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USS New Jersey BB - 16

The Original Battleship New Jersey



USS *New Jersey* (BB-16) was the fourth of five *Virginia*-class battleships of the United States Navy, and the first ship to carry her name. She was laid down at the Fore River Shipbuilding Company in Quincy, Massachusetts in May 1902, launched in November 1904, and commissioned into the fleet in May 1906. The ship was armed with an offensive battery of four 12-inch (305 mm) guns and eight 8-inch (203 mm) guns, and she was capable of a top speed of 19 knots (35 km/h; 22 mph).

New Jersey spent her entire career in the Atlantic Fleet. In late 1906, she took part in the Second Occupation of Cuba, and she participated in the Jamestown Exposition in April - May 1907. At the end of the year, she joined the Great White Fleet for its circumnavigation of the globe, which lasted into 1909. The ship spent the following five years conducting peacetime training. In April 1914, *New Jersey* took part in the occupation of Veracruz during the Mexican Revolution. During World War I, she was used as a training ship, and after the war, she was tasked with transporting American soldiers back from Europe. *New Jersey* was decommissioned in 1920 and slated for destruction in bombing tests in 1923. Martin NBS-1 bombers sank the ship on 5 September 1923 in a series of bomb attacks.

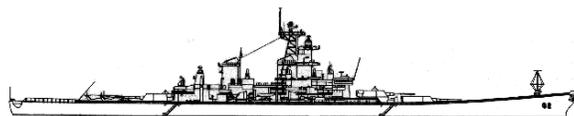


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greeting,

Once again, I'll start out by saying that it appeared those who attended the 2018 reunion had a great time. I received a lot of positive feedback. Steve Sheehan did another great job planning and coordinating this reunion. Our visit to the National WWII Museum was the highlight of the reunion. The WWII museum is currently the #2 museum in the US and in the world, according to tripadvisor. I hope you enjoyed your visit to this moving tribute to all WWII Vets and the Greatest Generation.

At the 2018 general meeting, the 2020 reunion site was selected by those attending. The Philadelphia area, home of the Battleship New Jersey Museum, was once again selected for a reunion. We will be looking forward to another full day visit to our ship. The 2019 reunion will be in San Diego. The city of San Pedro was selected at the 2017 general meeting, but after lots of effort and frustrations, we were not able to find a hotel in the San Pedro/Long Beach area that would meet our needs. We received six proposals. The proposals were from one hotel in San Pedro, one in Long Beach, three out in the Anaheim area and one down in San Diego. The final selection came down to San Pedro and San Diego. The hotel in San Pedro assured us they could meet all of our requirements. We flew from the east coast to the west and visited five hotels. The one in Long Beach was ruled out because the rooms were \$230+ per night and they lacked meeting or banquet space. The ones in Anaheim were also expensive and/or lacking banquet space, but we visited to do our due diligence. San Pedro was where we wanted to be, but when we visited, they showed us minimum sized spaces. The only hospitality room they offered was barely able to fit three round tables and there was no room for the ship store. The room might accommodate 30 people at a time. While we were there, we found out that much of the San Pedro waterfront area, where the hotel was, would be under construction during the time we'd be there. Therefore, the 33rd reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza San Diego - Mission Valley, 2270 Hotel Circle North, from September 18 - 22, 2019. This was also the 2007 reunion hotel.

This issue of the Bounce also includes the current by-laws of the organization. A pdf is also available on our website. Please take time review the by-laws. If you have any corrections or suggestions, please email or mail them to me at 1215 Old North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246, or bdingman@metrocast.net. All suggestions will be reviewed and evaluated. Proposed changes will be published in the Spring 2019 issue, for discussion and possible voting, at the 2019 General Meeting in San Diego.

We've had some changes to the Board over the past year. Bill Meredith, Liaison Officer, resigned due to health problems stemming from an automobile accident three years ago. Bob Williams, Webmaster, has taken over Bill's duties until the next election in 2020. Jason Hall, Curator of the Battleship NJ, and our Historian, passed away on June 28, 2018, from brain cancer. John Spero (1980's) asked to be considered for the editor

position, but regretfully had to withdraw his request for personal reasons. Phil Tasker has offered to continue on as the editor.

Again, I want to thank everyone who has worked to keep our organization alive and well. We still need more members. Please reach out to your shipmates and spread the word about the reunions. With today's technology, it's easier than ever to locate a BB62 sailor. Our reunions are a perfect time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Get a buddy to join us in San Diego next September.

Sincerely,

Bob Dingman, President

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



5 inch-dual-purpose ammo
replenishment on the BIG-J

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone

The reunion festivities we're awesome! Bravo Zulu to the coordinators for designing the venues. A visit to the historical cemetery is a very interesting city tour. The visit to a memorable WW II museum had numerous displays to offer showing in detail significant points of interest. As we proceeded to the dining area there was a patriotic show that was very enjoyable. Our banquet was exciting which consisted of auctions, 50/50's and most especially our distinguished guest speaker. United States Navy Captain Roy Cash. It was my wife and my first visit to New Orleans, Louisiana. I wish it could have lasted longer. Unfortunately, we must move on. Rest assured it will forever be remembered in our hearts. It was not only the sights, but also how the members of our glorious association are becoming close knit to each other even though we consist of several era groups.

As we depart Metairie Louisiana, our sights and hearts are directed towards San Diego California. I'm quite sure it will be very rewarding. Stay healthy and remain in good health and hope to see everyone there! God Bless...

Sincerely

Leon Tucker, Vice President



This picture was taken February 4, 1984, when the USS New Jersey fired 288 16-inch rounds at Beirut, Lebanon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everybody. Things are going well in the Secretary's position. May be a challenge at times, you can ask Phil Tasker as he was about to send out a party to hunt me down to get the minutes out for the Bounce. Just to let you know as you read through the Bounce if there are any questions from the business meeting minutes just let me know and I will try to answer them the best that I can. The reunion this year in New Orleans was really good, and a good time had by all. I will gladly accept any new ideas or suggestions that you may have. We really need more of the 80's era guys to get involved so we can keep the organization going for a long time to come. I only live about 3 hours away from the USS Alabama which is also a museum. I have been to it a few times in my life, the last visit was when our reunion was in Jacksonville Florida. This ship was decommissioned in January of 1947. I have wondered if this ship has been forgotten in a way. The purpose for bringing this up is our organization going. There is a big legacy behind the USS New Jersey and we can keep this going for many generations to come but it is going to be up to the 80's era guys to accomplish this. I was on board in the 80's and am currently the secretary, but we are going to need more of us to take officer positions to keep it going. Let's have a great showing next year in San Diego, and even a better one in 2020 when we go back to the ship.

Happy Sailing and God Bless

Danny Fielder/MM3 Lebanon, Secretary



The *New Jersey* (BB-62) passes through the Gaillard Cut during a transit of the Panama Canal, April 27, 1984.

SMALL STORES ADVISOR'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone! This was the best layout for the store that we can remember. It was a pleasure to meet everyone that visited and shopped. Sales were excellent and a number of new ideas for the store (i.e. ladies' apparel) will be on the list.

We are restocking and working on the special-order items that members had requested.

Please regularly check the website for our group as well as the Facebook page for new items.

On behalf of Beverly Langford, Larry Ruble, and myself we all thank everyone and look forward to San Diego.

As always, any comments or suggestions are very much appreciated.

Mike Schappaugh - Small Stores Advisor



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Shipmates,

What a great reunion in Louisiana!! There were lots of vets and their family members. The two tours we went on were outstanding, one of which was the amazing WW2 Museum. We all enjoyed the performance of The Victory Belles! The food we got at the hotel restaurant was exceptional. We enjoyed hearing Roy Cash Jr. (Johnny Cash's nephew) as our guest speaker the night of the banquet. His speech was uplifting and entertaining.

Louise and I are moving back to Middle TN where 4 of our children and 9 of our 12 grandchildren live. We are at the age where we need and want to be closer to them. It will also be more convenient for our other 2 children to come to and be with the whole family at the same time. We are going to miss our home overlooking the Tennessee River/Chickamauga Lake, but we need to downsize, and we are excited about the next chapter in our lives together. We have a new address for the USS New Jersey mail to get to me:

USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc

% Garry Blaylock

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You can still reach me on my cell number as usual, [931-797-4744](tel:931-797-4744) or my e-mail address, gblaylockbb62@gmail.com .

The new invoices should be out in your hands soon. I am a little bit behind due to our impending move. Please let me know if you are planning to move or change your phone number, also please let me know of any shipmate's passing if you find out.

It's always great to talk to my shipmates when you call! I would love to hear from you and to help with whatever you might need anytime.

*** I won't be putting my name in the hat again for this position when we go back to the ship. 8 years is enough for me! It's time for an eighty's sailor to step forward to be the membership chairman!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Garry Blaylock - Membership Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

We just concluded a wonderful reunion in the New Orleans area. It was the second best attended reunion we have held in the last ten years. The venue, the Comfort Inn and Copeland Tower Suites was excellent with the Hospitality Room and dinner rooms commanding scenic views from the sixteen floor. Also superb was the Friday visit to the National World War II Museum. I think all attendees would agree it was a most enjoyable get-together. Steve Sheehan and Bob Dingman deserve a very well done on organizing this event.

We again held an auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund raising \$1,170 including a number of donated items. We were particularly pleased to be able auction a lovely red, white and blue Prayer Shawl hand knitted by Nancy Davila spouse of Korean War shipmate Frank Davila. The Davilas were unfortunately unable to attend this year's reunion.

Since our fiscal year does not end until December 31st, there is not any meaningful financial information to report. We ended September with \$36,750 in bank balances which was up slightly from the year ago level. One area that continues to show very positive performance is Ships Store sales. Currently year-to-date sales total \$6,962 which exceeds total annual sales for any of the past ten years. Mike Schappaugh has done an excellent job of managing this area, constantly upgrading both the quality and the variety of the merchandise available.

We will provide detailed financial results in the Spring Bounce once the "books" are closed out. I look forward to seeing as many as possible next year in San Diego.

Phil Tasker - Treasurer

Reunion 50/50 Winners

First Place: \$468

Gerald Burton
Pittsburgh, PA

Second Place: \$351

Eric McGuire
Clifton, NJ

Third Place: \$234

George Seerbo
Odenton, MD

Fourth Place: \$117

Bruce Burgdoff
Indianapolis, IN

SEATING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

We have wrapped up our 32nd Annual Reunion in New Orleans and it was a huge success. This was my first visit to New Orleans and I would love to one day go back.

I believe we owe Steve and Bob a great deal of thanks for putting such a great reunion together. The hotel was very nice, and they catered to our every need. The meals were superb, and the service was excellent. The tours they selected were top notch. The high light was the World War II Museum. One day didn't do it justice. I hope to one day visit it again and spend more time there. The 4D movie, *Beyond All Boundaries*, at the end of our visit was amazing. The special effects made you feel as if you were right there amongst the action. I guarantee that no one slept through this movie.

I believe everyone visited the French Quarter for the good food and local color. The food was absolutely delicious and before we left I managed to get some oysters on the half shell and some delicious Shrimp Creole. The food alone made the trip worthwhile.

The true highlight though was being together again with Shipmates. Reconnecting with old friends and making new ones is what a reunion is all about. I have never left a reunion without making at least one new friend



Now it is time to start thinking about next year when we will again visit San Diego, California September 18-22. I hope to see many Shipmates from all eras attending, especially those from the West Coast. Reach out to your old "Liberty Hound " buddies and encourage them to join you in San Diego next September.

I look forward to taking care of your seating needs and if we haven't yet met, I'm looking forward to adding you to my extensive Friend List. See you in San Diego.

Bill Myers - Seating Coordinator

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Shipmates,

I would certainly be remised by not thanking Bill Meredith for his years of support as Liaison Officer of the organization. Bill would have served another term, but for medical reasons opted to step down. I volunteered to take over the position for his remaining term and hope to continue the same dedication and values Bill has set forth over the years. I have worked with Bill for many years as the Vietnam Era representative Thanks again Bill.

As I have never been to New Orleans this year's reunion was outstanding and seeing the World War !! museum was unbelievable and well worth the visit.

Thanks to Steve Sheehan and Bob Dingman for a great job organizing this year's reunion! I understand that next year's reunion will be in San Diego, CA at the same hotel that we held the 2007 reunion. We are planning on being there next year, so I hope to see you there too.

Final note, if you change any of your information, address, email or phone number please let the Membership Chairman or I know.

Stay well,

Bob Williams, Liaison Officer

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LEBANON/PERSIAN GULF ERA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT



Hello shipmates, the light house is still burning, and I will try to keep it burning. We had a really great time in New Orleans this year and we did have more of the 80's guys. The membership is slowly shrinking and the 80's can bring it back up, and that is what we need to try and get accomplished. The WWII gang is very scarce now as well as Korea gang. The Vietnam era guys are doing well but we need to step up and do our part. There are those groups that do their own thing for the divisions they were in, but it takes the whole ship to make things go smoothly. Me and my wife Sheila have made some great friends and that is a rare thing these days. Like I have said in the past we had the largest number of crew members to have been on that magnificent ship, but we have the lowest turnout. This ship made history over and over, and the WWII, Korea and Vietnam era guys started this. It laid asleep for many years when we woke her up again to serve once more. Out respect we need to step up to the plate. By next reunion lets have at least 25 members from 80's join. Until next year God Speed and God Bless.

Hope to see you in San Diego

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REUNION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Greetings Shipmates and Friends,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for a very successful, enjoyable and well attended reunion in New Orleans.

The participation of our members insures a successful reunion, but the location and the hotel helped make this year's reunion much more than a financial success.

Our day at the WW II Museum was unforgettable. The Memorial Service in the morning was very moving. Leon Tucker and our bugler did a great job. The lunch and show at The Canteen were fantastic. The Victory Belles were great as were a few of our participating members!

Next year's reunion will be in San Diego, California. After eight months of frustrating negotiations with the one hotel that responded to our Request for Proposal, we had to abandon that site and move farther south to a more welcoming location.

We have an agreement with the Crowne Plaza, located at: 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108 (Telephone: 1-888-233-9527). Our reunion will be from 9/18/19 to 9/21/19.

We are making arrangements to have our Memorial Service and a tour aboard the USS Midway on Friday. Thursday's tour has not yet been selected.

In addition to being reunion Coordinator I am currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at your battleship.

We have recently restored and reinstalled a Quad 40 Bofours anti-aircraft gun on the port side by Turret 3. We have also recovered three gun barrels that were fired during WW II. One is currently being readied for installation at an as yet undecided location near the ship. Hopefully it will generate interest in a battleship tour. There is a planned opening of an Engineering Tour of Fire room and Engine room 2 in the spring of 2019.

Deck restoration continues as far as finances will allow. Priority is being given to parts of the deck that need to be replaced for watertight integrity.

The 2020 Reunion in Philadelphia will offer the opportunity for you to see these restorations in person.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year in San Diego next year and the following year in Philadelphia.

Regards,

Steve Sheehan, Reunion Coordinator

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC.

Saturday 9/29/18 10:00 am.

Officers and Advisor's Present:

President-Bob Dingman	Vice President- Leon Tucker
Treasurer- Phil Tasker	Secretary- Danny Fielder
Membership Chairman- Garry Blaylock	Small Stores-Mike Schappaugh
Reunion Coordinator- Steve Sheehan	Web Master- Bob Williams
VA Liaison- Ralph Millemon	Seating Coordinator- Bill Myers

Reading of past minutes was dispensed with due to publication in the 2017 Fall issue of the Bounce. Motion by Bob Williams to accept, 2nd Bill Scarbrough motion carried.

Opening Prayer: Danny Fielder

Meeting Opening and Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Dingman

Treasurer Report: Phil Tasker opened with general information. Ending bank balance August 2018 \$45,717.00. Detailed breakdown will be in Treasurer's article Motion by Ken Hobbs to accept, 2nd by Richard Calhoun Motion carried.

Membership Report: Garry Blaylock reported that we currently have 587 members and 13 new members this year. Taps list for past year is 36. Need to really try and get membership up. Garry urged the 80's ERA to get involved, that is where this is going. He also explained procedure on active and inactive rosters. Make sure if any one hears of a deceased member to let him know. Motion to accept Joe DiMaria, 2nd Ralph Millemon motion carried.

Editors Report: No report

VA Report: Ralph Millemon had handouts at reunion in hospitality room which had some good information for veterans. He asked if any of the members had filled any claims, several raised hands. Sometimes claims through VA can be very difficult to deal with. Ralph suggested that going through the DAV may prove to be more successful than going through the VA. Ralph said if any questions to give him a call and he would be willing to help or point in the right direction. Motion to accept Joe DiMaria, 2nd Len Jablon, motion carried.

Reunion Coordinator: Steve Sheehan spoke about 2019 reunion that would be in San Diego. Dates are September 18th - 21st 2019 at the San Diego Crown Plaza Hotel. Initially the reunion was to be in San Pedro but after 8 months of negotiations the hotel backed out on what they would do, so in a nice way Steve said thanks but no thanks. Steve also mentioned that this reunion set up went really well. Len Jablon said for point of information if anybody wanted to take tour of Iowa, he could make arrangements, just let him know well in advance. Motion to accept Garry Blaylock, 2nd Bill Myers motion carried.

Small Stores: Mike Schappaugh reported all is going well. Stores will not be at reunion next year because he will not be driving, and postage is too expensive. Joe DiMaria made a suggestion to bring one of each color of clothing and we could place orders. Motion to accept Bob Williams, 2nd Bill Sosmowski motion carried.

Old Business: President Bob Dingman said that a copy of current by-laws would be published in the next bounce. The by-laws had mentioned that anybody that has served on the USS New Jersey can become members. Ralph Millemon made a motion to include crew members of the new submarine USS New Jersey that is to be commissioned in the future to be included, 2nd by Bob Williams. Motion carried. Ken Hobbs made a point of information about Korean war veterans passing away. Ken mentioned that the government is trying to determine if the Korean Defense members can be included as part of the Korean war veterans. Bob Dingman said we have associate members, but the government has said that non-profits and 501C19 must have a certain percentage of crew member veterans in order to keep that particular status.

This concludes old business.

New Business:

Scholarship Recipients for 2018:

Lauren Valdez, San Antonio, TX.
Megan Rhodes, Nazareth, PA.
Michael Berwanger, Stratham, NH.

Starting next year 30 days before start of reunion will be the cut off time for reunion registration. Officers would like any suggestions from this reunion from any members. Everybody was very pleased with this reunion and turn out. Steve Sheehan said with the exception of the last 2 reunions at ship, this has been the largest turn out since 2009. Joe DiMaria suggested to try and get hotels that had restaurants and bars that stayed open all the time. Point of information from Ray Kehoe that if we have a free breakfast leave a tip.

During memorial service our bugler was from Buglers Across America. Joe DiMaria made motion to send \$100.00 donation 2nd Bill Sosmowski. Motion carried.

2020 reunion suggestion that we go back to Philadelphia area. Motion by John Spero, 2nd Len Jablon. Motion carried.

Ray Kehoe stated that Joe Casumono had made a motion years ago that the reunion should be at ship every 4 years and that it should have been in by-laws. Bob Dingman said the only mention in by-laws is that the reunion should be west of Mississippi River once every 4 years. Bob said this may be worked into revised by-laws that are up and coming. There was a lot of discussion about going back to ship, how often can be anytime that it is recommended and voted on.

Points of information:

Steve Sheehan mentioned that Phil Tasker found on-line that the submarine USS New Jersey maybe commissioned in 2021. Steve said we may be able to coordinate that the

reunion could be held then and we could go to commissioning. This will depend on time frame. Motion by Ray Kehoe, 2nd Bill Scarbrough. Motion carried.

Bill Sosmowski made a motion to make Ann Margret an associate member, 2nd Ralph Millemon. Motion carried.

This concludes the 2018 business meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Danny Fielder and 2nd by Bob Williams, meeting adjourned.

Recorded Minutes

Danny Fielder: Secretary USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.



The *New Jersey* (BB-62) accompanied by the *Coral Sea* (CVA-43) on April 13, 1969 in the Pacific.

Please take time review the by-laws. If you have any corrections or suggestions, please email or mail them to Bob Dingman at 1215 Old North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246, or bdingman@metrocast.net. All suggestions will be reviewed and evaluated. Proposed changes will be published in the Spring 2019 issue, for discussion and possible voting, at the 2019 General Meeting in San Diego.

BYLAWS OF THE USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC.

ARTICLE I - OFFICES:

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:

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

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:

1. Qualifications for membership: All persons, Sailors and Marines, who were assigned to active United States Naval service aboard the USS NEW JERSEY BB62.
2. The spouse, surviving spouse, children and grandchildren of members, who served on the USS NEW JERSEY BB62, shall be entitled to membership in the Corporation as Associate members and shall pay dues, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and they shall not be entitled to serve as officers of the Corporation.
3. Associate Membership shall also be open to all interested persons and said persons shall pay dues but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and shall not be entitled to serve as officers of the Corporation.
4. Upon successful completion of a term as President, the outgoing president and spouse shall be made Life Members. Presidents who die in office shall be considered to have successfully completed their term and their spouse shall be eligible for Life Membership. Any person having served as President, who has not successfully completed their term of office, shall not be eligible for free Life Membership.

ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL MEETINGS:

Section 1: Reunion

- a. An Annual Reunion, hereafter known as the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, or Annual Meeting, shall be held between July 1st and October 30th of each year at a site to be approved by a majority vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting. One reunion shall be held, at least once every 4 years, west of the Mississippi River. If there is more than one recommendation for a reunion site, the membership in attendance shall vote and select the site. If for some reason the site cannot be selected at the Annual Meeting, then the Board of Directors is authorized to select the site. The President shall announce the selection of the site in an upcoming "Jersey Bounce" before the next Annual Meeting. Site selections shall be made two years in advance.
- b. A non-refundable *reunion registration* fee may be fixed by the Board of Directors, per registered Member, Associate Member and Guests, levied in addition to the usual Annual Meeting charges.
- c. Only dues paying former Crewmen in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to vote.

Section 2: Annual meeting of the Corporation

- a. Annual Meetings of the Corporation shall be conducted by the President or, in his absence the Vice- President or in his absence the Secretary or in his absence the Treasurer.
- b. The Board of Directors meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at a location pursuant to the President's designation as to date and time. Majority attendance of Board of Directors constitutes a quorum.
- c. All Annual Meetings and all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be governed by these bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation, and by Robert's Rules of Order in cases not covered by these bylaws.

Section 3: Order of Business

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

- a. Opening of the Annual or Special Meeting.
- b. Posting of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem
- c. Invocation by Chaplain
- d. Reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.
- e. Reading of the Financial Report.
- f. Committee reports.
- g. Old business.
- h. Correspondence and new business.
- i. Selection of reunion site.

- j. Election of Officers and Directors (every 4 years)
- k. Good of the corporation
- l. Closing Invocation by Chaplin
- m. Adjournment /closing of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS;

Section 1: Term of office and composition

- a. Term of office: Directors shall serve for a period of four (4) years. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting in years divisible by 4. (i.e. 2004, 2008, etc.)
- b. The Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board, shall consist of 6 directors and not more than 10 advisors plus past presidents who have successfully completed their term. New officers will take office on January 1st, following the election.

Section 2: Executive Committee

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

Section 3: Voting rights of the Board

Only the Directors have voting rights.

ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS, ADVISORS, AND APPOINTEES

Section 1: List of Directors and Advisors

The following officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting every four years (the first election to be in 2012), and if there is no contest, the election shall be by voice vote. If there is a contest, the election shall be by written ballot.

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

Section 2: Appointees

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

Legal Counsel

Reunion Chairman

Chaplain/s

Section 3: Powers:

- a. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, or Bylaws, the powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors, which may, However, delegate the performance of any duties or the exercise of any powers to such officers and committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, designate.
- b. Replacement of Director, Officer or Appointee:
 - 1) Whenever a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, Officers or Appointees, whether by death, Resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy may be filled by appointment of a new Director, Officer or Appointee by the Board of Directors, until such time as the next Membership Meeting for a majority vote of approval. Any Board Member may hold two positions when there is a vacancy on the Board, but he shall have only one vote.
 - 2) Any Director, Officer or Appointee may be removed, with or without cause, by the majority vote of the Members of the Board of Directors.
 - 3) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors or Officers shall hold office for the Un-expired term of his predecessor in office, subject to the power of removal stated above.
 - 4) Quorum: A majority of the Board of Directors, at the reunion shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.
 - 5) Manner of Acting: The act of a majority of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a Quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or these Bylaws.
 - 6) Compensation: The Board of Directors, Officers and Appointees shall serve without compensation, but the Board may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with performance of their duties and shall submit receipts to obtain reimbursement.
 - 7) Telephone conference meetings: Any or all Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or a Committee of the Board by means of conference telephone as long as all members in the meeting are able to hear each other.
 - 8) Action without Meeting: No meeting need be held by the Board to take any action required or permitted to be taken by law, provided all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action, and such written consent or consents is filed with the minutes of the proceedings

of the Board. Action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as action by unanimous vote of the Directors.

- 9) Liability of Directors, Officers and Appointees. The Directors, Officers and Appointees of this Corporation shall not be personally liable for its debts, liabilities, or any other obligations.

Section 4: Board Members:

a. PRESIDENT: Director:

- 1) Chief executive officer of the Corporation exercises general supervision over all activities of the Corporation.
- 2) Shall preside at all Annual Meetings, Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- 3) Receives quarterly reports from all Directors and Officers as to the activities of chairmen under their jurisdiction.
- 4) Has final authority in appointment of committee chairmen as recommended by the Vice President.
- 5) Makes semi-annual reports to the membership in the Corporation newsletter and Annual Meeting.
- 6) Provide request for guest speaker for Annual Meeting Dinner Dance.

b. VICE PRESIDENT: Director:

- 1) In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions, of the President.
- 2) Supervises activities during the Annual Meeting.
- 3) Responsible for coordinating activities of various Committee Chairmen.
- 4) Gives detailed reports semi-annually: February and October for the "Jersey Bounce."
- 5) Has responsibility for the Memorial Committee and coordinates these activities.

c. SECRETARY: Director:

- 1) Keeps minutes of Annual Meeting for publication in the "Jersey Bounce" subsequent to Annual Meeting.
- 2) Keeps minutes of Board of Director meetings and Executive Committee meetings on file.
- 3) Keeps records and file of Corporation correspondence;
- 4) Keeps an up-to-date membership file.
- 5) Is custodian of Corporation property, per Article X, Section 1.
- 6) May appoint an Assistant Secretary, who shall perform any duties as delegated by the Secretary and shall act during the Secretary's absence or disability.

d. TREASURER: Director;

- 1) Collection of Membership dues.
- 2) Payment of any and all approved debits of the Corporation.
- 3) Keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation funds in the Corporation Ledger, such accounts to differentiate between funds designated for general Corporation expenses and accounts and those designated for Memorial, Museum, Annual Meeting or special purposes.
- 4) Presents a detailed report annually, in January, to the President for publication in the "Jersey Bounce" fall issue, which has been previously audited by an Audit Committee.
- 5) Informs the President of all requests for expenditures. Payment of expenditures over \$300.00 shall be made only if specifically approved by the Board of Directors, other than debit funding for Annual Meeting. Under \$300.00 requires approval only by Executive Committee.
- 6) May appoint an Assistant Treasurer who shall perform any duties as delegated by the Treasurer and shall act during the Treasurer's absence or disability.
- 7) Provide to Editor of the "Jersey Bounce" Newsletter an address label of shipmates with current dues status update for mailing.
- 8) Shall drop from active roster, all inactive members failing to keep dues current for a period of two years beginning with current reunion and implemented on start of fiscal year of October 1. Notify Membership Chairman of non-current, delinquent members.
- 9) Mail pending invoice notices for delinquent dues as needed.
- 10) Assists Reunion Chairman at pre-reunion selection site.

e. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Director;

- 1) Receives applications for membership and forward dues to treasurer.
- 2) Prepares and mail membership cards to members and associate members, with a personal response to make a new member feel welcome after dues are collected.
- 3) Notifies Directors monthly of all new members and associate members with updated data.
- 4) Notifies Directors of any passing of shipmates immediately when known.
- 5) Keep separate roster of active members and inactive members for purpose of keeping addresses.

f. LIAISON OFFICER: Director;

- 1) Keep updated roster of all members, associate members and data base members "ex-crewmen who served on BB-62 but who are not members of the Corporation.
- 2) Inform ERA Representatives of all Executive Committee decisions and information pertinent to the well-being of the Corporation in general matters of common interest pertaining to the general membership, associate members and data base members.

- 3) Receive from Membership Chairman, ERA Representatives, all pertinent information regarding the passing away of fellow shipmates, associate members and informing appropriate Directors of such. Receive any and all correspondence regarding any activities to or of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.
- 4) Act in the best interest in liaison communication with all civic matters concerning the Corporation and notify Directors of information concerning their specialties of said civic matters select District Volunteers (16) of North, South, East and West as appointees recommended to the President on a first volunteer basis order of seniority.

Section 4. Advisors

a. WEBMASTER: Advisor:

- 1) Maintains the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. Web Site, ussnewjersey.org, for the Corporation.
- 2) Upgrade the Web Site as needed.
- 3) Maintains On-line E-Mail Roster and concurrent Roster of Active & Inactive members.
- 4) Forwards all changes & additions to E-Mail Roster to Liaison Officer.
- 5) Monitors and edits Deck Log on regular basis.
- 6) Adds relevant photos, notices, etc. when they become available to Deck Log.
- 7) Answer questions submitted through Web Site or forward said question to Liaison Officer for Pertinent distribution.
- 8) Notifies Treasurer when to pay Main Name Charge and Web Site Server Charge.

b. EDITOR: Advisor; Newsletter "Jersey Bounce":

- 1) Receive input from Board of Directors (February and October) for insertion into semi-annual, the "Jersey Bounce" Newsletter. Receive requests for "SHIPMATE LOCATOR DIRECTORY" (non-E-Mail type) for insertion into semi-annual newsletter.
- 2) Edits all incoming information and pictures, prepares proofs for publisher of semi-annual newsletter and provides names and addresses for labeling of newsletter to be published and mailed
- 3) Submits proofing of pre-publishing to President for approval.
- 4) Shall not publish into "Jersey Bounce," any, "derogatory or political viewpoints pertaining to the Corporation Directors, Officers, Appointees or Membership."

c. STOREKEEPER-SMALLSTORES: Advisor;

- 1) The storekeeper shall perform his duties in accordance with Article XIII Ship Stores.

d. VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Advisor;

- 1) Shall be a member having knowledge of Veterans' Affairs pertaining to the medical and clerical aspects of Veterans' benefits via the Veterans'

Administration, such as Military Burials, Medals and Awards, Military Records etc.

- 2) Shall keep an updated directory of related phone numbers, addresses, fax's and E-Mail addresses and access to publications for the benefit of the membership pertaining to Veterans' Affairs.

e. MARINE CORPS. REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor;

- 1) Shall be a U.S. Marine Corp. Detachment Crewmember, keeping a separate roster of all U.S. Marine Detachment Personnel, relaying any and all matters in relations of the U.S. Marine Detachment of the Corporation. Be in charge of procuring Marine small store sales clerks for the Marine table during all Annual Meetings in correlation with the Small Stores Chairman Director.

f. ERA REPRESENTATIVES: Advisor;

GENERAL INFORMATION:

There are Members (Voting), Associate Members (Non-Voting), and (Non-Veterans. Inc.) members, known as (ex-crewmen data-base only). **KEEP** members, associate members separate *from* non-dues paying members? In distribution of information unless requested. Refer them to Liaison Officer for contact.

ERA Representatives: - (4) -WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM, LEBANON-PERSIAN GULF

- 1) Keep full roster of ERA (USS New Jersey) members, associate and non-members.
- 2) Keep list updated via: Membership Chairman, Liaison Officer, Web-Master and District Volunteers; North, South, East & West)
- 3) Receive vital News and Information pertinent to the Corporation from Board of Directors to be passed on to Liaison Officer who in turn will pass on to ERA Representative who in turn passes on to the District Volunteers for distribution to the members of their district;
- 4) The four district volunteers shall report to you for record keeping of members; that are hospitalized, passed away, have a problem; want information on what's going on. If they are not a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. member, the north, south, east and west volunteers are to be discreet in relaying information to anyone, have them referred to Liaison Officer for dissemination of information;
- 5) No contracts or financial information shall be conducted by members to anyone, any Media requests and/or any situation shall be relayed to Liaison Officer who will determine the proper Board of Directors to receive information. No statements are to be given to the media. Refer them to the Liaison Officer;

- 6) When a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. Member or Associate Member passes away, that information is to be relayed to the Chaplain, Membership Chairman, Web-Master, Treasurer and Liaison Officer, to update changes to the rosters;
- 7) When a "Member of Vets. Inc." or a "Non Member" crewman of the ship passes away, the Web-Master shall be notified, and his name entered into "TAPS" and the Data Base Roster updated as to the deceased.

g. MASTER AT ARMS: Advisor;

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

Section 5. APPOINTEES: Non-Directors

LEGAL COUNSEL: Appointee

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

REUNION CHAIRMAN: Appointee

- a. Be a member in good standing
- b. Co-ordinate all functions of Reunion aspects as designated by the Vice President. Act as a liaison between the Reunion Company and The USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. until such time as needed. Procure in the event of not having a Reunion Company all pertinent contracts of Reunion: Tours, Meals, Hotel accommodations, Band, Color Guard, Photographer, Plaques, Transportation Shuttles and all facets pertaining to the directive of Reunion Chairman.

CHAPLAIN(S): Appointee

- a. Shall conduct the Invocation / Benediction for all starting and ending functions. Shall, when duly informed of "Passing" USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. Member, mail to the surviving spouse or family a "Sympathy Card" from the membership. If informed of a passing member from an outside source, shall notify the Membership Chairman, Liaison Officer and Web-Master for proper roster update and insertion into "Taps". Only USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. members are to receive the courtesy of a "Sympathy Card". The Chaplain, shall in conjunction with the President or duly designated Executive Committee Member, assist and console a spouse, companion or family of a deceased member who has passed away or become seriously ill at the Annual Meeting

ERA District Volunteer, (16): Appointees

W.W.II, KOREA, VIETNAM, LEBANON / PERSIAN GULF;

NOTE: Selected on seniority volunteering, recommended by Liaison Officer to the President for appointment.

4 NORTHERN, 4 SOUTHERN, 4 EASTERN, 4 WESTERN: (States issued will vary by ex-crewmember, associate population) (Example: some may have 8 states, and some may have 5 states, some may have 3 states)

- a. keep roster of USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. Member, Associate and Non -Vets. Inc, ex-crewmen in district.
- b. receives information from Era Representative Director, and passes same to members in his district, keeping in line, the policies of the USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. Member, Associate Members and the separation of non-members of the Corporation.
- c. shall not give out any information on the Corporation within reason (inner functions, financial) or the roster to anyone or any group requesting same without authorization from Board of Directors.
- d. when someone wants to know or have contact with any member of the Corporation, whether a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. member, associate member or non-member, remember our policy and the Privacy of Information Act. You shall inform the contacting person that his / her name, phone number, e-mail or address, will be given to the contacted for him / her to return the contact.
- e. shall relay all information about the hospitalization, death and problems of members, associates and non-member crewmen that need to be addressed to your ERA Representative who will pass the information to Board of Directors.

- f. shall not enter into any contract or financial dealings with any one, be they any persons, business or organizations.
- g. may be in direct contact with persons, organizations, requesting information about tours, sleepovers, re-enlistments, flags flown on ship etc. Have them contact the Home Port Alliance. Shall not give names, phone numbers, addresses or e-mail addresses provided by the Board of Directors. All media questions shall be relayed to Liaison Officer who will make determination of request and/or direct to proper Officer or Board Member.
- h. shall not get involved with any political situation and shall inform ERA Rep. of situation. Shall not make any statements to the Media.
- i. if anyone wants information to join organization, refer them to the Membership Chairman via Application to Join Form that is on the web site for downloading. Do not accept any money, checks or money orders made payable to the ship or the Corporation. Mail it back to the person or group in a larger envelope, recording such transaction and notify the Liaison Officer and Treasurer of such. Mail all membership applications that you receive with or without funds to the Membership Chairman or Treasurer depending on the situation.
- j. is discreet and courteous in all dealings with any member, associate member and non-member.

Section 6.

REMOVAL OF USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INCORPORATED MEMBER

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

ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Section 1.

All Officers and Committee chairman shall be dues paying members with current Membership Cards.

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING:

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

(1) Special Purpose Committees: consisting of three (3) committees and their duties:

- a. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** This committee to audit the records of the Treasurer annually prior to insertion into the fall issue of the "Jersey Bounce".
- b. **RULES COMMITTEE:** This committee shall form rules that govern the smooth operations of the Corporation concerning adherence to; dates of Annual Meetings, added registration fees and any facet thereof.
- c. **BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** This committee shall communicate and consult by mail, telephone or, if feasible, meet annually at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting and may submit suggested amendments of the existing Bylaws to the Board of Directors for approval, and if approved, be submitted to the General Membership present at the Annual Meeting to be ratified and submitted to the Editor of the "Jersey Bounce" to be published in the subsequent edition after the Annual Meeting.

(2) Standing Committees and their duties:

- a. **REUNION COMMITTEE:** Under direct supervision of the Vice President, shall select committee members from the area of the reunion, plan and execute arrangements for volunteers to assist at reunion.
- b. Chairman of the Reunion Committee for the next year, shall be appointed at the current Annual Meeting who shall be the area volunteer.

ARTICLE IX - DUES;

Section 1.

The dues of the USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC. shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, and be for the fiscal year of October, to September 30 the following year.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

Member shall be considered inactive with loss of privileges with unpaid dues for two years at time of Annual Meeting or beginning of fiscal year 1 October.

ARTICLE X - USS NEW JERSEY VETERAN'S CORPORATION PROPERTY;

Section 1.

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

ARTICLE XI - MEMORIALS;

Section 1.

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

ARTICLE XII - COMMITTEES;

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

Committees shall be of three (3) types:

- a. **SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES:** whose Chairman is appointed by and report directly to the President.
- b. **STANDING COMMITTEES:** who's Chairman are appointed jointly by the President and designated supervisory officer but report only to their designated supervisory officers.
- c. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Under supervision of the Vice President, this committee shall be responsible for recommending appropriate action in support of memorial programs already adopted by the Corporation and to recommend and propose such suitable new memorials as are within

the limits of available funds to honor veterans of the USS NEW JERSEY BB-62.

Section 3.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- a. the President shall appoint the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and four additional members.
- b. to report to the President and membership of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, its recommendation of a slate of officers for the ensuing electoral year.
- c. nominations, including Nomination Committee Report, will be present for the nomination.

ARTICLE XIII - SHIP'S STORE;

Section 1.

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

- a. the Ship's storekeeper shall make provisions to obtain volunteers for table sales at the Reunion.
- b. the ship's storekeeper shall keep records of sales and restock, submit request for funds to purchase new stock approved by the Executive Committee.
- c. the storekeeper shall keep inventory for sales via Phone, Postal Mail, Website and E-Mail. Payment to be in the form of Money Order, Certified Bank Check or a Personnel (Bank Cleared) Check.

Section 2.

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

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS;

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

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

Section 4.

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

Section 5.

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

Section 6.

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

Section 7.

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

Revision and instituted amendments of the USS NEW JERSEY BB -62 Veterans Incorporated,
By-Laws.

Revision: Article III added No.3, Article V Section 1 added No 3, Article VI Section 1.,

Dated-_____

Submitted: Board of Directors USS New Jersey Veterans. Inc.

Approved: By General Membership, USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

Instituted:_____



Ship Update

SHIP UPDATE INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED BY CLARK PERKS, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND RYAN SZIMANSKI, CURATOR OF THE USS NEW JERSEY BATTLESHIP MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL.

The Museum is replacing 53,000 sq. ft. of the teak deck, a project estimated at \$8 million. The teak on the aft 03 Level was replaced in the fall of 2017. The steel deck underneath had rusted through and new steel was welded in place before the new teak was placed down. Right now the Museum is replacing rusted steel on 03 amidships.

The ship's boiler and engine rooms are now being prepared for a new tour route at a cost of \$500,000. All the environmental work is complete. Painting has begun and the design for the safety lighting and exit signage has been created. The Museum is waiting for approval from the State of New Jersey for the safety plan.

The ship also recently obtained for display a Quadruple 40mm Bofors anti-aircraft gun and three 16" gun barrels used on the ship during World War II and the Korean War. The ship's twenty Quad 40s were removed when she was recommissioned for Vietnam and only one still remains. It returned to the ship fully restored and functional in November and was officially fired for the first time on the 75th anniversary of the ship's commissioning on December 7, 2017.

The three gun barrels - each 120 tons and 68 feet long - were removed in 1954. The Battleship worked for years to obtain them from storage in Virginia and keep them from being cut up for scrap. The gun barrels were returned to the ship in January. The ship raised \$130,00 for the transporting and restoring these barrels and the Quad 40.

In May the Battleship obtained an Oerlikon 20mm cannon, meaning the Battleship now has on display all of the antiaircraft defenses used on board during World War II.



One of the 16" gun barrels after restoration at the Philadelphia Navy Yard where the ship was built. Another barrel is on display at the Battleship and the third barrel is on display in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. March 5, 2018



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City Views



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Victory Belles Luncheon



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Saturday Dinner/Dance



**Guest Speaker
Roy Cash, Captain USN Retired**



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Saturday Dinner/Dance



THE 2018 USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS' REUNION

Group Photos (Photography by Kerry Pitre)

World War II Era



THE 2018 USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS' REUNION

Group Photos (Photography by Kerry Pitre)

Korean War Era



THE 2018 USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS' REUNION

Group Photos (Photography by Kerry Pitre)

Vietnam War Era



THE 2018 USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS' REUNION

Group Photos (Photography by Kerry Pitre)

80's Era



2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lauren Valdez, San Antonio, TX



Lauren is the daughter of Courtney and Reynaldo Valdez and the granddaughter of shipmate Ernest Dalton. (Korea, C Division) Lauren graduated this past spring from John Paul Stevens High School. She graduated as a member of the National Honor Society and the Thespian Honor Society. At the time when she applied for this scholarship, she was 38th in her class of 623, and had a 95.40 GPA. She made the Varsity Dance Team as a freshman, and as the LT. Colonel during her senior year, she led the dance team to win a State and National title at two major dance competitions. Lauren was very active in theater at her high school and was casted as the lead in two major productions. During high school, Lauren has volunteered at two local elementary schools, the Blue Santa Toy Drive, and the local food bank. Lauren is now attending Texas A&M at Corpus Christi. She will be majoring in theater

Megan Rhodes, Nazareth, PA



Megan is the daughter of Sheryl and Kevin Rhodes and the granddaughter of shipmate Lee Stem. (Korea, 1st Division). Lauren graduated this past spring from Nazareth Area High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society in her junior and senior years. She was an honor and high honor roll student throughout high school. Megan won the English Department Award of Excellence as a senior. In high school she was a member of the Library Advisory Board, the Spring reading Challenge, The Red Cross Club, an Executive Board member of the Recycling Club and the mascot performer. At the time when she applied for this scholarship, she was 64th in her class of 382, and had a 93.568 GPA. During high school, Megan is a dancer and volunteers as a teacher's assistant at the dance studio she attends. She helps with teaching younger dancers, ages 3-10. Megan is now attending George Washington University in Washington, DC.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Michael Berwanger, Stratham, NH



Mike is the son of Colette Bean and Joe Berwanger, and the grandson of shipmate Bob Dingman (Vietnam, E Division). Mike graduated this past spring from Exeter High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Presidential Education Award 2018. At the time when he applied for this scholarship, he had a 3.55 GPA. Mike played alto and baritone saxophone in both the Marching and Concert bands. He was a member of both Soccer team and the Track & Field team during high school. Mike has been an active boy scouting for many years and recently received his Eagle Scout designation. Through scouting he has been active in many community service and leadership projects Mike is also an avid sailor. He started sailing in 2013 and is currently an active regatta racer. He was a member of the University of New Hampshire Youth Sailing Team. Michael is currently attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. He will be majoring in chemical engineering.

SHIPS STORE MERCHANDISE

The complete Ships Store inventory can be viewed on the web site, WWW.ussnewjersey.org





USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Rudolph Basha	M	Korea	Rotterdam, NY
Walter Berkemeyer	Rad Com	WWII	Phoenix, AZ
Richard Britton	R	Korea	Wooster, OH
John Burd	Unknown	Korea	Harrisburg, PA
Richard Buse		Assoc Member	Waxahachie, TX
Rene Coulemam	Adm Staff	WWII	Lusby, MD
Mary Cunningham		Assoc Member	St Marys, PA
Edward De Pozo	M Arms	Korea	Henderson, NV
Richard Demint	E	Vietnam	Sherrard, IL
Emma Jo Dotson		Assoc Member	West Union, WV
Thomas Dzurko	E	Vietnam	Richmond, VA
Mae Feedback		Assoc Member	Sylvania, OH
Samuel Flener	R	Korea	Central City, KY
Eddie Gross	S	Vietnam	San Diego, CA
Jason Hall	Curator	BB62 Museum	West Deptford, NJ
Ernest Hanyecz	G-3	80'S	Unknown
Fred Hennighausen	L	WWII	Tulsa, OK



USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing (Continued)

Raymond Howard	S-4	Korea	San Antonio, TX
James Kearns	4 th	Korea	Lutz, FL
Richard Knight	S-3	Vietnam	Sauquoit, NY
Leonard Kroupa	E	Korea	Cedar Rapids, IA
Joseph Kuzelka		Korea	York, NE
Boyd Long	S-2	Korea	Bucyrus, OH
Forrest Lorimer	E	Vietnam	Langsing, MI
Raymond Lyles	C	Korea	Ft Myers, FL
Richard Milligan	Ships Captain	80's	Chesapeake, VA
Leon Morris	E	Vietnam	Charlottesville, VA
Robert Pedersen	S	WWII	Marionville, MO
Edward Peregrin	5 th	WWII	Divernon, IL
Jerry Stewart		80's	Liberty, SC
Paul Stoutemyer	N	Korea	Mt. Gilead, OH
Edward Sulma	8 th & SS	WWII	Chicago, IL
Joseph Thompson		WWII	Glen Mills, PA
Paul Tomisman	A	Vietnam	Elmira, NY
John Joseph Vertako	OE	Vietnam	Blue Springs, MO
Robert Westcott	CR	WWII	Brideton, NJ



USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Douglas Bates	5 th	80's	Russellville, AR
Daniel R. Boggs	G-1	80's	South Webster, OH
Siegfred Gates	Unknown	80's	Stafford, VA
Charles Griffin	6 th	80's	Westminster, CO
Lyle Kuckkan	A	Vietnam	Harshan, WI
James Liberty	3 rd	Vietnam	Auburn, ME
Charles Orr	G	Vietnam	Escondido, CA
A Timothy Pause	B	Vietnam	Delevan, NY
Joseph Pittman	R	Vietnam	North Chicago, IL
Gary Rickert	OE	Vietnam	La Mirada, CA
William K Scarborough	7 th	Korea	Hattiesburg, MS
Walter Stubbs	S-5	Vietnam	Ilion, NY
James M Tucker	G-3	80's	Waianae, HI
Peter Vande Walle	S-2	80's	North Fort Myers, FL

USS New Jersey (SSN 796)



The USS Washington, sister ship to the New Jersey, and the 14th Virginia-class submarine to be built. (U.S. Navy | Courtesy of Huntington Ingalls Industries)

The US Navy has christened its new Virginia-class attack submarine as USS New Jersey (SSN 796), in honor of the long-standing history its namesake state has had with the navy. To date, three naval ships have been named New Jersey, including a battleship commissioned in 1906, and another commissioned in 1943. The ship is currently expected to be commissioned in late 2021.

Class	Virginia-class submarine
Displacement:	7,800 tons
Length:	377 ft (115 m)
Beam:	34 ft (10.4 m)
Draft:	32 ft (9.8 m)
Propulsion:	S9G reactor, auxiliary diesel engine
Speed:	25 knots (46 km/h)
Endurance:	Can remain submerged for up to 3 months
Test depth:	Greater than 800 ft (244 m)
Complement:	15 officers, 120 enlisted men
Armament:	12 x VLS tubes for BGM-109 Tomahawk 4 x 21-inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes for Mk-48 torpedoes