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VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



Recognizes

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

as a

Commemorative Partner

Awarded in recognition of your willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam War Veterans, their families, and those who served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. Done this 28TH day of SEPTEMBER 2021.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF



*A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors
Our Vietnam War Veterans for Their
Service, Valor & Sacrifice*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings to all,

The San Diego reunion ended with the banquet on Saturday, September 21, 2019. That night, and the following morning, we said "...goodbye, see you next year" to our friends and returned home. Who would image that it would be 740 days before we would have the opportunity to get together again. Yes, 2 years and 10 days! Thank you Covid.

Fast forward to September 29, 2021. If you were in Oklahoma City between that date and October 3rd, you saw your buddies again and it seemed like it had been just a few months since you last saw them. Oklahoma City proved to be a great venue for a reunion. The city was clean and the people friendly. Our location at the Sheraton OKC Downtown proved the advantages of being located in an area of a city where there's plenty of restaurants, attractions, and entertainment. This may not be typical for all cities, but it sure worked in OKC. If you didn't attend, you missed out on a great reunion. Now that OKC is in the books, we'll continue with the work that needs to be done for 2022 in Cherry Hill, NJ and begin planning for the 2023 reunion. At the annual meeting, those in attendance chose Charleston, SC for 2023. I've never been there, but I'm sure many of you were there during your navy days and since then.

The election of officers took place this year. New board members are Membership Chairman - Chuck Oehme (Vietnam), Reunion Chairman - Dave Wasmer (Vietnam), Veterans' Affairs Adviser - Joe DiMaria (Vietnam), Seating Coordinator - Marvin Williams (1980's), WWII Era Rep - Paul Robbins, Korean War Rep - Ernie Dalton, Vietnam Era Rep - Tom Gallucci. 1980's Era Rep - Mike Murphy, and Marine Detachment Rep - Michael Goins. At the meeting, Tim Flynn was elected as Vice President after two ballots (the first being a dead heat/tie), but after the reunion it was discovered, that Tim had failed to pay his dues since 2019 and therefore was not an eligible candidate based upon the Bylaws. As a result, Leon Tucker was declared re-elected. Tim understood his error and is determined that it won't happen again. Unfortunately, many members forget to make their dues payment each year. The only thing I can suggest is to mail in your dues as soon as you receive your invoice. Congratulations to all the new board members and thank you to all the incumbents who were re-elected. We will be looking for a new person to take over the small store from Mike after the 2022 reunion. Mike will be resigning from the position in 2022. He's done a great job of getting the store in good shape and well organized. Let me know if you might be interested. (On a personal note - I will not be running for re-election in

2024, so if you'd like to know more about the duties of the President, see me at the one of the next two reunions and I'll give you the rundown.)

Once again, I close with letting you know that our membership is still not enjoying an upward movement. We had 483 members as of October 2nd. More of our WWII and Korea veterans pass away each year and aren't being replaced by new members. We can only hope that someday more of the 1980's crew will join and become involved in the operation of the organization. The ones that have joined and attend the reunions are having a good time and need to encourage others to attend.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Bob Dingman, President

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



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings Jerseymen,

It was a wonderful experience driving from New Jersey to Oklahoma City! My wife and I made numerous stops to purchase souvenirs from places visited.

Meeting and greeting the comrades' made this journey more joyful. As the reunion grew the excitement of places and things to see increased the enjoyment of being there. The city tour is very memorable, and the history is quite interesting!

On our memorable service, I would like to apologize on how I felt in the reading of our fallen member and associates. Being a resident of New Jersey, I take a back step to all those who served on the Big J, who came from all parts of this great nation. What increased my grief is the knowledge and reading the names of those wonderful people. I listened earnestly to their stories of being on board the battleship. Beyond it all, the Battleship New Jersey was the centerpiece of their legacy. They will be missed.

The board of election at the general meeting had a strange turn. It felt like a hard pill to swallow. In fairness, I offered to concede not because I didn't want the position - I just wanted to give a fellow member a chance.

The banquet was wonderful and enjoyable. Highlights of the reunion in Oklahoma City will forever be etched in our memories! Stay healthy everyone and be safe.

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

Fraternally,

Leon Tucker Jr. GMG1(SW)

G1 Division 87-90

SECRETARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello shipmates.

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. My wife Sheila and I really had a wonderful time in Oklahoma City this year. We had a very good turn out and it was great to be around good friends and shipmates once again. It has been 2 years since last reunion and that has felt like even longer when you are used to seeing these wonderful people every year. You will find the minutes in this Bounce from our business meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you may have any questions. We will be back at the ship next year. Reunion dates are August 3-7, 2022. We will be staying at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill. Please contact shipmates from your era and try to get them to come to next year's reunion. This is really a good thing and very enjoyable. It is really sad each year at the Memorial Service to hear the taps list. The list is getting longer for our passed shipmates and our membership is getting shorter. We cannot help with the passing of shipmates, but we can increase our membership. Currently we have 483 members at 2019 reunion we had 587. With what is going on in this country these days, these reunions are very positive. Let's keep this history going and it can be done. I do realize there may be those who really don't care but there are those who do and procrastinate. Until next time "Fair Winds and Following Seas.



Hope to see you back at the ship next year.

Danny Fielder/MM3 Lebanon, Secretary

SHIP'S STORE ADVISOR'S REPORT



Greetings:

Made the trip to Oklahoma City with a lot of inventory. After setting up the Ship's Store on Tuesday, my assistants, Larry Ruble and Mary Porter and I were kept very busy for the next several days.

It was great to see and visit with all our shipmates.

Sales were great and we are all excited to be going back to the ship next August. We will be restocking the store for that Reunion.

We still have some great deals and prices on small and medium size clothing items plus great deals on our remaining regular and hooded sweatshirts. Please message me for sizes and colors.

The store can be reached at:

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Thanks, and we will see everyone in Cherry Hill.

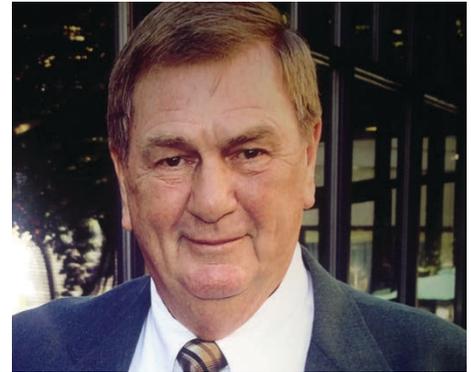
Mike Schappaugh – Ship's Store Advisor



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

It has been my pleasure and an honor to serve as your membership chairman / director for the last 9 years. It's time for me to step down. This job has been very rewarding because of all the calls I got from you asking about varied things. We would talk about the time on our ship and our jobs there. It was always great to talk with a Jersey Vet no matter what era they were in. Our ship was the best and our sailors were the best and I loved my job of helping all of you anytime I could!! The best of luck to whoever is elected to my job at this reunion. I'm sure you will be rewarded as I have been!



Bob and Mike are coming up with ideas to attract new members, but there are not many of us Battleship sailors left. We are getting fewer with each passing year. If you know of anyone, please urge them to join.

Next year when I walk down that pier to our ship, tears will be in my eyes as I'm sure they will be in yours as well. It will be great to be back home again!! I want to take this time to thank each of you for your service to our country!!

Sincerely,

Garry Blaylock - Membership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN-ELECT'S REPORT

Shipmates,

I'd like to thank Garry Blaylock for the nine years he served as Membership Chairman. He did a great job with the help of his wife Louise. Ever notice the amount of support our members get from their wives? I tip my hat to all you ladies. Thanks for all you do.

Garry and I have been on the phone a lot in the last couple of weeks as he has been transitioning his job over to me. More to it than I had originally thought. Thanks Garry.



Our 2022 reunion is going to take place back at the ship. It will be a little extra special because a lot has taken place since 2016, thanks to the past Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial Chairman, our own EM3 Steve Sheehan 67-69, and the crew in Camden, they have gotten our ship some new teakwood decking and improved the interior spaces.

For those of you who have never attended one of our reunions at the ship, I'll let you in on a little secret, you will be able to go to spaces that the public doesn't get to visit. I got to go to spaces that I never went into the whole two years I was on New Jersey. You will have to sign a waiver to visit these spaces. The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial staff really rolls out the red carpet for us.

Have you ever wondered what happened to your shipmates and best friends that you haven't seen or talked to in more than thirty years? You know, the ones you relieved on the midwatch, passed stores and bullets to during a highline or vertrep replenishment. How about the ones that you visited all the shrines, cathedrals, museums, and restaurants with while on liberty.

If each of one of you old salts email to me two or more names of shipmates that you would love to sit down and have a beer with at the reunion, our crack research team will try to get them in touch with you. Having said that, if you think you could be of help locating our old shipmates, please email me.

Be well, and I'll see you at the reunion,

Chuck Oehme - Membership Chairman-Elect
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TREASURER'S REPORT



We had a wonderful Reunion in Oklahoma City. Good turnout and a great tour of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Financially the organization remain well capitalized and sound. After paying all the Reunion expenses and depositing funds received, we ended September with \$40,845 in our bank and PayPal accounts, which was \$845 more than last year's ending balance. We still have additional revenue coming in from membership renewals as well as additional expenses for this edition of the Bounce among other anticipated transactions but again we are financially in good shape. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the ship next year.

Phil Tasker - Treasurer

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

2021 Reunion 50/50 Winners

First Place: \$663.60

**Allan Frank
Gwynn Oak, MD**

Second Place: \$497.70

**Richard Malkovich
Milwaukee, WI**

Third Place: \$331.80

**John Rudderow
Pennsauken, NJ**

Fourth Place: \$165.90

**Harry Cullen
Massena, NY**

REUNION COORDINATOR ELECT REPORT



Hello Shipmates

I am Dave Wasmer your new Reunion Coordinator/Director. I was born and raised in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, along the Lake Michigan lakeshore half-way between Green Bay and Milwaukee.

In December 1963, I joined the Navy Reserve while attending Kiel High School. I graduated in 1964 and was discharged from the Navy Reserve January 31, 1965 and enlisted in the regular Navy on February 1, 1965 for 4 years. I attended IC-A school at Great Lakes in Illinois.

After A school, I was assigned to my first ship, the USS Savage, a Destroyer Escort, home port was Pearl Harbor and duty station was off the coast of Vietnam. I served aboard the USS Savage until the opportunity came along to serve aboard the USS New Jersey. I extended my enlistment for the opportunity to get on board the USS New Jersey, which I did without hesitation.

After separation from the Navy, I re-enlisted in the Navy Reserves for several years while working for Kohler Company. After 11 years at Kohler Company, I started an Electrical Contractor business which my wife and I owned for 7 years. I went on to work for a local machine company where I designed and patented floating fountains and aerators for lakes and ponds.

I want to thank you for your support. I will do my best to do a good job as Reunion Coordinator working closely with the President and all other directors/officers.

Dave Wasmer - Reunion Coordinator - Elect

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT



Shipmates,

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

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

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

Sadly, we also need to know if any member or crew member has passed away, please let us know. Finally, next year we will be back to the ship, please try to attend and see what going on with our organization and our great ship, both need your support to keep going!

Stay well,

Bob Williams, Liaison Officer/Web Master

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SEATING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Greetings,

The 34th annual reunion held in Oklahoma City was a huge success despite the small but understandable turnout. The Sheraton Downtown's staff provided excellent service and flexibility in meeting all our needs.

Our next reunion will be held onboard the ship which will allow us to recall long forgotten memories and many sea stories to share with your shipmates, if you're not there the stories may be about you. I expect to see many more of you there than this year. I am here to meet all of your seating requests just remember to talk all of your shipboard buddies into coming to the reunion.



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

Minutes USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

Business Meeting Saturday 10/2/21 9:00 am.
Sheraton Hotel Oklahoma City, Ok.

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 Schauppauh
Web Master - Bob Williams
Master At Arms - Ray Kehoe

Meeting Opening and Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Dingman

Opening Prayer: Danny Fielder

Reading of past minutes was dispensed with since they had been included in the 2019 Fall issue of the Bounce. Motion by Ray Kehoe to accept, 2nd by Tim Flynn motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Phil Tasker reported as of August 31, 2021, total cash funds in account is \$41898.82, of which \$36,148.32 are available funds and \$5,750.50 are restricted funds. More detailed report can be found in 2021 Financials Summary. Motion to accept by Joe Cusumono seconded by Steve Sheehan. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Garry Blaylock reported that we currently have 483 members down from 587 in 2019. Garry pointed out that 8 years ago there were over 800 members. Membership is declining rapidly; however, we are starting to get more response from the 80's era. Some general discussion on how to get membership back up. Motion to accept by Steve Sheehan seconded by Ralph Millemon. Motion carried.

Editors Report: Phil Tasker reported all is going well with the Bounce. Approximately \$3,500.00 is spent on the Bounce annually. Motion to accept Joe Cusumono with 2nd by Steve Sheehan. Motion carried.

VA Report: Ralph Millemon reported that there was a VA recall on CPAP machines Johnson & Johnson as well as another that he could not remember the manufacture of. General comments on this topic. Ralph also mentioned that the VA is adding Parkinson's to list of qualifying diseases. Joe DiMaria made comments on Agent Orange and that they have found out that it can lead to Prostrate Cancer as well as Bladder issues. General discussion on this topic. Garry Blaylock also brought up that Agent Orange can also lead to Hemochromatosis which is elevated iron in the human body. General discussion overall on the above listed diseases. It was also pointed out that when making claims with the VA provide as much information as possible. Make sure name and

ID # are on every page. Motion to accept by Steve Sheehan seconded by Marvin Williams. Motion carried.

Small Stores: Mike Schauppaugh reported all is going good with store. Stores has done well at this reunion. Mike plans on stepping down after 2022 reunion. Motion to accept Ralph Millemon second by Joe DiMaria. Motion carried.

Reunion 2022 Bob Dingman: Back to ship next year, Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill. The dates will be August 3-7 2022. Friday will be the Memorial Service other details have not been finalized yet. General discussion.

Old Business: President Bob Dingman mentioned that there are no provisions in the By-Laws on cancelling any reunion, however since we are incorporated in the state of New York, there state Executive orders cover this. There will be changes in By-Laws. Motion to accept Joe DiMaria second by Steve Sheehan. Motion carried.

New Business:

Scholarship Recipients for 2021:

Gave out 3 scholarships this year.

Kayla Cusumono, Woodbridge, Va. Daughter of Cherry & Michael Cusumono and granddaughter of shipmate Joe Cusumono (Vietnam) and wife Carrol Martin Korbini III, Reston, Va. Son of Patricia DiMaria and grandson of Shipmate Joe DiMaria (Vietnam) William Thornton, Crystal Springs, Ms. Son of Warren and Rebecca Thornton and Grandson of shipmate Danny Fielder (80's) and wife Sheila. Bob also mentioned that the scholarship application is out of date and will be revised.

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

2023 reunion location. There were 3 suggested locations, asked for any other suggestions there were none. Voting as follows:

Charleston, SC.	22
Nashville, Tn.	9
Kansas City, Missouri	4

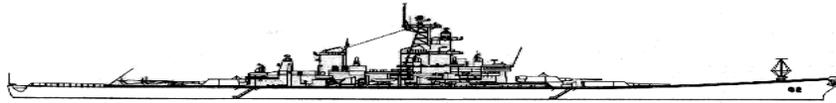
2023 reunion will be held in Charleston, SC.

This concludes the 2021 business meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Sheehan and second by Joe DiMaria, meeting adjourned.

Recorded Minutes

Danny Fielder: Secretary USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Election of Officers

The USS New Jersey Veterans held an election of officers at the reunion in Oklahoma City at the general membership meeting on October 2, 2021. Set forth below are the officers elected at that meeting. They will serve until December 31, 2024, following the next election of officers to be held in conjunction with the reunion held in 2024 when we again visit the ship.

President / Director	Bob Dingman
Vice President / Director	Leon Tucker, Jr
Secretary / Director	Danny Fielder
Treasurer / Director	Phil Tasker
Membership Chair / Director	Chuck Oehme
Liaison Officer / Director	Bob Williams
Reunion Coordinator / Director	Dave Wasmer
Master at Arms / Advisor	Ray Kehoe
Small Stores / Advisor	Mike Schappaugh
Web Master / Advisor	Bob Williams
Newsletter Editors / Advisor	Phil Tasker
Veterans' Affairs / Advisor	Joe Dimaria
Seating Coordinator / Advisor	Marvin Williams
WWII Era / Advisor	Paul Robbins
Korean Era Rep / Advisor	Ernie Dalton
Vietnam Era Rep / Advisor	Tom Gallucci
1980's Era Rep / Advisor	Mike Murphy
Marine Detachment Rep / Advisor	Michael Goins

Several Changes to the By-Laws were approved at the Membership Meeting held October 2, 2021. Set forth below are the complete current approved By-Laws of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

BYLAWS OF THE USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC.

ARTICLE I - OFFICES:

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:

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

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:

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

ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL MEETINGS:

Section 1: Reunion

- 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. Voting members shall nominate sites for the annual reunion at the Annual Meeting. From the list of nominated sites, a final site shall be selected by a majority vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting. A reunion shall be held at least once every four years, in the area where the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial is moored. If there is more than one nomination for a reunion site, the membership in attendance shall vote and select the site. If for some reason the site cannot be selected at the Annual Meeting, then the Board of Directors is authorized to select the site. The President shall announce the selection of the site in an upcoming corporate newsletter before the next Annual Meeting. Site selections shall be made a minimum of two years in advance.
- b. A non-refundable reunion registration fee for attending the Annual Meeting may be fixed by the Board of Directors. This fee shall be per registered member, associate member and guests, levied in addition to the usual Annual Meeting charges.
- c. If, after thorough investigation and negotiations by the reunion coordinator, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, it is found that there is not a suitable hotel available in the immediate area of the site selected for the reunion, the site shall be changed to one that is in the same general geographical area as the original selected site.
- d. A memorial service shall take place at each annual reunion to honor all former USS New Jersey crewmembers, sailors and Marines, who have passed away since the previous annual reunion. All veterans who served on the USS New Jersey, whether current organization members, or not, shall be honored at the annual memorial service.
- e. The annual reunion shall be permitted to be canceled due to national emergency, severe weather, or for other reasons that are determined to be of a serious nature by the Board of Directors. The cancellation of the annual reunion shall require a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors. The membership shall be notified of the cancellation of the annual reunion via a letter from the President. The cancellation letter shall be posted on the organization website, social media sites and emailed to all members. Members without email shall receive a letter via US Mail.
- f. A cancelled annual reunion may be rescheduled, if recommended and approved by the Board of Directors. If rescheduled for the same location (City), new dates shall be selected by the Reunion Chairman.

Section 2: Annual meeting of the Corporation

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

- e. All Annual Meetings, Special Meetings, and all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be governed by these bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation, and by Robert's Rules of Order, in cases not covered by these bylaws.
- f. All meetings of the corporation may be held using video conferencing, or any other audio-visual means, if necessary.

Section 3: Order of Business

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

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

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS:

Section 1: Term of office and composition

- a. Term of office: Directors and Advisors shall serve for a period of four (4) years. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting in years divisible by 4. (i.e., 2004, 2008, etc.)
- b. The Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board, shall consist of seven (7) directors and not more than ten (10) advisors plus past presidents who have successfully completed their term. New officers will take office on January 1st following the election.
- c. Election of Officers: Nominations may be by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and/or from the floor. Self-nomination shall be permitted.
- d. Voting for election of officers shall be by show of hands. If necessary, or requested, a paper ballot may be used.
- e. If the election of Officers is scheduled for an annual meeting which has been cancelled, the elections shall be held at the next scheduled annual meeting. The current Directors and Advisors of the Corporation shall remain in office until the next election. If an Officer or Advisor does not wish to extend their time in office, they shall resign in writing. The Board of Directors shall select a replacement for that office. The replacement shall serve in the position until the next election, as noted in Article VI, Section 3.c

Section 2: Executive Committee

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

Section 3: Voting rights of the Board of Directors

Only the Directors shall have voting rights at Board meetings.

ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS, ADVISORS, AND APPOINTEES:

Section 1: List of Directors and Advisors

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

President-Director	Vice President-Director	Secretary-Director
Treasurer-Director	Membership Chairman-Director	Reunion Coordinator - Director
	Liaison Officer-Director	
Master-at-Arms-Advisor	Storekeeper-Advisor	Newsletter Editor-Advisor
Liaison Officer-Director	Veterans Affairs-Advisor	WWII Era Rep.-Advisor
Korea Era Rep.-Advisor	Vietnam Era Rep.-Advisor	Lebanon/Persian Gulf Era -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 Chaplain(s)

Section 3: Powers:

- a. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, or Bylaws, the powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors, which may, however, delegate the performance of any duties or the exercise of any powers to such Directors, Advisors and committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, designate.
- b. No contracts or financial business involving this organization shall be conducted by individual members without approval of the Board of Directors, or to the extent allowed by these Bylaws.
- c. Replacement of Director, Advisor or Appointee:
 - 1) Whenever a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, (Directors, Advisors or Appointees), by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a new Director, Advisor or Appointee by the Board of Directors, until such time as the next Annual Meeting for a majority vote of approval. Any Board Member may hold two positions when there is a vacancy on the Board, but he shall have only one vote.
 - 2) Any Director, Advisor or Appointee may be removed, with or without cause, by the majority vote of the Members of the Board of Directors.
 - 3) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors or Officers shall hold office for then unexpired term of his predecessor in office, subject to the power of removal stated above.
- c. Quorum:
 - 1) A majority of the Board of Directors, present at any meeting of the Board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

d. Manner of Acting:

- 1) 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.

e. Compensation :

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

f. Audio-Visual conference meetings:

- 1) Any or all Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board, or a Committee of the Board, by means of video conferencing, or any other audio-visual means, so long as all members in the meeting are able to hear or hear and see each other.

e. Action without meeting:

- 1) 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.

f. Liability of Directors:

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

Section 4: Board Members - Directors:

a. PRESIDENT: Director

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

b. VICE PRESIDENT: Director

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

c. SECRETARY: Director

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

d. TREASURER: Director

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

e. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Director

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

f. LIAISON OFFICER: Director

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

g. REUNION COORDINATOR: Director

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

Section 5. Board Members - Advisors

a. WEBMASTER: Advisor:

- 1) Maintains the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. website, ussnewjersey.org, and the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. Facebook page for the Corporation.
- 2) Upgrade the website and Facebook page, as needed.
- 3) Maintains the website on-line e-mail roster and concurrent roster of active & inactive members.
- 4) Forwards all changes & additions to e-mail roster to Liaison Officer.
- 5) Monitors and edits the website Deck Log and Facebook page on regular basis. Delete all negative, slanderous, derogatory or political viewpoints and comments may be deemed offensive, without express permission of the Executive Board.
- 6) Adds relevant photos, notices, etc. when they become available to the website and Facebook page.
- 7) Answer questions submitted through website or forward said question to Board of Directors for pertinent response, if warranted.
- 8) Notifies Treasurer of the amount and when to pay any URL, hosting or website charges.

b. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Advisor;

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

- 6) The name of the corporate newsletter shall be "The Jersey Bounce".
- c. STOREKEEPER (SMALL STORES): Advisor;
 - 1) The storekeeper shall perform his duties in accordance with Article XIII – Ship's Store.
- d. VETERANS 'AFFAIRS: Advisor;
 - 1) Shall be a member having knowledge of Veterans 'Affairs pertaining to the medical and clerical aspects of veterans 'benefits via the Veterans 'Administration, such as Military Burials, Medals and Awards, Military Records etc.
 - 2) Shall keep an updated directory of related names, phone numbers, addresses, fax numbers, and email addresses and access to publications for the benefit of the membership pertaining to Veterans ' Affairs.
- e. MARINE CORPS. REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor;
 - 1) Shall be a former U.S. Marine Corp Detachment crewmember, keeping a separate roster of all U.S. Marine Detachment personnel, relaying any and all matters related to the U.S. Marine Detachment of the Corporation.
- f. ERA REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor;

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

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

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

b. CHAPLAIN(S): Appointee

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

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

- 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 CHAIRS:

Section 1.

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

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 all matters for the Corporation during the year, with consideration for the General Membership to approve or disapprove changes to rules or bylaws on approval by attending membership at the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX - DUES;

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

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

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 Board of Directors and as approved and adopted by majority vote of members attending its Annual Meeting. Voluntary contributions may be accepted by the Corporation to accomplish the purpose of any approved memorial program.

ARTICLE XII - COMMITTEES;

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

Committees shall be of two (2) types:

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

Section 3.

1. Special Purpose Committees and their duties:

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

all information required. The Committee shall evaluate each applicant on a fair and equal basis. Following the evaluation of the applicants, the Committee shall submit the names of those applicants it recommends for one of the scholarships currently offered by the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

2. Standing Committees and their duties:

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

ARTICLE XIII - SHIP'S STORE;

Section 1.

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

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

Section 2.

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

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

Section 1.

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

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS;

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

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

Section 4.

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

Section 5.

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

Section 6.

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

Section 7.

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

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

Revision: 2021-1
Dated- 02 October 2021
Submitted: Board of Directors USS New Jersey Veterans. Inc.
Approved: By General Membership, USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Instituted: 03 October 2021

Date, 21 September 2019, Robert F. Dingman, President (Rev 2019-1)

Date, 02 October 2021, Robert F. Dingman, President (Rev 2021-1).

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State of the Museum Report

It was so good to see many of you in Oklahoma City at the beginning of October and to meet many of you for the first time. For those of you I got to meet this report will be extremely similar to the presentation I made at the banquet, for those of you who weren't there I hope to see you on board the ship in a year for the next crew reunion.

First the big news, Phil Rowan retired at the end of June and was replaced by long time marketing and events director Jack Willard. Phil has been the longest serving executive director in the museum's history. He leaves behind a legacy of financial savviness which saw our young organization weather not one but two financial crises while simultaneously laying the groundwork for major restoration projects like repainting the hull, lengthening the tour route, and beginning the long overdue redecking project. Jack has been a director at the museum for 20 years and was the natural choice to be Phil's replacement both because of his vast experience and the high regard his coworkers hold him in.

Speaking of the redecking that project has only picked up speed since Jack took the helm. Half of the fantail is already done, and the other half will be finished before the end of the year. Work has also been done on the 0-1 level forward. The common thread linking these two disparate sections of deck together is their economic value. Both are rented out as event spaces and the half-finished fantail has already started to provide a return on investment. It served as the dance floor for six proms this spring while indoor venues were closed and has been used by multiple other events since. This project is by far the most cost intensive one we are working on and will cost somewhere between \$3-5 million before we are finished. Fortunately, we have over \$1 million in grants to continue the work in 2022 regardless of the financial situation of the rest of the world. We still have a long way to go to meet our final fundraising goals, but the work is not slowing down.

While work on the deck is funded for another year the rest of the museum is still slowly recovering from the effects of the pandemic. In 2020 the museum saw only 20% of the normal self-guided visitation we were expecting, a fraction of event rentals, and nearly no guided tours, or overnights. We lost around \$3 million all told and most staff, including the executive director, were laid off at some point or another. At this point everyone is back at work however the numbers are only marginally better. Although we have entered the slow season post Labor Day, we are still expecting to be around 80% of normal self-guided visitation in 2021. Events are also doing well for us with recent Beer and Cigar festivals hosted on board the ship drawing large crowds. Guided tours and encampments continue to be fractional compared to pre-pandemic numbers.

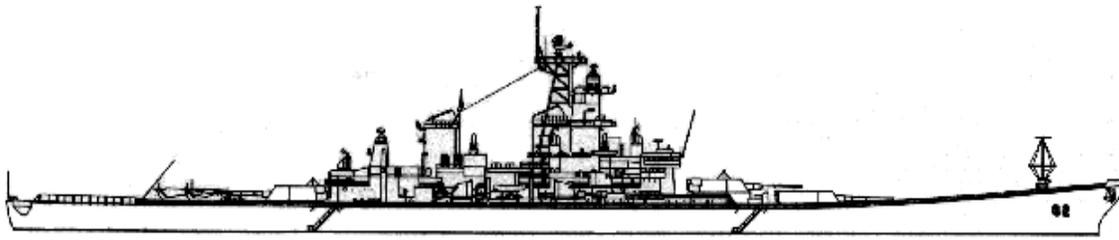


State of the Museum Report

If there is one trait the folks who work on this ship have always had, we are all scrappy. We have found new revenue streams to keep the ship alive over the last year. The YouTube channel has been a big one and is expected to gross \$100,000 by the end of the year. Only 2% of the \$5 million the ship needs in any given year but infinitely more than we have ever made off social media in the past. Also, the channel won Naval History and Heritage Command's inaugural award and museum staff were on battleship *Alabama* in September to receive the plaque and pennant. If you aren't watching yet be sure to check out [YouTube.com/BattleshipNewJersey](https://www.youtube.com/BattleshipNewJersey). Another new revenue stream has been firing the ship's guns. On Saturday's guests can pay an extra \$50 to fire the saluting gun or \$500 to fire a 5"/38. A final stream of new revenue is our \$500 Behind-the-Scenes Tours which have long been offered but between the publicity the ship has gotten lately, people's desire to get out of the house, and the millennial fascination for premium experiences we have been giving so many of these tours we had to increase the price because we didn't have enough curatorial staff to meet the demands.

We will come out of this pandemic stronger than ever. Thanks to successful social media campaigns more people than ever will recognize our brand and your history and service. Thanks to successful fundraising the ship's material condition will be better than it was going into the pandemic. And thanks to successful leadership we will be ready to meet whatever challenges the future may bring. I hope to see you all in person next year on board for the 2022 USS New Jersey Crew Reunion.

Ryan Szimanski
Director of Curatorial and Educational Affairs
Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

35th ANNUAL REUNION

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

WHEN: August 3 - 7, 2022

RESERVATIONS: 1-888-233-9527 (Crowne Plaza Reservations, 7AM-11PM EDT)
1-856-665-6666 (Hotel Direct)
For group rate mention the: **USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS**
Online reservations can be made at the booking Website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50239783>

To modify your existing reservations, call 1-888-233-9534.

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

Handicapped rooms are available upon request.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

USS New Jersey Veterans Inc

34th Annual Reunion #2



**Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Tour



National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Tour



United States of America Vietnam War 50th Commemoration

A Little History on the awarding of the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin and Certificate of Appreciation at our 2021 Reunion in Oklahoma City. In 2008, congress authorized the Department of Defense (DOD) to establish the “United States of America Vietnam War 50th Commemoration” to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

In 2012, the Commemorative Partner Program was established. This program allows Federal, State and local organizations to assist in thanking and honoring Vietnam Veterans in the communities where they live. This summer the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. signed on with the DOD as a Commemorative Partner. (Please see page 2, inside the front cover).

On Friday, October 1, 2021, we held our first group event to honor our USS New Jersey Vietnam era Veterans. To organize our ceremony, Bob Dingman asked me to head up our committee. Bob and I have both already received the lapel pins. I received mine from my Congressman this summer at a large ceremony in California. A lapel pin was presented to each of the approximately 175 Veterans at that ceremony. Bob received his lapel Pin in a one-on-one ceremony a couple years ago. Both of us appreciated the awarding of the Lapel Pin.

Our Ceremony was a success. Each recognized Vietnam Veteran in addition to receiving a Lapel Pin, received an Envelope with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by our Chairman and Committee Member, listing his name, Family member tin pin, 50th anniversary Vietnam War tin pin, Join The Nation tin pin, I served bumper sticker, We Heart bumper sticker, Thank and Honor window sticker.

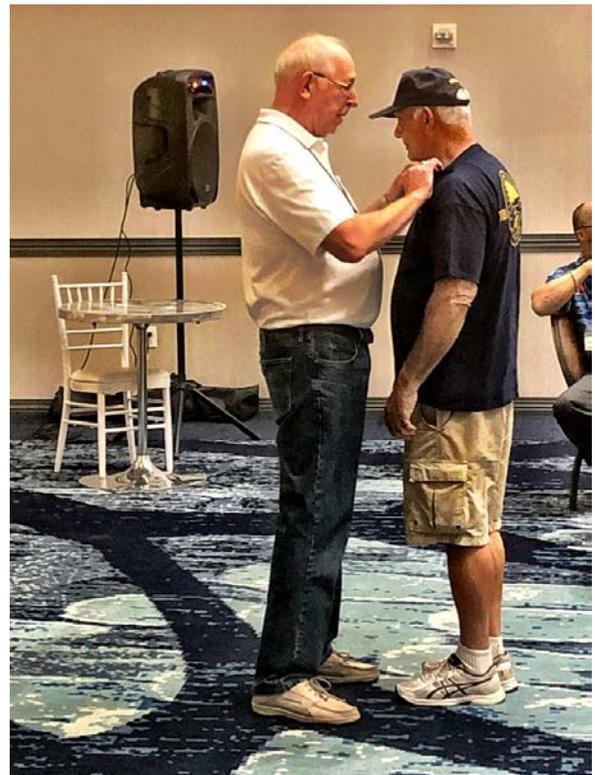
The Lapel Pin and Certificate was presented by Vietnam Veterans and witnessed by Veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon and Persian Gulf War.



*Wayne Bendelow, Chairman
Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership Committee*

Friday Memorial Service and Vietnam Veteran Pin Presentation





Saturday Night Dinner/Dance



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World War II and Korea Era Attendees



Vietnam Era Attendees



80's Era Attendees



2021 USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

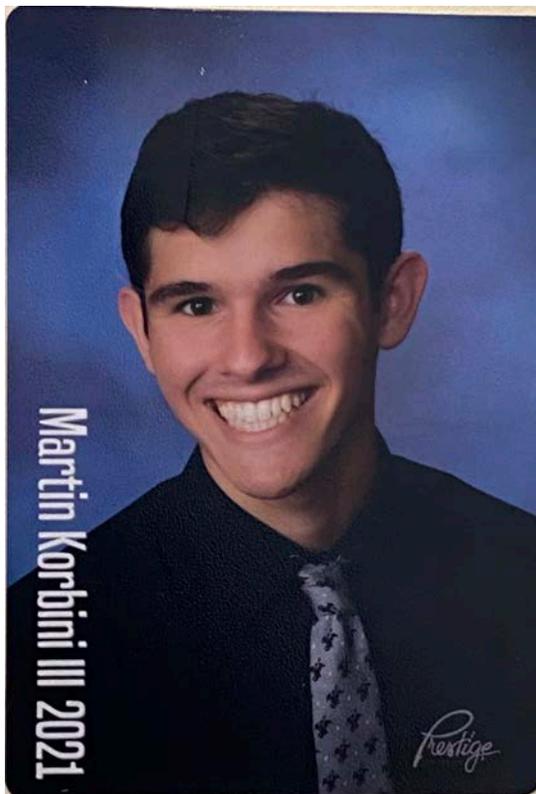
Kayla Cusumano, Woodbridge, VA

Kayla is the daughter of Cherry Cusumano and Michael Cusumano and the granddaughter of shipmate Joe Cusumano. (Vietnam, E Division) Kayla graduated this past May from Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, Dumfries, VA. Kayla was a recipient of the 2019 Certificate of Excellence and Knights of Columbus/Council 7165 Young Woman of the Year. Her high school activities included 1 Yr. JV Soccer (Captain) and 2 Yrs. Varsity Soccer, 1 Yr. JV Basketball (Captain) and 3 Years Varsity Basketball (Sr. Year Captain), and she participated as a Peer Mentor for Options Program. She has volunteered at a Domestic Violence Shelter offering teen support, Boy & Girls Club - athletic councilor, St. John Paul Basketball - councilor, Sacred Heart Thanksgiving Food Support, and volunteered for the Filipino Youth Basketball Association. Kayla is attending James Madison University, majoring in political science, minoring in business and studying pre-law in preparation for law school.



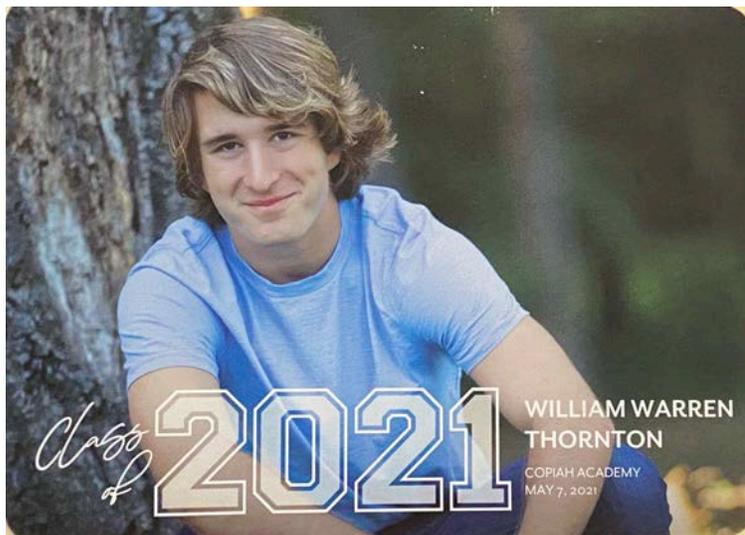
Martin Korbini III, Reston, VA

Martin is the son of Patricia DiMaria and the grandson of shipmate Joe DiMaria (Vietnam, B Division). Martin graduated this past spring from Herndon High School. He was a member of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) during his 4 years of high school. Martin served as Operations Officer and Executive Officer during his Junior year and Commanding Officer during his Senior year. In his junior year, he started and organized the first Herndon High School boys' volleyball team and then was chosen as its first Captain. For three years, he volunteered over 100 hours for Susan G, Komen - Youth Corps, at 3-day events. He was Top Fundraiser for the Youth Corps two years in a row. He is a member of "Building Futures Thailand" and has volunteered at an orphanage in Thailand and also raised funds for needed supplies. He has been a consistent member of the A/B Honor Roll throughout high school. Martin is attending Penn State University, majoring in engineering and a future goal is to get his Masters in Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering.



William Thornton, Crystal Springs, MS

William is the son of Warren and Rebecca Thornton and the grandson of shipmate Danny Fielder (1980's, M Division). Will graduated this past May from Copiah Academy, Gallman, MS. He was a member of the Copiah Academy Band Drum Line, the football team, serving as Captain in his Senior year and the Soccer team. He volunteered for Mission's March and the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, He was also a Mississippi's Toughest Kids



Foundation/Camp Kamassa volunteer, helping to build a handicap accessible camp for children and adults with special needs. He was a member of the Principal Leadership Team, Junior & Senior Beta Club, and was awarded the M. B. Swayze Foundation STAR Student for achieving the highest ACT score of his class. He was selected as Mr. Copiah Academy (Best All Around Senior, the highest honor a senior male can achieve at his school), Mu Alpha Theta and he's been on the Honor Roll for four years. Will is attending the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in International Business.

We wish to congratulate all seven of our high school seniors who applied for the USS New Jersey Veterans scholarships. Their junior and senior years have been challenging, to say the least, due to covid restrictions. Their applications show that all of them have worked hard and accepted the challenges that were presented to them. Along with the three applicants listed above, we want to acknowledge our other four applicants:

Emelia Barker, daughter of Erin & Jarrod Barker (1980's, B Div.), attending Midland University.

Brooke LaRoux, daughter of Sean & Tricia LaRoux and granddaughter of Peter Thelander III (Vietnam, 4th Div.), attending Michigan State University.

Marco Manna, son of Christine Manna and great-grandson of Joseph Rodgers (Korea, 1st Div.), attending East Carolina University or Ocean County College.

Zachary Rodgers, son of Kenneth & Patricia Rodgers and grandson of Joseph Rodgers (Korea, 1st Div.), attending Seton Hall University.



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Scholarship Application Eligibility Requirements

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

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

Eligibility Requirements:

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

Application and Submission Checklist:

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

Application Submission:

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

Applications can be found at www.ussnewjersey.org



USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Norman R Allman	1 st	Korea	Mineral Wells, WV
Richard Cummings	X	Vietnam	Lanark, IL
Leroy Eckert	F	Korea	Ft. Myers, FL
Donald Eggleton	R	Korea	Roscoe, NY
Robert Godek	E	Vietnam	Montgomery, IL
Bruce Graham	Unknown	Vietnam	Waterbury, CT
Kenneth Leonard	S-1	80's	Scranton, PA
Gerald Millholen	6 th	Vietnam	Hickory, NC
Anthony Muzzi Sr	S	WWII	Cape May, NJ
Joseph Pelliccio	S-3	Korea	Brick, NJ
Anthony Petriello	C	WWII	Chandler, AZ
Herbert Royse	T	Korea	Chula Vista, CA
Harry Sonntag	6 th	Korea	Petersburg, FL
James Swafford	H	Vietnam	Olympia, WA



USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Linda Burlingame		Associate	Lexington, OK
Anthony Induisi	1 st	Vietnam	Davie, FL
Anne Light		Associate	Beaumont, TX
George Robertson	OR	Vietnam	Fleming Island, FL
Kenneth Rodgers	F	Associate	Branchburg, NJ
James Small	S-3	80's	Brownsville, TX
Mary Small		Associate	Brownsville, TX

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