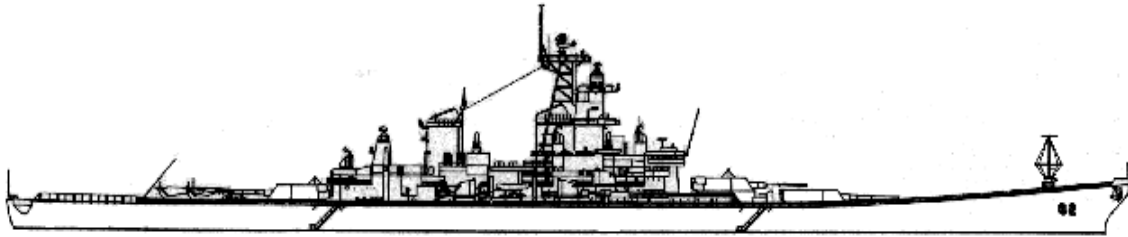
Finally, my pride and joy, the YouTube channel, made an estimated \$150,000 in 2021 with approximately \$80,000 in ad revenue, about \$45,000 in direct donations and sponsorships, and about \$25,000 in revenue from curator's tours booked because of the videos. That represents more than three full time manager's annual salaries, or a director, manager, and some part time staff. We are closing in on 100,000 subscribers so help us hit this major milestone by going to [YouTube.com/BattleshipNewJersey](https://www.youtube.com/BattleshipNewJersey) and clicking the subscribe button.

Despite the belt tightening, and recent reorganizations of some responsibilities, we are still following our strategic plan and positioning ourselves to continue expanding once visitation returns to normal and then begins to increase. We look forward to seeing you all back on board your ship later this year, and we appreciate your continued donations and support of the museum that are allowing us to survive through this lean time.

I will see you all on board soon,

Ryan

*Ryan Szimanski
Director of Curatorial and Educational Affairs
Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial
R.Szimanski@BattleshipNewJersey.org*



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

35th ANNUAL REUNION

WHERE: **Double Tree by Hilton (Name change as of April 20, 2022.
Currently it's the "Cherry Hill Hotel" until that date)**
2349 West Marlton Pike
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

WHEN: August 3 – 7, 2022

RESERVATIONS: 1-856-665-6666 (Hotel Direct)
**The hotel suggest that we call the hotel direct at the number
above for our reservations.**
For group rate mention the: **USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS**

Special group rates are available for reservations between July 31st thru August 10th, 2022.

Handicapped rooms are available upon request.

Reservations received after 5:00PM(EDT), August 04, 2022, may not qualify for the group rate.

Individuals will be allowed to cancel reserved rooms up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty.

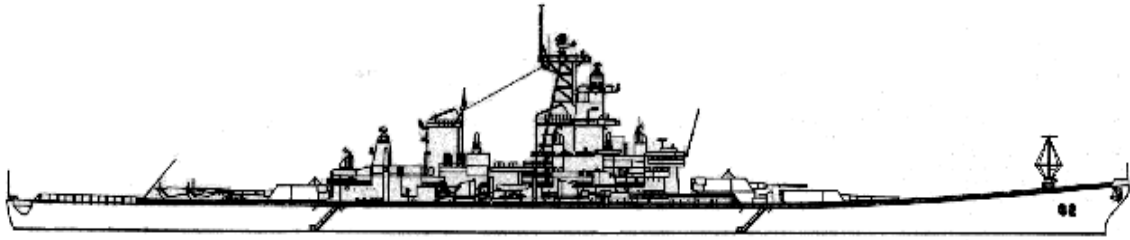
There will be no penalty for early checkouts of individual group participants.

Parking is free. Complimentary WIFI. Sorry, service pets only.

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

Check In Time: 4:00 PM, Check Out Time: 11:00AM

If you stay at this hotel, the rate includes two breakfast coupons per room



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

35th Annual Reunion – Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Airport - Hotel Ground Transportation

Upon arrival at the Philadelphia Airport, retrieve your luggage at baggage claim, follow the signs for Ground Transportation.

Due to the variation in Aircraft arrival times there might be a wait. Van/limousine services are available. There is a list of companies on the Philadelphia International Airport website.

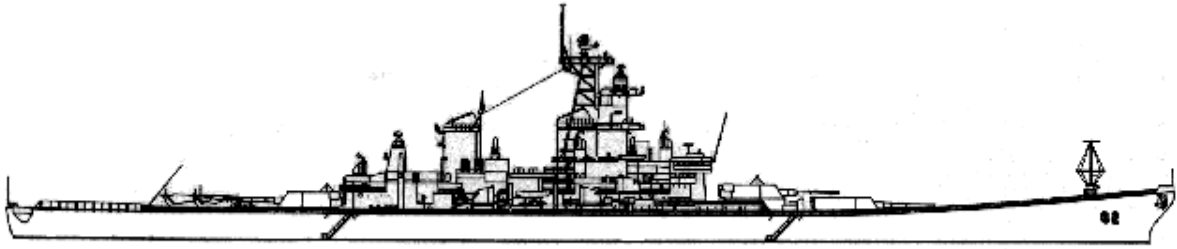
Rapid Rover Company has been used in the past and was bought out by **First Class Limousine Service**. To pre-schedule your pick-up at the airport and for your return trip with **First Class Limousine**, their phone number is 856-428-1500.

First Class Limousine Service pricing subject to change:

- Sedan up to three people (one way) is \$90.00 + tip
- SUV up to five people (one way) is \$125.00 + tip
- Van up to thirteen people (one way) is \$150.00 + tip

If there are several people in your group using a standard taxi could be a cost saving. Taxi cost should be around \$55.00 (give or take).

Uber and Lyft are also available, for those who use these services.



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

35th ANNUAL REUNION PLAN OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 - Check-in Day

- 0900 Registration, Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2) Small Store (Plaza 3) opens
- 1400 Board of Directors Meeting (Plaza Room 4 & 5)
- 1630 Registration, Hospitality Room, Small Stores closes
- 1830 Doors Open, Cash Bar
- 1900 Welcome Aboard Dinner (Riverside Room)
- 2000 Auction for Scholarship Fund commences

Thursday, August 4, 2022

- 0830 Bus departs for The Amish Experience, Lancaster
- 0900 Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2), Small Store (Plaza 3) opens
- 0900 Bus departs for The River Boat Cruise, Toms River
- 1600 Small Stores closes
- 1715 Bus returns to hotel from The River Boat Cruise
- 1730 Bus returns to the hotel from The Amish Experience
- 2200 Hospitality Room closes

Friday, August 5, 2022

- 0900 Board Buses for Battleship New Jersey and Memorial Service
- 0915 Buses Depart for Battleship New Jersey and USS NJ Veterans Memorial Service
- 1000 USS New Jersey Veterans Memorial Service on the Fantail of Battleship New Jersey
- 1330, 1430, 1530 Bus departs Battleship New Jersey for return to hotel on the hour
- 1630 Final bus departs Battleship New Jersey for return to hotel
- 1430 Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2), Small Store (Plaza 3) opens for limited time period
- 2200 Hospitality Room closes

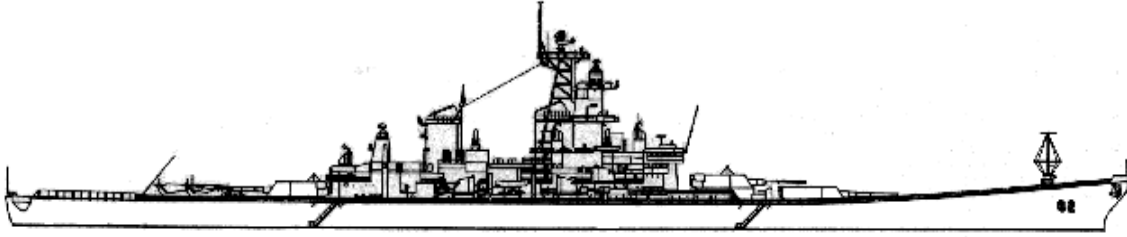
Saturday, August 6, 2022

- 0900 General Membership Business Meeting (Terrace Room)
- 1200 Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2) Small Store (Plaza 3) opens
- 1500 Hospitality Room, Small Stores closes
- 1700-1830 Individual and Group pictures (Terrace Room)
- 1830 Doors open, Cash bar (Terrace Room)
- 1900 Dinner Dance Banquet (Terrace Room)

Sunday, August 7, 2022

- 1100 Hotel checkout time

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN CHARLESTON, SC



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

WELCOME ABOARD DINNER

1830 Doors Open Cash Bar
1900 Serving Starts

Plated Dinner Menu

Traditional Casear Salad
Hearts of Romaine Lettuce,
Creamy Caesar Dressing and Focaccia Crouton

Entree

Chicken Piccata or Chef's Choice Vegetarian Dinner
with Lemon, White Wine and Capers

Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetable

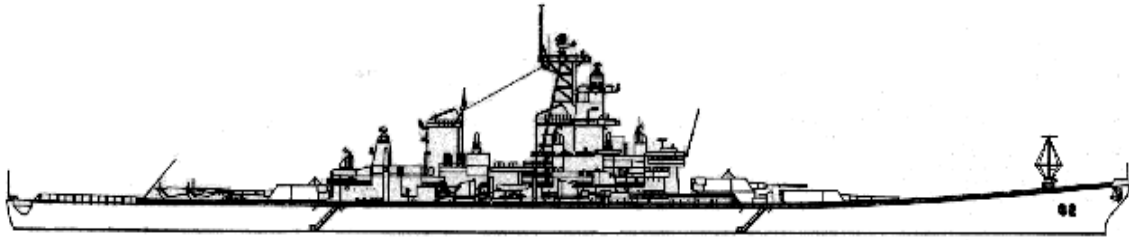
Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter

Chef's Choice of Dessert

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Assorted Teas



**An Auction for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund
will commence immediately following dinner**



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

AUCTION NIGHT

Following our Welcome Aboard dinner, an auction will be held to support our scholarship fund. All things USS

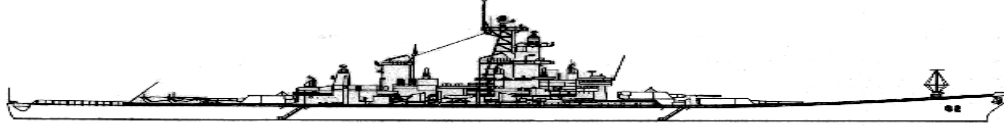
New Jersey, U.S Navy, Patriotic are needed for the auction. If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the reunion. If you can't attend, but you have

items to donate, please contact

Bob Dingman

bdingman@metrocast.net

603-528-4436



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Thursday, August 4, 2022

The Amish Experience

The Amish Experience Theater

“Compelling” best describes the emotional story of “Jacob’s Choice,” told through the everyday lives of the fictional Fisher family, an Old Order Amish family of today. Witness young Jacob’s struggle in choosing the Amish church or leaving behind family and community for the allure of the modern world.

Amish Country Homestead

Inside the Homestead, you learn of Amish traditions and practices, plain clothing and life without electricity from the grid. The Fisher One-Room School is attached to the house and filled with authentic desks and furnishings from an actual Amish school. The Amish Country Homestead truly provides insights into the complex riddles of a culture so very different from your own.

Amish Farmlands Tour

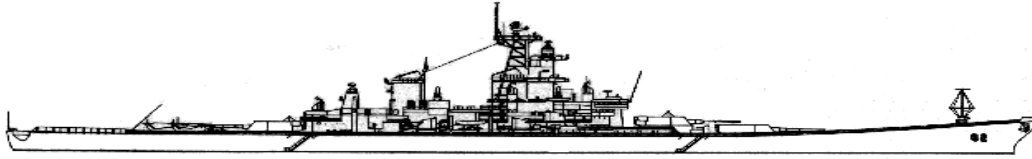
Taking you deep into the heart of the oldest Amish community in the world where you’ll marvel at some of the most beautiful farmland you’ll ever set eyes upon. When you join us on one of our climate-controlled 14-passenger mini-bus Farmlands Tours of the out-of-the-way back roads and country lanes, you’ll experience a sense of the work and family ethics that continue to mark the Amish way of life. Witness spectacular panoramas of patchwork farms unparalleled in their intrinsic beauty, still farmed with horses and mules. Roadside stands, bake shops, or a visit to a craft or quilt shop on an Amish farm are among the unique happenings enjoyed on your 90-minute Farmlands excursion.

8:00am – Bus arrives at the Hotel and **departs at 8:30am Sharp**

Package Includes:

- Roundtrip luxury motorcoach transportation
- 35 min film, Jacob’s Choice
- 45 min guided tour of a replica Amish Country Homestead and Schoolhouse
- 2 hour guided tour of the Amish Farmland, stopping at an Amish Bakery, Quilt Store and other shops
- Includes meal at Plain and Fancy Farm
 - All-inclusive restaurant-style meal served at the table. Meals are based on two meats and includes starters, sides, desserts and beverages.
- \$94 per person

**** Limited to 54 people, reservations must be made no later than June 1, 2022 ****
If tour is full, you will be contacted and added to a waiting list.



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Thursday, August 4, 2022

River Lady Riverboat Cruise

River Lady Historic Lunch Cruise: Mid-day magic aboard the River Lady brings forth the tranquility of the sea air during this 2.5hour cruise with a meal guaranteed to make your day memorable. During this cruise your Captain will present a full historical commentary and a delectable lunch will be served. As time passes you will see some of the most beautiful sights in the area. As the cruise comes to an end you will have experienced the delightful ambiance of good old-fashioned dining aboard an authentic paddleboat. Wheelchairs accessible.

After the lunch cruise travel to the Smithville Village for free time for shopping. Historic Smithville started as a simple, one room, stagecoach stop. Over the last 50 years it has blossomed into a wonderful memory-making way to spend the day. When entering any of our 60 shops you will feel the hometown, small business feel. Wander along our cobblestone walkways and over our foot bridges to discover a village that seems as if it were frozen in time. The carefully manicured grounds and attention to detail make Historic Smithville a breath of fresh air and a place you will want to visit again and again.

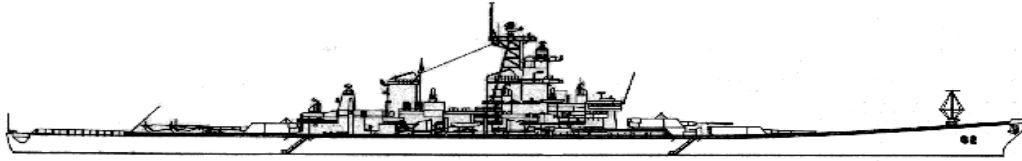
8:30am – Bus arrives at the Hotel and **departs at 9:00am Sharp**

Package Includes:

- Roundtrip luxury motorcoach transportation
- River Lady Historic Lunch Cruise
- Visit Smithville Village for free time and shopping
- Meal included – All meals come complete with salad, vegetables, potatoes, rolls and dessert. Coffee and tea are served with dessert.
 - Meal choices are as follows:
 - Chicken Francese – a sauteed boneless chicken breast in a rich sauce with a hint of lemon
 - Chicken Marsala – a sauteed boneless chicken breast in a marsala wine sauce
 - Filet of Salmon – sauteed, served with a lemon and garlic sauce with a hint of pesto
 - Penne Vodka – penne pasta with vodka cream sauce
- \$94 per person

**** Limited to 58 people, reservations must be made no later than June 1, 2022 ****

If tour is full, you will be contacted and added to a waiting list.



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Friday, August 5, 2022

Visit to the Battleship New Jersey USS New Jersey Veterans Memorial Service

0900 - Buses begin to depart from the hotel

We have 3 buses that will each depart when full. The buses will make return loops to the hotel for additional pickups, as required. We will have one bus that is wheelchair accessible. If you, or a guest, will be using a wheelchair, please note it on your registration form.

1000 - The Memorial Service will commence.

We will honor our shipmates who have passed away since our last reunion, and those who we recently were told had passed away in previous years. There will be a color guard and bugler present. The names of all those who passed will be read and honored with the ringing of our memorial bell. A memorial wreath will be dropped from the fantail, onto the Delaware River, in honor of all USS New Jersey Veterans who have left us. *Immediately following the memorial service there will be a short ceremony to recognize our Vietnam Veteran Shipmates who have yet to receive their Vietnam War Lapel pin. We presented 24 pins to our Vietnam Veterans at last years reunion.*

1100 - Bag Lunch will be served. Choose one of the following sandwiches:

- ~Turkey on Seven Grain Bread with Mustard Mayo
- ~Roast Beef on a Roll with Horseradish Sauce
- ~Tuna Salad on a Croissant
- ~Chicken Salad Wrap
- ~Grilled Vegetables w/hummus Wrap

Included in the bag:

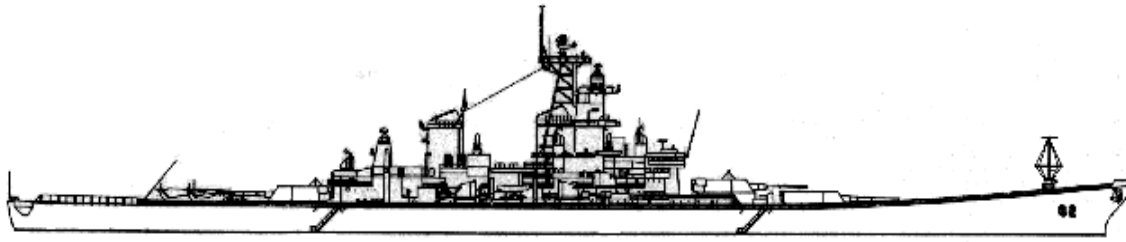
- Pasta Primavera Salad
- Chips & Cookie
- Bottled Water or Soda
- Napkin & Utensils

The Ship will be open to self-guided tours after lunch

1330 - First bus departs the pier to return to the hotel.

1330, 1430 and 1530 - Buses depart the pier on the hour (or when full)

1630 - Last bus will leave ship to return to the hotel



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Saturday, August 6, 2022

DINNER DANCE BANQUET

1830 Doors Open
1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

Plated Dinner Menu

**Seasonal Greens with Teardrop Tomatoes,
Toasted Pine Nuts, and Sherry Vinaigrette**

Chicken Marsala or Chef's Choice Vegetarian Dinner

Herb Crusted Salmon

**Sliced Sirloin of Beef
With Rosemary Garlic Demi-glaze**

Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetable

Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter

Cheesecake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted Teas

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

35th Annual Reunion Events Reservation Form

Refer to the Plan of the Week for event start times

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Welcome Aboard Dinner

___ Chicken Piccata Dinner ___ Vegetarian Dinner ___ People @ \$35.00/person \$ _____

Thursday, August 4, 2022

The Amish Experience Tour (includes lunch) ___ People @ \$94.00/person \$ _____

OR

Riverboat Cruise (includes lunch & shopping) ___ People @ \$94.00/person \$ _____

___ Chicken Francese ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Filet of Salmon ___ Penne Vodka

Friday, August 5, 2022

Battleship New Jersey Visit & Memorial Service ___ People @ \$35.00/person \$ _____

___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Tuna Salad ___ Chicken Salad Wrap ___ Veggie Wrap

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Banquet Dinner ___ People @ \$48.00/person \$ _____

___ Chicken Marsala ___ Herb Crusted Salmon ___ Sliced Sirloin of Beef ___ Vegetarian Dinner

Reunion T-Shirt

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL @ \$10.00 ea. \$ _____

___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL @ \$12.00 ea. \$ _____

50/50 TICKETS (Please include ticket stubs) \$ _____

If you forgot to pay 2022 dues, you can pay that now \$25.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed for all Events \$ _____

Please provide the following and please print:

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ERA: WWII Korea Vietnam 80's DIVISION: _____ DATE SERVED: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

Please note if you are confined to a wheelchair and a bus lift is required

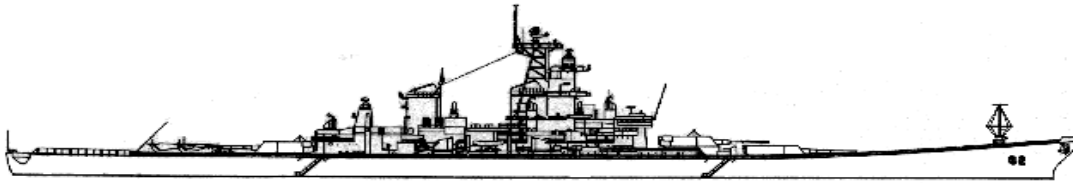
FINAL CUT OFF- DATE JUNE 1, 2022

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO: USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. To pay by using PayPal, scan the QR code or check here ___ and we will bill you through PayPal via the e-mail address above. Check here ___ and we will invoice you by e-mail through a secure payment processor that accepts credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Mail or Email this registration form to the address below.

USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
c/o Mr. Phillip Tasker, Treasurer
7526 14th Lane,
Vero Beach, FL 32966-1200
Email: bb62veterans@gmail.com





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

INFORMATION FOR DINNER GROUP SEATING

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Paid dinner reservations must be made prior to requesting group seating.
2. Dinner seating requests will be accepted between **May 18th - July 6th**.
3. A separate request is required for each dinner, Wednesday and Saturday.
4. **NOTE: Please include note if space for wheelchair seating is needed.**
5. 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 dinner prior to making a seating request. This will reduce, or eliminate, confusion when individuals within a group either have not made reservation, or make the reservations at the last minute.

NO TABLE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE UNTIL EVERYONE IN YOUR GROUP HAS MADE THEIR DINNER RESERVATIONS.

6. Seating requests can be made through E-Mail, telephone, or letter.
NOTE: Messages left on an answering machine are not always reliable.
7. Send the names of all the individuals to the seating coordinator (**8 people per table on Wednesday evening and 10 people per table on Saturday evening.**)
8. **Please submit your reunion event registration and seating requests by the posted deadline. We will make every effort to accommodate your request, however we cannot guarantee your group seating if your request is received after the deadline.**

Marvin Williams, Seating Coordinator
221 Longwood Lane, Clarksville, TN 37043
Phone: 931-237-3823
Email: mpwbb62@charter.net

USS NEW JERSEY BB-62 REUNION NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

Mark your required History String(s)

<u>City</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Plankowner	1943	_____
Plankowner	1950	_____
Plankowner	1968	_____
Plankowner	1982	_____
Long Beach CA	1982	_____
Atlantic City NJ	1984	_____
Indianapolis, IN	1986	_____
New Orleans LA	1988	_____
Daytona Beach FL	1990	_____
Nashville TN	1992	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	1993	_____
San Diego CA	1994	_____
Norfolk VA	1995	_____
Fort Mitchell KY	1996	_____
Danvers MA	1997	_____
Colorado Springs CO	1998	_____
Seattle WA	1999	_____
Daytona Beach FL	2000	_____
Branson MO	2001	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2002	_____
Las Vegas NV	2003	_____
Washington DC	2004	_____
Valley Forge PA	2005	_____
San Antonio TX	2006	_____
San Diego, CA	2007	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2008	_____
Jacksonville FL	2009	_____
Nashville TN	2010	_____
Hilton Head, SC	2011	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2012	_____
Portland OR	2015	_____
Philadelphia PA	2016	_____
Virginia Beach VA	2013	_____
St. Louis MO	2014	_____
Deerfield IL	2017	_____
New Orleans LA	2018	_____
San Diego, CA	2019	_____
Oklahoma City, OK	2021	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2022	_____

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

Complete this section if you need name plates

_____ Crew Member Name Plate (2 X 3 Inches)

_____ Associate Member Name Plate (2 X 3 Inches)

All name Plates are 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:

Name tags are \$15.00 each

History Strings are \$5.00 each

Make checks payable to USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc and mail this order form to:

Mike Schappaugh

3540 16th Street No.

Saint Petersburg, FL 33704

Phone: 727-415-5798

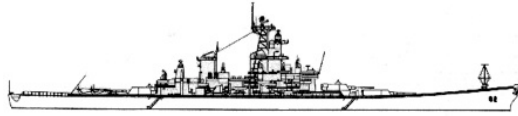
sixpaca12@yahoo.com



If you would like to pay by using PayPal, scan the QR code or check here _____ and we will bill you through PayPal via the e-mail address below. You can also use this method even if you don't have a PayPal account but wish to use a credit card.

E-Mail: _____

Regardless of payment method, please mail this registration form to the address above.



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Scholarship Application Eligibility Requirements

The USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. awards three (3) \$1000 college scholarships each year. One of the scholarships is the Richard Esser Scholarship, presented in honor of a former outstanding member. The winners will be selected by a committee appointed by the President. All applicants will be notified of their final status by the President.

Complete application must be submitted via US Mail and postmarked no later than JUNE 1ST

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Sponsor shall be a former crewmember of the USS New Jersey and current member in good standing (dues shall be paid up-to-date) of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
2. Sponsor shall be a member in good standing of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. for 24 months prior to the deadline date for submission of the application they are sponsoring.
3. A sponsor who is recently deceased shall be considered a member in good standing for the period of 12 months from their date of death. Please provide a copy of sponsors obituary.
4. Applicant shall be the descendant (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of a qualified sponsor. Stepchildren shall also qualify.
5. Applicant shall be entering their first year of college, or trade school, for undergraduate studies.
6. Scholarship funds will be paid directly university, college, or trade schools applicant attends.
7. Documentation and photos submitted will not be returned.
8. Descendants of the current Scholarship Committee members are not eligible.
9. Application Forms are available for download on our website, www.ussnewjersey.org

Application and Submission Checklist:

1. Complete three (3) application forms
2. Applicants personal hand written essay with college and career goals and ambitions. (200 words max)
3. Applicants personal resume.
4. High school transcript, latest available.
5. Recommendation letter from guidance counselor.
6. Two additional letters of academic recommendation.
7. Provide graduation or senior photograph.
8. Obituary of sponsor, if deceased.

Application Submission:

1. Mail complete application, including all items notes above, postmarked on or before June 1st. Transcripts and recommendation letters may be mailed separately, if the sender desires, but the deadline still applies.
2. Application package shall be mailed to:
Robert Dingman, President
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
6 Butternut Ln.,
Laconia, NH 03246-4908

Applications can be found at www.ussnewjersey.org



USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
James Adams	Unknown	WWII	Houston, TX
Albert Allison	Unknown	Korea	Bellmeade, PA
Raymond Amazeen	1 st	Vietnam	Dover, ME
John Frederick Andre	Unknown	WWII	Holyoke, MA
Robert Lucien Ayling	M	Vietnam	Anaheim, CA
William Bado	5 th	80's	Racine, WI
Marlen Reiners Bailey	Associate Member	N/A	Lincoln, IL
Robert Beck	Unknown	WWII	Jackson, MI
Wallace Behnke	E	Korea	Lexington, SC
Paul Benner	OE	Vietnam	Pooler, GA
Angelo Bianchi	8 th Marine Detachment	Korea	Waterloo, NY
Thomas Bicking	5 th	Vietnam	Coatsville, PA
William Albert Biermann	E	Korea	Clive, IA
Gary F. Blanchard	Unknown	Vietnam	Westhampton, NJ
Marvin Borkenhagen	Unknown	WWII	Amboy, MN
Harry Bratton	1 st	Korea	Blountville, TN
Norman Brehob	Unknown	Korea	Knoxville, TN
George "Matt" Brown	M	Korea	Sneads, FL
Edwin Buckhout	Marine Detachment	WWII	Hadley, MA
Finley Monroe Burns	Q	WWII	Greensboro, NC
Joseph Capp	Unknown	WWII	Lancaster, PA
Eric Lee Carlson	Unknown	Korea	Salem, OR
Baker Grant Carter	K	WWII	Somerset, KY
Eliseo Chavez	E	WWII	Belen, NM
William "Andy" Cobb	K	WWII	Central, SC



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Arthur Conover	Unknown	WWII	Green Creek, NJ
Edward Crabtree	S3	Korea	Louisville, MS
Charles Curtis	Unknown	WWII	Germantown, TN
Timothy Cutsforth	Unknown	80's	Waterloo, IA
Daniel DeLong	Unknown	Korea	Elroy, WI
Frank Dennison	Unknown	80's	Bristol, WV
Felix Donofrio	5 th	WWII	Lemont, IL
Eugene Dorrell	Unknown	WWII	Woodstown, NJ
Ronald Drumm	Unknown	Korea	Danbury, CT
Stanley Dykty	Unknown	WWII	Seymour, CT
John Edmonds	7 th	Korea	Columbia, SC
Thomas Farmer	4 th	Korea	Marshfield, MA
James Fotopoulos	E	Korea	Chicago Ridge, IL
Jeff Francis	5 th	Vietnam	Checotah, OK
William "Bill David" Genoshe	Unknown	80's	Colorado Springs, CO
Gregory Giallonardo	A	Vietnam	Franklin, MA
Carl Gibbs	6 th	Korea	Mason City, IA
Leslie Gnagy	E	WWII	Madison, OH
Robert "Bob" Gordon	Unknown	Korea	Port Chester, NY
Charles "Smokey" Gower	8 th Marine Detachment	Korea	Allentown, PA
John Hammond	Unknown	WWII	Williamston, SC
Allen Hancock	S2	WWII	Arbor Ridge, NC
Kenneth Harlan	Unknown	Korea	Richmond, IN
James P Harris	Unknown	WWII	Kingston, PA
Keith Allen Harris	B	Korea	San Diego, CA



USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Raymond C Harris	C	Korea	Stephens City, VA
Elmer Lee Hayes	Unknown	Korea	Huntington, WV
Wesley S Hill	Unknown	WWII	Spearfish, SD
Hershel Hinshaw	Unknown	WWII	Snyder, TX
William E Howell	S3	Korea	East Stroudsburg, PA
Martin A Hudson	M	WWII	Virginia, MN
Gene S Hummel	H	WWII	Baltimore, MD
Seth H Jackson III	H	Vietnam	Willamina, OR
Guy A Jenks Sr	6 th	Korea	Roanoke, VA
Donald P Jestings	R	Korea	Portsmouth, RI
Conrad P Johnson	Q	Korea	Galesburg, IL
Henry Harry" Jones	R	Korea	Kirkwood, NY
August "Gus" Joseph Franze	Unknown	WWII	Colonie, NY
Wayne J Kahle	M	Korea	Hazel Green, WI
Glen F Kesler	H	Korea	West Field, IN
James R King	K	Korea	Lorain, OH
William A Klyzek	N	Korea	Henderson, NV
Raymond G Kneisley	A	Korea	Lancaster, PA
John Knerr	Marine Detachment	WWII	Getzville, NY
Bob Knight	FM	Vietnam	Mountain Home, AR
Glenn G Krammer	5 th	Korea	Mt Holly Springs, PA
Donald Lambert	Unknown	WWII	Sioux Falls, SD
Orval H Lampton	Unknown	WWII	Clinton, MO
Edward J Landers	Q	Korea	Pequannock, CT
Wallace Lawson	Unknown	Korea	Andrews, NC
Charles H Lyons	3 rd	Korea	New Orleans, LA



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Angelo P Mack	4 th	Korea	Pottsville, PA
Enrique Maldonado	B	Korea	Bridgeport, CT
Melvin Manning	Unknown	WWII	Egg Harbor, NJ
Joel Brace Marsh	Unknown	WWII/Korea	Bloomington, IN
John M Martin	R	Korea	Lake Winola, PA
Frank Masick	Unknown	Korea	Chattanooga, TN
Elijah Joel Mason	C	Korea	Brandon, MS
Floyd McMill	Unknow	Korea	Saginaw, MI
Eldon L Meharg	Unknown	WWII	Clio, MI
Samuel James Merrill	B	Korea	Mentor, OH
Lewis Edward Miller	7 th	WWII	Maywood, NJ
Mark Eugene Miller	Unknow	Korea	McLeansboro, IL
Gordon Moen	B	WWII	Spokane Valley, WA
Wayland Moore	S1	Korea	Midland, TX
Livy Justice Nance	FA	Korea	Clermont, FL
Paul Neeson	FA	Korea	Millis, MA
Wayne Niebauer	M	Korea	Pedricktown, NJ
Douglas E Nolan	Unknown	WWII	Las Vegas, NV
Ward Lane Odom	Q	Korea	Martinsburg, WV
Dr Clarence P Olson	HD	WWII	Mohall, ND
Charles P Orr	Ship's Gunner	Vietnam	Escondido, CA
Fay DeWitt Plank	E	80's	Eugene, OR
Theodore Radtke	Unknown	WWII	Wausau, WI
Charles D Reed	3 rd	Vietnam	Longview, WA
Robert M Richardson	Unknown	WWII	Federalsburg, MD
Dr William Scarborough	7 th	Korea	Hattiesburg, MS



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Richard P Shellenberger	E	Korea	Altoona, PA
Michael J Smith	S2	Korea	Jersey City, NJ
James Fred Smith	Unknown	WWII	Tulsa, OK
Kenneth B Smith	X	Korea	Duncansville, PA
Richard S Smith	Unknown	Korea	York, PA
Robert Lee Smith	Unknown	WWII	Aragon, GA
Ronald W Smith	5 th	Korea	Silvis, IL
Dennis D Snyder	E	Vietnam	Fairmont, MN
Stewart J Snyder	E	Vietnam	Bakersfield, VT
Eugene E Stevenson	Q	WWII	Marseilles, IL
William (Bill) Stiff	1A	Korea	Westmoreland County, VA
Archie M Strandlind	Unknown	WWII	Moline, IL
Leslie F Titus	Unknown	Korea	Moline, IL
John L Tomlin	Unknown	WWII	Wet Islip, NY
Albert "Big Al" Topham	Unknown	WWII	Dalles, TX
Vernon Shoubrouek	Marine Detachment	Korea	Church Point, LA
Admiral Edward K Walker Jr	S2	Korea	Annapolis, MD
Joseph E Walsh	E	Korea	Marco Island, FL
Murray Wasserman	E	WWII	Brooklyn, NY
Dow J Weaver Sr.	6 th	Korea	Sandusky, OH
Harlan A Williams	Unknow	WWII	Albuquerque, NM
Ralph E Winland	Unknown	WWII	Medina, OH
Robert C Wirzbach	FA	WWII	Dubuque, IA
Willard D Ziegler	1 st	Korea	Telford, PA



USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Michael Bell	M	80's	Saginaw, MI
Randy Lee Bergman	M	80's	Cartersville, GA
Gary Boykin	1 st	80's	Dripping Springs, TX
Sherman Brown	Marine Detachment	80's	Ilion, NY
Joe Carlton	OC	80's	Savage, MN
Rubin Finger	OI	80's	Virginia Beach, VA
Tim Jackson	FM	80's	Toluca, MX
Les Olson	B	80's	Gering, NE
Tom Stephens	GM	80's	Discovery Bay, CA
Jim Sturdevant	M	Vietnam	Sheridan, WY

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USS New Jersey Challenge Coin
\$10.00



The *USS New Jersey* Moored Under the Firth of Forth Bridge in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1947

A subsequent Scottish newspaper account of this visit:

USS New Jersey was selected to participate in the US Navy's first midshipman's training cruise to Europe since 1938. These cruises involved removing some of the ship's own crew and bring on board US Naval Academy midshipmen to rotate through various departments of the ship and learn various jobs. On June 7, 1947, the *USS New Jersey* set off on the training cruise carrying over 500 Naval Academy midshipmen. Arriving in Scotland, the *New Jersey* was greeted by the British Home Fleet. She became the flagship of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean fleet commanded by Admiral Richard Conolly, who had supported amphibious invasions in both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

In Norway *USS New Jersey* was visited by King Haakon VII and escorted by future King Olav V. In England, members of her crew were entertained by King George VI and future Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The crew of the *New Jersey*, flagship of the largest battle at sea in history, visited *HMS Victory*, flagship of the largest naval battle in the age of sail. After additional training exercise in the Caribbean, the *New Jersey* and the midshipman arrived in New York on August 28th.

As a new and powerful battleship, *USS New Jersey* was placed in reserve. To preserve her for possible future use, the Navy began the process known as "mothballing." The ship was sealed up with dehumidification equipment running inside alongside desiccant packs to prevent mold and water degradation. Equipment was coated with preservative grease like cosmoline and non-moving parts were preserved under layers of paint.

On June 30, 1948 *USS New Jersey* was decommissioned at Bayonne in a ceremony headed by four-star Admirals H. Kent Hewitt and Thomas Kinkaid, who had led amphibious invasions in the European and Pacific Theaters, respectively. At her decommissioning, the *New Jersey's* captain noted: "She has no potential foe worthy of her steel."

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