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Holiday Inn San Antonio - Riverwalk
2025 Reunion Venue

USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) - AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Decoration</u>
1945	WWII AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
1945	WWII ASIA-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL
January 1944 - March 1944	Marshall Island Operations
February 1944 - May 1944	Asiatic - Pacific Raids
April 1944 - May 1944	Hollandia Operations
June 1944 - August 1944	Marianas Island Operations
September 1944 - October 1944	Western Caroline Operations
October 1944 - December 1944	Leyte Operations
February 1945	Iwo Jima Operations
March 1945 - April 1945	Okinawa Operations
OCTOBER 1944 - SEPTEMBER 1945	WWII PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL
1944 - 1945	WWII PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
1945	WWII WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
OCTOBER 1945 - JUNE 1946	NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL
1951	NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)
1951	KOREA SERVICE MEDAL
May 1951 - July 1951	Communist Chinese Summer Offensive
July 1951 - November 1951	United Nations Summer/Fall Offensive
April 1953	Third Korea Winter Campaign
May 1953 - July 1953	Korea Summer/Fall Campaign
1951	UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)
1951 - 1952	KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
AUGUST 1953	CHINA SERVICE MEDAL
1968	NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (VIETNAM)
SEPTEMBER 1968 - APRIL 1969	NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION
SEPTEMBER 1968 - APRIL 1969	VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL
September 1968 - November 1968	Vietnam Counter Offensive Phase V
November 1968 - February 1969	Vietnam Counter Offensive Phase VI
February 1969 - November 1969	TET 1969 Counter Offensive
SEPTEMBER 1968 - APRIL 1969	REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL
SEPTEMBER 1968 - APRIL 1969	REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY
OCTOBER 1968	COMBAT ACTION RIBBON
JUNE 1983 - DECEMBER 1984	NAVY "E" RIBBON
JUNE 1983 - MAY 1984	NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION
SEPTEMBER 1983 - APRIL 1984	ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
SEPTEMBER 1983 - JANUARY 1984	NAVAL EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
SEPTEMBER 1983 - JANUARY 1984	SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON
June 1983 - December 1984	Western Pacific, Central America, Beirut
May 1986 - August 1986	Western Pacific
July 1988 - November 1988	Korea/Australia
September 1989 - February 1990	Persian Gulf
JANUARY 1985 - JUNE 1986	NAVY "E" RIBBON
DECEMBER 1989	ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
1990	NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (PERSIAN GULF)



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Shipmates,

First, I would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown me over the past 10 months in office. You have made the transition easy and allowed me to focus on the reunion, membership and the Navy's 250th Birthday in Philadelphia where I represented the USS NEW JERSEY Veterans! A special thank you to Bob Dingman, Dave Wasmer, Phil Tasker, Chuck Oehme, Hector Tellez, Mike Murphy and Roy Christopher!



What a terrific reunion we had in San Antonio! The hotel on the Riverwalk was especially wonderful as we ventured out to superb eateries every evening and enjoyed such attractions as the lighted horse drawn carriages and the Alamo. We had a great time together on the 7th floor in the hospitality area telling sea stories (some almost true), eating too much and attending the opening night dinner/auction (Ray Keheo and Randy Bergman presiding), which raised a large amount of scholarship funds thanks to Dave Wasmer's teak originals! We also had a memorable memorial service honoring our fallen shipmates and the final gala dinner. Our trip to the Pacific War Museum turned out to be a great venue in Fredericksburg, home of FADM Nimitz. And who would have thought we would meet up with a docent who was the 4th commissioning Turret 2 Officer! We were also able to watch a burial ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery which was particularly moving. We attracted numerous other shipmates who live in the San Antonio area when they came by and enjoyed their time with us.

Next year we celebrate in Paul Robbins' hometown of Omaha! What's in Omaha you ask? The Union Pacific Train Museum, the SAC Aerospace Museum, the new Vietnam Memorial, the Omaha Memorial Park, the best American Zoo voted 2 years running with the arboretum adjacent to the zoo, the magnificent Joslyn Art Gallery, the Old Market part of town and Boys Town. We are already planning numerous events in and around Omaha so start your travel planning now. The Marriott Regency is under contract (make sure you mention the USS NEW JERSEY Vets when making reservations) to get the great rate of \$119/night. **JOIN US!**

During the General Business Meeting we covered a variety of topics including the status of the ship improvements (the teak decking is almost complete), preparations for the Navy 250th, our volunteer week in April where we chipped out and repainted the inside of Turret 1 and future volunteer activities we are planning to participate in aboard ship. Several big areas covered were how to increase our membership rolls and the location of future reunions. After a great deal of discussion and reviewing the actual data from the last 14 years of reunions, we voted to return to the ship in 2027 and 2028 (for elections) for the reunions after Omaha. We approved returning to the ship every other year, vice every 4 years, to encourage maximum participation (shipboard reunions draw the largest crowd by far) and bring in more of the thousands of the 80's shipmates into the

organization. It also allows the submarine NEW JERSEY to also participate being on the East Coast in Norfolk. We are already looking for new venues while there, the possibility of our reunion dinner catered aboard the ship and having a volunteer workday with a meet the "sailors who served day" during our time aboard. The Board also approved funding of \$2500 (half already raised) to have the USS NEW JERSEY Veterans identified as a sponsor at the Surface Navy Museum being built in San Pedro CA. It will list our organization below the silhouette of the IOWA Class battleships. If you want to donate, send a check to Phil Tasker marked for the Surface Navy Museum effort.

The Navy 250th Birthday was a spectacular event with the USS BILLINGS (LCS-15) tied up alongside the Big J and many of our shipmates attending and providing personal accounts of their time aboard to the hundreds of daily visitors. Paul and Jack Robbins were a highlight meeting the CNO and presenting him with Paul's personal challenge coin. We also met with Congresswoman Sherrill (running for Governor of NJ) and over 100 Naval dignitaries celebrating our Navy's birthday. We provided personal tours of our ship to sailors from the ARLINGTON, LASSEN, COOPERSTOWN and BILLINGS who in turn provided us with personal tours of the BILLINGS. We forged a great relationship with their crew and the Captain told me they felt a part of the Battleship and its traditions after spending a week with us. We presented the crew with deck teak for their Wardroom, Chief's Mess and Crew Mess. We were able to get staterooms aboard for the volunteers to reduce travel costs as well. Thank you, NJ Staff!

We now have an office for the Veterans Association aboard the Big J. Stateroom 0120 was cleaned and prepared for our use during reunions and work periods. Thanks to Bruce Whitman for helping me clean it all up! We are working on a brochure for the organization and intend on having brochures and applications at the door year-round.

Our BIG challenge this year is to find our shipmates who are not currently members and offer them the opportunity to join and become more involved with our ship and organization. **Accept the challenge!** Reach out on social media, by phone or email and highlight how our organization supports the ship, its maintenance/updates and our scholarship program for former crewmember family members. Our monetary and political support of **OUR** ship on the waterfront in Camden is critical. Let's work on bringing them into the group to add expanded support to this organization and the Battleship!

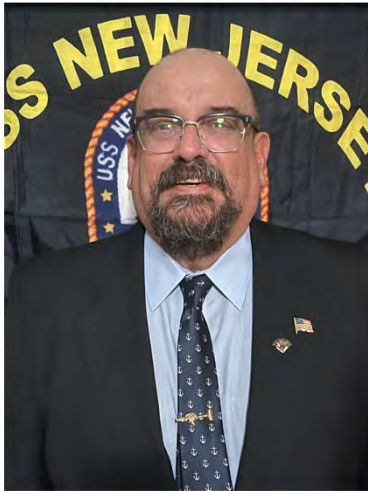
Let your leadership know your thoughts and ideas as we move forward into 2026. We are NEW JERSEY, Battleship Sailors All!

Mike Holmes, Repair Officer

1/1981 - 5/1984

President USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings Shipmates, Families and Friends,

It was great to see the crew in San Antonio. A lot of familiar faces and it was great to meet some shipmates who made it for the first time. I continue to reach out to my 80's era shipmates and encourage all to join our organization so we can become stronger and better able to support our ship and its programs.

I learned the importance of making all feel welcomed when I first officially attended a reunion in 2016. I arrived alone at the hotel and after checking in I went down to the common area and sat alone at a table. A very gracious lady came up to me and asked if I was part of the reunion. She invited me to come and sit with her group, and I met some great people and shipmates from the Viet Nam era. That person was Judy Dingman. Thank you, Judy, for getting me involved.

Hector R Tellez FTG2
FA Division 1981-1985

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings Shipmates, Families and Friends

I am now in my first year performing duties as the Secretary for our organization. Thank you to everyone who provided advice and answered my questions regarding my assumption of duties. I look forward to helping the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. in the future years.



The reunion in San Antonio not only provided an excellent opportunity for sightseeing but also to get reacquainted with shipmates and families. I look forward to the reunion in September 2026 in Omaha, Nebraska and seeing everyone again. I encourage all members to contact any former ship mates you know who are not members of our organization and ask them to join.

Often times a call may be all it takes to get a former crew member to join our organization.

Michael Murphy, Secretary

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SHIP'S STORE ADVISOR'S REPORT

SHIPS STORE REPORT:

We were glad to hear everyone that gathered for the San Antonio reunion were able to reminisce and have a great time at all the outings.

Unfortunately, events did not materialize for the store to be present at the reunion this year.

Hopefully, the new store manager will be able to attend all the future reunions. Until that time, the store will be open for any requests that anyone may have at any time.

It has been a pleasure for myself and my staff (Beverly, Larry and Mary) to have served everyone for the past 10 yrs.

Once the new store manager takes over, I will be retiring. Beverly and I will be moving to new adventures.

We will always be open for phone conversations or a visit to our homes.



Mike Schappaugh - Ship's Store Advisor

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Membership Chairman's Message



Greetings Fellow Shipmates,

My wife Elaine and I had a great time at the reunion in San Antonio. It's always great to see old friends and meet some new ones. San Antonio is a great city. Scenic, clean and crime free, with friendly people and great food. Just a nice place to visit. Our hotel was on the Riverwalk and just a few blocks from the Alamo. Our Reunion Coordinator, Dave Wasmer, EM2, E Division 67-69 did a great job making our reunion a success. Of course he had help from his loyal staff, Bob Dingman, Mike Ales and Phil Tasker.

- For those who went to Pinkerton's for some real Texas barbeque, you got to eat brisket that was smoked to perfection. You know you are eating great brisket when you pick up a slice and pull on it ever so gently and it parts easily. Moist and tender, that melts in your mouth.
- Thanks to new member Calvin Fletcher, EN3, A Division, 86-87 for arranging a tour of Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery for us. The place is huge, 154 acres! I never thought that it required so much planning and skill, to say nothing of the technology used to manage the final resting place of our veterans. The members of staff that gave us our tour were all quite knowledgeable and professional. They told us about all the factors that go into keeping the headstones in line and level. There's a lot more going on below the grass than just a lot of dead bodies.

- The photo swap went well. We continuously displayed all the photos and videos that our members brought with them on a TV screen. And for those that brought a USB memory stick with them, they got some that they didn't already have. We will do it again in Omaha.

- Last April, Glen McCurdy, 6th Division, 1986, headed up a working party on the ship to do some painting in and around Turret 1. We all had a great time, especially after dinner, swapping sea stories. I plan on doing it again next year.

- I have always been interested in navigation. It's just about knowing where you are, and how to get from one place to another. One night at sea I went up to the navigation bridge to check on the SPS-53 "pathfinder" radar and noticed that LCDR James Sabin was out on the wing shooting stars with a sextant, and when he stopped, I asked him "with all the electronic equipment that we have, why do you still shoot stars"? He smiled and said, "I'm the Navigator, and it's my job to know where the New Jersey is at all times, and I use all the tools available to me. Besides I love doing it". Why I didn't ask him to teach me how to shoot stars, I'll never know. It's something that I have thought about for the last 57 years.

Sincerely,

Chuck Oehme - Membership Chairman

ETR2, OE Division, 67-69

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USS New Jersey BB-62 World's Greatest Battleship

USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Membership Report
10 October 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Members in Good Standing	378	401	410	447
WWII Era Members	5	9	11	15
Korean War Era Members	49	61	77	96
Vietnam War Era Members	154	159	153	155
Vietnam & 1980's Era Members	3	2	2	2
Lebanon/Gulf War Era Members	109	109	102	108
Associate Members	49	53	57	63
Life Members	9	8	8	8

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Oehme - Membership Chairman
ETR2, OE Division, 67-69

TREASURER'S REPORT

We enjoyed an excellent Reunion in San Antonio this year. It was our second visit to this wonderful venue and Dave Wasmer did his usual superlative job in getting things organized and insuring smooth operations.

Financially the Reunion will end up with a small (less than \$1,000) deficit although a couple of items remain to be cleared.

The financial highlight of the Reunion was the Scholarship Fund auction which realized \$4,541. That was the second highest return we have experienced over the ten years we have been holding these auctions. We currently have almost \$20,000 in the Scholarship Fund. The Board has begun discussions on perhaps raising the Scholarship amounts and/or increasing the number of scholarships awarded. Further discussions are planned.

We ended the month of September with \$48,643 in cash balances which, by way of comparison, was about \$3,700 less than we had at the end of September 2024. However, in December 2024 we made a \$5,000 donation to the Ship to assist in the drydocking project. Absent that one-time donation, our cash position would be approximately the same. The 2025 Financials will be published in the Spring Bounce.

If there are any questions or comments, please let me know.

Phil Tasker - Treasurer

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2025 50/50 Winners

1st Place - \$286.40

**Franklin Fernandez
Vacaville, CA**

2nd Place - \$214.80

**Raymond Hopkins
Marietta, GA**

3rd Place - \$143.20

**Daniel Kristkeitz
Los Angeles, CA**

4th Place - \$71.60

**John Jarrels
Bridgewater, VA**

Note From the Bounce Editor

I would like to thank Bill Romer and
Helen Tasker for all the Reunion Pictures.
Great job by both individuals.

REUNION COORDINATOR'S REPORT



SHIPMATES,

The 38th Annual Reunion held in San Antonio, Texas was a success! I had a great time again reconnecting with old friends and meeting new friends.

As soon as one reunion wraps up, we are already hard at work preparing for the next. Countless hours go into planning every detail – from the hotel arrangements and tours to the Memorial Service and more – all in an effort to ensure an unforgettable experience for everyone.

We start off with the Welcome Aboard Dinner and Scholarship Auction. Each year the auction gets better with unique, one-of-a-kind items that you will not find anywhere else (except on occasion in the Ships Store). The Scholarship Auction supports our young, future leaders and we thank all those that donated or participated for your generosity to support the next generation of leaders.

This year in San Antonio, we had our customary Memorial Service and then had the unique opportunity to tour the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, where many notable Medal of Honor recipients are laid to rest or memorialized. It was an interesting experience for all who attended. Do you know that burials in a VA national cemetery are open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active-duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable?

We also visited the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX. Our tour guides were exceptional and kept the tour interesting. In the courtyard, we were proud to see a USS New Jersey plaque placed there by an earlier group of USS New Jersey Veterans – a touching reminder of our legacy.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce the 39th Annual Reunion will be in Omaha, Nebraska on the 16th of September through the 19th. More details to follow in the next edition of the Spring Bounce. A special thank you to Mike Holmes who did a terrific job visiting several hotels, comparing accommodations and researched possible tours. I am pleased to report that we finalized the contract with Omaha Marriott Regency.

If you have never attended a USS New Jersey Veterans Annual Reunion or if it's been a while since your last, we would love to see you next year in Omaha, Nebraska.

*Dave Wasmer – Reunion Coordinator
IC2, E Division, Sept '67 – Jun'69*

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Shipmates,

The association had a great reunion in San Antonio, TX. Turnout was light, but all had a great time. By the time you receive this Bounce there should be many pictures posted on the web page.

I work with our membership director on keeping all the rosters 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 database can be updated.

If you know any 80' s era people that haven't joined our association yet, please invite them to do so!

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 from all four era's 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 in Omaha, NE, please try to attend and see what going on with your organization we need your support to keep going!



Stay well,

Bob Williams, Liaison Officer/Web Master

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SEATING COORDINATOR'S REPORT



We had a wonderful reunion in San Antonio. There were 78 attendees for the Welcome Aboard Dinner and 83 attendees for the Banquet, with no complaints that I am aware of. For our 2026 reunion in Omaha, please send your seating requests to me via separate email (mike.ales80@gmail.com) as well as including a copy of your seating requests along with the payment for the reunion activities. I cannot fulfill any seating request until I receive notification that payment has been made. There is no guarantee that requests made after the submission deadline (yet to be determined) will be honored, so please get your requests and payments in on time. I will do my best to accommodate all your seating requests. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion.

*Mike Ales
Seating Coordinator
LT, B Division, Sept '84 - Jun'86*

**Minutes USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.
Business Meeting Thursday September 18, 2025, 0900
Holiday Inn Riverwalk hotel, San Antonio, Texas**

Officers and Advisors Present:

President - Michael Holmes
Vice President - Hector Tellez
Treasurer - Phil Tasker
Secretary - Mike Murphy
Liaison Coordinator - Bob Williams
Membership Chairman - Chuck Oehme
Reunion Coordinator - Dave Wasmer
Master At Arms - Michael Goins
Seating Coordinator - Mike Ales
Veterans Coordinator - Steve Sheean
Chaplain - Felix Bautista

Meeting Opening and Pledge of Allegiance - Michael Holmes

Opening Prayer - Danny Fielder

Introduction of Directors and Advisors present - Michael Holmes

Opening remarks by the President about the current status of the USS New Jersey:

Stateroom 0120 has been turned into an office for the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. to inform guests about the organization and its mission and purpose. The office is located along the ship tour route. Membership applications will be available at the office.

The ships store and membership functions are in the process of being automated so these functions will be available online.

The combat action award is being pursued for the ships action off Lebanon in the 1980's and in 1958.

The Museum of the Surface Navy in San Pedro, California will begin construction in October 2025. The USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. will have a plaque placed with the Iowa class

battleships. The total cost of the plaque is \$2,500 of which we currently raised \$1,250.

A new MARDET display has been placed on the ship. The COMMANDANT of the Marine Corps will dedicate it.

A new security fence has been placed around the USS New Jersey grounds.

New security cameras have been installed on the ship and pier.

The interior of turret 1 was chipped out and painted by members of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. The interior of turret 3 is scheduled for April 2026. All members are encouraged to help if they wish.

The main deck lighting has been replaced by LED lights.

The main deck and 01 teakwood replacement have been completed. The upper decks are being worked on now.

New chairs have been installed in the Chief's Mess.

Reading of the minutes was dispensed since they had been included in the 2024 fall issue of the Bounce. Motion by Bill Romer to accept, seconded by Mike Ales. Motion carried.

Reunion Coordinator Report:

The 2026 reunion will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from Wednesday through Saturday, September 16-19. Tours have not been finalized at this time. The Marriott Regency will be the group hotel. The hotel package includes breakfast and free parking. The cost is \$119 per night plus taxes.

Treasurer Report:

The 2024 financials are in the spring 2025 Bounce. The 2025 reunion auction was the second-best auction ever with over \$4,500 raised towards the scholarship fund.

Year end funds available were \$48,889 of which \$17,250 is restricted for the scholarship fund. The remainder is discretionary funds.

Membership Report:

Membership is now 376 members. The membership has declined by 76 members over the last four years. Vietnam and 80's era numbers are staying steady. Most of the losses are from the WWII and Korea era members. Associate membership numbers have declined from 69 to 49 over the same four years.

There are 14 groups, besides ours, associated with the USS New Jersey. Our group provides monetary and political support to the ship. Getting these other groups to join the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. would provide additional help in gaining support from the government and other funding resources.

Inform Chuck Oehme of any changes to your contact information such as phone number, email address or home address.

Contact Chuck Oehme if you never received a USS New Jersey Veteran Inc. membership card.

Small Stores:

Small stores are in a transition period from Mike Schappaugh to Roy Christopher. 3D material is being added to the ships store inventory.

Scholarship awards:

Seven applications were received, and three scholarships were awarded. The scholarships were awarded to Jane Calhoun, Abigail Wasmer and Ava Valadez. Since the USS New Jersey SSN 796 is affiliated with our organization, crew members from the boat will be eligible for future scholarships.

New Business:

Analysis of reunion turnouts over the last ten years show that more members attend reunions at the ship than at offsite locations. The two lowest turnouts were on the west coast (Portland and San Diego). Offsite locations generally have about 50% of the turnout compared to reunions at the ship.

Many of the non-USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. groups (the unofficial muster) always meet at the ship. This shows the draw the ship has to former crewmembers.

The Board passed a motion to have reunions at the ship every other year. This would start in 2027. Because of the four-year election cycle, it would require that the reunion be held in 2028 at the ship also. This would ensure a large turnout in 2028 to vote for new officers. After 2028 the reunion schedule would revert to every other year at the ship.

Another advantage to the onsite ship reunions is the opportunity to spend time volunteering to work on the ship.

General discussion on the Board's proposal was held. Benefits of travel around the country versus being at the ship more often were discussed in spirited fashion.

A motion was made by Ray Kehoe to adopt the Board's recommendation for reunions at the ship in 2027 and 2028. The reunions would then revert to every other year. The motion was seconded by Randy Bergman.

The motion was carried for the reunion in 2027 and 2028 at the ship then every other year after 2028.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Murphy. Seconded by Mike Ales. Motion carried.

Submitted By: Michael Murphy, Secretary



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

The Vietnam Veteran Commemoration Committee as administered by the DOD announced last December that they would not be supporting anymore ceremonies after March 2025. This was a surprise for Bob Dingman, Chairman of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Vietnam Veteran Commemoration Committee and me, Wayne Bendelow, USS New Jersey Veterans, Vietnam Veteran Commemoration Committee member. We expected the program to go until Veterans Day 2025 as announced when the program was formed. I believe we joined the effort in 2019.

We conducted what was probably our last group presentations at the Ceremony at the San Antonio 2025 reunion. We will continue to honor Vietnam Veterans in our local communities until our resources run out.

We were honored by the Vietnam Veteran Commemoration Committee with the following letter and document. We are proud to have been recognized for our efforts over the years. However, our proudest moments were the reading of the name and presenting the Certificate and pinning on the lapel pin to all the Veterans that we honored.

Wayne Bendelow

United States of America

Vietnam War Commemoration Partner

Committee Member



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
THE UNITED STATES VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION
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22 July 2024

Dear USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc..

On behalf of a grateful Nation and the entire staff of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, we commend you for being a *Top Performer* Commemorative Partner! Since the inauguration of the commemoration in 2012, your organization has faithfully represented our Nation by selflessly hosting five or more events which thanked and honored our Vietnam veterans and their families. As such, your team is among the TOP 15 percent of the more than 13 thousand commemorative partner organizations that have participated in this noble effort. Congratulations on this achievement!

Your dedication and initiative contributed significantly to this national tribute, whereby over 4 million veterans and their families have been recognized for their service and sacrifice through 28 thousand events over the past thirteen years. While truly amazing, your indelible impact cannot be measured in numbers, but rather in the hearts and faces of those whose lives were touched and will never be the same again. Your worthy efforts have helped facilitate healing and bestow honor to these veterans, their families, and our communities.

As a token of gratitude, we present you with the enclosed certificate of appreciation, especially designed for *Top Performer* Commemorative Partners. Thank you again for your incredible support of this generation of patriots, their families, and of the Vietnam War Commemoration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Chrystal Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Edward J. Chrystal Jr.,
Major General, U.S. Army
Director

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



TOP PERFORMER
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, congratulations on your superb efforts as a Commemorative Partner with the U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration. Your impressive dedication, energy, and engagement has identified you as a Top Performer, a significant Partner instrumental in thanking and honoring more than four million of our Nation's Vietnam veterans and their families in twenty-eight thousand events across the country since 2012. We are indebted to you and your volunteers for the countless hours spent coordinating events and activities that recognize the service and sacrifice of this generation of veterans and families. These accomplishments have left a profound and lasting impact on our lives and communities. Thank you again, for your excellent contribution to this noble mission. Done this 22nd Day of July 2024.


EDWARD J. CRYSTAL JR., MAJ. GEN., U.S. ARMY
DIRECTOR, VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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

Shipmate Reflections

As told to Wayne Greenleaf



Thoughts About My Time on the Ship We All Love, from Your 101-Year-Old Shipmate

On a beautiful spring day in 1924, on the left bank of the Merrimack River in the small mill town of Amesbury, Massachusetts, I, Bill Ryan, came into the world and became one of the town's 10,144 souls.

I loved my hometown and had a lot of friends. By the time I was in high school, I loved football too, and was lucky enough to be named captain of the Amesbury High School Indians, playing both ends, offense and defense. Little did I know at the time that this physical training would set me up in great shape for boot camp. The Indians final game that year was on Thanksgiving, November 27, 1941. Just 10 days later, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

I had said I would not be going into the military until I had to go. At that time, only 20- to 36-year-olds were being drafted. But, in the summer of 1942 Congress lowered the draft age to 18. I was already working in the defense industry, but came home one day to a letter from the Draft Board saying I was 1-A. Since I didn't want to be in the Army, I went down to the local post office to join the Navy. I wanted to join the Navy to avoid foxholes; if I had to go, I'd rather just as soon drown as be in the Army...

I was soon on a train on the way to Great Lakes for boot camp. Then on to Naval Armed Guard Gunnery School in Biloxi, Mississippi, training on the 3"/50, 4"/50; 5"/38, and 20 & 40 MM.

I spent time on a liberty ship, so loaded with crates of aircraft parts that to get from the bow to the stern, I had to walk all the way on top of the crates. One of my memories was taking saltwater showers with brown soap, since the ship couldn't make enough fresh water. And washing my dungarees by tying a rope to them and dunking them in the sea....

One day, they called me to the quarterdeck and told me I was being transferred to the recently commissioned USS New Jersey, at that point, in Portland, Maine. She had reason to be there: besides going through a winter shakedown cruise, firing her guns in cold weather, she was there to protect against the German battleship Tirpitz. But after the Tirpitz was neutralized by British midget submarines, we left Maine and headed south.

I quickly found that serving on a battleship was a whole lot different from a Liberty ship. Hammocks set up on the mess decks, 887 feet of firepower with 9 - 16" guns, and eleven levels... a real step up...!

A call went out for fire control technicians. I assumed their role was to fight fires, but soon learned that instead, an FT controlled gunfire. Being one of the three new transfers to the NJ who had a high school diploma, they made me an FM. "We were put in the top shelf FM division." (Authors note, I guess we all felt that *our* division was "top shelf"). But I'll admit, that to this day, I'm not sure what FM stands for.....

We steamed down to Norfolk, picked up the Iowa and on January 7, 1944, were squeezing through the Panama Canal. From there, we steamed in formation to the Western Pacific: two battleships, four carriers, and cruisers, destroyers, and oilers. We were part of the 3rd or 5th Fleet, depending on whether Admiral Halsey or Admiral Spruance was in command.

In August 1944, Admiral "Bull" Halsey came aboard, making the New Jersey his flagship. Having a huge staff, flag quarters were insufficient for him, so he had them enlarged.

I had little to do except go for the coffee beans, and drink coffee with condensed milk... Until GQ sounded. We battled through the Marshall Islands, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, the Philippine Sea and the Leyte Gulf. My GQ station was alternatively Turret Three and the rangefinder. In Turret Three, my responsibility was to direct fire if we went to local control. And spending time in the rangefinder was great because of the outstanding view from that high in the ship. One night during a battle, I snuck out of the turret to see what was going on. But once outside, with so many explosions, and the sky totally lit up, I was never so scared in all my life and hustled my butt back into the turret.

In December 1944, Halsey took us into a typhoon. His goal was to take the fleet south to refuel. His aerological officer assured him the storm south of their position would not be significant. But Typhoon Cobra hit us hard - we pitched and rolled - on multiple occasions, hanging near the point of no return. And because of the typhoon, we lost 775 men and three destroyers: USS Hull, USS Monaghan, and USS Spence. In taking us into a typhoon, I lost all respect for the Admiral.

Later in '44 and into '45, off Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the ship would occasionally anchor in a lagoon, and we could jump off for a swim. It would take me about 1/2 hour to get

up the courage to jump. They would let us go ashore, as well, but all that was there were coconuts. and we had to wear shoes because there were so much coral. So, we had to swim to shore with our shoes on. On the beach, they passed out low strength beer, but I didn't drink beer, so I would give my quota to my buddies.

We returned to the states in May 1945, steaming to Puget Sound for an overhaul. We were proud of the fact that no ships accompanying us were hit by kamikazes. But once in Puget Sound, I saw that the Bunker Hill had gotten hit after she left us.

VJ Day was memorable: one of the guys had a bottle put away and sharing it, we all felt really good.

Soon afterward, we went back to the war, arriving in Tokyo Bay on September 17, 1945, to support the occupation of Japan. We were amazed by the fact that neither Tokyo nor Yokosuka were significantly damaged, and almost intact.

When we were given liberty, we were told we were the conquerors. We were often invited into private homes and offered food, but since I didn't trust the Japanese, I didn't eat it. But they were very cordial and respectful to all of us. It wasn't the citizens who were responsible for the war. One regrettable story I have is the fact that many sailors and soldiers and Marines would go into a store and pass out the merchandise among themselves and leave, not paying for it. I felt that just wasn't right. In fact, that kind of activity got so bad, the Shore Patrol would stop a guy and if he had no receipt for the merchandise he was carrying, the SP's would arrest him. The other thing I saw was on the train when we took it between Yokosuka and Tokyo. Some of the servicemen, when encountering a Japanese citizen, would throw them off the train.

But finally, on January 29, 1946, we sailed for home, and made it under the *beautiful* Golden Gate Bridge on February 10, carrying nearly 1,000 troops home with us.

I was shortly discharged, in Boston. I did nothing for three months, then went to work in a mill. I spent 44 years on the fire department as well, making Captain of an engine company and \$75 a year. I was finally fighting fires...! And what was great was the factory allowed us to leave work to fight those fires.

I've had a good life. I got married in 1947 and have one son and four daughters and I'm excited about soon celebrating my 102nd birthday...!

FM Bill Ryan, USN
USS New Jersey



State of the Museum Report

Shipmates,

I write today following what can only be described as a truly historic and unforgettable week aboard the Battleship New Jersey as we celebrated the Navy's 250th Birthday.

For the first time since her decommissioning, the Battleship was fully dressed in honor of the occasion. And for the first time since she was in mothballs the 1990s, another U.S. Navy ship was nested outboard on the Delaware River. We were proud to host USS Billings (LCS-15), a Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship from LCS Squadron 2, U.S. Second Fleet.

Throughout the week, several thousand visitors came aboard both the New Jersey and the Billings, including the newly sworn-in 34th Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Daryl Caudle. To our knowledge, this marked the first time in the ship's history that she flew the flag of a sitting CNO. Admiral Caudle was joined by Vice Admiral John Gumbleton, Acting Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Rear Admiral Dusty Rhoades, Commander, Carrier Strike Group 2 (the direct successor to Admiral Halsey's WWII Carrier Division 2); and senior officers from more than 20 allied and partner navies around the world.

It was an incredible honor to host such a distinguished delegation aboard the nation's most decorated battleship. Even more moving was the presence of our last living World War II plankowner, Paul Robbins – 100 years young – who met and spoke with Admiral Caudle in the Wardroom, joined by another 99-year-old Okinawa veteran. It was a poignant reminder of the living legacy that connects our past and present Sailors.

We also proudly unveiled the stern plate of USS Enterprise (CV-6). As many of you know, New Jersey and Enterprise fought side by side across the Pacific, and Enterprise served as Admiral Halsey's first flagship – before he later made New Jersey his favorite.

Although even Admiral Halsey couldn't save her from the scrappers, the story of CV-6 didn't end in 1958. Henry Hoffman of River Vale, NJ, the engineer charged with scrapping her, had the foresight to save the stern plate. More than seven decades later, that artifact – described by Rear Admiral Sam Cox, USN (Ret.), Curator of the Navy, as "the holy grail of naval artifacts" – has been donated to the forthcoming National Museum of the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C. Until the new museum is built, it will

remain here in Camden, alongside New Jersey, making our pier the most decorated in Navy history – with 39 battle and campaign stars between them!

The arrival of the Enterprise stern plate crowns what has been one of the most exciting years ever for our collections. Since Ryan’s last report, we’ve added two remarkable artifacts: an RPV Pioneer drone – the same type operated from New Jersey during her 1980s recommissioning, making us the only battleship to display one on board – and, thanks to our online community, one of the ship’s original 1911 handguns, now proudly home where it belongs.

With the Navy 250 celebration complete, we now look forward to honoring the United States Marine Corps on board this November. On Veterans Day, November 11th, we’ll host a special USMC-themed ceremony featuring Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Harvey “Barney” Barnum, USMC (Ret.), and Brigadier General Dustin “Warren” Byrum, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation. Following the ceremony, we’ll host a traditional Marine Corps birthday cake cutting on the fantail and cut the ribbon reopening Section 3 MARDET berthing – now part of the public tour route for the first time. We can’t wait to welcome our Marine Detachment veterans home for the occasion.

Between last year’s dry docking, the commissioning of our namesake submarine USS New Jersey (SSN-796), and this month’s Navy 250 celebrations, it’s been a fast-paced and truly rewarding two years at the helm. As we look ahead to 2026 and the nation’s Semi quinentennial, we’re excited to play a leading role in next summer’s celebrations across Philadelphia and South Jersey.

Equally exciting is the strengthened bond between the Battleship and the USS New Jersey Veterans Association. We were thrilled to learn that during your recent reunion in Texas, the group voted to return to the ship every other year – rather than every four – for future reunions. We’re deeply grateful for the leadership of Mike Holmes and the entire association team for their steadfast support and partnership. Of course, every day is a homecoming day for our ship’s veterans – and you are always welcome aboard.

For the latest updates, visit our website and follow our social media channels. And as always, tune in nightly at 7:00 p.m. Eastern for our ongoing YouTube series at [YouTube.com/BattleshipNewJersey](https://www.youtube.com/BattleshipNewJersey).

Respectfully Submitted,



Marshall Spevak
Chief Executive Officer
Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC. 39th ANNUAL REUNION

WHERE: Omaha Marriott Regency
10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114

WHEN: September 16th - 20th, 2026

COST: **One King or Doubles - \$119.00 + State & local Taxes of 18.17%**
\$119.00 X 18.17% = \$140.62

RESERVATIONS: 888-236-2427 (Hotel Direct)
For group rate reference group name: **USS New Jersey Reunion.**
Online Reservations can be made at the link below which is also available on our website:

<http://www.ussnewjersey.org/>
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1759172863353&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

(Once you click on the link it will take you to the hotel website, then enter your arrival and departure dates, and it will automatically populate our group name and discounted group rate \$119.00)

- Reservations received after 11:59PM (CDT), **August 26, 2026**, may not qualify for the group rate.
- Group rate is available from 9/13 - 9/22/2026 (this includes the 3 days pre and post reunion)
- ADA Compliant rooms are available upon request.
- Individuals may cancel reserved rooms up to 48 hours prior to arrival without penalty.
- Full hot breakfast included in room rate
- Free Overnight Parking
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and meeting spaces.
- **Pet Friendly - \$100 non-refundable fee per stay**
- Check In Time: **3:00PM check-in, check out time 12:00PM Noon**

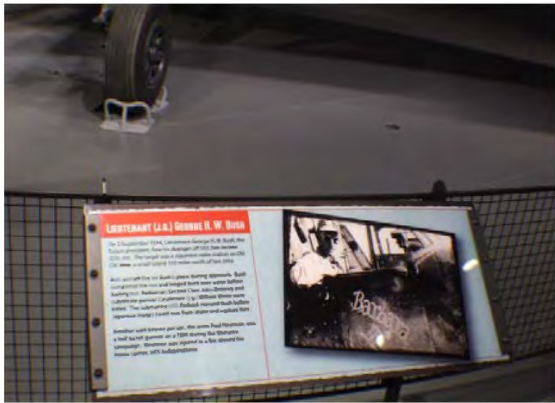
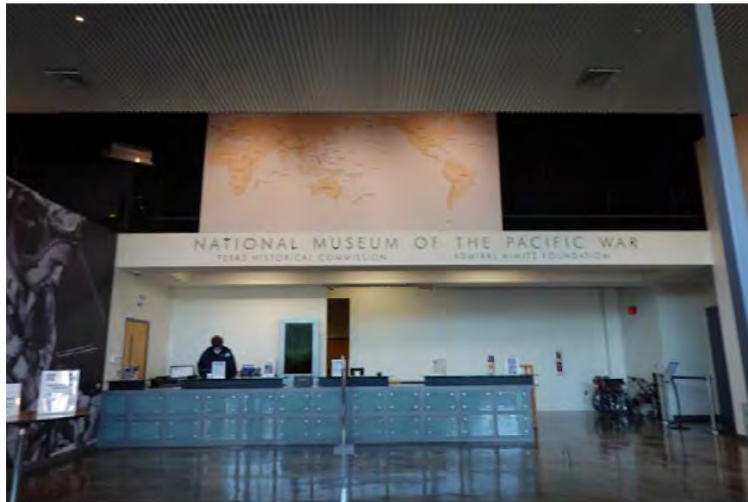
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A Good Time Was Had by All



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2025 Scholarship Awards

Jane Calhoun, Roseville, California



Jane is the daughter of John and Alexandra Calhoun and granddaughter of shipmate Richard Calhoun (Vietnam - B Div). Jane graduated from Oakmont High School where she was Summa Cum Laude, a Scholar Athlete and winner of the Academic Merit Award. She earned a 4.27 GPA and was named to the Principal's Honor Roll each year, Captained the Varsity Water Polo Team and the Varsity Girls Swim Team and served as Assistant Coach. She volunteered for 4 years with the California Scholarship Federation focusing on tutoring, community cleanup and mural painting and was a lifeguard and swimming instructor with the City of Roseville Parks and Recreation. She has competed in the International Baccalaureate Arts Program with 8 pieces and was the winner of the Oakmont High School Best in Show Award in 2025. Jane will be attending the University of California Santa Barbara studying Studio Art and Marine Biology and hopes to one day teach. Jane's supporting letters articulated her desire to aid others, the ability to think beyond herself, being well rounded and being creative connecting disciplines beyond the obvious.

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2025 Scholarship Awards

Ava Valadez, Long Beach, California



Ava is the daughter of Marco and Judy Valadez and granddaughter of shipmate Commander Phillip Smith (80's Era - Weps/Ops). Ava graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School in Long Beach where she was Valedictorian, a member of the National Honor Society and an AP Scholar Award winner. She earned a 4.45 GPA and Captained the Varsity Diving Team and was named the Millikan High School Diver of the Year for the past 2 years. She volunteered with the California Scholarship Federation and the Chereese Mari Laulhere Foundation supporting the Child Life Program and Children's Village at Memorial Children and Women's Hospital. She is a member of the American Red Cross, QUEST Community Changemaker Club, Girl Scouts and the Millikan High Senior Committee. Ava will be attending the University of California San Diego studying Behavioral Neuroscience and hopes to one day use her education for a career in Pediatric Medicine focused on Pediatric Anesthesia. Ava's supporting letters articulated her excellence as a student, being well-balanced and an empathetic individual. She is focused, reliable, thoughtful and respected by her peers and community. She was also identified as a true leader with an exceptional work ethic and time management skills.

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2025 Scholarship Awards

Abigail Wasmer, Kiel, Wisconsin



Abigail is the daughter of Timothy Wasmer and Sarah Klapperich and the granddaughter of shipmate Dave Wasmer (Vietnam - E Div). Abigail graduated from Kiel High School where she was on the Honor Roll, a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars and earned a 3.9 GPA. She was the Varsity Volleyball Manager, a member of the Yearbook, Art, PEP and Mission Clubs. She volunteered as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, supported a local food pantry, various church fundraisers, sorting donations at St. Vincent De Paul, assisting the students at Kiel Middle School perform plays and cleanup projects for the elderly. Abigail also owns her own company, Divine Desserts, while also working at a local hotel and in purchasing/operations at another company. She has completed numerous college level courses at the University of Green Bay and Lakeshore Technical College while still finishing high school. Abigail will be attending Northeast Wisconsin Technical College studying for a degree in Respiratory Therapy. Abigail's supporting letters articulated her desire to aid others, the ability to see beyond her own needs and her creative ability to effectively multitask. She is described as well rounded, a driven leader in both school and her diverse activities and has a passion for healthcare which is deeply rooted in her personal experiences.



USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Rodney W. Beegle	T	Korean War Era	Bedford, PA
Wheeler K. Bell	OPS	Korean War Era	Henrico, VA
George "Tommy" Bell	1 st	Korean War Era	Hodgenville, KY
Steve Berklan	2 nd	Korean War Era	Oak Lawn, IL
Robert S. Bills	T	Korean War Era	Jacksonville, IL
Richard R. Boucher	M	Korean War Era	Englewood, FL
Ernest J. Boudreau	S-2	Korean War Era	Fitchburg, MA
William M. Brown	N	Korean War Era	Ashburn, VA
Charles William "Bill" Buck		Korean War Era	Crystal Lake, MI
Gerald "Jerry" Burley	E	Korean War Era	Bay City, MI
Wavelyn Ronald Burton	T	Korean War Era	Port Austin, MI
Lawrence Lon Cabot	PA	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Charlottesville, VA
Carroll Andrew Caffrey		World War II Era	Guilford, CT
E. Jay Franklin Cahill	6 TH	World War II Era	Leawood, KS
George Ernest Caldwell		World War II Era	Daleville, AL
Elmer T. Campbell		World War II Era	Rockwall, TX
William Joseph Carroll		World War II Era	Cypress, CA
John Webster Cass		Korean War Era	Stafford County, VA
Albert T Castleman	X	World War II Era	Virginia Beach, VA
Michael Caviness	A	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Independence, MO
Bernard F. Cerra	C	Korean War Era	Carbondale, PA
Joseph A. "Jesse" Colamaria		WWII & Korean War Eras	Easton, PA
Robert Irving Conrad	FM	Korean War Era	Okeechobee, FL
Sherman Ray Copeland	M	Vietnam War Era	Allegheny Twp, PA
Herbert Tony Coury	2 nd	World War II Era	Zanesville, OH



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Steven Earl Curry	M	Vietnam War Era	North Kingstown, RI
Joseph R. DelGuidice	5th	Korean War Era	Bay Pines, FL
Roland Wallace "Wally" Denman	CMDCM	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Prescott Valley, AZ
Julius Ray "Jimmy" Dodd		World War II Era	St. Augustine, FL
Malcolm Drew	4th	Vietnam War Era	Southampton, NJ
Daniel Joseph Duffy		World War II Era	New York, NY
Jack Henry Duncan		Korean War Era	Lake Havasu City, AZ
William "Bill" P. Emerson	K	Korean War Era	Sunapee, NH
James W. Erickson	E	Vietnam War Era	Webster, NY
Joseph Fiordimondo	5th	World War II Era	St. Louis, MO
Mark Edward Fisher	2nd	Vietnam War Era	Oklahoma City, OK
Edwin Oliver Fleshman	K	Korean War Era	Crescent City, CA
John "Jack" F. Flower	A	Vietnam War Era	Indian Lake, NY
Edward L. Foster		World War II Era	Gainesville, FL
Leonard FourHawks	E	Korean War Era	Northampton, MA
William C. Francher		Korean War Era	Solvay, NY
John A. Gerace	7th	Korean War Era	Pottsville, PA
Robert D. Gregory		Korean War Era	Erlanger, KY
Nels Ronald Gustafson	FM	Korean War Era	Sarasota, FL
Robert L. Haley	S-1	Korean War Era	Topeka, KS
William J. "Bill" Hall	X	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Wintersville, OH
Archibald "Archie" Harvey	1st	Vietnam War Era	Park Ridge, NJ
Howard C. Heininger	8th	World War II Era	Washington, IL
Leonard G. Heroux	E	Korean War Era	Wallingford, CT
Ralph Herrmann Jr.	Q	Korean War Era	Hyde Park, NY
James Marshall Hester	1st	Korean War Era	Crystal River, FL
Albert T. Hicks	S-3	Vietnam War Era	Conyers, GA



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George J. Higgins		World War II Era	Benton, IL
Morris Carlton Hoard		World War II Era	Griffin, GA
Vincent Ingenito	S-2	Korean War Era	Haverford, PA
Gary Lee Inskeep	M	Vietnam War Era	Montclair, CA
Dennis W. James	S-2	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Walled Lake, MI
Duane Anthony Jaramillo	MARDET	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Pueblo, CO
Robert LeRoy Juhl		World War II Era	Forest City, IA
Peter Jurczak		Korean War Era	Auburn, NY
Clarence K. Kanahele	1st	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Aiea, HI
Jerome (Jerry) Kemp	Q	Korean War Era	Massillon, OH
August "Gus" Klug	K	World War II Era	Lakeland, FL
William Robert Knapp	CS	World War II Era	Ventura, CA
Archie B. Knox		World War II Era	Pennsauken, NJ
Andrew "Andy" Koehler	S-4	Vietnam War Era	Kewanee, IL
Robert H. Kreft	4th	World War II Era	Brighton, MI
John Kyritz	1st	Korean War Era	Teaneck, NJ
Matthew Raymond Laderwager		Korean War Era	Brooksville, FL
Francis E. Landiss	R	Vietnam War Era	Bloomington, IL
Glenn Lasley Jr.	A	World War II Era	Manteca, CA
Donald J. Liotta		Korean War Era	North Scranton, PA
Peter A. Liuzzi	X	Korean War Era	New Hartford, NY
George F. Loughlin	V	Vietnam War Era	Anchorage, AK
Edwin E. Lunn	FA	Korean War Era	Runnemede, NJ
Leroy McCloud		Vietnam War Era	Gary, IN
Michael Douglas McConaghy	6th	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Port Townsend, WA
John R. 'Dick' McCrea		World War II Era	Fulton, IL
Michael Shawn McGinty	OI	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	San Francisco, CA
Paul R. Meyer	R	Korean War Era	Sidney, OH



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Walter P. Michalowski	R	Korean War Era	Calverton, NY
Stanley Mierniczak		World War II Era	West Bend, WI
Steven W. Mifflin	4th	Vietnam War Era	Philadelphia, PA
Thurman A. Millett	N	Korean War Era	Stockton Springs, ME
Burdest Marshall Mimms	CS	World War II Era	Bells, TN
John Anthony Mizii		World War II Era	Havertown, PA
Robert Emerson Moffat		World War II Era	Lexington, SC
Edward J. Murphy	R	Korean War Era	Mystic, CT
Matthew M. Murphy	FA	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Brighton, TN
Roland J. Nadeau	7th	Korean War Era	Caribon, ME
Paul Joe Newell	A	Vietnam War Era	Findlay, OH
Matthew Allen Nickel		Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Carr, CO
Robert L. 'Bob' O'Brien	C	Korean War Era	Dubuque, IA
Lawrence M. Ogledzinski	M	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Mountain Lakes, NJ
Douglass G O'Mea	FM	Vietnam War Era	Sonora, CA
George A. Otto		World War II Era	Merchantville, NJ
Hubert Phillips		Korean War Era	Kathleen, GA
Joseph E. Porter		World War II Era	Wakefield, MA
William H. Porter	1st	Korean War Era	Milford, MA
Robert F. Powers	X-1	Korean War Era	Danvers, MA
Marion L. "Sonny" Raborn	CR	World War II Era	Sanford, FL
Donald Husted Randall	C/R	World War II Era	Kernersville, NC
Thomas A. Reihing	M	Korean War Era	Howell NJ
George E. Renfer	X	World War II Era	Hughestown, PA
Franklin R. Rhea	B	Korean War Era	Blairsville, PA
Richard Blaine Richardson	4th	Korean War Era	Randleman, NC
Delbert C. Roberts		Korean War Era	Colchester, IL



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George Clark Robertson	OR	Vietnam War Era	Fleming Island, FL
Charles Byron Roe		World War II Era	Fairfield, AL
Kenner S. Russo	2nd	Korean War Era	Austintown, Ohio
Richard J. Russo	FA	Korean War Era	Austintown, Ohio
David Sankus	FA	Vietnam War Era	Jericho, VT
Richard Duane Saxton	M	World War II Era	Hudsonville, MI
Samuel Lloyd Scarlett, M.D.	H	World War II Era	Suisun Valley, CA
James David "Dave" Schneider		World War II Era	Gettysburg, PA
James Sellers	M	World War II Era	New York, NY
Fred J. Selm Jr.		World War II Era	Indianapolis, IN
Dominick Donald Sforza	FM	Korean War Era	New Fairfield, CT
John A. Shoptaw		World War II Era	Louisville, KY
William J. Siewert		Korean War Era	Wausau, WI
James E. Simmons		World War II Era	New Brunswick, NJ
Ralph N. Skaflestad	FM	Korean War Era	Calverton, NY
Clarence J. Smith	5th	Korean War Era	Lincoln Place, PA
Virlin Edward (Ed) Spivey		World War II Era	Vincennes, IN
Chester Stadnik	B	World War II Era	Struthers, OH
Edwin "Ned" Steckel Jr.		Korean War Era	Wheeling, WV.
Henry William Steel	T	Korean War Era	Timonium, MD
Alan "Al" Stevens	E	Korean War Era	Middletown, OH
William "Bill" James Stewart	C	Korean War Era	Munster, IN
John A. Stonis		Submarine Service	Hampton, VA
Robert J. Storm	GM	World War II Era	Hamburg PA
Fred "Bubba" Stover	K	Korean War Era	Rome, GA
Joseph G. Striewe	WEAPS	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Indianapolis, IN
Emery J. Takatsch		Korean War Era	Allentown, PA



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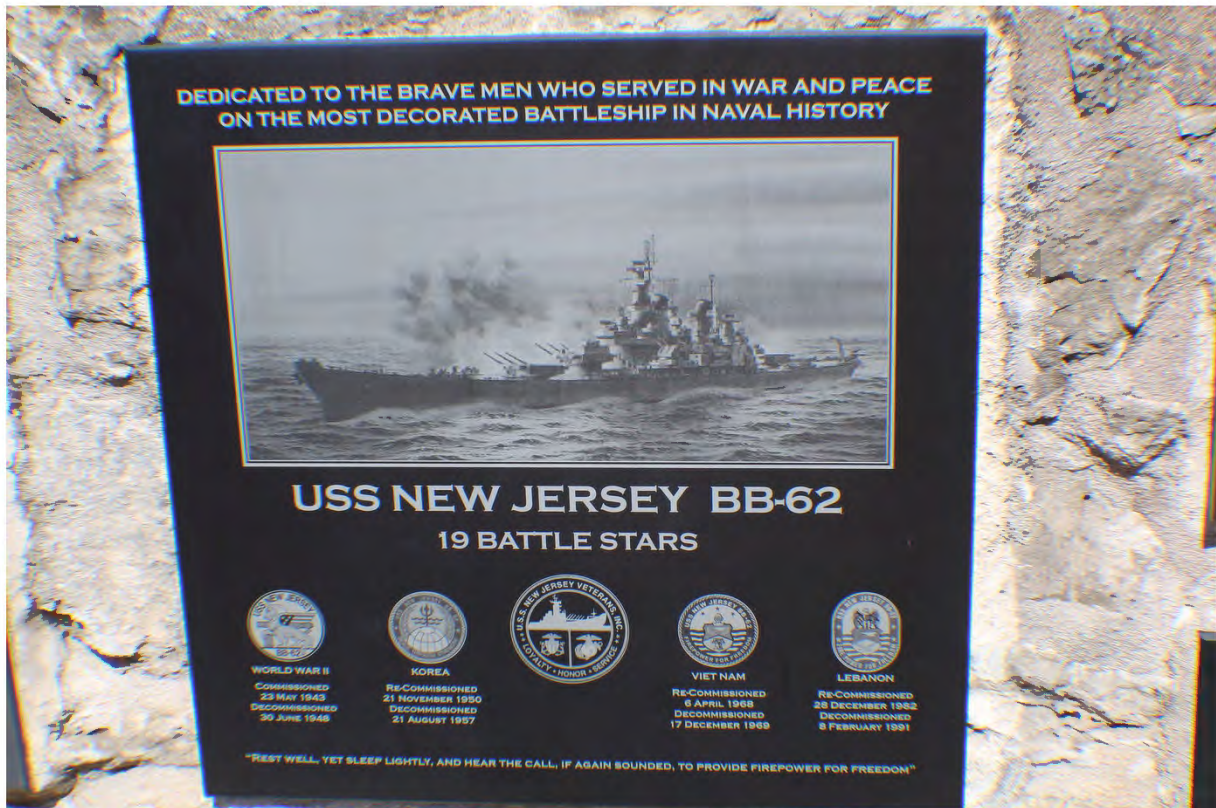
<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Arthur Lewis Thompson	S	World War II Era	Springfield, MO
James F. Toher Jr.	7th	Korean War Era	Washingtonville, NY
Louis "Gee Gee" Toscano		World War II Era	Los Banos, CA
Robert G. Trimble	3rd	Korean War Era	Hanover, IN
William James "Bill" Tully	7th	Korean War Era	Newton, NJ
Romulo Empleo Tuzon	S-3	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Watsonville, CA
Russell Van Camp	4th	Korean War Era	South Amboy, NJ
Andy Vargo	A	Korean War Era	Akron, OH
Daniel "Dan" Correy Vick	M	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Wyoming, DE
Antero Palisoc Vistro	SM	World War II Era	Camarillo, CA
Herbert W. Voss	S	World War II Era	Downers Grove, IL
Murray Wasserman	E	World War II Era	Brooklyn, NY
David Wayman			West Tisbury, MA
Raymond Webb	K	World War II Era	
Thomas F. Wellman	4th	Vietnam War Era	New Castle, PA
Jack Werbacher	MARDET	World War II Era	Staten Island, NY
Curtis Derek Wertz	H	Korean War Era	Orange Park, FL
Clarence Douglas White	R	Korean War Era	Charlottesville, VA
Thomas W. Whitehead	A	World War II Era	Nesquehoning, PA
Raymond "Woody" Witkowski		Vietnam War Era	Albuquerque, NM
Eugene L. Wolfe		Korean War Era	Ruxton, MD
John Hoyle Wright		World War II Era	Salisbury, MO
Sinclair Yip		Korean War Era	Monterey Park, CA
George W. Ziegler	5th	World War II Era	Johnstown, N
Dominick J. Zizzamia	M	Korean War Era	Staten Island, NY



USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Era</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Judy Dingman		Associate Member	Laconia, NH
Calvin Fletcher	A	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	San Antonio, TX
John Katsouridis	FA	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Belton, TX
Thomas L. "Tom" Kretz (Ret.)	OE	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Rio Rancho, NM
Troy M. Leinaar	M	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Delton, MI
Robert N. "Bob" Lucas	VN	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Irene, SD
Vincent Mulray		Associate Member	Philadelphia, PA
Juan Ortega	M	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	San Antonio, TX
Benjamin "Ben" Roper	G-1	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	College Station, TX
Douglas E. Szaro	MARDET	Lebanon - Gulf War Era	Winston Salem, NC





USS New Jersey BB-62 plaque at the Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas