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### **Mighty Dreadnaught**

***Dedicated To All The Veterans That Served On This Outstanding Man-Of-War***

**The 28<sup>th</sup> Reunion was held at the Doubletree Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, August 20 -- 24, 2014.**

The reunion committee's continuous effort to locate the reunion sites at different geographic locations throughout the country was rewarded by the outstanding turnout. The reunion being held in St. Louis provided shipmates residing in the midlands an opportunity to attend with minimal travel. As we mature travel becomes a greater hardship and greatly increases planning, cost, and time. What we did with little effort in the past now takes considerable planning and I'm personally glad that the committee picks a different location for the annual reunion.

A great tour encompassing both historical and modern St. Louis was enjoyed by all participants. In addition to visiting St. Louis, the tour encompassed the Arch (Gateway To The West) and climaxed at the Anheuser-Busch facilities where a tour of the brewery and a visit to see the famous Clydesdales was conducted. No tour of the Anheuser-Busch facilities would ever be complete without stopping at the hospitality room to enjoy sampling several of the Anheuser-Busch family products.

A Commemorative Wall Plaque of the USS New Jersey will be Dedicated at the U.S. Navy Memorial, in Washington, DC on December 7th, 2014. You are encouraged to attend this event which will coincide with the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Ceremony (details on page 28).



**President and CEO  
Phil Rowan  
Displaying Ship's Birthday Cake  
May 23, 2014  
Celebrating her 71st Birthday  
(provided by Richard Thrash)**



**President  
Steve Sheehan  
Celebrating Veterans  
Day  
Aboard the Ship  
2013**



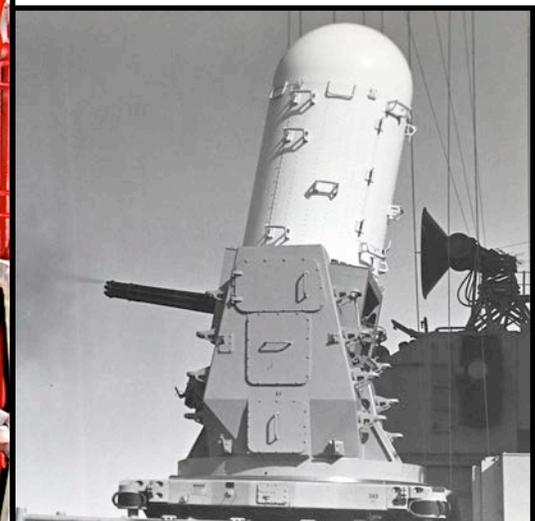
**Thanksgiving Day Celebration  
(provided by Richard Thrash)**



**Firing a Tomahawk Missile**



**Broadway**



**Test Firing the Phalanx  
Close-in Weapon System**



**Traveling Through The Panama Cannel**



**Firing the Big Guns  
Broadside in Beirut, Lebanon (January 1984)**

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## NEW MEMBERS

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**Minutes of the USS New Jersey Association General Meeting**  
**August 23, 2004**  
**Doubletree Hotel**  
**1973 Craigshire Road**  
**St. Louis, MO 63146**

President Steve Sheehan called the meeting to order at 10 AM on Saturday, August 23, 2014. He welcomed the attendees and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Danny Fielder provided an invocation.

President Sheehan stated that with the passing of Secretary A.J. Smith, the Board was recommending that Phil Tasker be elected to serve the remainder of Secretary Smith's term. Mr. Tasker was elected Secretary upon a motion by Ray Kehoe as seconded by Bob Williams. Following the election, newly installed Secretary Tasker read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.

Vice President Bob Dingman gave a presentation on the plaque to be presented to the Navy Memorial in Washington DC. He stated that the costs had been covered through donations including \$1,325 that had been received at the reunion and that a matching grant would cover any shortfall. He stated that excess funds received would be transferred to the scholarship fund. He noted that the Memorial would be dedicated December 7, 2014 in Washington DC and that a number of USS New Jersey Veterans Association members were planning to attend. He said that he would provide more information in the Bounce regarding the dedication ceremony for those that wished to attend.

There was a question from the floor regarding the availability of a replica of the plaque. Vice President Dingman reported that the organization has the rights to the graphics and that he will check on the costs to produce a replica, either as a plaque or in some other media. President Sheehan complimented the attendees for their financial response to this project.

President Sheehan updated the membership on activities to rehabilitate the ships teak decks. He reported that he was on the museum's Board and that they were initiating a "Dollars for Decks" program and asked that if anyone would like to volunteer to serve as the USS New Jersey Veterans Association coordinator for this program to contact him.

Master at Arms Ray Kehoe discussed the financial bonding of directors. He estimated the cost to be less than \$500 annually and that the money would be well spent to protect the assets of the organization. He moved that the organization authorize obtaining a financial bond as long as the cost did not exceed the \$500 estimate. The motion carried after a second by Ken Hobbs from the floor.

President Sheehan announced the awarding of three scholarships for 2014. He reported that Jessica Kennedy of Sharpsburg, Georgia whose grandfather, George Komer served on the ship in N Division during World W II, Andrew Guarente of Peabody, Massachusetts whose grandfather Blair Schetrompf served in K Division during the Lebanon era, and Mason Kapelanski of Sykesville, Maryland whose grandfather Gerald Lee Barton also served on the ship were awarded the scholarships. He detailed their college plans and anticipated majors.

President Sheehan reminded the attendees that the 2015 reunion will be held in Portland, Oregon August 18 through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 and that the 2016 reunion is scheduled to the ship in accordance with the bylaws. He asked that for preliminary planning purposes if there were any suggestions that could be investigated for the 2017 reunion. There was a suggestion from the floor identifying the Chicago area and specifically, northwestern Illinois so as to attend a recruit training center graduation at the Great Lakes Navel Training Center. There was also a suggestion that perhaps the organization look at New Orleans. There was a general discussion of the opportunities of both potential venues and Vice President and Reunion Coordinator Dingman stated that he would investigate both areas but would welcome any assistance that could be provided. Danny Fielder offered to assist in researching the New Orleans area.

There was a further discussion initiated from the floor about reunion planning, timing and location within the general geographic area selected. The discussion included suggestions about having the reunion on the ship more often. President Sheehan said that the by-laws require the reunion to be held at the ship every four years but the membership could vote to attend any of the other three years as well without the need for a by-law change. There was also commentary about holding the USS New Jersey reunion in conjunction with other battleship reunions. Vice President and Reunion Coordinator Dingman stated that he had been involved in such discussions but the overall coordination could be challenging. He stated that he would continue dialogues with other groups and would keep the membership informed.

Past President and past Reunion Coordinator Joe DiMaria asked to address the membership. He stated that the membership needed to recognize that there are a number of trade-offs involved in planning and scheduling any reunion. He stated that traditionally the reunion organizers have focused on minimizing costs, which generally limits most other options and requires concessions as to timing and the location of the specific venue within the geographic area selected. He stated that the Reunion Organizers always try to maximize the value proposition. He asked the membership to assist, when possible in planning reunions in their general locale.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM upon a motion by Secretary Tasker upon a second from the floor by Jm Barnett.

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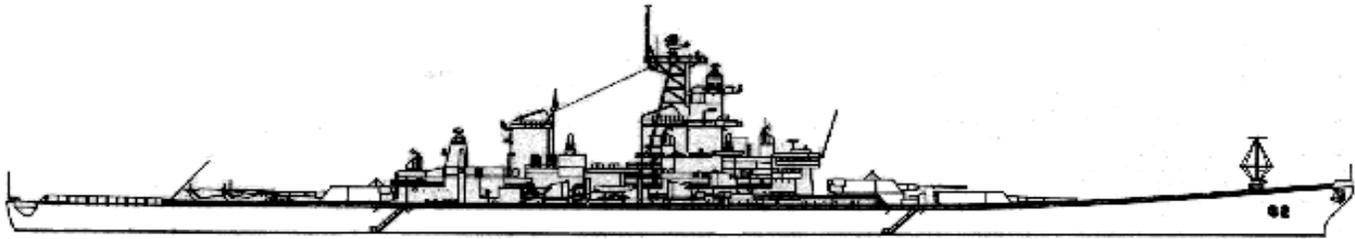
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**TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY PETE VANCE**

**INCOME**

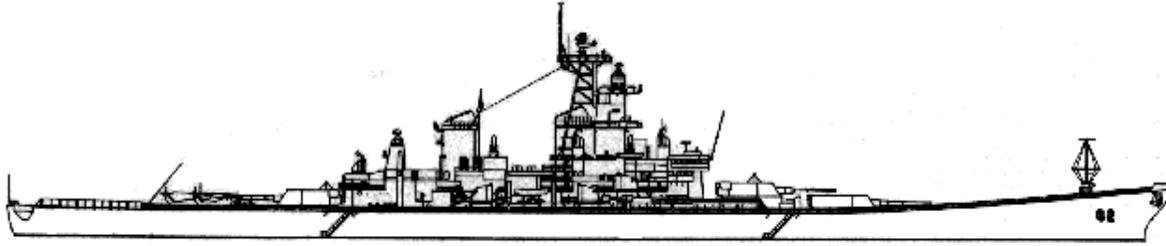
Dues	\$6,295.00
Ship (Deck)	\$2,817.00
Ships Store	\$1,389.00
Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Plaque (For Naval Memorial)	\$ 375.00
Reunion (Dinners and Tours)	\$14,030.00
Interest	\$ 10.21
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,305.21</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Ship Store	\$1,647.46
Ship Store Postage	\$ 222.63
Office	\$ 137.37
Postage	\$ 93.54
Reunion	\$7,527.71
Scholarship	\$3,000.00
Naval Memorial Plaque	\$ 700.00
Bounce	\$3,312.05
Reunion Refund	\$ 478.00
2015 Reunion	\$ 907.90
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,026.66</u></b>

**TOTAL PROFIT TO DATE** **\$10,278.55**

**THIS REPORT DOSE NOT INCLUDE ALL EXPENSES FROM THE 2014 REUNION**



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

**29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**

**WHERE:** Holiday Inn Portland Airport  
8439 NE Columbia Blvd  
Portland, OR 97220

**WHEN:** August 19, thru 23, 2015

**RESERVATIONS:** 1-855-642-6271 (Holiday Inn Reservations, toll free)  
1-503-256-5000 (Hotel Direct Reservations)

Group Reservation

Mention the: USS NEW JERSEY REUNION

Special group rates are available for reservations between August 16 thru 28, 2015

Handicapped rooms are available

Parking is free.

Reservations received after July 18, 2015, may not qualify for the group rate.

Cancellation Policy requires notification 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival

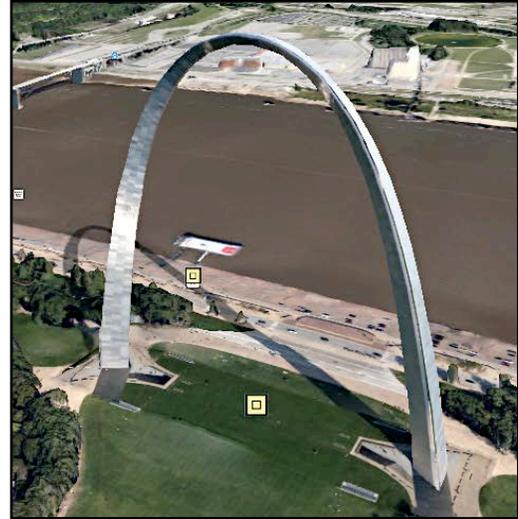
<b>COST:</b>	<b>Guestrooms (one King/two Double)</b>	<b>\$99.00 plus tax</b>
	<b>Junior or Executive Suite</b>	<b>\$139.00 plus tax</b>

Check In Time: 3:00 PM

Check Out Time: 12:00PM

**For those who stay at the Holiday Inn**  
**The Room Rate Includes Breakfast Coupons**

## Synopsis of the 28th Reunion Held In St. Louis, MO. August 19 - 24, 2014



### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday afternoon most of our members checked in to the Hotel and proceeded to The USS New Jersey Veterans registration table to be greeted by several of our charming Registration Committee women.

The reunion kickoff commenced with President Steve Sheehan greeting everyone at the Welcome Aboard Dinner.

Bob Dingman, Vice President discussed the status of the ship's plaque which is scheduled to be integrated into the WALL OF HONOR at the USS Naval Memorial in Washington, DC on December 7, 2014.

Mr. Dingman explained the total cost was \$3,000.00 and that the organization at that time was approximately \$1,700.00 short and an anonymous member would match any donation received at this reunion. Fortunately, our members stepped up to the plate and prior to the end of the reunion had donated the required \$1,700.00.

Immediately prior to the dinner our Chaplain Felix Bautista gave the opening prayer.

The dinner was outstanding, excellent food, and great companionship. How could anything be better, great food, outstanding companionship, reminiscing with old friends and shipmates that some haven't seen in several years, meeting with new members, this was great how could life be better?



**Registration Committee**



After dinner, Nick Rasch announced that there was going to be a Blind Auction and that all the proceeds would go to the scholarship fund. This auction helped fund the scholarships and every gift was valued at over \$50.00.

The winner of the item auctioned off had the choice of taking the

unmarked item or selecting any previously auctioned item. The auction went very well, and the organization received \$627.00.

I personally want to thank Bonnie Prime for donating several artifacts from her husband's (President Mike Prime) collection.

## THURSDAY

Thursday started with a great FREE breakfast. Anytime anything is free it has to be great.

At approximately 0900 we started to board the busses for the tour.



Due to the amount of members that had signed up for the tour it required two busses to accommodate everyone. We departed the hotel and went directly to the Gateway Arch.

Our tour guide had obtained tickets for the ride to the observation platform at the top of the arch. We were amazed that the top of the



**Foreground: The Old Court House Building as Viewed From the Observation Platform**

**Background: The Veterans Memorial**



**Our Group Enjoying the View From The Observation Platform**

arch was 630 feet above ground level.

After departing the Archway the group headed to Hannegan's Restaurant and Pub on the historic Laclede's Landing for a lunch consisting of a fresh salad followed by a marinated, over stuffed, chicken breast with smoked ham.

At the completion of lunch we boarded the busses and headed to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery for an in-depth tour of the facilities including a visit to the stables where the famous Clydesdales were housed and groomed.



The Anheuser-Busch tour included the history of the Company, modern process of making beer and concluded in the hospitality room where we sampled several varieties of their famous adult beverages.

### FRIDAY

Friday morning started with our group enjoying the free breakfast.

Immediately after the breakfast we proceeded to the banquet room which was reconfigured for the Memorial Service. Details of the Memorial Service are found on page 10.

After the Memorial Service we had the remaining day off to visit St. Louis or just relax and enjoy the companionship in the Hospitality Room. Several members went down to the Mighty Mississippi River and enjoyed an excursion on an old fashion paddle boat, others just loafed around the hotel.

### SATURDAY

Saturday started again with the free buffet breakfast. After breakfast we proceeded to the All hands Business meeting. Since the Secretary and Treasurer were not present neither the minutes of the the previous meeting nor the treasurers report were given. With the untimely death of A. J. Smith (our secretary), President Steve Sheehan recommended that Mr. Phil Tasker be nominated to fill out the term as secretary. The motion was seconded and the group unammouiosly agreed that Mr.Tasker assume the duties of the secretary.

President Sheehan then announced the 3 selected candidates for the scholarship awards. The group unanimously agreed to award the scholarships, reference pages 32 through 35.



**Several Members Enjoying Themselves In the Hospitality Room**

In-depth details of the business meeting are on pages 3 and 4.

The highlight of the reunion has always been the Banquet and this reunion was no different. The evening commenced with both individual and group pictures.

After a fine dinner Steve Sheehan and Bob Dingman held the 50/50 raffle.

The winners were:

Joan Allewelt	\$358.00
Paul Barthel	\$240.00
William Cameron	\$215.00
Murray Luftglass	\$144.00

Congratulation to the winners, and Yes the winners were not present at the reunion.

Through the 50/50ies the organization gained \$957.00 for the Scholarship fund. The committee wants to thank everyone that purchased 50/50 tickets.

The reunion was outstanding and anyone that missed the event miss an opportunity to have a good time.

I would like to personally thank the committee chairman and his entire

committee for their effort in making this happen.

Bob Dingman, reunion chairman promises that the next year's reunion in Portland Oregon will provide a much more comfortable climate.



**President Sheehan Presents Mr. Shane Bruening Manager of the Doubletree Hotel With A Plaque of Appreciation**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**Conducted By Steve Sheehan and Bob Dingman**

**Friday Morning**

After breakfast we walked down to the conference room for the Memorial Service orchestrated by President Sheehan and assisted by Vice President Dingman, Dan Fielder, Ray Kehoe and Juni & Ken Hobbs.

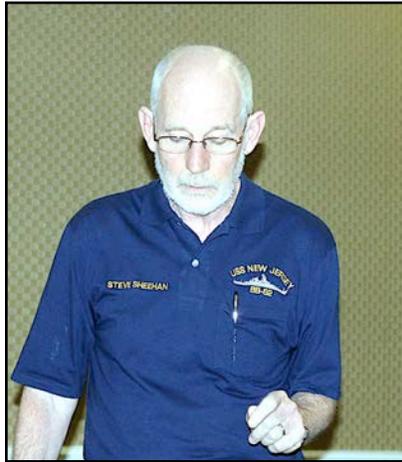
The Memorial Service was very well attended and commenced with the Honor Guard entrance. President Sheehan opened the service with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Chaplain Felix Bautista providing the opening prayer.

Immediately after the opening prayer Dan Fielder provided an appropriate reading "Remember Me But Let Me Go."

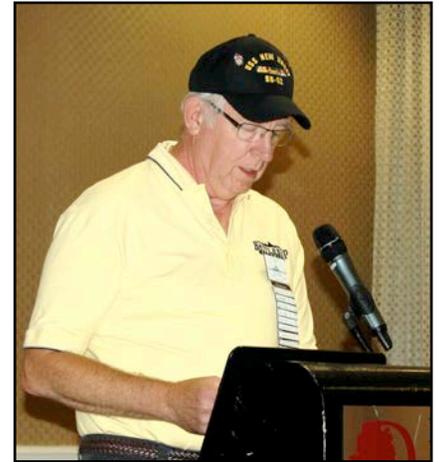
President Sheehan then read the 51 names of the recently deceased, with Ray Kehoe tolled the ship's bell as each crew member's name was announced (reference pages 43 & 47)

Juni and Ken Hobbs then moved the Honorary Wreath from one side of the room to the other to symbolize throwing the wreath into the ocean.

At the conclusion of the service Mr. Paul "Bugle Boy" Hobbs played Taps



**President Sheehan  
Opening Memorial Service**



**VP Dingman**



**Chaplain Felix Bautista  
Giving Opening Prayer**



**Dan Fielder  
Reading "Remember Me But  
Let Me Go"**



**Juni & Ken Hobbs  
With Memorial Wreath**



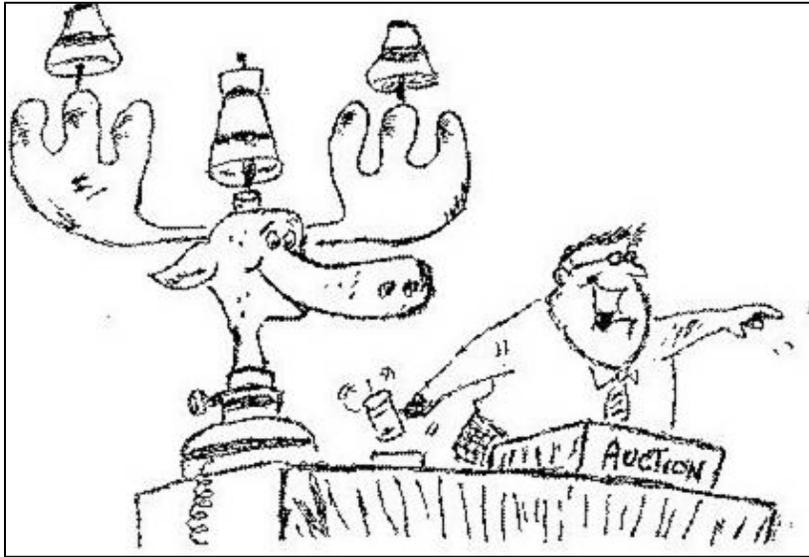
**Navy Honor Guard**



**Paul 'Bugle Boy' Hobbs  
Playing Taps**

## BLIND AUCTION

All Funds From The Auction Went Directly Into The Scholarship Fund



**“Sold to the gentleman with the hysterical Wife”**

Wednesday Evening Immediately after the Welcome Aboard Reception a Blind Auction was held.

The Blind Auction was a real fun event with a win-win for everyone. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, and the organization made money for scholarships. A total of 11 items were auctioned off. The monetary value of each item exceeded \$50.00. Since all items were donated, the organization made **\$571.00** which was placed into the scholarship fund.

### DONATING ORGANIZATIONS

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

FREE NIGHT AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL AT WESTPORT

JIFFY LUBE

FREE OIL CHANGE AND LUBE

MARY’S FLOWERS

TABLE BOUQUET

MOORE’S CADILLAC

100 YEARS OF INNOVATION

MORE THAN JUST RINGS

LADIES WATCH AND BRACELET

POLARIS PRESS

2 PICTURES OF OUR SHIP

SAMs

2 GIFT CARDS

SUN VALLEY ENTERPRISE

THE SUN VALLEY STORY

WAL MART

GIFT CARD

BONNIE PRIME

MIKE PRIME’S MEMORIAL NAVY COLLECTION

**In addition to the aforementioned donating organizations we want to thank the following:**

Diana & Ed Linder for both obtaining donations and helping at the auction.

Sylvia & Nick Rasch for both obtaining donations and helping at the auction.

Bob Dingman for obtaining donations from the Doubletree Hotel



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Shipmates and Associates

We had another successful and fun filled reunion in Saint Louis. Many thanks go out to all those responsible: our wives who helped at registration and the 50/50, those who manned the Hospitality Room and Ship's Store, and a grateful well done to our Vice President, Bob Dingman for his many hours of preparation and dedication to detail.

Nick Rasch's Blind Auction on Wednesday night raised \$627 for our scholarship fund. Added to the proceeds from the 50/50 drawings these will help to fund the scholarships.

The recipients of the three \$1000 scholarships this year were: Jessica Kennedy of Sharpsburg Georgia, granddaughter of George Komer WW II N Division, Andrew Guarente of Peabody Massachusetts grandson of Blair Schetrompf Lebanon Era, K Division, and Mason Kapelanski of Sykesville

Maryland, grandson of Gerald Barton.

The tour on Thursday took 73 attendees through Saint Louis to the Arch. What an amazing achievement of architecture and engineering. From the top you could seemingly see forever, the Mississippi River, the city sights, ballparks, and courthouses, then onto the Anheuser Busch Brewery tour, a full day to say the least.

Friday's Memorial Service was very moving. We have lost a number of shipmates this year. We had a large group assembled, with a Color Guard and bugler to honor their service and remember their passing.

At the Business Meeting Saturday morning a replica of the plaque we are presenting to the Navy Memorial in Washington DC was presented. After years of discussion it will be a permanent memorial of the ship. We will dedicate the plaque on December 7<sup>th</sup> this year in Washington. Anyone wishing to attend the dedication please see

additional details in this edition of the Bounce (reference page 28) .

We asked for contributions to pay for the plaque a year ago in the Bounce and received quite a few contributions. At the meeting, we again requested contributions and the response was overwhelming. One of our shipmates offered to match contributions made at the reunion and the plaque is now paid for by contributions from our membership. Thank you.

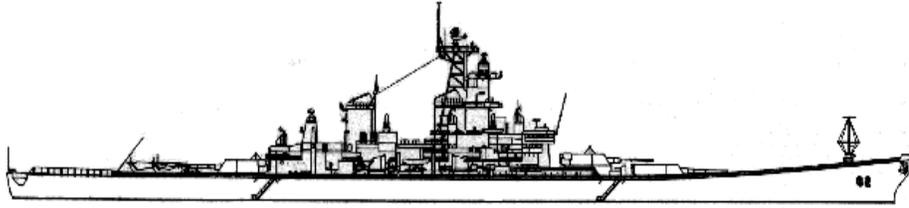
Saturday night's banquet was an elegant evening. Everyone dressed up, you wouldn't guess half the group was sailors!

Then time to say so long for another year, and reunite in 12 months in Portland Oregon. Hope to see many of you there especially those of you living in the western states

Steve Scheehan

President





## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Greetings Shipmates,

The 2014 reunion in St. Louis has passed into reunion history. I hope all of our members and guests had a wonderful time. We had a great turnout of attendees and picked up a few new members as a direct result of holding the reunion in the mid-west. That is one of the goals for holding our reunions across the United States. All appeared to have a good time reminiscing with shipmates for their era and with those from the other eras. I want to personally thank all the members and spouses who helped me with the planning and the daily tasks that make a reunion a success.

Judy and I took the tour on Thursday, along with 71 others. The construction around the Gateway Arch caused some unforeseen problems due to where the buses had to park. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and promise to ask more questions about accessibility when planning future tours and other events. We were able to get wheel chairs for a few of our members to make their

trek to the Arch easier. Lunch at Hannegan's was a welcome rest stop. The food was very good and the staff was friendly and obliging. Without a doubt, the big hit of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery tour were the Clydesdales. They are truly magnificent animals. The first stop on the tour was the stables where we were able to view the Clydesdales up close and personal. Some of our members returned to the Welcome Center after that, because this was a walking tour, and the high temperatures in St. Louis didn't help either. Several of the buildings on the brewery grounds are listed as National Historical Landmarks. Walking through the Brew House showed us why. It's a grand building, with a four story atrium, that has to be seen to be appreciated.

We are now continuing with the planning stages for the 2015 Reunion in Portland, OR. The 2015 dates are August 19th through August 23rd. The reunion hotel will be the Holiday Inn Portland Airport. There is information in this issue of the Bounce (referenced page 5) and on the USS New Jersey Veterans

web site. This hotel offers an online reservation page for the USS New Jersey Reunion for those of you who are computer savvy. An active link to the page is on the website. Information on transportation, tours and dinners will be put on the website as soon as it's available, and in the spring 2015 Jersey Bounce.

The 2016 Reunion will be held in the Philadelphia area to allow our members to once again visit our beloved ship.

On this upcoming December 7, 2014, the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. will be dedicating a commemorative plaque honoring the USS New Jersey BB-62 and her crewmembers at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. All members and guests are invited to attend. There is information about the plaque and the dedication ceremony in this issue of the Bounce (reference page 25). I will need an RSVP from anyone who is attending the dedication, for a lunch count. My email and phone number are on the Board of Directors page in this issue.

I hope everyone has a great Fall and Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing you in Portland in next August.

**Stay healthy and God Bless.**

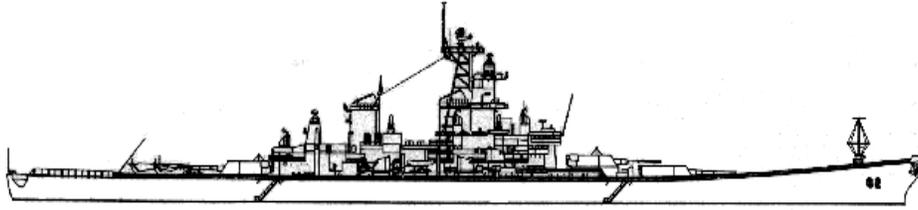
Sincerely,

Bob Dingman

Vice President/Reunion  
Coordinator

EM2, E Division, Vietnam.





## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

From the Secretary's Desk:

Let me introduce myself. I am Phillip Tasker who served from beginning to end on the USS New Jersey during the Vietnam Era in OE Division. I assumed the Secretary's position at the St Louis reunion after the untimely passing of Al Smith. My wife Helen and I have shared many a reunion banquet table with Al and Mariann in the past. I have some very big shoes to fill, both administratively and as a member of the Board.

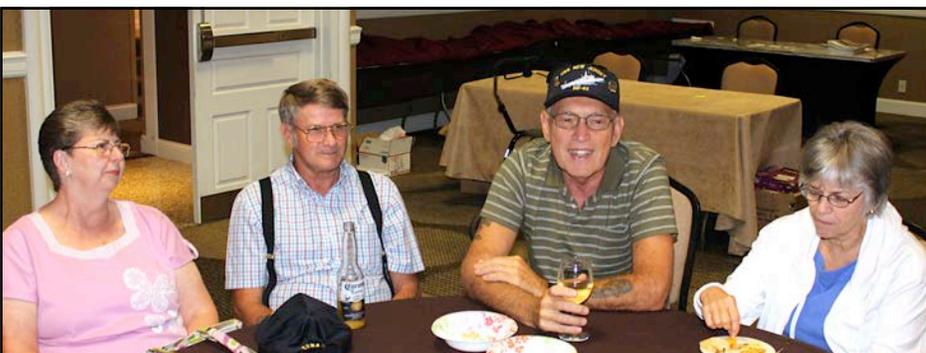
The minutes of the business meeting in St Louis are published elsewhere in this Bounce, however, I wanted to comment on one of the discussion items. Bob Dingman and Joe DiMaria both eloquently responded to inquiries from the

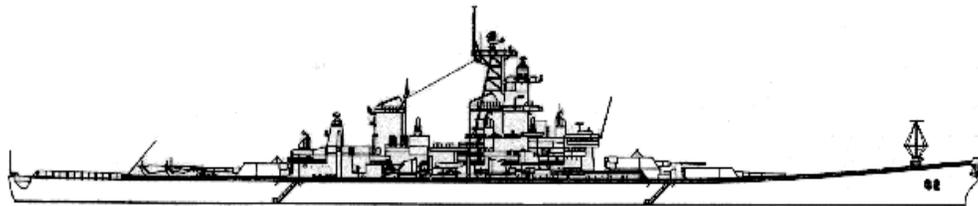
floor regarding reunion scheduling, timing planning, etc. They made a very succinct point: *we get what we pay for*. Helen and I have attended perhaps seventy-five percent of the reunions over the past twenty years and have never been disappointed. There was a suggestion the group explore the Chicago area for the 2017 reunion. Holding the reunion in a hotel in the loop will cost significantly more than perhaps exploring suburban accommodation alternatives. I think the reunion organizers have done an extraordinary job over the years in providing great value for the opportunity to meet with shipmates and friends. They deserve our appreciation and support.

Speaking of St. Louis, it was a great reunion and a great city. It was, as far as our travels took us, very clean for a major metropolitan area. They have a world-class zoo, a spectacular botanical gardens and Busch stadium is maybe the best ballpark in the country. A couple of us arrived early and took in a Cardinal-Reds game. Ascending/descending the arch was a little claustrophobic, but the view was worth it. My point is we attend some great venues we might not ordinarily visit and have a great time with old friends.

Hope to see everyone in Portland next year.

Phillip Tasker, Secretary





## MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### Shipmates

What a great reunion we had in St. Louis. Louise and I enjoyed seeing all of our old friends and meeting a lot of new friends.

We are counting the days until the 2015 reunion in Portland. We hope to see you there!!

We have had 11 new members sign up since the 2014 spring issue of the Bounce came out. We've also identified 51 members that have passed away. Most of these 51 members had passed away during the 2011 and 2012 time period and we had just found out about their

passing. Please let us know anytime you hear of any member passing away so that we can add them to our Taps List immediately.

This year your 2015 Invoice for your membership dues will be in the same envelope as your copy of the Fall Issue of the Bounce. It will be a bright yellow separate sheet of paper.

If you have already paid your 2015 membership dues, please just discard the invoice. We hope this will be easier to find and will save the organization the expense of mailing invoices separately. If you are unsure about your dues status or

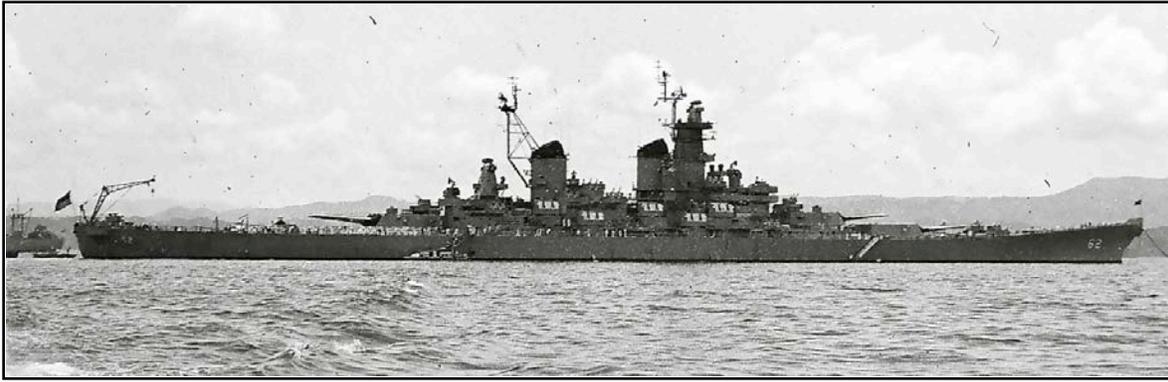
have any other questions please contact me immediately. Email [garry.blaylock1@gmail.com](mailto:garry.blaylock1@gmail.com), or Cell phone 931-797-4744 or land line 423-710-3838.

In addition, we ask that if you have any contacts with any USS New Jersey sailor that is not already a member of our organization, that you please send that contact information to me (name, address, Email, or phone).

I will contact them immediately.

Thank You  
Garry Blaylock  
Membership Chairman/Director





## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWS EDITOR

Since being elected as the News Editor in 2008, I have spent a significant amount of time drafting, publishing, and mailing the Bounce. Having an extensive technical background didn't adequately prepare me for the intensive labor required to publish a quality product.

I have exerted a great effort in trying to upgrade each issue and make it appear impressive, informative, and something that members would look forward to receiving. I have searched the Navy Memorial, Navy Shipyard and the National Archives in an effort to provide interesting information about our ship and little known historical incidents i.e... "Japanese Aircraft Bombing the United States Homeland during WW II".

I have attempted to delineate what our members would feel is important and not just fluff.

Each issue emphasizes the reunion which is a very important function for this organization. However, only about 6% - 16% of the members attend these reunions.

The organization has made some positive transformations and great strides in bringing the management of both USS New Jersey and our organization closer together. Two important management changes have occurred.

First - - the Board Of Directors for the USS New Jersey has added our President, Steve Sheehan to their

Board. This is a very positive and important move. It brings the two organizations closer together and removes conflicting barriers.

Second - - the ship's Historian, Jason Hall, has been asked to join our organization as our Historian. Fortunately, Jason accepted the position.

Several factors have brought my attention to the fact that the format being using to draft the Bounce might not in the best interest of our members. I think that the members would appreciate more information about the health, welfare, and future plans for the ship than reunion events.

The organization does a lot of great things and although the reunions are important they are not the only thing the organization accomplishes.

### **Several Things Our Organization Accomplishes.**

Annually the organization provides three \$1,000.00 scholarship for graduating High School Students.

John Chase continues to provide quality items in the Small Store.

Bob Dingman is coordinating an effort to have a plaque of the USS New Jersey placed in the United State Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. (our three sister ship all have plaques at this facility).

Yes, the reunion provides an opportunity for members to get

reacquainted, relax and tell sea stories, I've notice that the stories get taller with each passing year.

In addition, the business meeting provides the attending members an opportunity to interact with the directors in determining the organization's future direction.

Membership to this organization is one of the most cost effective things anyone can do. For the mere cost of membership (\$20.00) you receive two issues of the Bounce, free guided tours on the greatest battleship ever built (worth many hundreds of dollars), free access throughout the entire ship and the privilege to attend the annual reunion. What more could anyone want or ask for?

### **Changes of Addresses**

Garry Babcock, Membership Chairman, requests that you provide any address changes. This is a very important issue for two reasons:

**First:** Several member did not receive their copy of the Bounce, as the Post Office was unable to make delivery due to changes of addresses. The Post Office will not forward the Bounce.

**Second:** The organization pays a fee to the Post Office for every non-delivered issue.

Nick Rasch

News Editor



## MESSAGE FROM THE SEATING COORDINATOR

The 2014 reunion in St Louis is now in the history books. Once again it was a great reunion enjoyed by one and all with a good mix of shipmates from all eras.

It was wonderful to meet up with old friends and to make some new ones. We were fortunate to see a few more first timers this year, especially Shipmates from the Lebanon era. These “Youngsters” are the future of this organization and hopefully they will get the word out so we will continue to grow.

The reunion committee once again did an excellent job of planning this reunion. The accommodations and the hotel staff were first rate, the food was superb and the tour was top notch.

At the Welcome Aboard Party we enjoyed a great dinner followed by a Blind Auction. The Blind Auction provided some enjoyable entertainment and raised several hundred dollars for our scholarship fund.

The tour that was provided was excellent and well worth the price. We traveled to the Gateway Arch where most of us rode the tram to the top for a fantastic view of downtown St Louis and the Mississippi River. After the Arch we enjoyed a delicious lunch Hannegan’s Restaurant on Laclede’s Landing. Lunch was followed by a tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Naturally several of us had to sample the finished product.

On Saturday we enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Banquet

followed by music provided by a fantastic DJ who played an excellent assortment of music to satisfy guests of all ages. The highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by Danny Fielder on the dance floor. I don’t know where he gets his energy, but he should bottle it. It would be worth a fortune.

Alas, all too soon it was Sunday and time to part ways and return to our homes until next year when we gather in Portland, OR from August 19th thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Now is the time to start making your plans and I hope to see you in Portland.

Bill Myers

Seating Coordinator





**Hello once again from the Lebanon/Persian Gulf Era.**

Trying to reach out to all the USS New Jersey sailors from the 80's. I know there are a lot of you out there that have either the Bounce mailed to you or see it on line.

The 28th reunion this past August in St. Louis was wonderful, but we are not making a good showing. We always have a Memorial Service to honor the fallen sailors on the New Jersey over the past year. There were over 50 names that were read off of sailors that have died. During our period there were more New Jersey sailors than the other 3 Era's combined and we have the least showing.

No, I cannot make you come, I can not make you feel the pride that I have but I can tell you that I have made wonderful friends over the past 7 reunions that I have attended.

It appears that there are some that want to have their own reunions, but the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. represents all Eras's that served aboard this magnificent and gallant ship.

We are all connected and we have a lot in common, give the reunion a chance and see for yourself.

For all of you on the West Coast we will be in Portland, Oregon next year, and I hope to see you there.

If you have a chance to go to the East Coast go to the ship, she really

looks great and she touches a lot of lives. I spent 5 and a half years in the Navy, I'm not a lifer by any means, but this ship is wonderful, take time and really read up on her history, you may be touched.

Lets not let the hard work of the WW II, Korean, and Vietnam veterans go by the wayside.

For the first time reunion goes this year, a heart felt THANK YOU is in order.

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## Salute to Doolittle Raiders

Colonel Richard Cole, a 98-year old ex-Air Force Pilot, to accept the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the 80 Airmen that bombed Japan April 18, 1942



**Colonel Richard Cole salutes the grave of General James Doolittle at Arlington National Cemetery**

Colonel Cole, one of only 4 remaining members of the Doolittle Raid, flew in to Washington from his home in Texas to be the Grand Marshal in Mondays Memorial Day Parade and accept the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the Raiders.

Colonel Cole stated that it is a great honor to be selected to be the Grand Marshal and accept the Congressional Gold Medal for the Raiders. He reiterated that the honor was joyful but also a bit lonely.

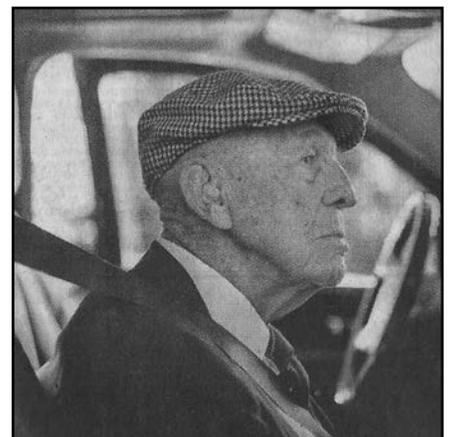
“It’s not a well known story anymore,” said James Roberts, president of the American Veterans Center, which is helping to coordinate a documentary film about the raid.

Colonel Cole recalls that after dropping their bombs on Tokyo and surrounding cities the planes ran into stormy weather in route to China. As they approached China Doolittle ordered the crew to bail out. It was night and he had NO idea if he was going to land in the South China Sea or on land.

Looking down into the darkness he pulled the rip cord so hard that he gave himself a black eye. He landed in a pine tree and dangled about 12 feet above the ground until some sympathetic Chinese villagers rescued him.

Last November the Raiders ended a tradition of reunions as the four remaining survivors toasted the memory of their fallen comrades with a drink of cognac bottled in 1896, the year that Jimmy Doolittle

was born. The bottle of cognac and associated goblets were then flown to be displayed at the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio



**Richard Cole being driven to the White House to accept the Congressional Gold Medal**

# A True Story's Of Guadalcanal

October 26, 1942

## One Hill: One Marine.

By

Historian David Lippman



**Platoon Sargent Mitchell Paige**

On Nov. 15, 2003, an 85-year-old retired Marine Corps Colonel died of congestive heart failure at his home in La Quinta, Calif., southeast of Palm Springs.

He was a combat veteran of World War II. Reason enough to honor him. But this Marine was a little different. This Marine was Colonel Mitchell Paige.

It's hard today to envision -- or, for the dwindling few, to remember -- what the world looked like on October 26, 1942.

The U.S. Navy was not the most powerful fighting force in the Pacific. Not by a long shot. So the Navy basically dumped a few thousand Marines on the beach at Guadalcanal to Sink or Swim.

As Platoon Sgt. Mitchell Paige and his 33 riflemen set about carefully placing their four water-cooled .30-

caliber Browning machine guns, manning their section of the thin khaki line which was expected to defend Henderson Field against the assault of the night of 25 Oct 1942, it's unlikely anyone thought they were about to provide the definitive answer to that most desperate of questions: **How many able-bodied U.S. Marines does it take to hold a hill against 2,000 desperate and motivated Japanese attackers?**

Nor did the commanders of the Japanese Army, who had swept everything before them for decades, expect their advance to be halted on some jungle ridge manned by one thin line of Marines

But by the time the night was over, reports stated that the Japanese 29th Infantry Regiment has lost 553 killed or missing and 479 wounded from its initial 2,554 men, The Japanese 16th Regiment's losses were uncounted, but the [US] 164th's burial parties handled 975 Japanese bodies. ... The American estimate of 2,200 Japanese dead was probably too low.

Among the 90 American dead and seriously wounded that night were all the men in Mitchell Paige's platoon. As the night of endless attacks wore on, Paige moved up and down his line, pulling his dead and wounded comrades back into their foxholes and firing a few bursts from each of the four Brownings in turn, convincing the Japanese forces down the hill that the positions were still manned.

The citation for Paige's Medal of Honor Citation defines the event: "When the enemy broke through the line directly in front of his position, Platoon Sgt. Paige, commanding a machine gun section with fearless determination, continued to direct the fire of his gunners until all his men were either killed or wounded. Alone, against the deadly hail of

Japanese shells, he fought with tenacity, when one machine gun was destroyed, he took over another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire."

In the end, Sgt. Paige picked up the last of the 40-pound, belt-fed Browning and did something for which the weapon was never designed. Sgt. Paige walked down

the hill toward a place where he could hear the last Japanese survivors rallying to move around his flank, the belt-fed gun cradled under his arm, firing as he went.

Neither Sgt. Paige nor the weapon failed.

At dawn, battalion executive officer Major Odell M. Conoley was first to discover the answer to our question:

How many able-bodied Marines does it take to hold a hill against two regiments of motivated, combat-hardened Japanese infantrymen who have never known defeat?

On a hill where the bodies were piled like cordwood, Sgt. Mitchell Paige sat alone behind his 30-caliber Browning, waiting to see what the dawn would bring.

### **One hill: One Marine.**

"In the early morning light, the enemy could be seen a few yards off, and vapor from the barrels of their machine guns was clearly visible."

Major Odell M. Conoley decided to rush the Japanese position." For this task, the Major gathered together "three enlisted communication personnel, several riflemen, a few company runners who were at the point, together with a cook and a few mess-men, who had brought food to the position the evening before."

Joined by Paige, this ad hoc force of 17 Marines counterattacked at 5:40 A.M., discovering that at this extremely short range the use of grenades was the optimum weapon.

They cleared the ridge. That's when the previously unstoppable wave of Japanese conquests finally broke and began to retreat. On an unnamed jungle ridge on an insignificant island no one had ever heard of, called Guadalcanal .

But who remembers, today the ridge held by a single Marine, in the autumn of 1942?

The Hasbro Toy Company contacted Colonel Paige asking permission to put the retired Colonel's face on some kid's doll,

Mitchell Paige thought they must be joking. But they weren't.

The Hasbro Company quickly made the toy available for sale prior to Christmas 1964. The company was afraid that boys wouldn't play with dolls therefore they called the doll an Action Figure. Initially it sold for \$ 4.00 and was a big hit.

**Yes, that is Platoon Sargent Paige's face on the original Marine Action Figure that the Hasbro Company called:**

**'G.I. Joe'**

Story provided by Col. Ron Smith,  
USMC retired



**USS Zumwalt DDG 1000**

**The USS Monsoor DDG 1001 will be the second vessel in the Zumwalt class of Guided Missile Destroyers.**  
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**NOTE:** Original plans were to build 18 Zumwalt class DDGs. However, due to budget restraints and cost overruns the procurement was revised to only 3 ships.

## HEALTH, WELFARE, AND FUTURE STATUS OF OUR SHIP



### **\$300,000 Received to Help Restore and Market The Battleship**

*Phil Rowan, Executive Director & CEO, Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial*

The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial has received a check for \$300,000 from the Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society. Vince Falso, a Korean War Veteran of the ship, and Larry Engel, a U.S. Army Veteran, presented the check to Phil Rowan, Executive Director on May 24<sup>th</sup>. These funds will be used to help pay for the restoration of the ship's teak wood deck, paint the ship's exterior including the visible hull, and market the ship to visitors.

The Museum staff plans to commence the replacement of the deteriorated deck wood on the forward area of the main deck. Carpenters will be removing the old deteriorated wood, most of which is Douglas-Fir, installed by the U.S. Navy on the ship during its two final periods in commission. Most of the teak that was installed by the Navy is in good condition.

Guests will be able to watch as the carpenters remove the old wood and install the new two-inch thick teak. It is hoped that guests will make donations on the deck so that the work can continue until all of the deteriorated wood on the deck has been replaced. The *"Dollars for the*

*Decks"* campaign is continuing with over \$250,000 raised or committed so far. The goal is to replace all of the bad wood on the decks, which is estimated to cost \$2 million.

The exterior of the superstructure has been painted. With the funding from the Society, the ship will have its visible hull covered in a fresh coat of paint. This new paint job will make the ship look sharp and will protect the visible part of the hull from deterioration. When the ship is dry-docked in 2017 - 2018, the entire hull will be inspected, repaired, blasted to bright metal and receive six coats of primer and high-tech paint.

\$100,000 of the grant money from the Society, will be used to develop a comprehensive marketing program to reach out to potential visitors and event planners. Historically, marketing funding have been difficult to obtain therefore this grant, from the Society, will help make the program financially sustainable.

On behalf of all of the supporters of the Battleship New Jersey, we want to thank the Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society for this vital and timely funding.

### **Curator's Corner**

*Jason Hall, Vice President, Curatorial Affairs, Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial*

On Friday, May 23 the first official "Stroll Down Broadway" occurred as part of the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration of the first commissioning of the Battleship New Jersey. This "stroll", added to the end of the current Turret II Experience tour route, takes guests down  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the long passageway known as Broadway that accesses the engineering spaces of the ship. The purpose of opening up Broadway is to elicit excitement, and possible financial donations, for the upcoming new engineering tour we hope to open next year.

The spaces onboard the Battleship New Jersey that are the most requested to be visited by our guests are the engineering spaces; particularly the boiler and engine rooms. They want to know the answers to the following questions: How does a ship three football fields long, weighing 57,000 tons, move through the water at over 40 mph? Currently the engineering spaces are not open to the general public. The "Stroll Down Broadway" is limited to just Broadway, and does not include any fire rooms or engine rooms. It will take a substantial amount of money, time, and energy to open up the new engineering tour we have planned.

The new guided “Steam to Speed Tour” onboard our nation’s longest and most decorated battleship, the USS New Jersey, will immerse guests into a one of a kind museum experience. The success of the interactive Turret II Experience, that opened on the Battleship in 2013, set the bar for all other historic ship museums. We intend to set the bar even higher in 2015 with the new Steam to Speed engineering tour. Participants of this new guided tour will not just merely look at the shipboard propulsion mechanics, but rather engage in hands on activities that will help bring to life the machinery that propelled the ship allowing it to provide Firepower for Freedom.

The tour will take guests down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Deck to Central Station, one of four locations on the Battleship where the ship can be steered and the ship’s speed controlled. While in Central Station guests will learn how the ship was steered through electro-hydraulic movement of the rudder. This will be demonstrated to the guests by actually having them put their hands on the helm (wheel) and engine order telegraph, both of which will be augmented by new audio and visual aspects to give the illusion to our guests that they are actually controlling the speed and direction of the Battleship.

From Central Station the tour continues to the adjacent compartment that houses Damage Control Central. Damage control is the responsibility of ALL HANDS, from the Commanding Officer down to the newest recruit. Effective Damage Control (DC) requires the correct use of equipment to prevent or minimize the damage caused by battle, fire, collision, explosions, etc. All of the above is controlled from DC Central. We hope to bring life to several of the communication implements and other hardware located, in this space, in an effort to enhance the guest’s understanding of DC Central.

Walking back through Central Station the tour enters Broadway, the longest passageway onboard the Battleship. Once the new engineering tour is open, Broadway will be taken off the Turret II Experience tour. Broadway provides main access to each of the four Fire Rooms (boilers) and four separate Engine Rooms. Our preliminary concept calls for a series of video monitors along the tour route, beginning in the first compartment of Broadway, that will “follow a drop of water” on its journey from the ocean to the boilers illustrating how sea water is utilized to generate 212,000 shaft horsepower! Each video will help enhance the Tour Guide’s presentation by utilizing historic images, as well as modern computer generated imagery. The videos will show how the ship intakes salt water from the ocean and desalinates the water in order that it can be used by the boilers to create the steam that will turn the screws that propel the ship through the water.

The next stop on the tour is a Fire Room. Descending down two ladders guests will be in awe as they find themselves standing in front of an over two story tall Babcock & Wilcox M-type Boiler that created 600 pounds of steam pressure per square inch! The boiler consists of metal drums, headers and tubes for controlling steam pressure and temperature. It contains a furnace with casing and uptake; steam and water drums; a superheater, and all piping and accessories needed to ensure an ample supply of the three requirements to make steam: fuel, water and air.

Though dormant today, it is our goal to breathe new life into the boiler utilizing state of the art equipment to create a similar environment that the sailors of the Battleship themselves lived and worked in. Guests will feel heat, see steam, and take on the role of an actual Battleship sailor by engaging in a hands on activity where they insert a fuel injector directly into the front of

the boiler. The guests will literally hold in their hands the means by which the Battleship was able to produce the power that enabled her to cruise around the world.

The tour will then descend another ladder to the lowest deck of the ship. As they walk among the countless pumps and valves, guests will walk underneath one of the Battleship’s massive propeller shafts, and even be able to touch it, a first for any historic naval ship museum! By walking through a new access door, which we must cut through the bulkhead to do, guests will enter into the bottom of an Engine Room. As previously stated, video monitors will continue to guide the guests on the journey that the drop of sea water took in becoming steam and now being used to turn the huge turbines and reduction gears that rotate the propeller shaft.

As in the Fire Room, we intend to install equipment in the Engine Room that creates the noise and other aspects of what it would be like to work in this space. Thanks to proposed cut outs in the coverings of the turbines, and removal of the covers for the reduction gears, guests will peer inside and see a world few have ever experienced. The addition of fiber optic lighting will allow guests to see how the turbines and gears would turn which rotated the propeller shaft and propelled the ship through the water.

Walking on the original catwalk guests will be taken to the Control Console (throttle board). The throttle board is the gas peddle for the engine. There are two wheels; the larger is used for forward direction and the smaller for reverse. Guests will be asked to put there hands on the larger wheel, the ‘gas pedal”, and turn it. By turning the wheel, thanks to newly installed A/V equipment augmenting the original gear, the gauges of the throttle board and the engine order telegraph will come alive. Guests will feel as if they are answering a call from the Bridge to increase

speed, and they will turn the wheel and send more steam to the engines. As the speed increases the deck will vibrate beneath them and the noise of the engines will increase. This will all occur through the use of existing original ship's equipment, new A/V aspects, and video monitors.

Returning to Broadway via a newly installed ladder, guests will be given an overview of everything they experienced on the tour. A final

video will recap the journey of the drop of water from the ocean, through the intakes, into the evaporator, to the boiler where it becomes steam, and then finally to the Engine Room where it turns the turbine and reduction gears that allows the 17' diameter propeller to rotate. No other current historic naval ship museum has an experience that even comes close to what we are proposing. Though the above is merely a conception that will evolve over time, we are

excited to complete the mission of the Battleship New Jersey Museum by taking our guests into the engineering spaces with our new Steam to Speed Tour!

This Information Was Supplied by:

Mr. Richard Thrach,  
Editor of the Jerseyman



**A LIFE AT SEA IS NOT FOR EVERYONE.**  
**[A night at sea can be.]**

**Spend a whole night with your group or family on the Battleship New Jersey!**  
Overnight encampments include a variety of exciting activities like the new **CITY AT SEA** tour of the battleship, breakfast and dinner in the crew's mess, a ride in the 4D Flight Simulator, as well as demonstrations in Morse code, knot tying and more. After an evening of adventure, your group will sleep like sailors in the battleship's authentic bunks.

The **CITY AT SEA** tour offers your group the opportunity to explore never-before-seen areas of the ship and to meet the heroes behind the heroes of the "Big J" - the naval dentists, doctors, mailmen, machinists, TV reporters and others. Forget rain and snow, these guys delivered mail under a hail of bullets and performed life-saving surgeries during enemy attacks. Discover how they made the battleship more than just a powerful vessel. **They made it - a city at sea.**

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**Well I was surprised to see this advertisement while visiting the ship.  
This is 'K' Division's Sleeping Quarters During The Second Korean Cruise In 1953**



## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS TO CHEER ON AND GREET OUR TROOPS THIS THANKSGIVING DAY**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014 • 10:00 AM  
RAIN OR SHINE • ON THE PIER OF THE  
BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY**

*Free parking in lot #1, diagonal from the Susquehanna Bank Center, courtesy of the Camden Parking Authority.*

Bring your holiday cheer and greet our troops as they arrive for a traditional full-course turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. Help us honor Active Duty Military and their families aboard our nation's most decorated battleship. Join the crew of the Battleship New Jersey, Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs, Andreotti's Catering, and our event host, the Spevak Family.

Bring flags and posters to show your support. All volunteer greeters will enjoy refreshments and entertainment by the Original Trilby String Band.

[For more information and details, visit [www.battleshipnewjersey.org](http://www.battleshipnewjersey.org) or call 856-877-6262 ext. 144.]



Partners include Philadelphia 76ers, U.S. Family Health Plan, Bob's Harley Davidson, PJ Whelan Restaurants, South Jersey Magazine, GI Stewart Baldwin, Budak and Rhodes and Balloon Celebrations.



*WW II VETERANS*



*KOREAN VETERANS*

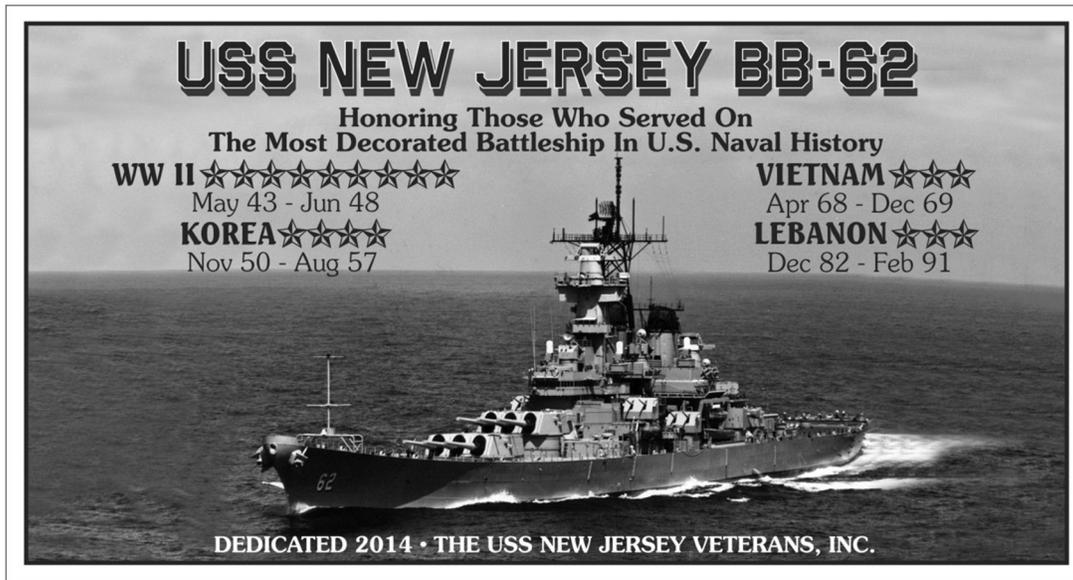


*VIETNAM VETERANS*



*LEBANON & PERSIAN GULF VETERANS*

## "SPECIAL NOTICE"



### **The USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.**

Cordially invites all association members and their guests  
to attend the dedication ceremony for the

### **USS New Jersey BB-62 Commemorative Plaque**

**Where:** Unites States Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20004

**When:** **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014, 10:30 AM**

**Lunch:** A free box lunch, provided by the USS New Jersey Veterans, will be available for all attendees at the U.S. Navy Memorial after the ceremony. The U.S. Navy Memorial's Pearl Harbor Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place at 1:00 PM.

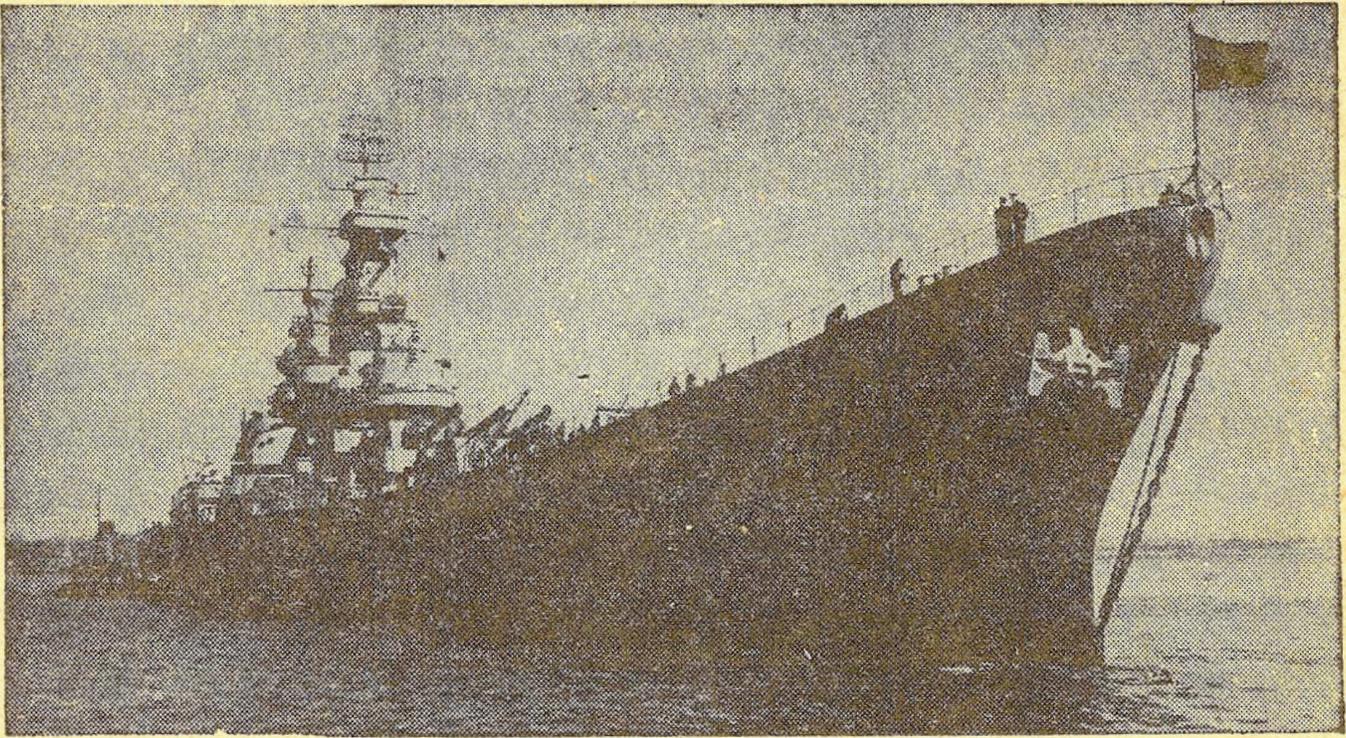
**RSVP:** PLEASE RSVP TO BOB DINGMAN, IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. CALL OR TEXT BOB AT 603-455-4441, OR EMAIL AT [bdingman@metrocast.net](mailto:bdingman@metrocast.net). WE NEED TO KNOW A COUNT FOR THE FREE LUNCH.

**Hotel:** Arrangements have been made for our members at **THE COMFORT INN DOWNTOWN DC/CONVENTION CENTER, 1203 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC, 1-202-682-5300** (mention USS New Jersey Group) King or double queen rooms are available at the special rate of **\$99.00+tax/night**, includes a free breakfast. These special rates are available from 12/4 - 12/10. Reservations must be made by 11/21. Free valet parking is available for the first 20 cars and for \$15.00/night (half the normal rate) after the first 20 members with cars have checked in. Please confirm your cost for parking when you check in. The hotel is approx. 1 mile from the US Navy Memorial. A taxi to the Memorial will cost approx. \$5.00.

## Letters to the Editor

### Our Sister Ship Acknowledged For Shelling Japanese Homeland During WW II

#### Lewiston Men Aboard USS Iowa When She Shelled Japan



Two Lewiston navy men, Seaman Bruce Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren W. Miller, and Ivan Kenneth Brown, gunner's mate, of 1417 7th avenue, brought aboard this 45,000-ton battleship when she and other 3rd fleet battleships, cruisers and destroyers staged a daring midnight bombardment of industrial targets just 70 miles from Tokyo.

Standing just a few miles offshore, the Iowa hurled more than 200 tons of flaming projectiles at war factories. A few days before the ship's big guns had wrecked the port and industrial city of Muroran on Hokkaido island. The Iowa has taken part in many naval actions since her launching, nine months after Pearl harbor.

**My Dad's name was Ivan K. Brown and this is from his hometown newspaper.**

**Picture furnished by Chris Waltz and forwarded by Ernie Dalton.**

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#### To the Veterans Organization

I am looking for information regarding the service of Ralph Pauchel.

He was a plank owner and served on the USS New Jersey in the 7th fleet during WW II.

Ralph Pauchel was my great uncle, and we were very close. He died in 2011 and I'm trying to find out more

about his activities during his time in the Navy and specifically when he served on the USS New Jersey.

I have a photograph of the crew members of the USS New Jersey and an ink drawing of the ship.

If anyone knew my Uncle, or has information regarding his service, please contact me!

Presently I'm putting together some information for my aunt (his wife) and was hoping that someone would have some information and stories.

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Ian Renz  
3771 Chevington Rd.,  
Columbus, OH 43220  
Cell: 614-935-2413

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR continued



I am a British Beirut veteran & have seen a patch & wondered if it was genuine. I have the patch from your site on my memoriam vest I had made for the 30th reunion in NC. I was there that day on the 23rd October. I was also aboard for one night in 1983 when we got flown out due to heavy shelling. If this patch is for real would you know where I could buy one? My wife & I will be in the USA next year 2015 October time & I would love to see the ship again. It is on my list of to do's

Thanks for your attention to this.

*Tony H Cragg*  
(Harry Cragg)

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Hello Nick, my name is John Tanguay. I just recently learned that my grandfather, Roland Tanguay, served aboard the New Jersey during WWII. Roland died in 1955, ten years before I was even born. My father left when I was very young, so I don't even have a picture of my grandfather. I've been scouring all the photos on the site hoping to see a picture attributed to my grandfather. No luck just yet.

I was hoping that you could post something on my behalf in the 'Jersey Bounce', in the hopes that there may be a veteran that served with my grandfather.

We're losing so many of the greatest generation of Americans every day, so I'm aware that my chances of actually meeting someone that knew my grandfather are pretty slim, but I'm hoping that a family member may recognize the name on a picture that they might have.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate any help that you could give me.

John Tanguay  
[11 Cain Ave](#)  
[Braintree, MA](#)  
02184

[781-267-1051](tel:781-267-1051)

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Scholarship Committee selected three outstanding candidates for the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. award this year.

The applicants represented a broad cross-section of the Class of 2014

The organization annually awards two outstanding high school students a scholarship valued at \$1000.00 each. In addition, a Dick Esser scholarship of \$1000.00 is also awarded each year.

The Board of Directors and the Membership approved each of these three scholars to receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.

The organization is very proud to be able to provide scholarship funds to outstanding students each year.

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### ANDREW JOSEPH GUARENTE

Andrew is the grandson of Blair Schetrompf, 'K' Division, Lebanon Era.

The son of Donna and Robert Guarente of Peabody Massachusetts.

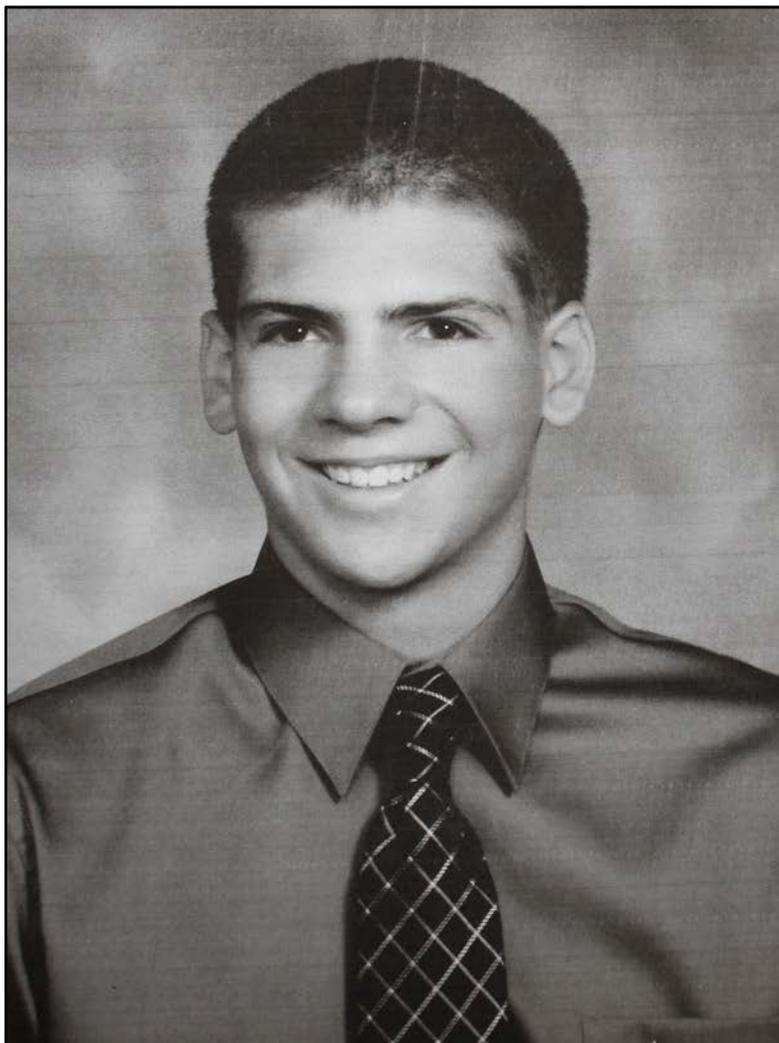
Andrew graduated in the top 20% of the class at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School in Peabody, Massachusetts. Andrew continued to push himself higher each year with a demanding schedule of honor and advanced placement courses, and graduated with a GPA 3.51.

He truly appears to have a deep quest for knowledge and a drive for success. These attributes will help him attain a science degree at the University of Massachusetts.

Andrew is presently enrolled in the Chemical Engineering School at the University of Massachusetts.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

**ANDREW**



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

### MASON TAYLOR KAPELANSKI

Mason is the grandson of Gerald Lee Burton '8th' Division, Korean Era.

The son of Karan and David Kapelanski of Sykersville, Maryland.

Mason graduated near the top of the class at Loyola Blakefield High School, in Towson, Maryland. He attained a GPA of 4.06 in his final year at the High School.

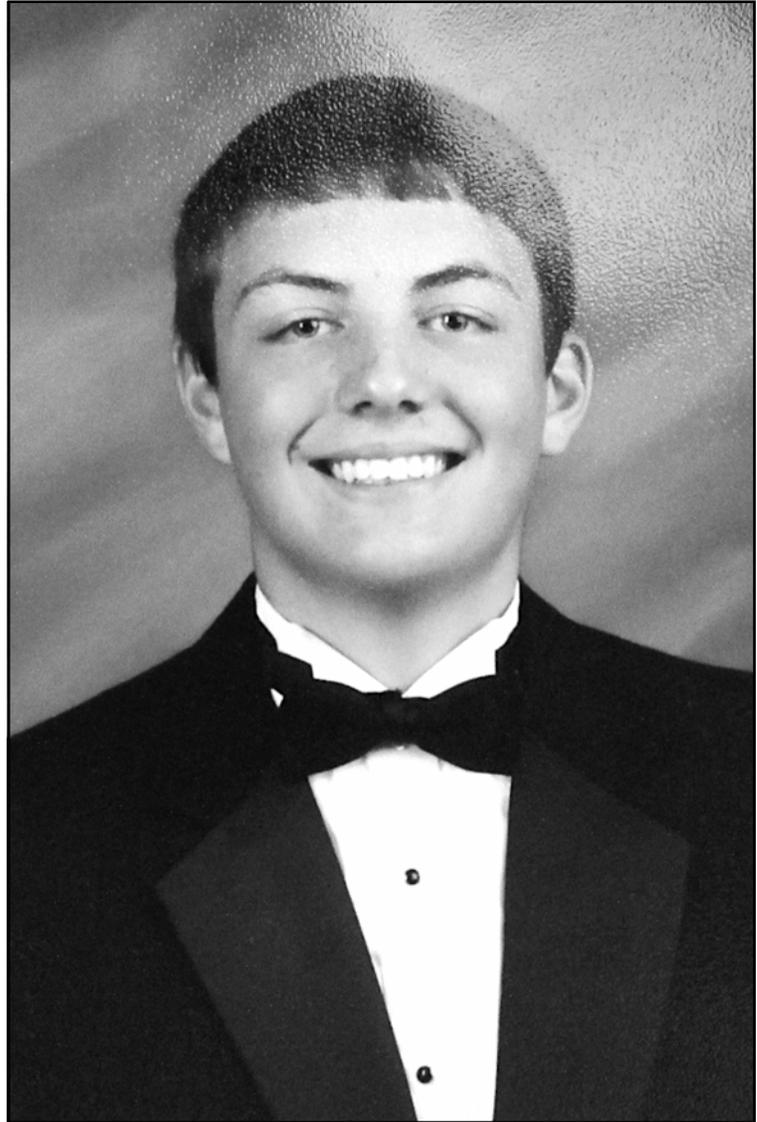
Although Mason participated in sports his academic studies never suffered. He demonstrated a unique ability in his chemistry classes by developing techniques and methodologies while always paying particular attention to details.

Mason's drive, ambition and motivation will be an asset throughout both his academic endeavors and later in life.

Mason has enrolled in the School of Biomedical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia.

In addition to his academic skills Mason was the Captain of the varsity baseball program in his senior year and was voted the Most Valuable Player at the National Baseball Tournament in Santa Barbara, California.

Mason has demonstrated that he will be a welcome addition to the Biomedical Program at Virginia Tech.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**MASON**

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

### JESSICA CATHERINE KENNEDY

Jessica is the granddaughter of George Richard Komer 'B' Division, Korean Era.

The daughter of Susan Joyce and William Frances Kennedy of Sharpsburg, Georgia.

Jessica graduated near the top of the class at East Coweta high school, in Sharpsburg, Georgia.

Jessica has taken a very rigorous course load while in High School. Her courses have included eight advanced placement courses, seven advance courses and four courses at the gifted level and she was a member of the accelerated math program.

She attended the Auburn University Summer Science Program at the Coweta County Science Fair and a summer camp at the PARI Observatory in Rosen, North Carolina as part of the Duke University Tip Program. She also placed third in the Astronomy, Physics and Astrobiology program at Rosen, North Carolinas

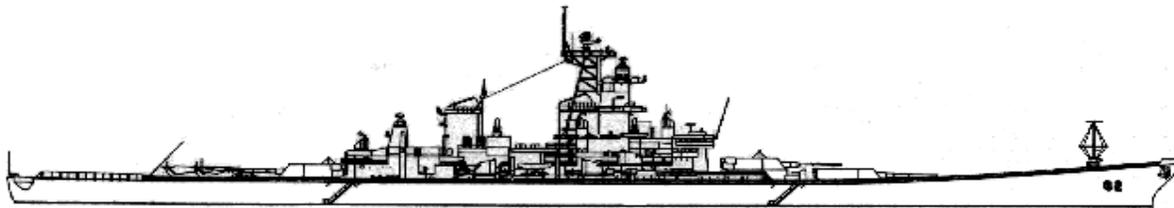
She is presently enrolled as a Physics student in the Physics Department at Valdosta State University

Jessica has demonstrated that she will be a welcome addition to the Physics Department at Valdosta State University



## CONGRATULATIONS

**JESSICA**



## **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 a 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 received by the President NO later than June 1, 2015**

### **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 2015.
- 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 (reference) [WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG](http://WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG)**

**Publication will be accomplished through the USS New Jersey Veterans News Letter (Bounce) and the aforementioned Home Page.**

### **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 2015.
- c. Official transcripts for the 11th and 12th grades 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 photo.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

Eligibility requirements b, c, d, e, f, g, and h must be received by Steve Sheehan, President, by June 1, 2015.  
Steve Sheehan, 1209 Cumberland Rd., Abington, PA 19001

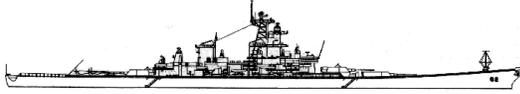
**THE PRESIDENT WILL NOTIFY THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WITH A LETTER OF CONFIRMATION.**

## REUNION NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

Complete this section by selecting the designated Name Plate for Crew Member, Associates, Spouse, or Guest.

Crew Member Plate 2.0 X 3.0 inches (White with Blue Letters)

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#### John Chase

174 School St. Tilton, NH 03276

Phone: 603-286-7065

Email: bb62sailor@gmail.com

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



Remember Bootcamp



## CITY HISTORY STRING

### Mark Your Required History String (s)

Indicate your required reunion history badge by placing an 'X' in the appropriate column next to the Reunion City

<u>City</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Plank-owner</u>
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	_____	_____	_____	_____

**NOTE: Prices not finalized at this time. Contact John Chase for prices.**

**Total Badges Selected \_\_\_\_\_ X ? = Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_**

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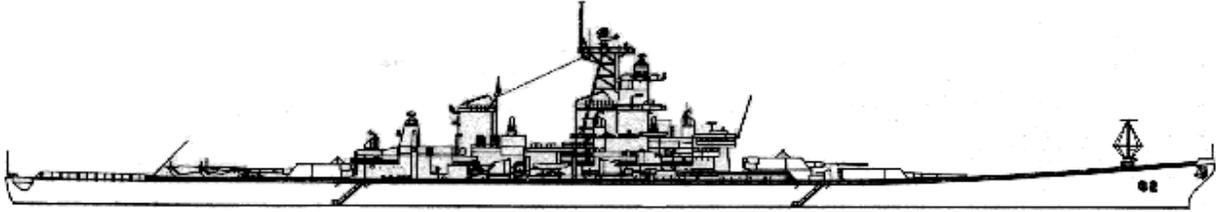
**John Chase**

174 School St. Tilton, NH 03276

Phone: 603-286-7065

Email: bb62sailor@gmail.com

**Make checks to USS New Jersey Veterans, Org.**



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## **New Challenge Coins Now Available From our Small Stores**

This beautifully crafted challenge coin depicts the USS New Jersey firing her 16-inch guns on the front side. The stars within the band represent the 19 Battle Stars awarded to the ship.

On the reverse side, the ship is depicted as she sits today, as a museum and memorial, on the Delaware River in the Camden, New Jersey Waterfront. The four stars represent the New Jersey's four periods of combat.

The Challenge Coin is available for a \$10.00 donation plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

(NOTE: If purchasing more than one coin the S/H is only \$3.00 per order)



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## YES A U-2 LANDED ON A CARRIER

Cliff Beeler is semi-famous among pilots for landing his U-2 on an aircraft carrier. The landing followed a mission over northeast Russia.

The U-2's 80-foot wingspan meant it could only go a short distance before it would collide with the superstructure of the ship.

Because of the ship's speed and a headwind, Beeler said he was able to touch down and come to a stop in about five feet.

"When I came aboard they had a ceremony welcoming the Air Force into the Navy.

I said, "I don't have much I like about the Navy except one thing. That one thing was the Navy pilots' leather jackets."

Before he left the ship the following day, the captain had given him a new Navy Pilot's Jacket.



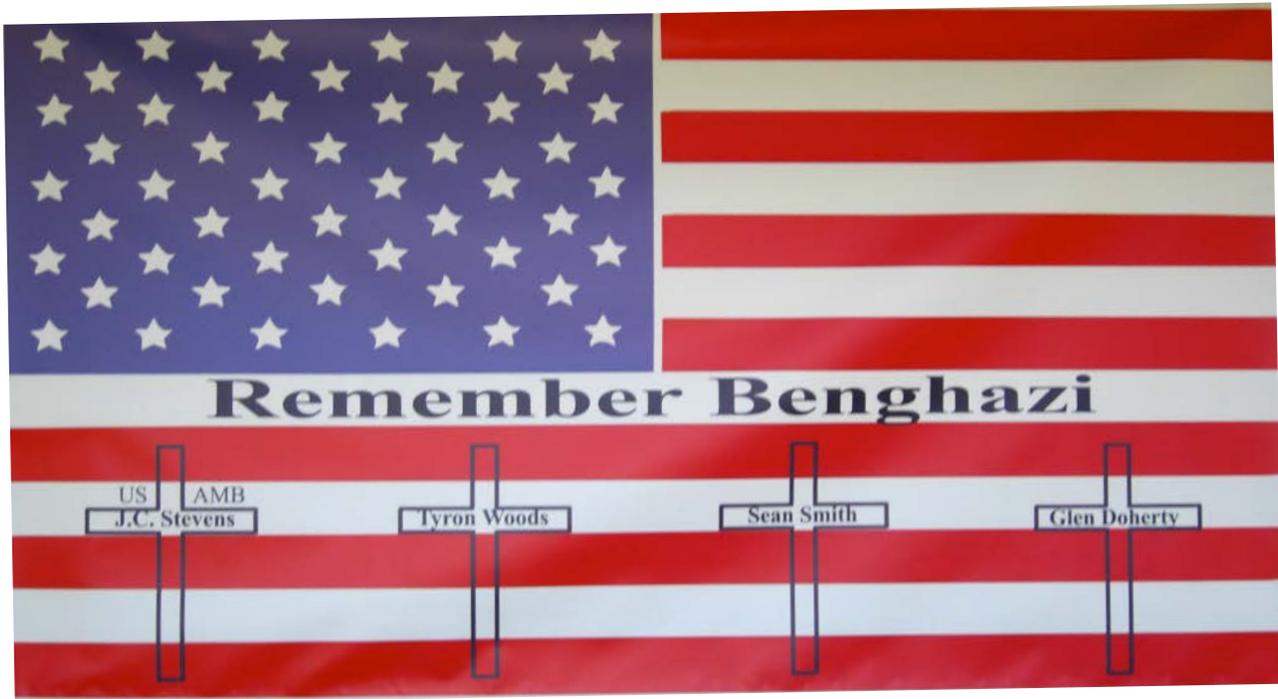
**U-2 Landing on USS America CV 66**



**U-2 Preparing for Takeoff from USS America CV 66**

**NOTE: The U-2 did not use the catapult for takeoff**

## Benghazi



**Ernie Dalton had this flag made to ensure that we would never forget Benghazi**

**Remember the famous quote by the then Secretary Of State Hillary Clinton**

**“What Difference Does It Make Now?”**



The Big 'J' Returning From Vietnam,  
Enters San Francisco Bay,  
Crossing Under The Bay Bridge  
June 24, 1969

## Battleship Humor

### Helpful Texan

As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus..

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little,

Thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg She tried to take the step, only to discover that she couldn't.

So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step.

Once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg.

With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was still unable to take the step.

About this time, a large Texan who was standing directly behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.

She went ballistic and turned to the Would-be-Samaritan and yelled, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"

The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly for the third time, I kinda figured we were more than friends."



### Farm Boy's Concept

When you're from the farm, your perception is a little bit different.

A farmer drove to a neighbor's farmhouse and knocked at the door.

A boy, about 9, opened the door. "Is your dad or mom home?" said the farmer.

"No, they went to town."  
"How about your brother, Howard?  
Is he here?"  
"No, he went with Mom and Dad."

The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, mumbling to himself, when the young boy says, "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message."



Well said the farmer uncomfortably. "No, I really want to talk to your Dad, about your brother Howard getting my daughter Suzy pregnant".

The boy thought for a moment...then says, "You'll have to talk to my Dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bulls and \$150 for the pigs, but I have no idea how much he charges for Howard."

## MIKE MONSOOR 'CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR' RECIPIENT (April 3, 2008)



**Navy 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer  
Mike Monsoor, Posthumously  
Awarded "The Congressional  
Medal Of Honor"**

On April 8, 2008, President Bush awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, to Michael Monsoor for giving his life in Iraq. Mike jumping on a live hand grenade and covered it with his body thereby saving the lives of a large group of Navy Seals.

During Mike Monsoor's funeral, at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, In San Diego , California ....The Six Pallbearers removed the Rosewood Casket from the hearse, lined up on each side of Mike Monsoor's Casket, where his family members, friends, fellow Sailors, and well-wishers.

The column of people continued from the hearse, all the way to the grave site.

What the group didn't know, at that time was, every Navy Seal (45 to be exact) that Mike Monsoor saved that day was scattered through-out the column!

As the pallbearers carried the Rosewood Casket down to the grave site, the column would collapse..

forming a group of people that followed behind.

Every time The Rosewood Casket passed a Navy Seal, he would remove his gold Trident pin from his uniform, and slap it down hard on the casket. Causing the Gold Trident Pin to embed itself into the top of the wooden Casket.

He would then step back and salute.

You could hear each of the 45 slaps from across the cemetery!

By the time the rosewood casket reached the grave site, it looked as though it had a gold inlay from the 45 Trident Pins that lined the top of the casket!

**This Was A Fitting End,**

**An Eternal Send-Off,**

**For A Real Warrior Hero!**

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### **Definition of a Trident Pin!**

After a sailor successfully completes the 4 week basic Navy Seals Program he must complete a Qualification test.

After successfully completing the basic qualification test he goes into

an additional 13 weeks of intense training, and must pass an additional qualification test before he can be assignment to a Navy Seal Platoon.

After successful completion, Trainees are given their Naval Enlisted Code, and awarded the **Navy Seal Trident Pin.**

With this gold pin they are now officially Navy Seals!

**Information supplied by:  
Norris Olney**

In an effort to ensure that Mike Monsoor is never forgotten the Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter, announced that DDG-1001 would be named in his honor.

**Second ship in Zumwalt Class.  
Reference page 21**



**Mike Monsoor's Casket With Imbedded Trident Pins**

## USS New Jersey BB 62 Taps Listing



### **--- THE DASH ---**

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of birth and the final was the date of the end.  
With tears in his eyes he said what mattered most of all was  
the dash between those years.*

*For the Dash represents all the time that he had spend alive on Earth  
And, Now only those who loved him knew what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we owned, the cars...the houses..the cash.  
What matters most is how he lived and loved and spent the dash.*

*So think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.*

*If only we could slow down enough to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?*

*Linda Ellis (1996)*

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### **USS NEW JERSEY BB 62 TAPS LISTING (continued on page 47)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Address</u>
Arthur Anderson	A	Korea	South Gate, MI
Dewey Babb (LTCR)	A	Korea	San Diego, CA
William Black	5 th	Korea	Stauton, VA
Stephen Balegh	M	Korea	Painesville, OH
Robert Baughman	A	Korea	Springfield, PA

**AL "SMITTY" SMITH**  
**October 15, 1947 -- July 11, 2014**



**Radioman Al Smith**  
**Aboard the USS New Jersey 1968**

*After a Long courageous battle with cancer Al Smith passed away peacefully July 11, 2014 at his home in Fisherville, Virginia with his loving wife Mariann at his side.*

*Smitty served two tours to Vietnam with the second tour as a Radioman aboard the USS New Jersey.*

*After returning from the war he worked as a fire marshal for Suffolk County, New York and a Volunteer Fireman for the*

*Babylon Fire Department in Babylon, NY.*

*On February 17, 1974 Mariann and Smitty were joined in holy matrimony.*

*Smitty was a member of the NRA , 'Knights Templar Patchogue Commandery' in Islip, NY., Waynesboro Union Royal Arch chapter # 2 in Virginia, and the Waynesboro Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and when*

*time permitted attended the Lee Lodge No. 209 A.F. & A.M.*

*Smitty has been a long time member of the USS New Jersey Veterans Organization. When the Organization experienced a management disruption Smitty stepped up and assumed the position of Secretary.*

*Smitty will be missed by all. He is survived by his loving wife Mariann, son Frank Smith, daughter-in-law (Kyrstin), and three grandchildren.*

**Captain Robert C. Peniston**  
**October 25, 1922 ---August 2, 2014**



**Ensign Peniston and his bride  
Fran in front of turret #1  
January 1947**

It is with sadness and sincere regret that Capt. Fredric Jonasz advised the organization of the loss of Capt. Robert C. Peniston, USN (Ret). As a Wardroom member of the USS Albany (CG 10) Capt. Jonasz heard and observed the extraordinary pride and satisfaction That Capt. Peniston projected whenever he spoke of *USS New Jersey*.

Capt. Peniston dream came to fruition on August 27, 1969 as he assumed command of the *USS New Jersey*. He had experienced a Midshipmen cruise aboard this great ship and upon graduation from the Naval Academy his first duty station was the *Jersey*. Now from a midshipman and Ensign he was the commander of the greatest battleship ever built.

Unfortunately, the dream was very short lived as he had the responsibility of taking the ship to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and on September 8, 1969 decommissioned the ship. During the

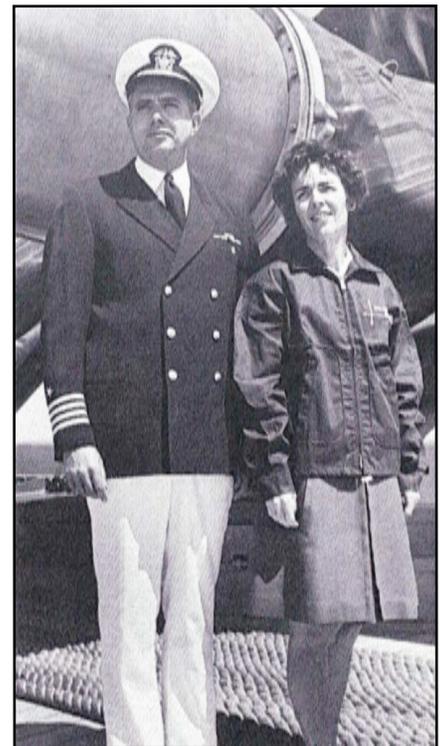
decommissioning ceremony he issued these famous words, **“Rest Well, Yet Sleep Lightly; and Hear The Call, If Again Sounded, To Provide Firepower For Freedom.”**

Capt. Peniston departed the *Jersey* and assumed command of the USS Albany CG -10.

Capt. Peniston retired from active duty June 1, 1976 and became the Director of the Lee Chapel, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

Capt. Fredric Jonasz served under Capt. Peniston aboard the USS Albany. He can recall many of the sea stories that Capt. Peniston told of his days aboard the *Jersey*.

Capt. Jonasz was extremely found of Capt. Peniston and said that the world and especially the United States had lost a great leader.



**Captain Peniston and Fran in  
front of turret # 1  
August 1969**

## *Theodore Van Kirk, Enola Gay Navigator, Dies at age 93*



**Theodore Van Kirk**  
The last member of the Enola Gay crew died at age 93

**Captain Van Kirk, left, who was known as Dutch, with Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., center, and Maj. Thomas W. Ferebee in 1945 after they flew the Enola Gay to Hiroshima to drop an atomic bomb.**

**(Credit U.S. Air Force, via Agency France-Press — Getty)**

Theodore (Dutch) Van Kirk, the navigator and last surviving crew member of the Enola Gay that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in the last days of World War II died at his home in Stone Mountain, GA. His son confirmed the death.

In the predawn hours of August 6, 1945 the Enola Gay, piloted by Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr. and carrying a crew of 12, took off from Tinian in the Mariana Islands with a uranium bomb built under extraordinary secrecy in the Manhattan Project.

When the aircraft reached Iwo Jima (as the sun rose) it began to ascent to 31,000 feet.

At 8:15 Japanese time it reached Hiroshima (a city of 250,000 people). It dropped the first atomic bomb and the rest is history.

There has been much controversy over the fact that President Truman gave orders to drop the Atomic Bomb.

**Operation Downfall**, plans for the invasion of the Japanese mainland were the responsibility of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

These plans were completed and the United States was massing forces for the invasion which was

considered to be the most costly in both men and equipment in history,

Every time I go to bed I pray that President Truman had the intestinal fortitude to drop the bomb. Thank God we had a very strong leader not like the weak leaders like we have now.

The bomb saved many sailors, marines, airmen, and soldiers from serious injury or death. In fact many of our crew mates could have been injured or killed during both

the invasion and subsequent fighting.

Casualty predictions varied widely but were extremely high. Conservative estimates ran into the millions for the Allied depending on the degree to which Japanese civilians resisted the invasion.

In addition, the Japanese would have suffered unbelievable losses and several predictions indicated that the Japanese as a Nation might never recover.

**USS NEW JERSEY BB 62 TAPS LISTING (continued from page 43)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Address</u>
Helen Bednar	Assoc.		Wallington, NJ
William Benson	EX	Korea	Clearwater, FL
George Bezanson	F	Korea	Hanover, MA
John Bolan	6 th & D	Korea	Edison, NJ
Gusto Caluza	M	Korea	Indianapolis, IN
Richard Canaday	9 th	WW II	Stone Mountain, GA
Frank Carlson	E	Korea	Norwell, MA
Bill Clabaugh	3 rd	WW II	Richmond, IN
William Cockrell	FA	Korea	Tustin, CA
Henry Duell	Engr	Korea	Bethlehem, PA
Frank Edwards	1 st	WW II	Bridgewater, MA
James Ellison	FA	Korea	East Haven, CT
Clarence Friend	8 th	Korea	Keyser, WVA
Getra Garrison	Assoc.		Ridge Farm, IL
Don Grant	S 1	Korea	New Church, VA
Leonard Hand	E	Korea	Kissimmee, FL
Frank Harris	FA	Korea	Allentown, NJ
William Hartley	4 th	WW II	Rockville, MD
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