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“THE JERSEY BOUNCE”

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In Memoriam Rear Admiral J Edward Snyder

The Buggler Sounded Taps; 4 November 2007



I had the honor of meeting Rear Admiral Snyder at the USS New Jersey Veterans reunion in Washington D.C. I wrote about him in our Fall 2004 issue under the heading “Where Are They Now?” Looking back at the interview, I am most reflective not just on what the man had to share, but also in what the men at the table surrounding him had to say. Even today, reading the stories about “The Skipper” reminds me how one man can make such a huge difference in the lives of so many.

Inside this newsletter are just a few of the thoughts from the crewmembers who served under then Captain Snyder. They can say more then I ever could.

Rear Admiral J Edward Snyder is survived by the woman he met at a local Grand Forks, North Dakota drug store while on Christmas Leave, Mary Lou; his daughter, Anne Gibson and his son J Edward Snyder III.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetary on December 14th, 2007. The Admral was 83 years old.

USS New Jersey Crew Returns Home

September 17 - 21, 2008

Admiral Snyder once spoke of the importance of staying connected to your home base. It was his belief that we needed to go back to the ship, as a group, at least every 3 years. At the reunion held in San Antonio, our membership concured when we agreed to hold our 2008 reunion on “The Battleship”.

Make plans to bring you and your family home to the USS New Jersey next fall.



Early details are located in this issue with more details coming in the Spring Edition of The Bounce!

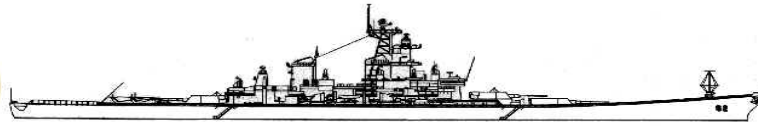


The ByLaws of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc



It is an organizations bylaws that governs the direction of that organization. They are the laws that the board of the association and its members live by. The Bylaws are not just words on paper, they are the final word in the decissions we make and the direction we take for The USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.

Inside this issue, we have included the entire text of our bylaws. As with all living breathing object, even our bylaws need to be reviewed, undated and enhanced to meet the ever changing evaluation of our organization. Please forward your comments or suggestions to your ERA representative as we begin the task of reviewing and updating our laws



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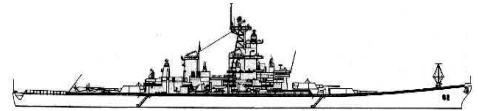
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Clearing Off The Presidents Desk

Now that San Diego is a distant memory for those that attended this year, it is now time to look forward to the next reunion aboard the "THE BIG "J" in Cherry Hill Jersey in the fall of 2008.

Although this year's get together was small in size it was big for those who attended.

Many thanks go out to Dick Esser, the Reunion Coordinator and our on-site guy, Chief Larry Kalakauskis, for an outstanding job in their efforts for putting on a real class act.

Our Welcome Aboard Party and our Hawaiian luau, that was held out by the hotel swimming pool, was top notch. The food was great- especially the meal we had on Saturday night at the luau. The music on Saturday night was good and we found out that we have a true "STAR" in Bobby Gonzales who took Louis Armstrong and George Strait to new heights. Bobby was a member of "E" Division during the Vietnam Era and a true entertainer. He has assured me he will return next year with a bigger and better show complete with more sound and lights! I wonder if Bobby and Doc Blair could team up together.

Our Memorial service aboard the USS MIDWAY was second to none. The names of our departed shipmates who passed since the last reunion were read. Tony Sala and his wife, Lois tossed the wreath over the side. Many thanks to them for their help. We had a group from the 82nd Airborne present a 21 Gun Salute and one of their members teamed up with our own QM3 Bertrand Trottier (from the Vietnam Era) and did an excellent rendition of Taps. There was not a dry eye in the house. There is nothing like a couple of guys doing ECHO TAPS.

The tours were outstanding! We got to see much of San Diego- the harbor with all the US Naval activity going on in the bay, ships, planes, all kinds of interesting stuff. Also, a whole bunch of us "Gringos" went south of the border and explored Mexico and their food.

As you may or may not know, Joe Dimaria and Nick Rasch are working very hard to put together next years reunion. We have already secured a fine hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ, the Crowne Plaza of Cherry Hill. It's the same place we stayed at before, under new management and updated throughout.

Also, at the next reunion, all of the Directors terms are up and new elections will be held to fill the spots. If you would like to get more involved, please run for one of the positions. We welcome the help, new blood, new faces with new, fresh ideas.

At the San Diego reunion, Bobby Gonzales was appointed the new MAA and Stewart Neiman a second Chaplain. We now have two Chaplains to serve our needs.

Well that's enough for now. I will close by wishing Happy Holidays to all my shipmates, their family and friends. I will talk to you all again come spring.



*From The Vice President
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Greetings to crew members and family,

Well, the holiday season is just around the corner. Family and friends getting together, photographs and movies being taken to remember the occasion, and photo albums and movies of past events come out to remember and sometimes embarrass. As I was looking at our web site, I noticed on the pictures page for the Vietnam era one of our crew members, Tony Farina, has some pictures of his time onboard the ship. He also has some home movies there.

The reason I bring this up is one; I did not know we had the capability to put movies on the web site and two; who else is holding back and not sharing? Looking at all of the eras in the life of the USS New Jersey, there has to be a treasure trove of photographs and quite possibly movies taken by crew members that have been put away and forgotten.

The web site is a way to get together and share the times onboard with everyone. I've spoken with Ed Campbell, the web master, and he gave me information on the length of movies that can be placed on the site. He stated that three minutes is the maximum time due to the fact that some computers are on dial up and it takes quite some time to download. Just contact Ed, and he will be more than happy to put your photographs and movies on the web site. Please, **no** RATED R pictures!

So, start looking thru those boxes in the attic or basement and share your memories of this great ship and crew.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year!!!!

Keep our Service Men and Women in your prayers, and our shipmates who have passed away.

John Hagen MMC (SW) 1989 – 1991

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The Pessimistic and Optimistic Shipmates

Two Boatswains mates got out of the Navy and decided to go into business together. One was an optimist and the other a pessimist. They opened a maritime supply store and business was booming! “Well,” said the optimist, “we’ve had a wonderful month. It’s been one constant run of customers.”

“Yeah,” agreed his pessimistic shipmate, “we have had some good business. But just look at those doors! If people keep shoving through them, the hinges will be worn out in another week.”

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I know. As we grow old it is hard not to notice age taking its toll on us. I am reminded of our fragility every time I get another email notice of one of our shipmates passing away, and every hospital visit I make or Funeral I conduct.

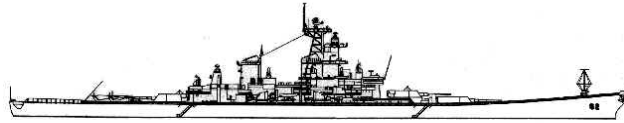
Lately I have made a special effort to notice the blessing I have and still receive. Life really is a gift. I am thankful for every day God gives me to serve him and this world.

Take a moment after you read this issue of the bounce and think about all the blessings you have received. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for those you love and for those who love you.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 25 2007

The Meeting was called to order by President Mike Prime

Secretary's report: The minutes from last year's meeting were read and accepted by membership.

Scholarship report: None at this time. Waiting for chairman to get back to us.

Financial report: was read and accepted by membership.

Old Business: We have only received \$600.00 in donations for the World War II Plaque. A motion was made by Larry Kalakauskis that the organization pays the rest of the money needed. Seconded by Joe Porambo. A discussion was held in which Dick Esser reminded us that the design must be forwarded to the board before for approval before its completion. Mike said if the motion is accepted he will wait for the design. Membership approved.

New Business:

Joe Porambo brought up that any member should be able to be a voting director with no position. After a long discussion it was decided that at our next reunion we will have a meeting to make by-law changes. This Bounce will have a copy of the by-laws so everyone can read them and follow article XIV, section 2 on how to propose the changes(s) and send to the Secretary no later than 1 March 2008.

Mike Prime appointed Chuck Smith as the Election Chairman for next year's election of officers. Chuck will pick 4 members for his committee.

A motion was made by L Kalakauskis to appoint George Stavros the Viet Nam Era Director. Nick Rasch, our seating coordinator to be a voting director. This was approved by the membership. 2008 Reunion to be held onboard the ship Joe DiMaria and Nick Rasch to be the committee chairpersons.

A vote for the following reunions, 2009 in Charleston, SC & 2010 in Nashville, Tn.

A motion to make Robert Gonzales to the MAA director was approved by membership

Bertrand Trottier will work with Ed Campbell as web master and run for this position next year.

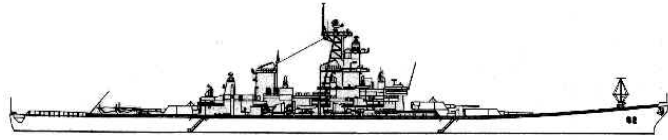
A motion was made by Lou Ashby to change the budget to run for calendar year. This was seconded by Joe DiMaria and approved by membership.

Good of the order:

Nick Rasch said that if each member could just bring in one new member this year our number would increase a great deal.

Admiral Snyder is not doing well.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Di Maria, BTCM
Secretary



From The Treasurer / Director

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Dear Crew Mates, Spouses & Associate Members,

I would like to take this time to tell you what an honor it has been to serve as your treasurer as my time as an officer. I would really like to say how much of a privilege it was getting to know a lot of you more personally and calling you my friends. I never realized I would feel such a loss as when some of you passed away.

I would like to take this time to say Thank You to the WWII and Korean Vets, what a sacrifice you made. To my fellow Viet Nam Vets, WELCOME HOME, it was an honor to serve on board with you. And to the Lebanon Error Vets, Thank You for wanting to serve your Country during that time.

Now , it is with deep regrets that I have to inform all of you that due to unforeseen illness that has over come my body at this time in my life, I will not be able to run for the re-election of my office during the meeting at the 2008 reunion.

Thank You for letting me serve you these last four years as your treasurer.
Hope to see you all on board in 2008 at the reunion.

Lou Ashby, USS NJ Vets, Treasurer



Winners in Our 50/50 Raffle Drawing at the Reunion in San Diego were:

Robert Stagermain, Sebring,Fl- \$565.80 Nancy Edwards, Barto,Pa- \$424.35

W.P. Hund,, Lakewood,Wa- \$282.90 Gene Crumley, East Peoria,IL.- \$141.45

A total of \$1414.50 went into our general fund.

Congratulations to the money winners and Thank You to all who played!



From The Liaison Officer / Director

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Shipmates, friends and ladies, it's over. The 20th. Annual Reunion is a done did event.

I want to thank everybody for coming to San Diego, CA, it was a joy having you here and I am happy that the weather was great during the Reunion Events.

We had an unexpected entertainer that entertained us during the Luau Dinner and brought back ole memories of a wonderful man Robert "Speedy" Gonzales, Viet Nam Era with his rendition of Louis Armstrong singing "What a Wonderful World." Robert promised us, God willing that he and his wife will be performing a skit for us next year at the reunion, so as the saying used to be, "Be there or be Square!" Seriously folks, this guy will make your sides hurt with his shenanigans and cool wit. Robert was a big hit with everyone and was also appointed Master-At-Arms for the duration of the elective year, so just remember Robert as Matt Dillon and his buddy Stewart Neiman as Hester. They both will make you happy to be there. What a cut up group.

I want to thank all the shipmates that helped out at the reunion and especially MIKEY Prime, JR. for his wit and time. (I promise to get you another 28" Pizza when I see you again) He couldn't believe they make "Mike's New York Pizza" that big!

Again, Frances Flora, thank you for the rose for the "EMPTY CHAIR" presentation.

I hope that every one was able to see my family at the Luau Dinner, and celebrate my 67th. Birthday. There were seven others of my family that were not able to come due to being away. This was their first reunion and they wanted to say "Thank You all for your Military Service to our country" They really enjoyed your company, especially getting to know Lt. Col. Pierre' La Bat U.S.A. Airmobile / Helicopter Squadrons Viet Nam and his wife.

I was happy to provide the United States Army, 82nd. Airborne Division Color / Memorial Honor Guard for their services to honor our shipmates past gone. Considering their ages they did perform a professional service. Well done Airborne! "ALL THE WAY !"

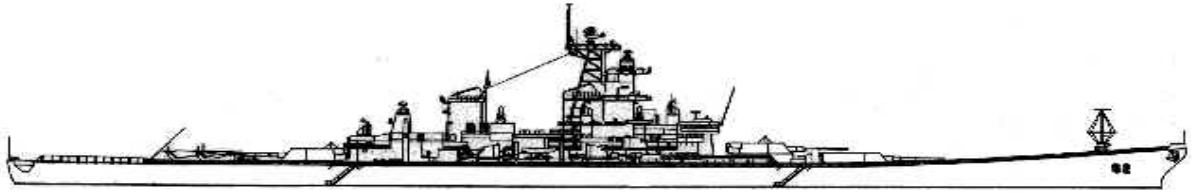
I want to let ya'll know that I will be passing up a re-enlistment as Liaison Officer at the end of this term and hope that another shipmate will step up and take over. The wife and I want to do some more traveling and I need to get my sea legs back for ocean going ships.

For all our shipmates and friends that have passed away recently, you all were missed, even my "Pony Tailed" Bart Porpora, B-Div. Korea, Keep those fires burning in the boiler up there.

One other thing, if any of ya'll come out to San Diego again, look me up and I'll give you a first rate tour and get your discount tickets to various Southern Calif. Theme parks and other places of fun.



Respectfully,
Larry Kalakauskis, "Ski"
Class Of 1967 - 1969
Boiler - Division # 2 Fireroom



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FROM THE WEBMASTER

Dear Shipmates,

I missed the Reunion in San Diego this year and I'm sorry about that. A number of issues lead to that decision but the final straw was a serious bout with bronchitis the week prior to the reunion continuing into the reunion week. Since I make my living talking to people it got a little dicey when I lost my voice for about ten days. However, two bottles of Mucinex, taken as directed finally got me back to my old self.

I was happy to learn we finally have someone who will take on the job as Webmaster when my term expires next year. Bert Trottier is a good guy and certainly qualified. Hopefully, he'll have enough time to do the things that need to be done to update the site to the next level.

I've approached the other members of the Board to update and improve the inventory in our Ships Store. I'd really like to see all of us be able to purchase items on line and use a credit card. It would save a lot of money we currently spend once a year shipping items to the reunion for sale. If you have any opinion please share it with the other Board Members.

It's November and I'm still in shorts and Hawaiian Shirts. Eat your heart out..... However, in all fairness the nights are cooler so I find myself changing into long pants and wearing a jacket for Lady's walks.

I'll be shocked if we have the attendance at the next reunion that we had the first time we gathered aboard New Jersey. Nevertheless, even if you went to the most recent reunion aboard New Jersey, you'll see new things this time. Say what you will about the Home Port Alliance but the fact is they have made steady progress opening new areas of the ship. Maybe the old Teak Deck still looks a little shoddy but the interior looks as good as new. The displays are outstanding and some of the electronic "games" are exciting. Oh, yeah, it's also an election year (as if we needed one more of those). My sense is that, if you don't go, you will have missed a good one.

See you there?



ATTENTION ALL HANDS

Excitement is in the air, on the ground and at sea. YES! We are returning to the USS NEW JERSEY BB-62 for the 2008 reunion.

Are we excited, YES; we are elated to inform you that the 2008 reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, September 17th through the 21st. The reunion will start with the Welcome Aboard Dinner and conclude with the Dinner-Dance Banquet. It is rumored that free breakfasts will be provided. Get your pencils and pens out to mark these dates on your calendar.

The Reunion Committee is in place. The Alliance is getting the ship in shape for your visit. Outstanding entertainment is planned. Everything is in place to make this one of your most enjoyable experiences. Start putting your pennies into the piggy bank. Come early, stay late!

Tours, Tours

The Committee has planned tours, tours and more tours.

- * Memorial Service aboard the USS NEW JERSEY BB-62 including visits to your old GQ and work stations.
- * Ground Zero-Wreath Laying Memorial Service trip (bus to Seastreak – high speed boat) – visit Wall Street, The Battery, and etc.
- * Trip to Atlantic City - stroll the famous Boardwalk, try you luck at the casinos.
- * Trip to Amish Country and the discount malls.
- * Trip to visit famous Old Town Philadelphia.
- * Trip to visit the Valley Forge Encampment.
- * Self-guided tours of the Philadelphia Art Museum, Franklin Institute and much much more.

Hospitality Room

The hospitality room provides an opportunity to relax, let your hair down (if you have any), tell real and imaginary sea stories or just get reacquainted with old friends and shipmates. Coffee, tea, soda, and snacks will be furnished.

Small Stores

Make Joe Porambo's day! Joe has been minding the Small Store since forever and then some. Let's make his day by buying out all his merchandise. It would make Joe happy, help replenish the organization's coffers, and provide you with quality clothing to be proudly displayed.

Final details will be provided in the Spring issue of 'The Jersey Bounce'

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21ST ANNUAL REUNION

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Hotel
2349 West Marlton Pike
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

WHEN: September 17th through the 21st, 2008

RESERVATIONS: Call 800-227-6963

**Mention the USS New Jersey Reunion
Special group rates available September 12th
Through the 22nd
Handicapped Rooms Available
Reservations received after August 18, 2008 may not
qualify for the special group rate**

**Cancellation Policy requires notification 72 hours
prior to scheduled arrival**

COST: \$112.00 Plus tax

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

FREE BUFFET BEAKFAST

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

**Check In Time: 4:00 PM
Check Out Time: 12:00 PM**

**Additional Information Will Be In The Spring Issue Of The Jersey
Bounce**



EDITOR'S CORNER



As editor, it is my job to review all the “stuff” submitted, check out posting on our website, look at a few jokes and stories, then put together what I consider an interesting newsletter. The fun part is reading what people write with such passion and submit as posted entries from the deck log on our website. We read from shipmates quick memory shots they have of their time on board, or messages passing on great words of wisdom. Some postings contain information that is helpful in finding benefits, getting replacement ribbons or how to get certificates earned while serving aboard.

I have to be honest though, my favorite posting are those of shipmates looking for shipmates and family members looking to find a small glimpse of their Grandfather, Dad, Son or Brother time spend on such a magnificent ship. It does beg the question though. How many of us have not shared with our families the parts we played in making history. How many of us have not shared the glory of being a part of something so special that nearly a lifetime later, men still reach, with a tear in their eye, for the handrail helping them across the brow as they request permission to come aboard just one more time. This picture tells the story of a man who loved to share what he knew as special. Not only the time aboard our great ship, but the men who made her “The Battleship” in all the Navy. At the Reunion in Washington DC, this former battleship sailor brought along 7 members of his family including his granddaughter.



What could be a better opportunity for you to bring that same interest, that same respect, that same love of God, The Navy and The USS New Jersey then to bring your family to the reunion of the USS New Jersey Veterans on board the USS New Jersey.

I took the opportunity to bring two of my daughters on board the ship a couple of summers ago. Two girls then age 15 and 13. I am not sure who enjoyed it more. Me as I showed them with great pride the spaces I lived and worked in, or them as they explored the many cracks and crevices of our ship. Either one of them could have fit into the barrell of her 16 inch guns, yet they sat in the turret, looked through the spy glasses with headset on and a glee in their eyes. I was smiling huge as Michelle climbed into my old rack and laid down on the mattress pad. I wasn't even upset when she asked me how I ever fit in that space. Yet even that trip couldn't compare to what it would be like to share all of the former shipmates and their stories with them as well.

The first reunion on the ship had my former shipmate and I driving out together from Wisconsin and spending the weekend together on and around the ship. Listening to the stories and sharing a beer with former crew members who didn't remember having mattresses on the bunks or air conditioned spaces.

If you on the fence about going to the ship, get off that fence. Call a friend, Research the whereabouts of a former shipmate and meet on board. Or, get your family together and share with them just a small part of what being a crewmember of the Worlds Greatest and most Highly Decorated Ship is all about. Do it so that we don't have to read from family members who want to learn more about your life on board the ship after it is too late for you to give them that one on one lesson yourself.



Peter V

I found this on the USS Pennsylvania BB-38 Web-site:

The USS Turner Joy, a destroyer with three 5"-38's spotted a target off the coast of North Vietnam.

Assuming it friendly, a radio call was put out:

"This is the USS Turner Joy, Please identify yourself."

No response.

Signal lights were used:

"This is the USS Turner Joy, identify yourself, friend or foe."

No response.

Signal lights again:

"This is the USS Turner Joy, identify yourself or we will commence firing"

Answer:

"This is the Battleship USS New Jersey, You may fire when ready!"

I received an email from the commander of the New Jersey during this period, his story is a little different than what is written above.

J.EDWARD SNYDER JR. wrote:

Your web site has a small error. It was not the Turner Joy but a small naval ship commanded by a Lieutenant who sent a flashing signal (not a radio message) the "Unknown vessel identify yourself"

Think it is still a great story. I do not remember the name of the ship but do remember the skipper was a LT.

My policy was not to release messages without my personal O.K. My OOD ignored the first two messages from the small naval vessel since they had her on radar and the visual call sign identified the sending ship but when the flashing light message saying "unknown vessel identify yourself or we will open fire" my OOD called me right away. The reason I had our signalmen use the 24 inch searchlight is that I was slightly ticked that the other naval vessel (the sending ship) should have been able to tell the difference between a Battleship on radar and a north Vietnam gun runner or fishing boat.

I was in the habit of not signing messages with our name since the message always had a heading telling who sent it and to whom it was addressed. I admit my reply was rather tense and not in the best naval tradition but we on the New Jersey felt nothing could hurt us and the crew enjoyed my reply which was (as I said in the previous message) **"OPEN FIRE WHEN READY. FEAR GOD. DREADNOUGHT."** (DREADNOUGHT HAVING A DOUBLE MEANING, i.e., fear not and the name the British gave to the first large battleships.)



J. Edward Snyder, Jr., RADM, USN (Ret.)

J. Edward Snyder, Jr., RADM, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer of USS New Jersey (BB-62) during the Vietnam War from 1967-69, passed away peacefully at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland on November 4, 2007 at 1300 hours. He is survived by his wife Mary Louise Snyder, his son J. Edward Snyder III, his daughter Anne Gibson Snyder and his grandson Jesse Edward Stovall. He was 83 and died of pancreatic cancer. A private internment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery where he will rest with America's honored dead.

A popular message of hope and faith for cancer victims exemplifies how the Admiral faced his last battle. Title, "What Cancer Cannot Do", it reads, "Cancer cannot invade the soul, suppress memories, kill friendship, destroy peace, conquer the spirit, shatter hope, cripple love, corrode faith, steal eternal life or silence courage." The Admiral faced every one of these challenges with dignity, grace, class and courage and won them, as those who spoke with him over the past month will readily attest. He never complained and even kept much of his illness to himself rather than burden his family or friends.

J. Edward Snyder, Jr. was born October 23, 1924 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, the son of a Methodist Minister. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1944 (64th in a class of 914) and his first assignment was as signals officer on the battleship USS Pennsylvania. He served aboard destroyers and cruisers and served 52 months of consecutive sea duty before receiving his first shore billet, participating in many of the historic battles of World War II. Many decades later as CO of the New Jersey, he would recall that first assignment and describe himself as an "Enswine" with that self-deprecating humor that became his hallmark over his long life and even at the end. When asked how he was doing in the hospital during his final illness, he responded, "Well I guess I must not be doing too well or they wouldn't have me in the hospital!" He said it with an obvious twinkle in his voice and impish relish that exemplified his direct, no-nonsense attitude while still having fun with people.

His Naval career was as remarkable as the man himself. In addition to his sea duty, he was a nuclear weapons supervisor at Los Alamos New Mexico Scientific Weapons Laboratory and a Polaris Missile Reentry Systems Officer with Lockheed. He attended the Naval Postgraduate school in Monterey, California, earned a Master's degree in Nuclear Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated from the Naval War College. Before becoming CO of the New Jersey, he was a specialist in oceanography and underwater engineering in the office of the secretary of the Navy. It was a field in which he would close his Naval Career when he was appointed Oceanographer of the Navy when elevated to flag rank.



J. Edward Snyder, Jr., RADM, USN (Ret.)

Captain Snyder's attitude toward his men was evident to his New Jersey crew. With all his awesome responsibility, he always took time and made an effort to show his appreciation to his crew, especially the enlisted men. His loyalty to his ship and crew were legend. During the Vietnam deployment, he wrote detailed "Familygrams" describing our activities and adventures and had them printed up and distributed to the crew to send home to their families as an explanation of why it was important for them to be away from their homes and loved ones. He never failed to pay constant tribute to his crew and thank their families for their sacrifices in giving up their men for so long to answer the call to duty and serve the cause of freedom, reflecting the ship's motto, "Firepower for Freedom."

Rather than remain in officer's country, the bridge or isolated in his quarters, he frequently roamed the ship and ate chow in the mess hall with the crew (going through the mess line like an ordinary seaman). He sat down to eat with the crew and asked about their lives and their families. It was not just polite conversation. An offhand comment by one crewman about the condition of the clothes returned by the ship's laundry seemed to be ignored but shortly after he returned to his cabin the Supply Officer was paged to the Captain to explain.

When famed comedian Bob Hope came aboard the New Jersey off the Vietnam Coast on Christmas Day 1969 to perform for the crew, Captain Snyder showed the personal human touch that characterized him by taking the time to send a telegram after the show to Bob's wife Dolores thanking her for sharing her husband on Christmas day to entertain his crew. But perhaps the most touching and largely unobserved example of his dedication to his men came when he suffered a hernia and rather than leave the ship and his crew to fly to Japan for treatment, he had the ship's surgeon perform the procedure aboard ship. He had a standing policy of celebrating crewmen's birthdays once a month by having the baker prepare a sheet cake with the name of every man who had a birthday that month written in frosting. Then just before noon chow, he ordered head-of-line privileges and a steak dinner for each birthday boy and joined them at a reserved table in the mess hall. Afterward he would personally cut the cake, giving each man the piece with his name on it and have the ship's photographer record the event, making sure every man got a copy of the photo which he would gladly sign if asked.

After a hernia operation you are in considerable pain for several days afterward and the LAST thing you should do is climb over the watertight hatches separating the ship compartments. When it came time to celebrate the men's birthdays, the Captain appeared at the mess hall as usual to honor his crew and celebrate after having climbed down man ladders and dozens of hatches from his quarters forward all the way aft to the mess deck and then back again. The pain and discomfort had to be excruciating as he slowly climbed over each hatch and up and down each ladder. Few men were aware of this gesture of a Captain for his men but it is just one of many reasons why J. Edward Snyder is as much an example of loyalty, dedication, leadership and service as the ship he had the honor to command.



J. Edward Snyder, Jr., RADM, USN (Ret.)

Captain Snyder had little patience with officious bureaucrats and brass hats. His primary concern was always the welfare of men in uniform. During the Vietnam deployment he repeatedly arranged for small groups of Soldiers and Marines from combat troops ashore to visit the New Jersey for a few days. They got to enjoy a brief respite from the rigors and danger of combat and what to them were unimaginable luxuries—hot showers and meals daily and clean sheets in soft beds to sleep in. When a DOD PR hack got wind of what the Captain was doing he sent a sarcastic message criticizing the program and demanding Captain Snyder obtain official permission for such “public relations stunts.”

The Captain fired off a quick response explaining his purpose was not PR but because “No one—including myself—has Mark I eyeball experience” with the conditions endured by ground forces and it was his desire to not only provide a respite to war weary troops but encourage the comradeship of those men and his crew so that when he sounded GQ early in the morning to aid forces ashore they would understand the crucial importance of Naval Gunfire Support in saving lives. That was a message the ground forces visiting New Jersey endlessly communicated to the crew often asserting they would not be alive except for the intervention of the New Jersey. Captain Snyder concluded his message by observing that he had no idea what was going on in “ ‘Disneyland East’ [the Pentagon] and could care less.” He signed off by noting that he informed DOD of his program (citing the date-time group of the message) and ending with a terse, “Nothing heard!”

When he relinquished command in August 1969, shortly after it was announced the ship would be decommissioned rather than redeployed back to Vietnam to support the troops we left behind, Captain Snyder observed in his change of command speech, “The New Jersey’s guns have been stilled the only way they could have been—from within.” You could see the admirals on the dais squirming at this slap at what years later was revealed to be a calculated political rather than a sound military decision. It was the kind of straight talk that characterized J. Edward Snyder, Jr., and the absolutely last thing he cared about was that attitude ensured he would never rise higher than Rear Admiral.

But his crew loved and adored him (which was returned by him without equivocation) and they would gladly, as the saying goes, follow him straight into the gates of hell itself. For them, the memory of “the skipper” (as he was always affectionately remembered) is and will remain the brightest star in the firmament of their memories.

Godspeed, fair winds and a following sea, Admiral.

George J. Stavros
Vietnam Era Director





It's An Election Year

At our reunion coming up next September in Cherry Hill, we will be holding elections for offices held within our organization. As an Officer / Director, 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 will be running for re-election, all positions are open for active campaigning. Some positions are open with the incumbent leaving the position and a need for a fellow shipmate to step up and bring each of these areas up to the next level.

Listed below are the positions along with the current incumbent officers as of this printing. These are subject to change and will be updated in our next issue.

Position

Incumbent

President / Director	Mike Prime
Vice President / Director	Open Position
Secretary / Director	Joe Dimaria
Treasurer / Director	Open Position
Membership / Director	Open Position
Master at Arms / Director	Robert Gonzales
Liasion Officer / Director	Open Position
Small Stores / Director	Open Position
WebMaster / Director	Open Position
News Editor / Director	Open Position
Veterans Affairs / Director	Open Position
Member At Larger / Director	Dick McDowell
Reunion Cordinator / Director	Open Position
WWII Era / Director	Bob LaVine
Korean War Rep / Director	Richard Esser
Vietnam Era Rep / Director	George Stavros
Lebanon - Persian Gulf Rep / Director	Mark Findby

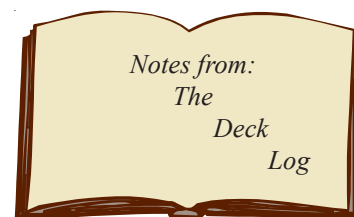
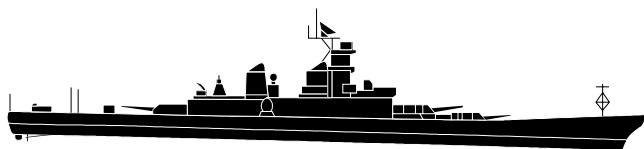


Appointed Positions Include:

Chaplin	Stewart Neiman
Seating Coordinator	Nick Rasch
Scholarship Chairman	Dr Brian Fogelson
Legal Council	Paul Siegret

In this issue of the Jersey Bounce, we have listed the Bylaws for our organization including the job discription of each postion.

President Mike Prime has appointed Chuck Smith as the Election Chairman. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of a group where your contributions can make a life long difference.



OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG

From: Robb Sawin bigten0102@aol.com

Does anyone know if the following former CO's are still alive and if so, where they might be these days? I am going by rank during the 80's... Captain/Admiral Glenn, Captain/Admiral Katz, Captain Tucker (Who was the last C.O. of the New Jersey) Thanks for any insight on their status or whereabouts currently!

From: Chip Heald chipster@interex.net

Shipmates, Need a favor / help. I have a request from one of my members: "My name is Fred Burgos, I was attached to the New Jersey Back in the Early 80's as a Hospital Corpsman 2nd class. I was hoping that you may be able to help me out. I painted a mural of the Medical Corps on Turret No 3, during a WESTPAC 1986 - 87. I never shot a photo of the painting and I am now trying to find a copy to show my children. If you run across any pics of this, Please let me know." I will be including this in a new segment of my monthly newsletter called, "Searching 4" at the end of this month. I thought I would ask you guys to ask your members for any help they may be in this matter. Feel free to have them email me directly. Thanks, Chip Heald GySgt, USMC (Ret) MARDET, USS New Jersey (BB-62) Aug 87 - Aug 89

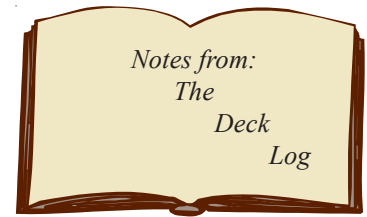
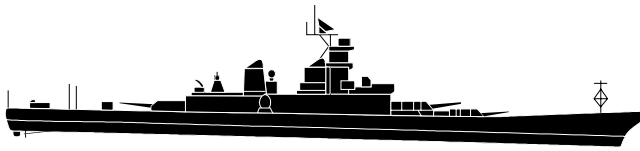
From: Margaret Knox craztaboutcats@aol.com

HI EVERYONE, MY GRANDFATHER (ARCHIE KNOX) WAS ON THE USS NEW JERSEY I BELIEVE IN WW II NOT SURE OF THE YEAR WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT HIS DUTIES WERE ON THE SHIP ALSO, I HEARD HE DID A LITTLE BOXING AKA (FOWEL WEATHER GEAR KNOX) ANYONE WITH INFO AN EMAIL WOULD BE WONDERFUL. WWW.CRAZTABOUTCATS@AOL.COM

From: Stacy Denman stacydenman@yahoo.com

My dad was Command Master Chief RW Denman in the 80s. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers him (good or bad!) I'm gathering info for his grandchildren. I also want to say I worked as a rigger in the Naval shipyard in Bremerton in the mid 90s and had the pleasure to explore both the Jersey & the Missouri, I actually polished the plaque on the surrender deck for the 50th year reunion! Quite an honor for me being a Navy brat & my fathers only daughter!





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On Veterans Day, I found this letter on "The Deck Log":

Veterans Day 2007 it is with great respect and deep understanding that I write this letter to honor each and every Veteran that has served or is serving our great Country! I understand and appreciate all who have given so much for me so that I could enjoy my daily freedoms. I was able to sleep well in the safety of my bed last night because you served. I was able to pray before my meal this morning in a public place without fearing arrest, because you gave. I am able to freely speak my mind and voice my opinion without fear of retaliation against me or my family, because you cared. I am able to stand up for what I believe in and not have a Dictators thoughts and opinions forced down my throat, because you stood up to the call to defend. I am free to worship the God who created me in His image, because you were selfless in your actions. To each one of you I speak from the bottom of my heart when I say Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!! You are my Heroes and I want to remember and honor you this Veterans Day. Not a single day goes by that I don't think of the sacrifices you and your families have given!

I am actually on North Island Naval Base as I write this. My room looks out over the ocean and Point Loma where Ft RoseCrans National Cemetery is located and where my son Marc Alan Lee was laid to rest on Aug 2nd 2006. Many of you knew Marc or know his story and remember that he was the first Navy Seal to give his life in Iraq. I also remember him today and his sacrifice. Thank you son! His headstone says "Loved deeply, Deeply loved." I deeply love and miss him, and am so proud of him. "Greater love has no one than this than he laid down his life for his friends." John 15:13 The love doesn't go any deeper than that! He loved deeply! He loved his brothers he served with, he loved me, he loved his family, he loved this nation, he loved his freedoms, he loved God, and he gave. He gave it all!

That's what a hero does. They are willing to give their lives for others. Each one of you are my heroes! Each one of you have deeply loved this country too! Thank you! Each one of you were willing to give your life if required for this country. Thank you! Many of you have given your blood, and been wounded for this country. Thank you! Many of you have known your friends and brothers who paid the ultimate sacrifice just like my son Marc! Thank you! As I have traveled around this country speaking out in support of you 'our defenders of freedom,' I have met many of you and have been so deeply touched by your stories and your sacrificial service to this nation. I don't take for granted our freedom which isn't free, it comes at a cost and you willingly paid that for me. So please remember this Veteran's Day that I am your biggest fan and that you are deeply appreciated and loved.

From a grateful Gold Star Mom and Proud American, Debbie Lee

[Aviation Ordnance Petty Officer 2nd Class \(Seal\) Mark A. Lee](#)

Killed on August 2nd, 2006 during combat operations while on patrol in Ramadia, Iraq



Freedom Is Never Free



Who were the men who signed the Declaration of independence?

Of the 56 men who signed it, 2 were 20 – 16 in 30s 20 - 40;s 11- 50s 6 – 60s and 1 Benjamin Franklin was in his 70s. All but 2 were married, each had average of 6 children 34 lawyers, 9 were merchants 14 farmers 4 doctors 1 preacher. Educated men who were willing to sacrifice everything for a cause they believed in. History shows they paid the price for that bravery.

You See, Freedom is Never Free.

When Carter Braxton signed the declaration of independence, he was a wealthy planter and trader. But following his signing, his ships were destroyed. To pay for his debt he lost his home and all of his property and in the end he died in rags

Thomas McKean of Delaware was so harassed by the enemy that he was forced to move his family five times in five months. He served in congress without pay, his family in poverty and hiding.

Vandals looted the properties of Ellery Clymer, Hall, Gwinnett, Walton, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

Thomas Nelson, Jr. of Virginia raised two million dollars in his own name to help fund the war (Yes, this is 2 Million dollars back in the 1700's, that is when 2 million dollars was a lot of money) After the war, he personally paid back all the loans, wiping out his entire estate and he was never reimbursed by his government. In the final battle for Yorktown, Nelson urged Washington to fire on Nelson's own home, then occupied by the enemy. Nelson died Bankrupt

Francis Lewis had his home destroyed and everything in it. His wife was imprisoned. She died within a few months.

Richard Stockton was captured and mistreated and his health was mortally broken and then his estate was pillaged.

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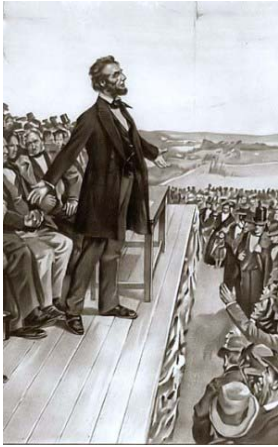
John Hart was dragged from his wife's bedside while she was dying. Their 13 children fled in all directions for their lives, because he had signed the Declaration of Independence. His fields and gristmills were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves. Finally returned home after the war to find his wife dead... his children gone... his properties gone... He died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, few were long to survive. 5 were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. 12 had their homes ransacked and burned. 2 lost their sons in the revolutionary army. Another had 2 sons captured. And though few of them benefited from their bravery, and most lost everything they owned, not one recanted his original declaration of independence. These men were courageous, valiant and brave. And because of them and others, we have the privilege of being here today and living in the greatest country in the world.

You see, Freedom is Never Free.

Freedom Is Never Free ... continued

On November 19th, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield at Gettysburg to dedicate a portion of that land as a national cemetery. And after his opening sentences of four score and seven years ago he said this, “We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation may live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we



can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

You see Freedom is Never Free

We must realize that if freedom is to be carried on from generation to generation, that if our children and our grandchildren are to enjoy the freedom that we enjoy today, then we must be willing to pay the price for that freedom. Throughout our nations history, brave men and women have paid this price. We are free to worship because others have sacrificed their monies and their energies their blood and their very lives. Even today, our men and women are fighting a war against terrorism. Against those who hate America and are sworn to see it destroyed. By facing the enemy of freedom on their home ground, our soldiers have kept the war from coming here. Thankfully we are able to go to work, to shop, to play without fear of bombs going off around us. But not without a price.

You see, Freedom is Never Free

It doesn't just happen. It never has. There is a profound phrase that says, “All evil needs to prevail is for good men to do nothing.” Thankfully we have good men and women who will do whatever it takes for freedoms bell to continue to ring. Sadly, I must confess to you that I am concerned if America is truly willing to pay the price for freedom. No matter what your political beliefs and opinions are about the war on terror, and specifically if we should be in Iraq, what is very disturbing and very disheartening is when opponents of the war say the reason we should come home right away is because the price has been too high. So far, over 3,500 men and women in uniform have died while fighting in Iraq over the last four years. Any lose of life is tragic. If any of our members family or friends were to die in combat, we would all deeply grieve. And the personal lose would be great indeed. But, personal lose can not keep a nation from being willing to pay the price for what is needed to pay the price for freedom.

Freedom Is Never Free ... continued

Are 3,500 American lives too high a price to pay for freedom? I ask you to look at these numbers for some perspective. Over the last 4 years during this same period of time over 175,000 Americans died driving cars. 112,000 Americans have died at the hands of other Americans. 52,000 of our countrymen have died from falling down. Whether off a ladder or tripping on something. 16,000 have died during this same period of time from medical complications. These are people who went to doctors to get better. And because of unforeseen complications, 16,000 of them died. Then there is the non-specific category of 68,000 people for whatever reason.

These are not from natural causes of death. Just this list alone, and it is not all of them, equals 423,000 people. Consider the first number, 175,000 dead from car accidents. Yet no one in America is suggesting that we surrender our right to drive cars because the price is too high. Sadly however, when it comes to freedom and democracy, it appears that many in America feel that 3,500 over that same period of time is just too much for our nation to bear. During the Civil War, it was not unusual for tens of thousands of men to die in a single day. It was not uncommon



in a conflict for 20,000 men to drop and in another conflict 30,000 men to drop and in another conflict 40,000 men to drop in a single day. During WWII, thousands of Americans would die in a single day trying to take a beach or fighting for a seemingly useless piece of ground on a Pacific Island out in the middle of nowhere. Yet today, after 4 years many believe that 3,500 is just too high a cost for our nation to endure.

Editors Note: *I have heard the explanation that the population differences between the US and Iraq makes this an unfair comparison. Look close at the numbers. In 2007, the estimated population of the United States is 301,139,947 while the population of Iraq is 27,499,638. That gives Iraq only about 9% the population of the United States. Yet take 9% of people who died from car accidents, or 9% of those who have died at the hands of others, or even 9% of those who have died from falling. That argument fails pretty quickly.*

A message from Osama Bin Laden as he was talking to his lieutenants said that his plan was to continue to extract a cost from Americans until the price gets to high and we return home in shame. Why do the enemies of freedom get encouraged by such a statement like that? Because they think that our price is very very low. That it won't take many more casualties before we say the price is just too high. Sadly, Ben Laden may be right. I pray to God that he is wrong. It is a fear that falsely, many in this country have come to think that freedom is *free*. That it should just happen. That it should just come easily, that it should just be there because we somehow magically wish it to be. Despite our best wishes however, we can not escape this internal truth:

Freedom is Never Free

This piece is the text version, with few modification, of the message shared by Paster Mark Gunger of Celebration Church in Green Bay, WI in honoring America during the church's celebration of Independance Day on June 24, 2007. Color Guards from The Army, Navy, Airforce, Marines and Coast Guard were present to participate in this ceremony.



From The Membership Director

John Hayes
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Membership dues bills were mailed in mid-October and many payments have been received. It takes some time to process this backlog, so please be patient if your check does not post to your first or second bank statement after mailing your payment.

Elections for office in the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc are next September. This has been an interesting three years as Membership Chairman, but I look forward to spending more time on some of my retirement hobbies and interests next October. If you are interested in running for this position I will be happy to discuss with you what the job entails.

Major duties of the Membership Chairman include:

1. Receive applications for membership and forward dues to the Treasurer.
2. Prepare and mail membership cards to members.
3. Work with the Treasurer to bill for, collect and record payments of annual membership dues.
4. Update Roster and other data files for new members, deaths, quits, address, phone and email changes etc. Send updates to Directors, District Volunteers, etc.

John Hayes, Membership Chairman
USS New Jersey (BB-62)
FA Division/Weapons Dept. 1967-1969



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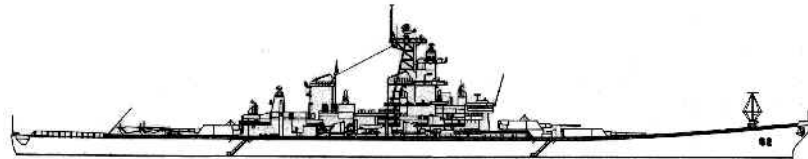
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Golf Shirt – Embroidered on front over pocket	\$22.00	
Available in Navy Blue, Green, Ash, Light Blue, Maroon, White		
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large		
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Pullover V Neck Navy Blue Sweater	\$36.00	
Sizes Large, Extra Large & XX Large		
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Satin Baseball Jacket (Royal Blue) –	\$37.00	
Embroidered on Front / Screen Print of Ship on Back		
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<u>Ladies Shirts</u>		
Scoop Neck Tee – Short Sleeve	\$20.00	
Available in Butter or Red / Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large		
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Coach Style Jacket (Navy Blue) USS New Jersey Silhouette	\$27.00	
Embroidered Left Chest / Available in Medium, Large & Extra Large		
Hat – USS New Jersey on Front	\$13.00	
“WWII” on back	“Plankowner” on back	Blank (80’s-90’s Crew)
“Korea” on back	“Vietnam” on back	
Hat – (White) USS New Jersey	\$13.00	
“WWII” on back	“Plankowner” on back	“Korea” on back
“Vietnam” on Back	Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew)	
Socks (White) – USS New Jersey BB-62	\$10.00 pair	

PINS:

Ribbon Pin - USS Navy	\$4.50
Ribbon Pin - USN W/ Anchor	\$4.50
Lone Sailor	USS New Jersey BB-62
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Cross Flags Vietnam Veterans	Vietnam Veteran
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Yellow Ribbon w/ American Flag Support our Troops	\$4.00 ea.
Tote Bags	\$10.00
Patches All Era’s	\$5.00 Each / \$22.00 Set
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USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.

Mark Your Required History String (s)

Indicate your required Reunion History Badges by placing an “X” in the appropriate Column next to the Reunion City you attended

(Note: Each of the Following Strings are \$2.00 Each)

Attachment Name	Crew	Guest
Plankowner	_____	_____
City: _____	Year _____	
Long Beach, CA.	'82 _____	_____
Atlantic City, NJ.	'84 _____	_____
Indianapolis, IN.	'86 _____	_____
New Orleans, LA.	'88 _____	_____
Daytona Beach, FL.	'90 _____	_____
Nashville, TN.	'92 _____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ.	'93 _____	_____
San Diego, CA.	'94 _____	_____
Norfolk, VA.	'95 _____	_____
Fort Mitchell, KY.	'96 _____	_____
Danvers, MA.	'97 _____	_____
Colorado Springs, CO	'98 _____	_____
Seattle, WA.	'99 _____	_____
Daytona, FL.	'00 _____	_____
Branson, MO.	'01 _____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ.	'02 _____	_____
Las Vegas, NV.	'03 _____	_____
Washington, DC	'04 _____	_____
Valley Forge, PA.	'05 _____	_____
San Antonio, TX.	'06 _____	_____
San Diego, CA.	'07 _____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ.	'08 _____	_____

If ordering more than (1) Guest String, please make attachment listing Guest Data for Badge and Associated Reunion History Required. Include contents of the attachment in Total Cities / Guest Badge QTY In Pricing.

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USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

Select Guest Plate

- Provide Standard Style I 2.0" X 3.0" Guest Member (Navy), (White/Blue Letters)

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- Provide Style II 1.0" X 3.0" Guest Member Badge


(Guest Name)

Section #1

(Complete Section #1 by selecting any desired Plate(s) for both Crew Members and Guests/Spouses)

- Provide Standard Style I 2.0" X 3.0" Crew Member Plate, (White/Blue Letters)

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Please print desired text as you wish it displayed on the (3) lines provided. We reserve the right to re-arrange text as required for purposes of clarity and to minimize letter distortion. Enter such data as Name, Rate, Theater of Service, Service Years, etc.

Section 2-- Complete Back of Form for any required attachments.

Section 3--Pricing

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Ea.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Style I Badges	..... X	\$5.00 =	.....
Style II Badges	..... X	\$3.00 =	.....
Attachments (From Back of Form)	..... X	\$2.00 =	.....
Shipping/Postage			<u>\$2.00</u>
Total			.....

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to:
Joseph Porambo

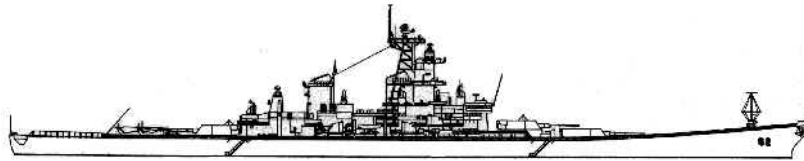
Section 4--Mail Badges to:

(Please Provide Your Address)

Name _____
 Address 1 _____
 Address 2 _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
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New Members Since our Last Publication

Lebenon / Peace Time

Fast, Brian R	M Division	Missel, Mike	M Division
Geraciotti, Greg	FM	Roman-Delgado, Andres	MarDet
Dean, Raymond	X-4 Division	Turnstall, Robert	1st Division
Amado, Paul Jr.	1st Division	Peters, Tony	S-2 Division
Popp, Randy	A Division		

Vietnam Era

Denton Holland	OI Division	Kelly, Robert J	S-4
Weckerly, James	Helo	Paradiso, William	Eng
Miller, Thomas	H	Miller, Joseph	B Division
Huntimer, David	B Division	Farina, Anthony	M Division
Shaw, Harold	5th Division	Stephens, Harold "Bill"	M Division
Flower, John	A Division	Gaines, Charles	Admin

Korean Era

Black, William F	5th Division	Orthwein, William R	Supply
Waits, Maurice Edward	R Division	Garries, Larry	3rd Division
Bezeanson, George	F Division	Stiak, Frank	3rd Division

WWII

Ferrier, Donald Ray	Radar	Sockolov, Ronald	
Waldner, Patrick "Bruno"			

Associate Member

Culbert, Emma	Kislin, Ruth
Dixon, Paul G.	Dixon, Ralph
Rathbun, Christopher	



“Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh — Falls the night.

“Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

“Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright,
God is near, do not fear — Friend, good night.”

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Alcamo, Thomas	WWII	B Division
Allewelt, Albert	Korean Era	3rd Division
Brockman, Richard	Korean Era	4th Division
Budnick, Andrew	WWII	M Division
Buisson, Lloyd	WWII	1st & 8th Divisions
Deters, Clarence	WWII	FM Division
Gerber, Donald	WWII	CR Division
Gillis, Richard	WWII	SC Division
Golke, Martin	WWII	N Division
Marler, Thomas	Korean Era	B Division
Massey, Elmer	WWII	5th Division
Porpora, Bart	Korean Era	B Division
Scott, Arthur	WWII	8th Division
Vaughan, James	Korean Era	N Division
Pharr, Marvin	WWII	
Major, Frank	Korean Era	S-2 Division
Miller, Robert	WWII	CR Division
Morgan, Carroll	WWII	Marine Detachment
Strauss, Lester	Vietnam Era	B Division
Snyder, J. Edward	Vietnam Era	Commanding Officer
Wilson, Jack	Korean Era	M & B Divisions

*Holy One, who gave us the gift of life and breath,
and whose love for us never ceases,
We give you thanks for these whose journey has
moved them beyond us.
We thank you
for the memories that we treasure because of them,
for the good that they shaped in us,
for enjoyment and growth that they called forth in us.
In the silence we let them go from us,
while we will ever hold dear their memory.*



San Diego Fires

Night Photo from the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN - 67)



Submitted by John Hagen

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