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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)

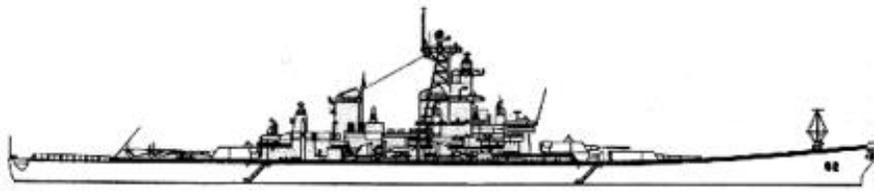


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that you're looking forward to an enjoyable 2024. All the information you will need to attend our 2024 reunion in Cherry Hill, NJ and aboard the Battleship New Jersey can be found in this issue. I look forward to seeing all my "old" friends there and meeting some new shipmates for the first time.

REUNION COSTS: Inflation has hit pretty much everything we do in our daily lives. Needless to say, it's also affected our reunions and our ability to keep costs as low as they have been in past. Hotels have stopped offering some concessions and discounts. Free breakfasts may be a thing of the past, particularly at the larger hospitality venues we need unless we will pay a higher room rate. Fortunately, we're still able to get event spaces at no rental cost. Meal costs (including service charges) have also increased substantially. For example, this year's banquet meal cost starts at \$52.00 per person. To that they add a 22% service charge of \$11.44, bringing the cost to \$63.44. Two bartenders cost \$150.00 each. Bartenders have been complimentary up until this year. The DJ cost is \$500.00, which includes a military discount. These fees are divided among the anticipated number of people attending the banquet. If we base the costs on an anticipated 200-person banquet, it comes out to about \$69.00 per person. We have the same situation with the Welcome Aboard Dinner and any other hotel events.

Bus rental prices have skyrocketed. Our Thursday tour is more costly primarily due to the cost of the buses and drivers. The cost of the buses that shuttle us to and from the ship on Friday have increased 37% since the 2022 reunion, and 107% overall since the 2016 reunion. These increases are for the same number of buses and on the same schedule. We paid \$2775.00 in 2016. This year we are paying \$5625.00.

At the 2023 General Meeting, the membership voted to add a per person Registration Fee to cover the upfront charges that we incur during the planning stages of every reunion as well as ancillary expenses like the hospitality room, etc. This includes covering the expense of traveling to a reunion city to visit and evaluate multiple hotels that have submitted proposals. Our investigation has shown that Registration Fees are charged by most military reunion groups.

The Reunion Committee has and will continue to work diligently to provide the best reunion experience possible in a cost-efficient manner. However, "the times they are a changing" and we have to deal with the current environment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: This reunion is an election year! After 12 years on the Board, 4 years as Vice President, 3 years as Reunion Planner (running concurrently with the last 3 years of the VP term), and the last 8 years as President, I will not be seeking re-election. There are several other positions that must be filled. Please consider helping keep your organization going. Information on the elections and available positions are in this issue. Nominees shall be former crew members and members of the organization with current dues paid. Once again, a big thank you to Chuck Oehme, (OE Div., '67-'69) for organizing the elections.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The 2024 scholarships are open to all graduating high school seniors who's father, grandfather, or great-grandfather served on the USS New Jersey and is a current, or recently deceased, member of our organization. Please encourage your child or grandchild to apply this year. Scholarship rules and the application forms are in this newsletter and on our website, www.ussnewjersey.org. The deadline for submission is June 1st, 2024.

I hope to see many of you at the 2024 Reunion. Have a wonderful summer and Judy and I will see you in September.

Bob Dingman, President
EM2, E Division, Sept '67 - Dec '69



37th Reunion Shirt

Happy 100th Birthday, William “Bill” Ryan

USS New Jersey WWII veteran, Bill Ryan, celebrated 100 years on January 18, 2024. Bill was born and raised in Amesbury, MA. Bill graduated from Amesbury High School and when FDR announced the draft age will be lowered from 21 to 18, he enlisted in the US Navy and reported to the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

After completing specialized training at the Naval Gunnery School in Gulfport, Mississippi, he was assigned to the Naval Armed Guard as a gunner on the 3” gun aboard the Liberty Ship, USS Robert Toombs. The ship sailed solo from Savannah Georgia to Karachi, India via the Panama Canal with a brief stop in Perth, Australia to deliver military equipment and supplies. The Toombs returned to the US arriving in Baltimore in October 1943. Bill was then assigned to the recently commissioned USS New Jersey BB62. Fire Controlman 2nd Class on turret 3. After her cold weather shake down trials off Portland, Maine, NEW JERSEY transited the Panama Canal and proceeded directly to the Pacific Theater. While serving on NEW JERSEY, Bill participated in nearly all major campaigns and battles in the Pacific during 1944 and 1945. After the war ended Bill served six months occupation duty in Tokyo Bay at Japan’s Yokosuka Naval Base. He was honorably discharged January 27, 1946 with the Rank of Fire Controlman Second Class.



Judy and I were honored to represent the members of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. and attend WWII shipmate Bill Ryan’s 100th birthday celebration on Saturday, 1/20/24. I was able to present Bill an American flag, from the staff of the Battleship New Jersey Museum, that was flown over the ship in his honor on his birthday, Jan. 18th. I also presented him a letter of congratulations from Cmdr. Steve Halle, Commanding Officer of the USS New Jersey SSN796.

Happy Birthday Bill! We all wish you well now and, in the years, ahead!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings:

How time, a year and months go by! Here we are looking forward for this year's reunion. Thinking back about the reunion last year was memorable for my wife and me. We both had a enjoyable time revisiting some sights like the city market, the USS YORKTOWN. Where our memorial service was held. I had the pleasure of making reacquaintances with friends and shipmates. The best part of the reunion was seeing everyone there, sharing stories, having enjoyable conversations. During the welcome aboard dinner and the banquet which will stay in our hearts and minds for memories to cherish. Till then good health and may God continue to bless us! We will be praying to see everyone in Cherry Hill.

Leon Tucker Jr. GMG1(SW)

G1 Division 87-90

SECRETARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello shipmates.

It's that time of year again. Time for the Spring Bounce. Hope everyone is doing well and making plans to be back at the ship this year. This is election year and I hope that some others have thought about running for one of the offices. I am stepping down this year so the Secretary position will be open. If anyone has any questions about minutes from last reunion's business meeting that were in the Fall Bounce I will be glad to answer to the best of my ability. There are a lot of 80's era members out there, and I hope that you are giving some thought to coming to reunion and maybe running for office. The Vietnam era shipmates have been carrying the load for a while now. Let's keep the memories of the USS New Jersey alive. It is time for the Vietnam era guys to take it easy at the reunion's and just enjoy the fellowship and sea tales. Time to sign off for now.

"Fair Winds And Following Seas"

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SHIP'S STORE ADVISOR'S REPORT

SHIPS STORE REPORT:

As many know, for over 2 years, the word has been out that someone must take over the duties of the store in order for it to move to the next level.

As of this writing, no one has risen to the challenge.

Please be advised that if no one accepts the position, I WILL NOT be bringing the store to future reunions. I must direct my time and energy to the many project that are before me.

It is my hope that there is someone from our organization that will step foward and carry the store to the next level and improve upon what has been accomplished. Please let me know.

The store will operate as MAIL ORDER ONLY until a new manager steps up to the position.

I will be bringing event shirts, name tags and reunion tags with me.

If anyone would like to preorder before reunion, I will be happy to fill or deliver your purchases. Thanks Mike

We are looking forward to Cherry Hill September 2024.

Mike Schappaugh - Ship's Store Advisor

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings fellow shipmates,

Dues payments for 2024 came in very well last fall and we are now in what Garry Blaylock calls the “dribs and drabs” phase of the cycle. Unfortunately, more than a dozen 2023 members passed away. Their names are listed in the Taps List along with other shipmates that we have recently found that had passed away.

Elaine and I looking forward heading back to the ship and the reunion. It also gives us a chance to head a little more north to visit family. I encourage everyone to call up their old shipmates and tell them that you will meet them at the reunion.



The Blue Jacket's Manual

I recently was looking through our bookcase for a book and came across my copy of a 1966 version of the Blue Jacket's Manual. I haven't touched the book since we moved to Houston over 30 years ago, and I hadn't opened the book since I was in boot camp. Back then, when I first opened it, the one thing that really jumped out at me was a picture of the USS New Jersey firing a salvo of her nine 16" guns in the Korean War. I knew about the Battleship New Jersey. When I was in Boy Scouts in 1957, our troop visited New Jersey when she was in Bayonne. Walking up to the ship, even as a kid you could sense something very special about her. It took another decade before I got to see her in action. I was lucky, I got to sail on the best, with the best.

Getting back to the Blue Jacket's Manual, I read it. It's not like there is a whole lot else to do in Boot Camp. But mostly we used them for “ironing” clothes, a desk for writing letters and a flat surface to stencil clothes on. If you still have your copy, read it again and you old salts just might learn a few things.

God Speed

Chuck Oehme - Membership Chairman

ETR2, OE Division, 67-69

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TREASURER'S REPORT

It's a new year and we get to visit the ship again for the Reunion in September. I hope everyone is doing well and making it through the winter.

Accompanying this report is a copy of the financials for 2023. We ended 2023 with \$39,739 in funds on hand which was an increase of \$1,338 over 2022 year-end balances.

Ship's Store operations had \$2,530 in positive cash flow while General Operating Activities (Membership Dues, the Jersey Bounce and other expenses) also experienced positive cash flow (\$3,515). On an annual basis, overall Reunion Activities used \$8,363 in our cash primarily due to deposits and other prepaid expenses associated with the upcoming 2024 reunion. Most significantly, the Scholarship Fund grew by \$4,177 during the year.



I would welcome any questions members might have regarding the financial information provided.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the ship in September.

Phil Tasker - Treasurer

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



**USS New Jersey Veterans Association
2023 Financials
Summary**

<u>Bank Balances</u>	<u>Operating Accounts (Including PayPal)</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>	
Adjusted Balances at January 1, 2023	\$ 25,229.60	\$ 13,171.88	
Total Net Funds Received in 2023	64,808.88	3.31	
Total Net Funds Disbursed in 2023	63,474.54	-	
Funds Transfers	-	-	
Net Balances at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 26,563.94</u>	<u>\$ 13,175.19</u>	
Net YTD Change in Bank Balances	\$ 1,334.34	\$ 3.31	
	<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Cash Funds</u>
CASH ASSETS	\$ 29,530.63	\$ 10,208.50	\$ 39,739.13

<u>2023 Operating Results</u>	
<u>Reunion Activities:</u>	
2023 Reunion Registrations/Funds	\$ 24,654.37
2023 Reunion Expenses	25,011.33
2024 Reunion Expenses	8,005.65
Net Reunion Revenues	\$ (8,362.61)
<u>Ship's Store Operations</u>	
Ship's Store Sales	\$ 5,474.50
Ship's Store Inventory Purchases	2,526.34
Ship's Store Postage and Supplies	417.34
Net Ship's Store Revenue	\$ 2,530.82
<u>General Operations:</u>	
<u>Funds Received</u>	
Dues Received	\$ 14,150.00
PayPal Credit Card Rebates	\$ 580.17
Bank Interest Received	3.31
Miscellaneous Revenue Received	39.84
Total Funds Received	14,773.32
<u>Funds Disbursed</u>	
Jersey Bounce	\$ 9,644.70
Postage (General)	131.05
Office and Other Supplies	32.27
PayPal and Square Fees	248.86
Web Hosting and Internet Services	200.00
Miscellaneous	1,001.00
Total Funds Disbursed	11,257.88
Net General Operating Revenue	3,515.44
Net Operating Results	<u>\$ (2,316.35)</u>

<u>2023 Scholarship Fund Activities</u>	
<u>Scholarship Fund Balance Forward From 2022</u>	\$ 5,981.50
<u>2023 Fund Raising Activities:</u>	
Reunion Auction Proceeds	3,629.00
50/50 Proceeds (Net of Payouts)	998.00
Banquet 50/50 (Net of Payouts)	317.00
Scholarship Donations	2,550.00
2023 Scholarships Awarded	(3,000.00)
2023 Scholarship Fund Ending Balance	<u>\$ 10,158.50</u>
Unpaid Balance Due 50/50 Winners	\$ -

<u>2023 Ship Restoration Fund Activities</u>	
Fund Balance Brought Forward from 2022	\$ 890.00
2023 Ship Restoration Fund Donations	12,416.00
2023 Ship Restoration Fund Disbursements to Battleship New Jersey	(13,256.00)
2023 Ship Restoration Fund Ending Balance	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

REUNION COORDINATOR'S REPORT



SHIPMATES,

The 2024 Reunion has progressed from the planning stage to the reality stage. Hotel picked and contract signed. The Welcome Aboard Dinner and the Banquet Dinner dance dinners were selected and confirmed. Tour of the US Mint and The American Revolution Museum selected, and contracts signed. Memorial Service aboard OUR SHIP the USS New Jersey awaits our arrival. This should be a wonderful reunion and hopeful everyone will have a great time.

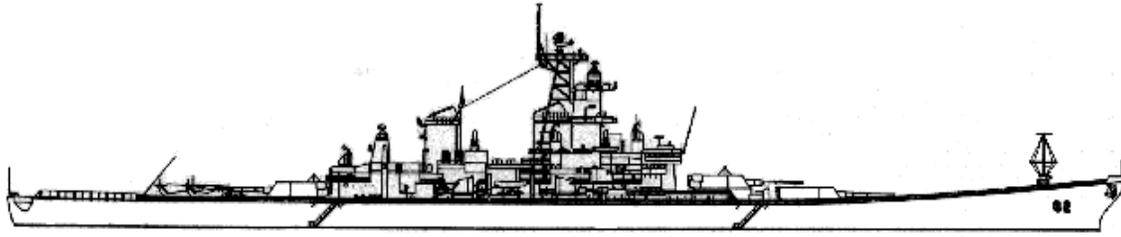
Last year at our Annual Membership Business Meeting a \$20.00 Per Person Registration Fee and a \$25.00 Per Person LATE Registration Fee was voted on and passed by the membership. These fees are non-refundable and will be used to offset reunion planning expenses, and non-event costs associated with planning and executing a reunion. There is a great article about this on page 24 of the 2023 Fall Bounce.

The cutoff date for the 2024 Reunion is August 18, 2024. Get your registration information to Mr. Phillip Tasker, Treasurer, by this date or sooner to avoid paying the late fee and being able to participate in all the planned events. We think this reunion will be bigger and better since Covid.

As a reunion coordinator it's a challenge to put a reunion package together that is enjoyable, exciting, and affordable, knowing that many of our veterans are on a fixed income. With the cost of everything increasing it's difficult to keep prices low and still give us exceptional service and value for every dollar we spend.

With most of the planning for the 2024 Reunion events complete, I started to work on the 2025 reunion in San Antonio, Texas. I received 6 proposals from hotels in the San Antonio area. I have narrowed them down to 2 to 3 in the downtown area. I have been in contact with a tour company who is going to quote a tour along with a place to have our Memorial service. He has set this tour up with other Military groups and feels we won't be disappointed. To get good room rates we will have the reunion like Charleston, starting on Monday and ending on Friday, room rates per day are \$20 to \$30 higher on weekends and our needed rooms for hospitality, ship store, meeting rooms and banquet will all be complimentary. It worked out in Charleston and I'm sure it will work out in San Antonio.

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



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Our reunion is just around the corner starting September 18, 2024. It is a great opportunity to meet old shipmates and new ones who perhaps didn't serve the same time that you did but they are still proud to be your shipmates. It's a time we can relive the past and exchange real sea stories.

We as an organization have a real and special gift. We have fellow shipmates that served aboard the USS New Jersey when the Battleship was first Commissioned during WWII. The battleship was Recommissioned for the second time when the Korean War was being fought, for the third time during the Vietnam War, and Vets who served aboard during the final Recommissioning in the 80's.

There will be no more commissioning of the greatest and most decorated battleship in the history of the US Navy, what a privilege. We are very fortunate and honored to have veterans from all 4 commissioning periods and all that served aboard during different time periods attending our reunions year after year, sharing their sea stories with all that attend.

We have veterans that are in the 100's and young veterans approaching half their age. I believe the highlight of our reunion is to get to know your fellow shipmates, listen to their stories and share your stories with them, no matter what period they served or what period you served.

This year at our reunion business meeting we will have the election of officers for the next 4 years. We have a talented group of USS New Jersey members who will run to replace and fill positions by people who will retire from their position after serving for a number of years. Let's all share in keeping the USS New Jersey Veterans Organization the greatest. If you would like to join and run for office, GOOD LUCK, we need you.

Dave Wasmer

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT



Shipmates,

Well, the reunion in Charleston, SC, I've been told was a good time. sorry to say I couldn't make it as I had a medical issue, first reunion I've missed in years! 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, this 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

Hello Shipmates,

As your Seating Coordinator, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next reunion in September aboard the USS New Jersey. I will do my best to accommodate all your seating requests please be sure to include a copy of your request along with your payment, as I cannot fill any request until I receive word of your payment. There is no guarantee that any request after the deadline will be accepted, so please submit your requests and payment on time.



*Marvin Williams - Seating Coordinator
OSCS, OI Division 82-83
Command Master Chief 89-91*

BOUNCE EDITOR'S REPORT

Looking back, I think this is the twelfth edition of the Bounce that Helen and I have produced over the last seven years or so. Time sure flies when you are having fun!

Stuffing and mailing the Bounce is a bit of a chore but the real challenge sometimes is formatting the content. We generally receive input from maybe a dozen shipmates and Battleship New Jersey folks. They come in a variety of fonts, formats and from maybe a couple of different word processing sources. The challenge comes from trying to insert the contents into a consistent presentation with margins appropriate for printing and binding. They come in at different times and sometimes inserting one new article can change something a number of pages later. Thank goodness Bob Dingman, our President takes the time to review and proof read the final draft as a backup to our work.



Anyway, we just hope the final product is something the membership appreciates.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Cherry Hill and on the ship this September.

Phil Tasker - Bounce Editor
ETR2, OE Division, Sept '67 - Dec '69



USS New Jersey BB-62 World's Greatest Battleship

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

It's an Election Year!

At our 2024 General Meeting, we will be holding Election for Officers for our organization. As a Director or Advisor, you have the opportunity to serve on behalf of the greatest group of sailors Davy Jones has ever spit back from the deep. While many of the current directors and advisors will be running for re-election, all positions are open for active campaigning and nomination. Some positions will be vacant and a need for a fellow shipmate to step up and bring each of these areas up to the next level.

If you're interested in running for any position, please contact: Chuck Oehme, Nominating Committee Chair, at 281-910-6808, or chelaine@comcast.net

Listed below are the positions along with the current candidates this issue of the Bounce.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate 1</u>	<u>Candidate 2</u>	<u>Candidate 3</u>
President / Director			
Vice President / Director			
Secretary / Director	Michael Murphy		
Treasurer / Director	Phil Tasker		
Membership Chair / Director	Chuck Oehme		
Liaison Officer / Director	Bob Williams		
Reunion Coordinator / Director	Dave Wasmer		
Master at Arms / Advisor	Randy Bergman		
Small Stores / Advisor			
Web Master / Advisor	Bob Williams		
Newsletter Editors / Advisor			
Veterans' Affairs / Advisor			
Seating Coordinator / Advisor	Michael Ales		
WWII Era / Advisor			
Korean Era Rep / Advisor			
Vietnam Era Rep / Advisor	Tom Gallucci		
1980's Era Rep / Advisor	Leon Tucker, Jr.		
Marine Detachment Rep / Advisor	Michael Goins		

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State of New Jersey

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Joseph Balsano (posth)

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Pat Jones



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

January 11, 2024

USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
7526 14th Ln.
Vero Beach, FL 32966

Dear USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.:

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$13256 on 12/19/2023 to the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers, we are grateful for your assistance as we move forward with continuous improvements to this amazing ship.

Your generosity will help the Battleship New Jersey Museum continue to grow as a major historical, educational, and economic force on the Camden Waterfront. We truly appreciate your commitment to preserving such an important landmark which serves as a "floating classroom" for future generations and a proud reminder of the sacrifices of countless men and women who have served our country.

Again, thank you for your support of the *Battleship New Jersey*. Please contact Ben Kane, Grants and Fundraising Manager at b.kane@battleshipnewjersey.org or at 856.966.1652, extension 112, if you have questions, suggestions or comments.

Respectfully,

Marshall Spevak
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you! We're grateful for the support from our ship vets!

No goods or services were received for this donation. Keep this receipt with your tax records. The Battleship is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and your support should qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes. Please consult with your tax advisor or the IRS to determine if your support is deductible.



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

Your organization, the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc., is a Commemorative Partner with **The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration**, assisting a grateful Nation in thanking and honoring our veterans and families who served during the Vietnam War Era. This Commemoration extends through Veterans Day 2025. All living US Armed Services Veterans who were on Active Duty between **11/1/1955** through 5/15/1975 regardless of location assigned and served are eligible to receive one Lapel Pin. The DOD committee defines this period of service and location because you did not have a say into where you were assigned to serve.

We are planning a Ceremony to award the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin after our Memorial Service, at our reunion in September 2024 aboard the USS NEW JERSEY BB62 Museum, Camden New Jersey. If you meet the qualification service times listed above, have not received your Lapel Pin, wish to be so recognized, and are attending the 2024 reunion in Cherry Hill New Jersey, Please send an email with the complete, proper spelling of your name for your certificate to: wbendelow@gmail.com. You will receive a confirming email from me.

This program, established by the Department of Defense, ends on Veterans Day, November 11, 2025. It honors all veterans who served during the above time period. If you qualify, you have an opportunity to receive your Lapel Pin aboard the USS NEW JERSEY BB 62. Send me an email today.

Wayne Bendelow
United States of America
Vietnam War Commemoration Partner
Committee Member



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

"A lasting memento of the Nation's thanks!"



Eligibility:

Presented to living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

Symbolism:

- **Eagle** - The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our Nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned on numerous military insignia.
- **Blue Circle** - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.
- **Laurel Wreath** - A time-honored symbol representing honor and victory.
- **Stripes** - The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.
- **Stars** - The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside one another: the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Thailand, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of the Philippines.
- **Message** - "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. The official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative.

August 2023

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!

vietnamwar50th.com



State of the Museum Report

Shipmates,

The only news at the museum right now is drydocking! Depending on when you are reading this the ship may or may not already be on the blocks. Regardless, as I write this in late February, I will give you the current plans and in a couple months I'll write what actually happened. Start making plans to come to Philadelphia now because we are going to host tours under the ship while she is in drydock.

Before we get too far into the drydock stuff, I'll give you a brief recap of 2023. It was the best year for visitation and income we have records for. While many museums are still seeing below average visitation as a holdover from the pandemic, we just edged out our 2019 visitation numbers meaning we have recovered much quicker than other institutions both in our area and around the country. 2024 will not have impressive numbers because the museum will be closed at least a quarter of the year for drydocking.

As of now we will be closing the museum on Monday March 4. For the next week volunteers and staff will be clearing things off the ship and securing things that can be damaged in transit. Most staff will start working from home at that time. The following week will be for our contractors to come in and disconnect all the water, power, sanitary etc.

On March 21 at 1100 hours, we will have a departure ceremony with the last line cast off at 1210 with the high tide. We will transit approximately 6 miles to Paulsboro Marine Terminal where we will take on 2,000 tons of water in the forward tanks to level out our trim. The bow sits ten feet higher in the water than the stern when completely unloaded. After 5 days of ballasting operations, we will proceed on 27 March across the river to Drydock 3 at the former Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Drydock 3 is the one we used during construction and the one the ship went into in 1967 when she was reactivated for Vietnam. This time instead of going in bow first we will be stern in. We expect the yard period to last about 60 days. Once that is done, the ship will be towed to a lay berth and the ballast water will be discharged. Once the ship returns to Camden it will be approximately two weeks before we reopen to the public as the utilities are reattached and the tour routes and exhibits are reinstalled.



State of the Museum Report

We plan on only doing work in the yard that can't be easily done pier side. This will include the big three projects of painting, sealing through-hull openings, and replacing anodes. For painting we will be giving her a "shave and a haircut": blasting and painting from the waterline down. We will be inspecting the 165 through hull openings including repacking the stern tubes for the propellers and patching the discharge from number two main condenser that was temporarily repaired about seven years ago. For the 1,204 23# zinc anodes bolted to the hull, our dive survey reported little deterioration because the zincs are less effective in freshwater like the ship's current berth, so we will be replacing these with aluminum anodes. This roughly \$10 million project will make sure that the ship is with us for many years to come. The state of New Jersey generously supported the project with \$5 million but there is still a long way to go for fundraising for this project.

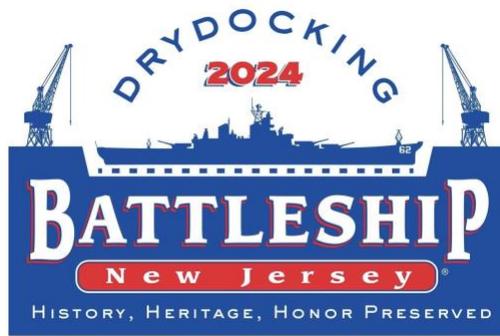
With the exception of essential workers no one will be onboard during the tow. However, the ship will be open for drydock tours while we are in the yard. The tours will be held on weekends when the shipyard workers are off and tickets are already available on the museum's website. All proceeds from the tours go back into the \$10 million drydock project. I hope you are all able to join us as it will likely be 30 years before the ship is next out of the water.

Be sure to check the museum's website and various social media accounts for the most up to date information on the drydock process. We are posting updates every Wednesday night at 7pm EST on the YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/BattleshipNewJersey](https://www.youtube.com/BattleshipNewJersey).

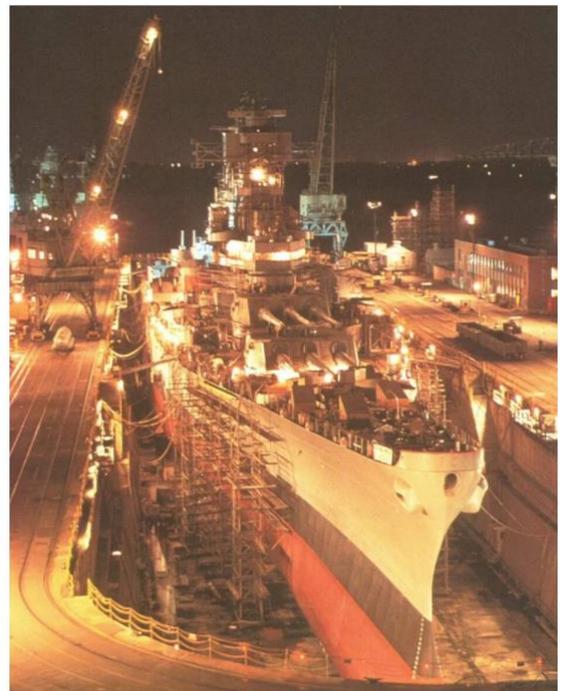
I will see you all on board soon,

Ryan

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



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. have long supported the restoration projects that are needed aboard the ship. Most of your donations over the last few years have been targeted for the replacement of the teak deck. These donations have totaled in the tens of thousands of dollars. The carpenters and volunteers have recently completed the redecking of all of the teak on the main deck. In the Spring of 2017, we donated \$5,000 to help with the recovery of three 16" gun barrels that had once been on the USS New Jersey from a field in Chesapeake, VA and to recover a Quad 40mm Bofors Mount that was removed from NEW JERSEY during the 1968 reactivation from the former Philadelphia Naval Base.



📷 Battleship Dry dock prior to Vietnam. (Courtesy of Battleship New Jersey)

USS New Jersey BB62 is being dry docked in March to allow for hull maintenance. The cost of this project is \$10,000,000. The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial is still in need of donations to fully fund the dry docking and the maintenance. I asked Phil Tasker to check our finances to see if we can comfortably donate specifically to this project. I told him I would like our donation to be between \$5,000-\$10,000. Phil did an analysis of our finances. Based on the analysis, he was comfortable with a \$5000 donation now and possibly a 2nd donation of a similar amount after we finalize this year's reunion costs.



On February 20, 2024, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to donate \$5,000 toward the dry-docking project now and if possible, a 2nd donation of a similar amount after we finalize this year's reunion costs and our treasurer determines that a 2nd donation is financially feasible.

The Battleship will not be open for tours, sleep overs and any other shipboard events while in drydock. To compensate for the loss of this income, tours down into the drydock, where you can get under the ship, will be available. Dry Dock Guided Tours will take place on Saturdays and Sundays while the Battleship is in dry dock.

Additional individual donations are still needed to fully fund the dry docking. Information on donating is available on the Battleship New Jersey website:

<https://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/drydock/>

Thank you, Bob

USS NEW JERSEY SSN 796

Underway for her maiden voyage, February 26, 2024



Photograph taken by Alissa Halle, wife of USS New Jersey CO, Steven Halle

USS NEW JERSEY SSN 796

SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING DATE CHANGE

Last fall I included information in the Jersey Bounce on how to obtain tickets to the commissioning of the USS New Jersey SSN796. Twenty-six USS New Jersey veterans requested tickets. These requests have been submitted to the Navy. On February 26th, the Navy announced that the date has changed to September 14, 2024. This date is the Saturday before the start of our 37th reunion on Wednesday, September 18th. The site of the commissioning, Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, NJ, is about a 1 1/2-hour drive from the reunion hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ.

At this time we do not know if the Navy will be allowing additional people to apply for tickets. I was told that they received more ticket requests for April 6th than they had space for. I will start a list of members who did NOT request an invitation before, but due to the date change would like to request an invitation now. The list will be 1st come, 1st served. PLEASE REMEMBER...THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE NAVY WILL ALLOW ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO REQUEST TICKETS.

Here is how the process goes:

- The Navy plans to set aside a special seating section for BB62 invitees. This seating will be reserved for former BB62 crew members who are on the list we submit.
- Each BB62 Veteran requesting a ticket can include one(1) guest only.
- All of the following information is required:
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 - Prefix (Mr, Mrs, etc)
 - Full Name (Last, First, Middle)
 - Suffix (such as: Jr., Sr, etc)
 - Mailing Address (Street required, City, State, Zip Code,)
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
 - Plus one name (Full name of one(1) Guest)
 - US Citizen? (Yes/No)
 - Retired military should provide their final rate & rank (ex: BTC, QM1, Lt, CWO4, Cmdr, Capt, etc.)
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- Ceremony invitations (E-vite) will be emailed to those on the sheet, by the Navy.
- Hard Copy ticket packages will be mailed to those who accept the ceremony invitation.

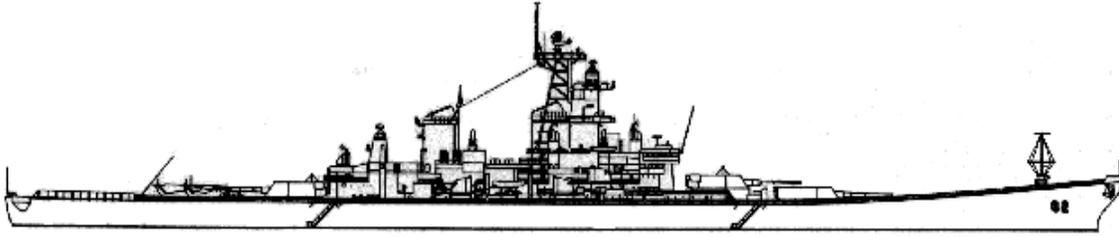
Please send your information to me via email, text. Email me at, bdingman62@gmail.com, or text me at, 603-455-4441(C). Please send your information to me as soon as possible. I have no idea how long it will take the Navy to make any final decisions on this change.

Other info about the commissioning day:

- Gates to Naval Weapons Station Earle will open 0730. Cars will be sent to a designated parking lot. After security screening, a bus will deliver the invitees to the pier, where ushers will direct them to their seats.
- The ceremony starts at 1000, and lasts approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- After the ceremony, a reception (light lunch) will be held on the pier.
- Attendees will be able to tour the submarine from 1200 to 1600.
- The return process is the reverse of the first step.

Bob Dingman, President

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



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

37th ANNUAL REUNION

WHERE: Double Tree by Hilton - Cherry Hill NJ.
2349 West Marlton Pike
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

WHEN: September 18th - 22nd, 2024

RESERVATIONS: 1-856-665-6666 (Hotel Direct)

For group rate mention the: **USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS**

Online Reservations can be made at the Website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50718038>

To modify your existing reservations, call 1-856-665-6666.

Special group rates are available now thru August 16,2024

Reservations received after 5:00PM(EDT), August 16, 2024, may not qualify for the group rate.

Handicapped rooms are available upon request.

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.

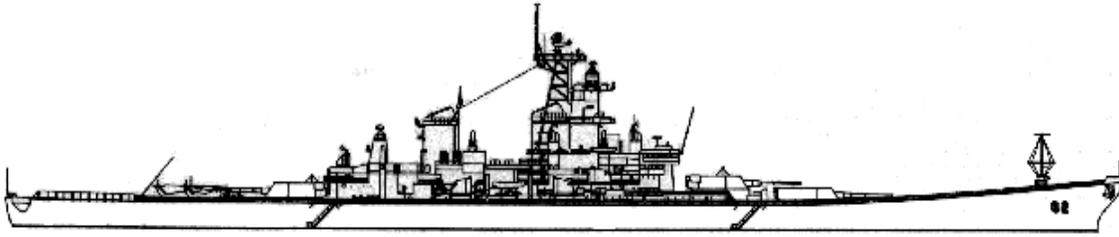
SERVICE PETS ONLY (Documentation Required) No other pets.

COST: One King or Two Queen - \$139.00

(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 discounted breakfast coupons



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

37th Annual Reunion - Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Airport - Hotel Ground Transportation

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

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

First Class Limousine Service. To preschedule your pick-up at the airport and for your return trip with **First Class Limousine**, their phone number is 856-428-1500.

First Class Limousine Service pricing subject to change:

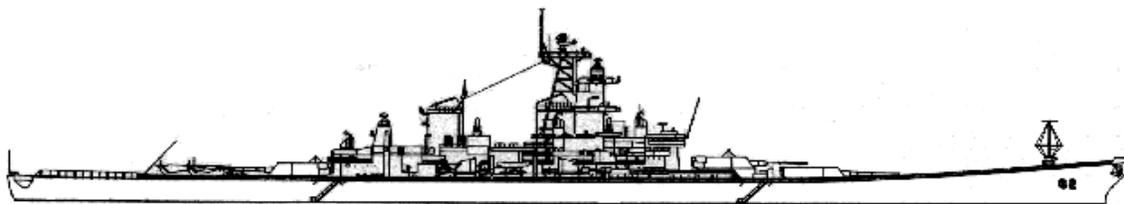
- Sedan up to three people (one way) is \$95.00 + Tip (20% Gratuity)
- SUV up to five people (one way) is \$140.00 + Tip (20% Gratuity)
- Van up to thirteen people (one way) is \$185.00 + Tip (20% Gratuity)

If there are several people in your group using a standard taxi could be a cost saving. Taxi cost should be Between \$50 to \$60.00 + Tip.

Yellow Cab	215-333-3333
Philadelphia Taxicab	215-666-6666
215 Get-A-Cab	215-438-2222

If you call ahead give them your Name, Arrival Date and Time, Flight Number they can have a cab waiting for you upon arrival. They stated there are not always cabs waiting at the airport at all times of the day and night.

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



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

37th ANNUAL REUNION PLAN OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 - Check-in Day

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

Thursday, September 19, 2024

- 0815 Board buses for Revolution & US Mint Tours
- 0845 Buses departs for Museum and Mint Tours
- 0900 Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2), opens.
- 1600 Bus returns to hotel from Tours and Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy.
- 2200 Hospitality Room closes.

Friday, September 20, 2024

- 0800 Board Buses for Battleship New Jersey and Memorial Service
- 0830 Buses Depart for Battleship New Jersey and USS NJ Veterans Memorial Service
There will be several return trips to the USS New Jersey.
- 1030 USS New Jersey Veterans Memorial Service on the Fantail of Battleship New Jersey
- 1330, 1430, 1530 Bus departs Battleship New Jersey for return to hotel on the half-hour or when full
- 1630 Final bus departs Battleship New Jersey for return to hotel.
- 1430 Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2), opens for a limited period.
- 2200 Hospitality Room closes.

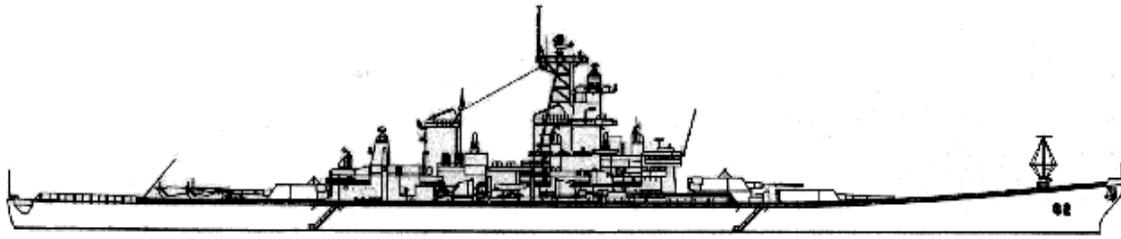
Saturday, September 21, 2024

- 0900 General Membership Business Meeting (Terrace Room)
- 1200 Hospitality Room (Plaza 1 & 2) opens.
- 1500 Hospitality Room closes
- 1800 Group pictures By Bill Romer (Riverside room)
- 1830 Doors open, Cash bar (Riverside Room)
- 1900 Dinner Dance Banquet (Riverside Room)

Sunday, September 22, 2024

- 1100 Hotel checkout time

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN SAN ANTONIO, TX.



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

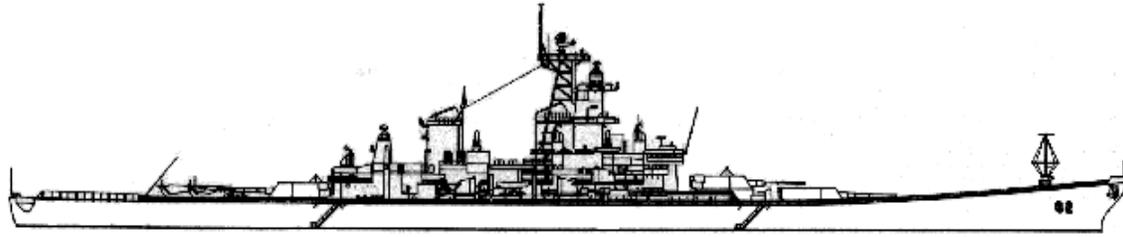
AUCTION NIGHT

Following our Welcome Aboard dinner, an auction will be held to support our scholarship fund. Open your wallets there will be a lot of unique one-of-a-kind items that have been made and donated by your shipmates for this very worthwhile fund. All things USS New Jersey, U.S Navy, Patriotic are needed for the auction. If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the reunion. If you can't attend, but you have items to donate, please contact:

Bob Dingman

bdingman62@gmail.com

603-528-4436



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Museum of the American Revolution

Explore the dramatic, surprising story of the American Revolution through its unmatched collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, documents and works of art. Immersive galleries, powerful theater experiences and interactive digital elements bring to life the diverse array of people that created a new nation against incredible odds. Visitors gain a deeper appreciation for how this nation came to be and feel inspired to consider their role in the ongoing promise of the American Revolution. Must see items in the museum are General Washington's Headquarters Tent, an iconic piece of history where President George Washington slept and made world-changing decisions. The tent is part of a multimedia presentation about Washington. Other key elements include a two-story replica of the Liberty Tree, a large-scale replica of an 18th-century ship that visitors can climb aboard. There are ten (10) theaters throughout the museum to help tell the story of the Revolution. At the Battlefield Theater Museum guest are put on the front lines of the Continental Army during a British attack. Throughout the show, Gunshots erupt, the Floor shakes, Strobe lights flash, and Smoke fills the room.



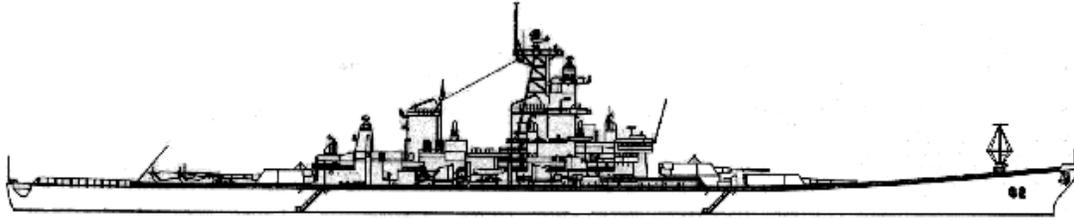
United States Mint at Philadelphia



The United States Mint at Philadelphia is the largest coin factory in the world. The US Mint was established in Philadelphia in 1792 and coins have been continuously made here for 200 years. The US Mint also produces numismatic products which include commemorative coins, proofs and uncirculated coins, silver, gold and platinum, bullion coins and congressional gold medals.

On your self-guided tour, you will learn about extraordinary history and see our current coin design and manufacturing processes. Yes, you will

actually see real coins being made.



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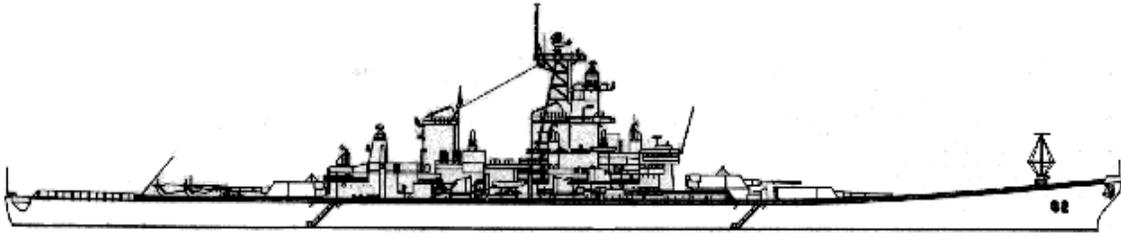
Thursday, September 19, 2024

Museum of the American Revolution, US Mint Tour, and Lunch

The cost is \$99.00 per person. Includes Transportation, Museum Admissions, US Mint Tour, and lunch.

This schedule is tentative only and depends upon how many people sign up to take this tour. When we contract with the tour company, we pay for all seats on the bus no matter if they are paid seat or not. Therefore, we need to have a cut off of August 18, 2024. After this day your names will be put on a list and if we have seats and buses available you will be able to take the tour. We have some leeway by exchanging bus sizes if available. If you cancel after August 18, there is no refund since we have to pay for your bus seat and also the tickets to the Museum and US Mint.

- Busses depart hotel at approximately 0845.
- Arrives at the Museum of the American Revolution or US Mint depending on total number of passengers committed to the tours.
- Buses will exchange tour groups from the Museum to the Mint or from the Mint to the Museum.
- Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy
 - Family Style Lunch Includes
 - Bruschetta,
 - Caesar Salad,
 - Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce,
 - Chicken Parmesan
 - Ciabatta Rolls
 - Lemon Cookies
 - Coffee, Tea, iced Tea and Soda
- Group arrives back at the hotel approx. 1600.



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

Friday, September 20, 2024

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

0830 - Buses begin to depart from the hotel

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

1030 - The Memorial Service will commence.

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

1130 - Bag Lunch will be served. Choose one of the following Sandwiches:

- ~Turkey on Sourdough with Mustard Mayo
- ~Roast Beef on a Roll with Horseradish Sauce
- Ham and Swiss with Honey Mustard on Rye
- ~Tuna Salad Wrap
- Chicken Salad on Croissant
- ~Grilled Vegetables w/hummus over Salad

Included in the bag:
Pasta Primavera Salad
Chips & Cookie
Napkin & Utensils

Bottled Water or Soda will be available.

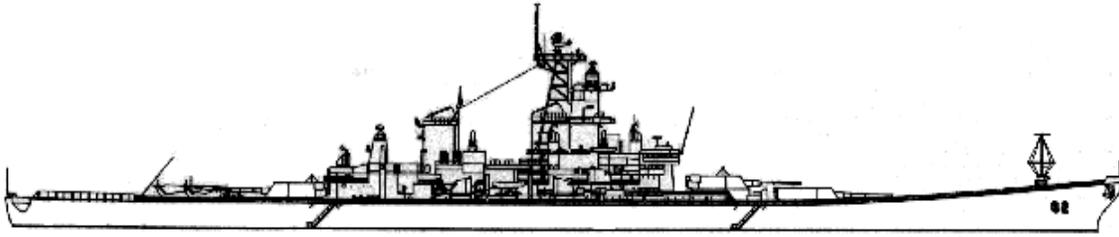
Cash Bar will be open after the Memorial Service

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

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

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

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



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.
Saturday, September 21, 2024**

RIVERSIDE BALLROOM

1800 - Group Pictures Taken By William Romer

DINNER DANCE BANQUET

1830 Doors Open
1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

Plated Dinner Menu

Hearts of Romaine, Focaccia Croutons, Creamy Caesar Dressing

Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetable

Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter

****ENTRÉE****

**Stuffed Chicken Breast
Boursin Cheese, Spinach, Madeira Wine Sauce**

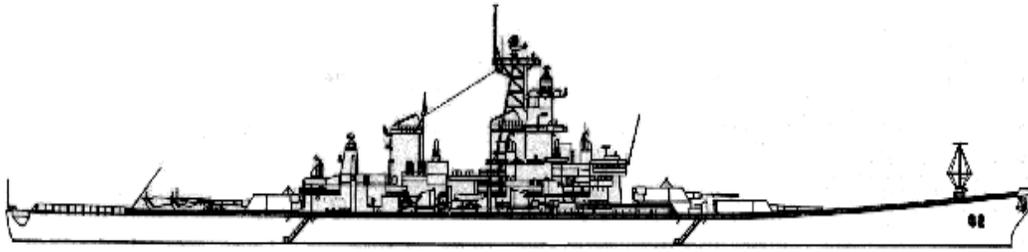
**Atlantic Salmon
Creamy Leek Sauce**

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

**Gluten Free Grilled Mushroom Risotto Cake
Grilled Portobello, Asparagus, Tomato, Roasted Vegetables,
Tomato Mushroom Coulis**

Tiramisu with Dark Chocolate Espresso Sauce

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Assorted Teas



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

INFORMATION FOR DINNER GROUP SEATING

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Paid dinner reservations must be made prior to requesting group seating.
2. Dinner seating requests will be accepted between July 10th – August 21st.
3. A separate request is required for each dinner, Wednesday, and Saturday.
4. **NOTE: Please include a note saying if space for wheelchair seating is needed.**
5. When requesting group seating, including family members or friends, only ONE PERSON per group should apply. Please list all individuals by name.

Check to ensure that everyone within the group has made and paid for their dinner prior to making a seating request. This will reduce, or eliminate, confusion when individuals within a group either have not made a reservation or make the reservations at the last minute.

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

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

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

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

37th Annual Reunion Events Reservation Form

Refer to the Plan of the Week for event start times.

Welcome Aboard Dinner **Wednesday, September 18th, 2024** **Riverside Ballroom**
___ Chicken Piccata Dinner ___ Vegetarian Dinner ___ People @ \$44.00/person \$ _____

Thursday, September 19th, 2024
Museum of the American Revolution, US Mint and Lunch at Maggiano's
___ People @ \$99.00/person \$ _____

Friday, September 20th, 2024
Battleship New Jersey Visit & Memorial Service ___ People @ \$50.00/person \$ _____
___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Ham & Swiss Bottled Water and A Variety of
___ Tuna Salad ___ Chicken Salad ___ Veggie wrap Soft Drinks will be Available.

Banquet Dinner **Saturday, September 21st, 2024** **Riverside Ballroom**
___ People @ \$70.00/person \$ _____
___ Chicken Marsala ___ Herb Crusted Salmon ___ Sliced Sirloin of Beef ___ Vegetarian Dinner

Reunion T-Shirt ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL @ \$12.00 ea. \$ _____
 ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL @ \$14.00 ea. \$ _____

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

If you forgot to pay 2024 dues, you can pay that now \$25.00 \$ _____

NEW THIS YEAR \$20.00 PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE ___ People @ \$20.00/Person \$ _____

***LATE REGISTRATION FEE DUE, IF REGISTRATION FORM IS MAILED OR EMAILED
AFTER AUGUST 18th CUT OFF DATE** ___ People @ \$25.00/Person \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed for all Events \$ _____

Registration Fees are Non-Refundable

Please provide the following and please print:

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ERA: _____ DIVISION: _____ DATE SERVED: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

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

****FINAL CUT OFF DATE For ALL Events - AUGUST 18, 2024****

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO: USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. To pay by using PayPal or Zelle send the payment to bb62veterans@gmail.com. To pay by credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay, check here ___ and we will send an electronic invoice to the email address above with a secure link to our credit card processor.

Mail or Email this registration form to the address below.

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

REUNION NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

Mark your required History String(s):

<u>City</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Plankowner	1943	_____
Plankowner	1950	_____
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Plankowner	1982	_____
Long Beach CA	1982	_____
Atlantic City NJ	1984	_____
Indianapolis, IN	1986	_____
New Orleans LA	1988	_____
Daytona Beach FL	1990	_____
Nashville TN	1992	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	1993	_____
San Diego CA	1994	_____
Norfolk VA	1995	_____
Fort Mitchell KY	1996	_____
Danvers MA	1997	_____
Colorado Springs CO	1998	_____
Seattle WA	1999	_____
Daytona Beach FL	2000	_____
Branson MO	2001	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2002	_____
Las Vegas NV	2003	_____
Washington DC	2004	_____
Valley Forge PA	2005	_____
San Antonio TX	2006	_____
San Diego, CA	2007	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2008	_____
Jacksonville FL	2009	_____
Nashville TN	2010	_____
Hilton Head, SC	2011	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2012	_____
Virginia Beach VA	2013	_____
St. Louis MO	2014	_____
Portland OR	2015	_____
Philadelphia PA	2016	_____
Deerfield IL	2017	_____
New Orleans LA	2018	_____
San Diego, CA	2019	_____
Oklahoma City, OK	2021	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2022	_____
Charleston SC	2023	_____
Cherry Hill NJ	2024	_____

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

Complete this section if you need name plates.

_____ Crew Member Name Plate (2 X 3 Inches)

_____ Associate Member Name Plate (2 X 3 Inches)

All name Plates are white with blue letters.

Please print desired text as you wish it displayed on the lines provided. (We reserve the right to rearrange text for clarity and to minimize disorder):

Pricing:

Name tags are \$20.00 each

History Strings are \$9.00 each

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

Mike Schappaugh

3540 16th Street No.

Saint Petersburg, FL 33704

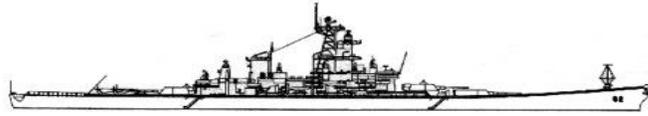
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E-Mail: _____

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



USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. Scholarship Application Eligibility Requirements

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

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

Eligibility Requirements:

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

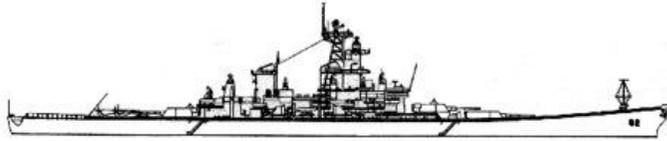
Application and Submission Checklist:

1. [] Complete all three (3) application forms. (Part 1, Part 2a & Part 2b)
2. [] Applicants personal handwritten 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



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Scholarship Application - Part 1

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____

FATHERS NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____

MOTHERS NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

USS NEW JERSEY VETERAN SPONSOR INFORMATION

VETERANS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

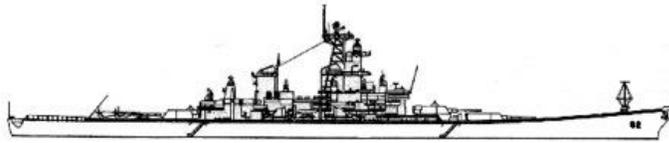
CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____

YEARS SERVED ON USS NEW JERSEY, FROM _____ TO _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

IF VETERAN IS DECEASED, PROVIDE DATE OF DEATH _____



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Scholarship Application - Part 2a

HIGH SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____

YEARS ATTENDED: FROM _____ TO _____

SCHOLASTIC HONORS _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES _____

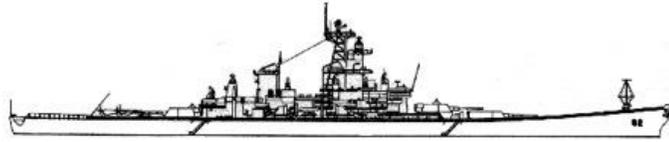
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES _____

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE _____

ARE YOU WORKING THIS SUMMER? _____ WHERE? _____

POSITION AND DUTIES _____



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.
Scholarship Application - Part 2b

COLLEGES YOU HAVE APPLIED TO _____

PLANNED MAJOR _____

COLLEGE YOU HOPE TO ATTEND _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED? _____ WILL YOU BE ATTENDING? _____

IF YOU HAVE FORMALLY COMMITTED, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADDRESS OF THE BURSAR'S OFFICE AND YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER, IF KNOWN. THIS INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE, IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.

BURSAR'S OFFICE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

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COMMITTEE USE ONLY

COMMITTEE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICANT RANKING \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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## USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

| <u>Name</u>             | <u>Division</u> | <u>Era</u> | <u>Hometown</u>      |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|
| Allister Allen          | H               | Korea      | Patterson, CA        |
| Richard "Dick" Anderson | Unknown         | Korea      | Sun City West, AZ    |
| Elmer "Leon" Anglin     | OR              | Vietnam    | Augusta, KS          |
| R. Wayne Ankeny         | S-2             | Korea      | Blue Earth, MN       |
| Richard George Ashford  | S-1             | Korea      | Arlington, TN        |
| Donald Baker Barrier    | H               | WWII       | Newland, NC          |
| Marc Y. Beaulieu        | EX              | WWII       | Orange, CT           |
| Kenneth L. Baker        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Vietnam    | Evansville, IN       |
| Richard W. Berkemeyer   | CR              | WWII       | Ely, MN              |
| Vernon A. Bertel        | CR              | WWII       | Mountain Home, AR    |
| Ronald Lloyd Betters    | S-2             | Korea      | Boca Raton, FL       |
| Earl Duane Bigelow      | M               | Vietnam    | Fort Mohave, AZ      |
| Ronald K. Blank         | YN              | Vietnam    | Edgewater, FL        |
| CMDCM Louis Bowan       | OS              | 80's       | Dover, DE            |
| Billy T. Bownds         | CR              | WWII       | Cherry Valley, CA    |
| Tenney James Boyer      | FA              | Korea      | Arlington, TX        |
| Gordon Alden Buchanan   | K               | WWII       | Saratoga Springs, NY |
| Walter Ronald Bulloch   | E               | Korea      | Washington Twp., MI  |
| LaRoy W. "Bud" Bush     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | WWII       | Indianapolis, IN     |
| William "Bill" Campbell | Unknown         | Korea      | Springfield, VA      |
| Winton G. Cannon        | FA              | WWII       | Bellevue, WA         |
| Timothy Wayne Cooper    | A               | 80's       | Florence, AL         |
| Leroy Edward Creel      | Unknown         | WWII       | Round O, SC          |



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|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| Peter C. Crolius           | Unknown         | WWII       | Marshfield, ME     |
| A.Thomas Delery            | Unknown         | WWII       | Baton Rouge, LA    |
| Robert M. Dodson           | FM              | WWII       | Breman, IN         |
| William R. Dow             | FA              | Vietnam    | Eagle, ID          |
| Robert E. Dykes            | D               | Korea      | Jacksonville, FL   |
| Paul Jackson Eddy          | R               | WWII       | Huntington, WV     |
| William Donald "Don" Evans | Unknown         | Korea      | Kannapolis, NC     |
| Harry Patrick Fagan Jr.    | FA              | WWII       | Palm Bay, FL       |
| Anthony "Neno" Frasso      | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Korea      | New Castle, PA     |
| Raymond Gengenbach         | S-2             | Korea      | Amherst, MA        |
| Davie E. Golden            | G               | Vietnam    | Chattanooga, TN    |
| Daniel Francis Grady       | GM              | WWII       | San Diego, CA      |
| John F. Green              | M               | Korea      | New York Mills, NY |
| Ellis "Lonnie" Griffiths   | A               | Vietnam    | Zephyrhills, FL    |
| George L. Grise            | Unknown         | Korea      | Selbyville, WI     |
| Terence "Terry" Grube      | Unknown         | Vietnam    | Sheboygan, WI      |
| Louis "Sam" Gwinn          | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Korea      | Marietta, OH       |
| Thomas Henry Hanover       | FM              | WWII       | Temple, TX         |
| Jack F. Haughn             | Unknown         | Korea      | Eastport, NY       |
| Harold R. Heiser           | B               | Korea      | Fayetteville, PA   |
| Max "Sonny" Higgins Jr.    | M               | Korea      | Burnsville, NC     |
| Benny Hubby                | M               | Korea      | Union Hill, AR     |
| Leonard J. Jung            | X               | WWII       | Bowie, MD          |



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|---------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Gary Lyle Kenney          | M                | Vietnam    | Rockland, ME             |
| George R. Komer           | N                | WWII       | Skaneateles, NY          |
| Marvin Landrum            | Unknown          | Unknown    | New Braunfels, TX        |
| Andrew Laudano            | S-3              | Korea      | East Haven, CT           |
| Robert LaVine             | E                | WWII       | Warren Township, NJ      |
| William J. LeStrange Jr.  | N                | Korea      | Toledo, OH               |
| Donald Paul Lines         | S-3              | Korea      | Pensacola, FL            |
| Robert H.C. Lisse         | FC               | Korea      | New Cumberland, PA       |
| Billy Joe "Pete" Lockhart | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Korea      | Titusville, FL           |
| Joseph M. Low             | Associate Member |            | Oaklyn, NJ               |
| Irwin Isadore Malphrus    | Unknown          | Vietnam    | Springfield, GA          |
| Charles J. McMahon        | C                | Korea      | Philadelphia, PA         |
| Captain Francis A. Micara | Staff            | Korea      | Daytona Beach Shores, FL |
| Robert A. Michael         | M                | Korea      | Hastings, MN             |
| John "Jack" Miles         | A                | Korea      | Manahawkin, NJ           |
| J. Charles Miller         | Unknown          | WWII       | Media, PA                |
| Dominic J. Miltello       | Flag             | WWII       | Swartz Creek, MI         |
| David J. Moses            | X                | Korea      | Rochester, NY            |
| Andrew J. Murphy          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Korea      | Lancaster, PA            |
| Dot Graham Musselman      | B                | Korea      | Milwaukee, WI            |
| Zane Rae Neal             | Unknown          | WWII       | Apple Valley, CA         |
| Paul Neeson               | FA               | Korea      | Mills, MA                |



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|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Robert M. "Bob" Neisen      | S-2               | Vietnam    | Webster, MN     |
| J Wayne Niebauer            | M                 | Vietnam    | Pedricktown, NJ |
| William R. "Korky" Orthwein | S                 | Korea      | Reno, NV        |
| Edward D. Parent Jr.        | FA                | Korea      | Hamilton, MA    |
| Noble L. Parfitt            | E                 | Korea      | Elkins, WV      |
| Ken Quinn                   | Unknown           | Korea      | Rockledge, FL   |
| Charles E. Ricker           | M                 | Korea      | Bristol, CT     |
| Richard Rutten              | M                 | Korea      | Carroll, IA     |
| Raymond C. Sankey           | Marine Detachment | Korea      | Masury, OH      |
| John S. Skocik              | Flag              | Korea      | Uniontown, PA   |
| Albert F. Steinwehe         | M                 | WWII       | Woodstock, IL   |
| Gay L. Stover               | Unknown           | Korea      | Pocahontas, IA  |
| John Lee Teska              | Unknown           | 80's       | Toledo, OH      |
| Robert "Bob" J. Trombi      | 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Korea      | Montreal, WI    |
| James D. Ussery             | 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Korea      | Muskogee, OK    |
| Leopold R. Veleiro          | M                 | Korea      | Lenoir City, TN |
| John V. Vigiotti            | M                 | Korea      | Lakewood, NJ    |
| George Wasickanin           | T                 | Korea      | Cicero, NY      |
| James A. Weed               | Unknown           | WWII       | Anniston, AL    |
| Charles "Chuck" Weir        | FA                | Korea      | Waco, TX        |
| Clifton Wentworth           | 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Korea      | Ipswich, MA     |



## USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Division</u> | <u>Era</u>       | <u>Hometown</u>     |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Catherine Colson    |                 | Associate Member | Newton Junction, NH |
| E. Junior Maldonado |                 | Associate Member | Jersey City, NJ     |
| Robert E. Myers     |                 | Associate Member | Broken Arrow, OK    |
| Bruce Stone         | OE              | Vietnam          | Auburn, NH          |
| Richard M. Traub    | OI              | Vietnam          | Leonardo, NJ        |
| Edward L. Wells     | OI              | 80's             | Hayward, CA         |
| Mirth Williams      |                 | Associate Member | Newton Junction, NH |
| Richard B. Wolpin   | S-1             | 80's             | Lakewood, NJ        |

## Alternative Payment Options

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

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**bb62veterans@gmail.com**

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