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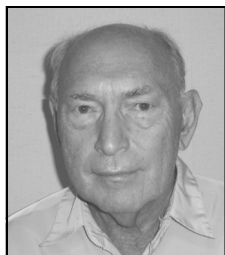
**This Issue Of The Bounce Is Dedicated To The World War II Veterans**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> reunion was held at the Nashville Opryland/Airport Holiday Inn from September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> and was a total success. Every morning started off with a bang when we were greeted by the most optimistic short order cook I have ever met. He sure enjoyed his work, cooked omelets to your liking and made everyone welcome. The perfect way to start the day.

The reunion committee provided an exciting program which included visits to the Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum, and featured a great evening at the Grand Old Opry. The committee provided some leisure time which many of us used to visit the Hermitage (President Jackson's Home).

I have been attending these reunions for the past seven years and I am convinced that this was the best coordinated and most organized reunion that I have had the pleasure of attending

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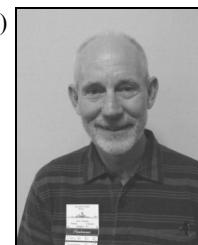


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**Minutes of the General Membership Business Meeting**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion, 2 October 2010**  
**Held at Holiday Inn, Nashville, Tennessee**

The meeting was called to order by President Joe DiMaria with the *Pledge of Allegiance* led by Dick Esser.

Minutes of our previous meeting were read and accepted by the membership on a motion by Steve Sheehan and seconded by Richard Calhoun.

Treasurer Pete Vance stated we have approximately \$49,000.00 in our treasury. The official treasurer's report will be included in the spring issue of the *Bounce*.

A discussion followed concerning how to deal with our financial surplus. President DiMaria and Treasurer Vance explained a plan to return the money to the members via benefits, such as paying for some reunion fees instead of passing them along to those who attend the reunions.

The scholarship winners for 2010 were Devyn Walke and John Anderson.

The 25<sup>th</sup> reunion will be held at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Specific details to be printed in the *Bounce*.

Two plaques were donated to the organization, to be sold to benefit the scholarship fund. \$10.00 a ticket.

At the 2008 business meeting it was

agreed that the organization would donate \$2,400.00 to the ship for deck restoration. Prior to this reunion the treasurer sent said monies to the ship. It was explained that, under the law, that money donated for a specific use can only be used for that purpose.

**By-Laws Changes:**

Article III to be changed to allow all interested parties to become associate members. Motion was made by Chuck Smith, seconded and approved by the membership present.

Article V, change the Board of Directors to consist of the executive committee and past presidents. All other current directors will be changed to advisors. Motion was made by Mike Prime, seconded and approved by the members present with 2 against.

Membership provision to take place immediately and the Board of Directors change will take effect at the regular elections to be conducted at our 2012 reunion.

**2012 Reunion:**

Chuck Smith made a motion to have the 2012 reunion on the ship and to have the reunion every 4 years to coincide with the elections. Motion was

seconded and approved by the members present.

Discussions were held concerning future reunion sites. It was suggested that we go to a place where we haven't been before. Branson, Missouri was also suggested as they treat veterans very well.

By-Law change to be proposed at our next reunion to have the reunion on the ship every 4 years.

**Good of the Association:**

President DiMaria stated that he had gotten e-mails from Larry K. concerning a cruise to Hawaii. It will coincide with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor, 7 December 2011. Contact Larry or Joe for specifics.

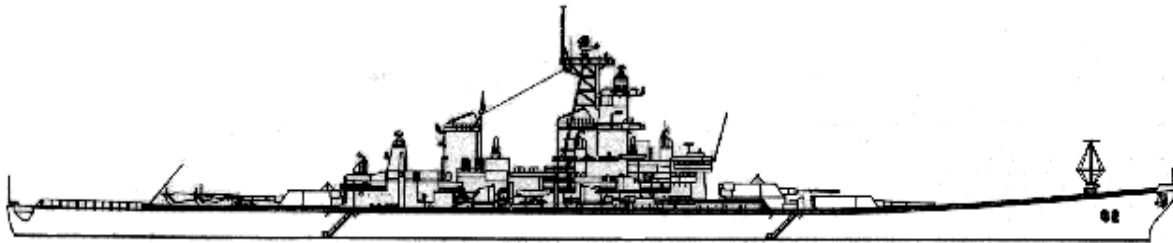
Pete Vance stated we need a volunteer for the ship's store, and Joe DiMaria stated that we need help with setting up and running reunions.

Motion was made, seconded and approved by the members present to close the meeting

Respectfully submitted.

A.S. Smith,  
Secretary





**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**

**WHERE:** Crowne Plaza Hilton Head Island Beach Resort  
Oceanfront and Shipyard Plantation  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

**WHEN:** September 7, 2011 thru September 11, 2011

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 1-800-334-1881 or at 843-842-2400  
Group Reservation

Mention the USS NEW JERSEY REUNION

Special group rates available September 5 thru September 15, 2011  
Handicapped rooms available  
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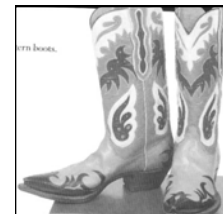
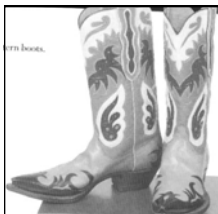
Cancellation Policy requires notification 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival

<b>COST:</b>	<b>Single &amp; Double</b>	<b>\$119.00 Plus tax</b>
	Check In Time:	4:00 PM
	Check Out Time:	12:00PM

**FREE BUFFET BEAKFAST**

## 2010 REUNION

### HOLIDAY INN SELECT OPRYLAND/AIRPORT NASHVILLE TENNESSEE SEPTEMBER 29 through OCTOBER 3, 2010



The 23<sup>rd</sup> reunion is now history. Did the attending members thoroughly enjoy themselves? Did the reunion committee extend themselves to make sure everything went well? Was the hotel staff accommodating and go over-board to ensure that all the amenities

fast. This was a very unique breakfast. We were greeted by the most energetic, jovial short order cook in the world. He would make your omelet or breakfast to your liking and started your day off with a bang.

that had the most interest for them. YES, we saw Elvis Presley's golden Cadillac and piano. A large section of the museum was devoted to Tammy Wynette, which featured her music. Strange that one of her greatest songs was, "Stand by Your Man," and she was married 7 times. Don't think she stood by her man too often.

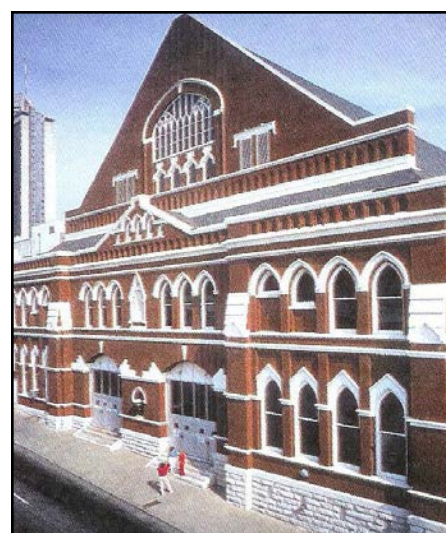


**Hotel Lobby Decoration**

Wednesday evening we enjoyed a great Welcome Aboard Reception dinner adjacent to the pool. The atmosphere was great and the food was even better. They served Marinated Sliced Flank Steak with Mushroom Gravy and Herb Pecan Crusted Chicken with Dijon

were satisfactory? The answer to all these questions was an arousing YES. I have been attending these reunions for the past 7 years and feel that this was the most organized, best orchestrated reunion I have attended. Any members that were not able to attend for whatever reason missed a great reunion. Upon entering the hotel lobby you immediately noted a giant USS New Jersey decoration.

Cream. I have eaten more than my share of chicken during my life but never anything as delicious as the Pecan Crusted Chicken.



**Ryman Auditorium**

Every mornings started with a free buffet breakfast in the Jackson Room. This was not just an ordinary break-

After the outstanding breakfast on Thursday morning over one hundred of us loaded onto two busses for a tour of Nashville. We toured downtown Nashville, the War Memorial, Capital building and several other historical and modern structures and stopped off at the Rynam Auditorium, better known as the "Mother Church of Country Music." The docent on our bus was a student of history and provided us with more historical Nashville information than I could imagine, she was great and made the entire tour pleasurable. The next stop was the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The museum tour was self guided and provided everyone an opportunity to visit the areas

I could have stayed at the Museum several more hours but, unfortunately, we had to stay on schedule and traveled on to the Hermitage House Smorgasbord where the food was outstanding. I was getting so much great food that I started to worry if my cloths would still fit by the time the reunion was over.



**Elvis's Gold Cadillac**



## 2010 REUNION continued



Friday morning again started off with another great free breakfast. This was followed by a Memorial Service in the Cheekwood/Belle Meade Rooms.

The memorial service, orchestrated by Mr. D. Esser, with participation from the Sea Cadets, was very professional. Additional info concerning the memorial service can be found on page 9.

Immediately after the Memorial Service a sit down luncheon was served in the Atrium. Additional members continued to arrive, the hotel management hastily made the necessary accommo-



**Entrance to the Grand Old Opry Auditorium**

dations.

The reunion committee was very please with the addition but it also caused a logistical problem with seating, transportation, and Grand Old Opry Show tickets. The committee quickly resolved these issues and everything continued to run smoothly.

A pre-Opry Show dinner was held in the Atrium. This was a buffet style dinner featuring a very well selected choices of food.

Immediately after the dinner we boarded busses for the Opry. The tour company furnished 2 large busses and one small bus. This was adequate to accommodate all 141 of us. The trip from the hotel to the Opry house was only about a mile.

The auditorium was extremely large, much larger than the old Ryman Auditorium. The acoustics were excellent and we had an opportunity to see several old stars perform. The show started with an impersonator of Mini Pearl. She was good but there was

only one Mini Pearl. The first performer was Little Jimmy Dickens. Little Jimmy was turning 90 years of age the following week. It appeared that his guitar was bigger than him. As the show is built around a radio program the stars would come and go. Everyone in our group appeared

to enjoy the show. We were encouraged to purchase some Goo Goo cookies. I had never heard of these cookies and was told that they were exclusive to the Tennessee area. Although the cookies were excellent, each cookie contained 230 calories, not desirable for anyone on a diet.

After the show we all strolled back to the busses for the long drive back to the hotel (about 10 minute ride).

After another fine breakfast, Saturday morning, we attended the All Hands Business Meeting in the Nash Borough Ballroom.

There were two major items to discuss.

### 1. **Location for the 2012 reunion:**

Mr. C. Smith made a motion that the 2012 reunion be held adjacent to the ship to provide members an opportunity to revisit the ship. In addition he recommended that the reunion be held in an area adjacent to the ship every 4 years to coincide with the election of officers.

After a discussion the body agreed to have the 2012 reunion adjacent to the ship.

### 2. **By-Laws revision:**

A copy of the revised by-laws was provided to each member for review. After a brief discussion the by-laws were slightly modified and approved by the body.

There were only 2 significant changes to the by-laws.

The first opened associate membership to all interested persons, said persons shall pay dues but not be entitled to vote or hold office in the organization.

The second was a reduction in directors from 17 to 8.

After a brief discussion the body agreed to the revisions.

The revised By-Laws are printed in their entirety on pages 41 through 48. These are the official By-Laws and any previous copies should be discarded.



### 2010 REUNION continued

After the business meeting we had a few hours of free time before the Ban- Saturday evening was devoted to the



**Our group with a tour guide at the Hermitage**



**Some of the group riding a wagon at the Hermitage**

quet. Several groups decided to visit the Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson.



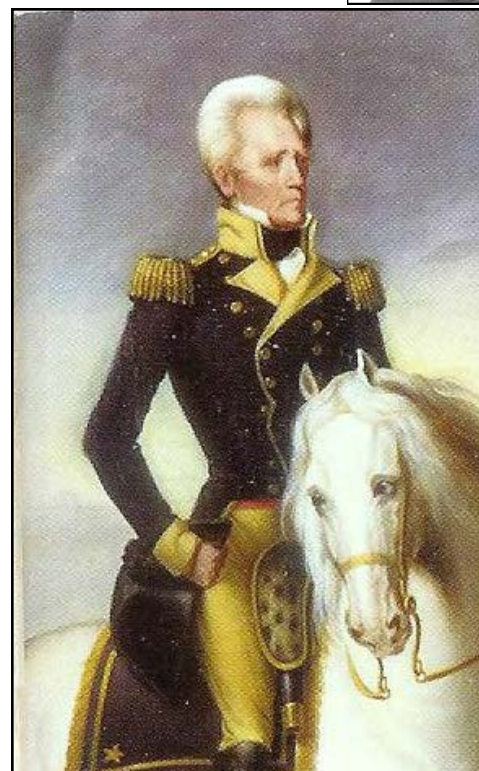
Other groups chose to visit the Jack Daniel's Distillery.

Banquet. The food was excellent accompanied with good music. How can you beat something like that. The dance floor was crowded. Fortunately, the DJ had many songs from the 50ies and 60ies. Songs that brought back many great memories. The days when we were young, fancy free and didn't have a worry in the world. The good old Navy would take care of everything. Some were dancing, others were reminiscing, some were just relaxing and enjoying the atmosphere. A great evening, thanks to the reunion committee.

We are hoping to see everyone at Hilton Head Island next year.

I have always wanted to visit the Island but never had the opportunity.

Now, I don't have an excuse, so Sylvia and I will be heading there next September, providing the



**President Andrew Jackson**

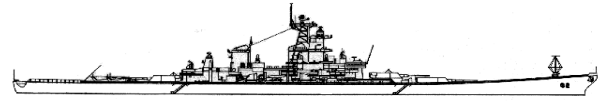
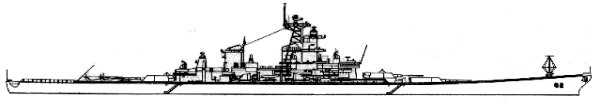


good Lord willing and the creek don't rise.



**Enjoying the ambience at the Welcome Aboard Dinner**

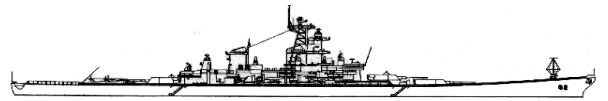
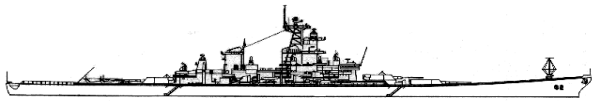




**WORLD WAR II VETERANS (Picture furnished by Rutherford Photography)**



**KOREAN WAR VETERANS (Picture furnished by Rutherford Photography)**



**VIET NAM VETERANS**



**PLANK OWNERS**



**LEBANON/PERSIAN GULF  
VETERANS AND WIVES**

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

The Memorial Service was held in the Cheek Wood/Belle Mead Rooms on Friday morning. Mr. Richard Esser orchestrated the Memorial Service. The service opened with the Chaplain from the P.S. Sea Cadets giving the opening prayer.

The service was very well attended with the names of our deceased shipmates, having departed within the past

year, being honored.

The P.S. Sea Cadets participated as the honor guard. These high school students were young but preformed as real professionals.

At the conclusion of the Memorial Service a very nice Buffett Luncheon was held in the atrium.



**Mr. Richard Esser**



**Memorial Wreath**



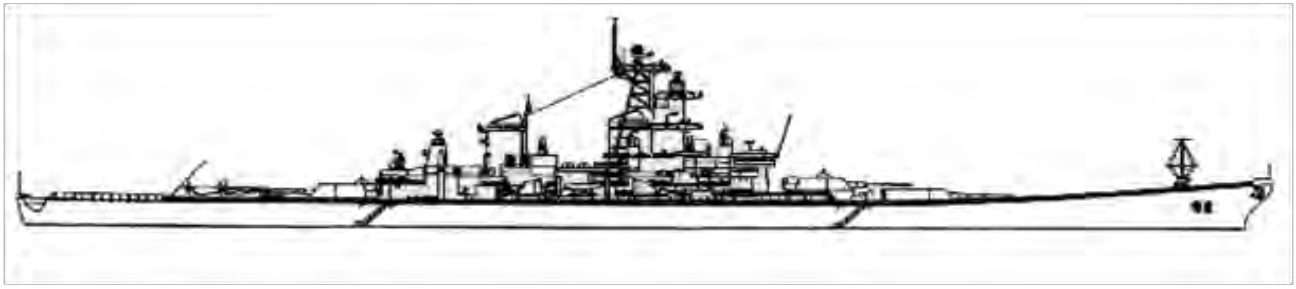
**Thanks To The P.S. Sea Cadet Honor Guard**



**Admirals  
Nimitz and Halsey  
Somewhere in the  
South Pacific  
During WW II**



**Three Happy  
Crewmembers  
World War II**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although our reunion in Nashville, Tennessee is behind us, it will never be forgotten. There were so many memories. I was concerned about the number of attendees due to the economy and the flooding of Downtown Nashville, but we had a pretty good turnout.

Pete Vance has done a great job with ordering some new items for the Ship's Store in addition to his position as Treasurer.

There were five applicants for the Scholarships this year. Unfortunately the committee could only award two. The recipients for this year are Devyn Walke and John Anderson. Congratulations to both students and their families. A big thank you to our Scholarship Committee consisting of Pam Calhoun and Patricia DiMaria. At the Board of Directors and All

Hands meeting there were some proposals made to change the By-Laws. They were voted on and approved by all at the General Meeting. These changes will be reflected on the website and included in this copy of the Bounce.

As voted on last year, the 2011 Reunion will be held at Hilton Head Island, S.C. at the Crown Plaza Beach Resort. It was voted on this year's business meeting that the 2012 Reunion be held back aboard the Ship. The 2012 Reunion is important since it will be also include the election of officers, **please try to attend.**

On another note, Larry Kalakawski and a group of his former shipmates from destroyers will be taking a cruise to Hawaii in November, 2011. This cruise will celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of Pearl Harbor. If you are interested please contact Larry at [kal-skibb62@aol.com](mailto:kal-skibb62@aol.com) or 619-470-3659.

Wishing you and your families a healthy and happy holiday.

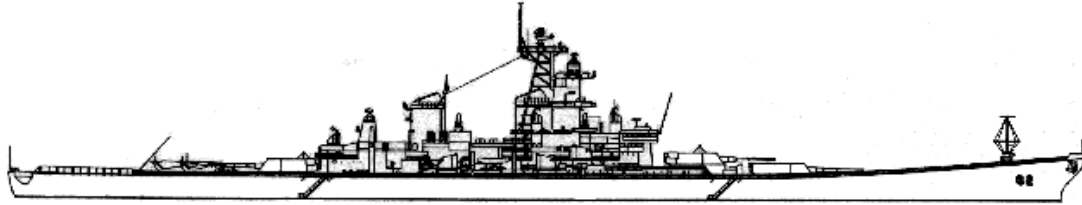
Joe DiMaria  
President



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Members at the Welcome Aboard Dinner



## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

As you all know a devastating flood hit Nashville in May of this year. Connie and I stayed at a Kampground of America RV (KOA) park two days before the reunion. The hosts told us that their office was under six feet of water from the Cumberland River. Just six blocks away was the Grand Ole Opry Hotel, the hotel received severe damage and was still not open.

We went around the river areas and saw many homeowners working on their homes. What we found was neighbors helping each other trying to restore their homes, no one complained or blamed anyone for what had happened. They were optimistic and wanted Nashville to be as it was before. The people of Nashville, are true Americans.

On a scale of one to ten, I would give our hotel a ten. No matter who you came in contact with, their pride of having you as a guest was evident. I could name a few, but that would not be fair to the staff that made us feel so welcome. The food was excellent and the servers were professionals. I am

sure you all enjoyed your breakfast which was to your liking. There was a guy with a Jersey Cap trying to please all of us, just like the old days on the mess deck, the thing I don't remember was those white things with the yellow center. We always had grade A powder stamped on our scrambled whatever. Those were the days of the thirty two inch or less waist, a thing of the past for most of us.

We had a few unexpected crew members attend some of the functions. Again the hotel staff made sure there was enough food to accommodate these members. We also had a few extras for the Grand Ole Opry Show. Joe DiMaria and Pete Vance were able to get extra tickets for a most enjoyable performance.

I would like to mention a job well done by our tour guide Janet Dill. She gave us an A to Z run down on Nashville regarding each aspect of

the city, and was a great help on securing the extra tickets needed for the show.

We received at least ten new members from the contacts made this cycle. If any members are in touch with friends that served on the Jersey, let them know about our fine organization. We need all the members we can get to keep our organization afloat. The Vietnam and Lebanon Veterans made a great showing this year.

Chuck Smith made a motion to have twenty two reunion at the ship. Members present approved it; we hope the turn out will be as good as past years. I believe the reunion in 2002 had the largest attendance of any reunion. I was able to reestablish contact with crewmembers I had not seen for forty-six years. I am sure you all had an experience like mine.

At this time the wheels are turning and we are getting ready for Hilton Head Island next year. I hope to see all of you next September.

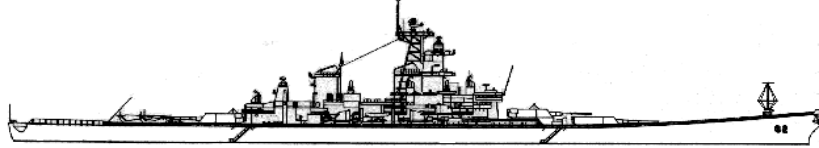
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Members Enjoying the Welcome Aboard Dinner



Statue of Roy Acuff and Mini Pearl at Ryman Auditorium



**NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

<p>Fellow Shipmates:</p> <p>Another fantastic reunion has come and gone, Joe DiMaria and his crew did a great job as usual, and the attendance was very gratifying. Next year Hilton Head Island, the following year back home on the ship.</p> <p>Dues invoices have been sent out, and soon envelopes will be flooding into my living room. This is a very busy time of year for me, but if you have comments or concerns about the operation of YOUR organization please include them with your dues check. I will forward them to the responsible party</p>	<p>because I know it is not my fault, and I am not responsible.</p> <p>We have lost members because they were dropped from the roster due to dues being over two years in arrears.</p> <p>Please make sure any changes to your address gets to me so I can amend the mailing list. The Post Office does not forward or return as much mail as it used to; keep your address and your dues current.</p> <p>Sadly ten of our shipmates passed away. Happily there were fourteen Viet Nam ( E- Division)</p>	<p>new shipmates added to the mailing list.</p> <p>New members are necessary to keep the association healthy and viable, please encourage any former shipmates you may know to join the organization.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your help.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Steve Sheehan Membership Director</p>
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**APPLICATION FORM FOR PRESENT & NEW MEMBERS**

Fee; \$20.00 Make Checks Payable To: USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

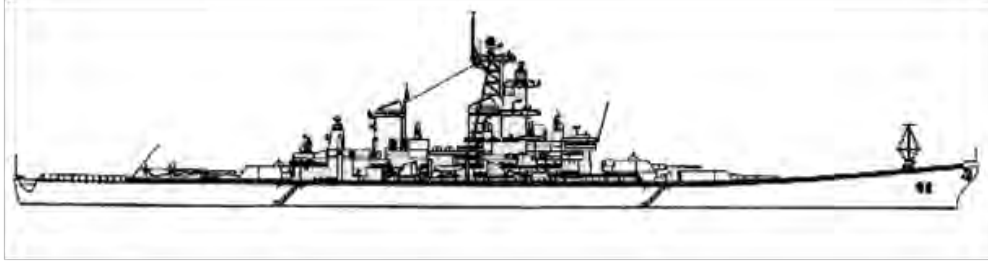
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Steve Sheehan, 1209 Cumberland Rd., Abington, PA 19001

NAME: _____	ADDRESS: _____
DIVISION: _____	CITY: _____
ERA or Calendar Years Aboard: _____	STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
RATE/RANK: _____	SPOUSE _____:

**New Jersey BB 62 Veterans and non Veteran Applicants:**

The above application form is to be used by all BB-62 Veterans and non veterans alike. Please include all associations with the ship including dates. This encompasses Museum staff, Docent, Volunteers and others.



## FROM THE LIAISON OFFICER

Shipmates,

Well we have another reunion under our belts now, and I would like to say it was the best one yet. I think the driving force behind this was our current president, Joe DiMaria, as he made sure everything went off as perfect as possible, in spite of a few monkey wrenches that were thrown in the main reduction gears at the last minute....

It was brought up again at the business meeting that we should go to some other sites for the reunion. I would like to remind everyone, that there are numerous things that have to be considered in choosing a reunion site. There has to be a hotel large enough to accommodate our people, tours of interest in the area, the ability to negotiate the prices, rooms, meals, etc. The site chosen just has to make good economic sense. All this has to be done normally at least 2 years before the reunion in order to obtain all these things. Having a member that lives in the area makes things so much smoother for obvious reasons.

I want to thank the current Era and District volunteers for their work in trying to keep up with member addresses, emails, etc. This is sometimes a thankless job, and I want to continuously recognize their efforts. If any of you reading this have moved, changed your email, or changed any other information, please let your district volunteer know about it so we can keep your information up to date. As you know, we send out the "Bounce" issues to members, and we want to make sure you get your copy.

Hope to see you at Hilton Head Island in 2011. It appears to be a great vacation spot, and has quite a historical background.

Mark Babcock  
Liaison Officer





## FROM THE DESK OF THE NEWS EDITOR



Wow! How times flies. It seemed like yesterday that I was writing and editing the Spring issue of the Bounce. A lot of things have happened since that time. Our beloved ship has come under some very trying times. The State of New Jersey has drastically cut the funding for the museum, Many of us are very unhappy as we still refer to her as home.

Mr. Jim Schuck (President & CEO) informed me that they were able to keep the ship operational by drastically cutting both operational hours and staff. None of us would like to see our ship closed to the public due to lack of resources. Several members in our organization have provided financial support to the museum.

On a lighter note, the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> reunion held in Nashville was a total success. I have been attending these reunions for the past 7 years, and felt that this was one of the best reunions the organization held. Unbeknown to the reunion committee the Holiday Inn Hotel had a unique short order cook that greeted us every morning for breakfast. He would greet every woman with a cheery "What is your pleasure, MY LADY." Then he proceeded to make the best omelet I have ever had, (I have been on this Earth for over 79 years and have eaten more than my share of omelets).

I noticed that in the Spring Issue of the Bounce I had ask if anyone knew how many sailors had served on the ship throughout her long lifetime. Mr. Jason Hall, the Museum Historian provided the answer. **The ship was in**

hearing about the reunions and think that your dues are supporting this effort. The reunion committee tries to make the reunion completely self supporting and not use monies from the general treasurer.



**Reveille (If I only had a gun)**

**active duty for over 21 years and over 55,000 sailors served during that time period.**

I know that many of you get tired of

Two significant changes were made to the By-Laws at the General Business Meeting. The most important change opens the membership to the general public. These new members will be „Associate Members“ without the privilege of voting or holding office in the organization. There are many museum docents, volunteers, and staff members that want to join our organization and attend the reunions. Some of these

people have spent more time on the ship than many of the ships crew. They have provided a critical and necessary effort to keep the ship as a useful museum for present and future generation to explorer and enjoy. I personally „**Welcome Them Aboard.**“



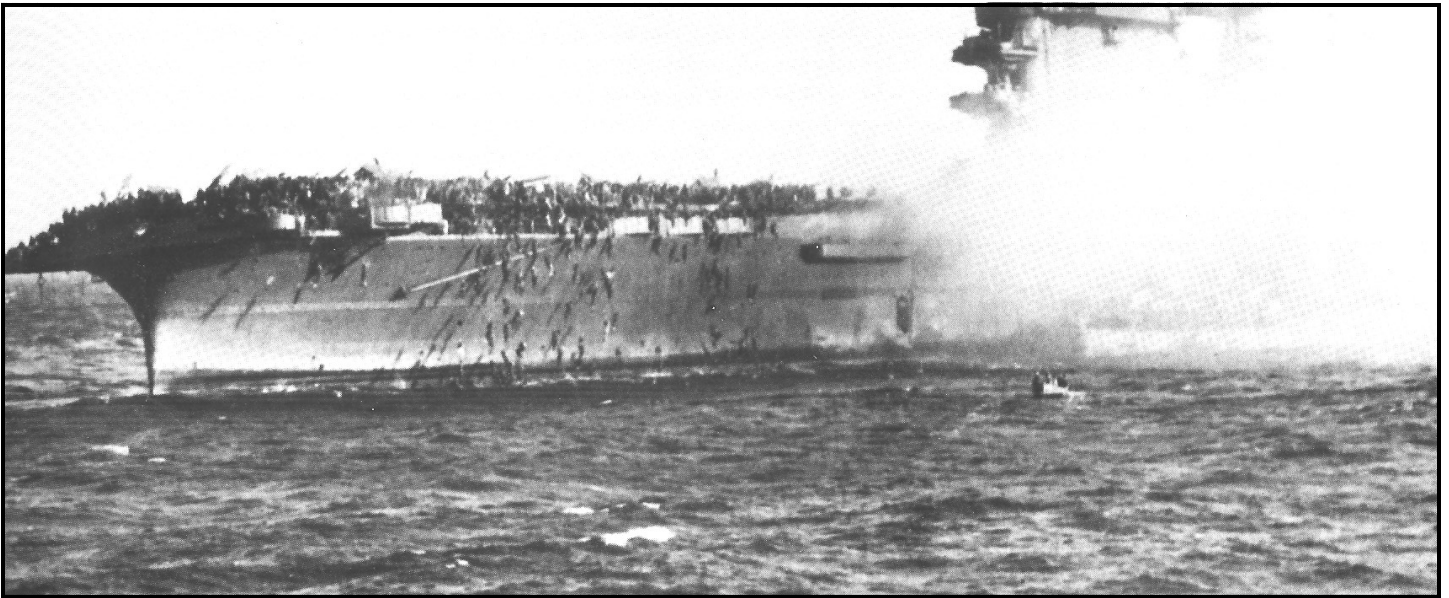
**‘ K ‘ Division In Final Training For Korea**

The second important change to the By-Laws was the reduction in directors. This will reduce the number of directors to eight.

A complete copy of the official By-Laws is included in this issue of the Bounce. I recommend that you discard all previous issues to preclude ambiguity.



## Battle of Coral Sea (May 7 & 8, 1942)



**The USS Lexington burns after the battle. She had been hit by two torpedoes and three bombs. Fire below decks were out of control and she had to be abandoned.**



**Whale Boat, from a Destroyer, rescuing crew members from the USS Lexington.**

**A total of 2700 seamen were rescued by accompanying destroyers**



**Forebridge from the Open Bridge**

**Gunners Mates  
In ship magazine  
Putting 40 mm  
Anti-Aircraft  
ammunition into  
clips**



### **Battle of Coral Sea**

United State and Australian ships intercepted the Japanese fleet in the Coral Sea. This was the first of the famous sea-air battles that became phenomenon between 1942 and 1945 where the opposing fleets never saw one another. The United States lost one fleet carrier (USS Lexington), a destroyer, and an oil tanker. In addition we had another fleet carrier severely damaged (USS Yorktown). Although our losses were greater than the Japanese, the battle was considered a success as the Japanese fleet retreated, and Port Moresby, New Guinea and Australia were saved from possible invasion from the sea

## Battle of Midway (June 4-8, 1942)

### One of World War II's most critical battles and one of history's greatest naval battles

Strange how fate works. The Japanese were goaded by Doolittle's raid and Admiral Yamamoto was convinced that a single major naval engagement would prove to be decisive and set the course for the remainder of the war.

The Japanese were in a euphoric state. They were victorious in every naval battle, their armies were unstoppable, everything was going their way.

Admiral Yamamoto selected a little known island in the Pacific called Midway. He was convinced that Nimitz would have to commit his carrier fleet to the battle and would alternately be destroyed. In addition, this was to be the great naval battle he had been preparing for throughout his entire adult life.

He assembled the greatest Japanese naval force in history, including eight carriers, eleven battleships, numerous cruisers, destroyers and assault troops from Saipan. Again he was relying on secrecy and surprise and was totally unaware that the United States Navy had broken the Japanese code and through a series of radio messages knew that Midway was his target.

Nimitz ordered two task forces under Admirals Spruance and Fletcher to meet this enormous fleet. The battle started with the Japanese bombers hitting Midway. The Midway air defense was far inferior and was quickly blown away. One American group of 15 carrier based torpedo bombers started the

naval engagement but were quickly destroyed. For a brief moment it

Yamamoto decided to turn homeward before his entire force was destroyed.



**SBD-3 Douglas Dauntless Dive Bombers**

looked as though the Japanese had triumphed again. Then from 14,000 feet Douglas Dauntless Dive Bombers appeared and caught the Japanese carriers refueling their aircraft. Within minutes the dive-bombers changed the course of the war which was to be known as the:

**“THE FATAL FIVE MINUTES.”**

Three Japanese carriers (Soryu, Kaga, & Akagi) were sunk and the next morning the fourth carrier (Hiryu) was also sunk.

However, Japanese naval aircraft from the Hiryu found the Yorktown and quickly put it out of action. The Yorktown was later sunk.

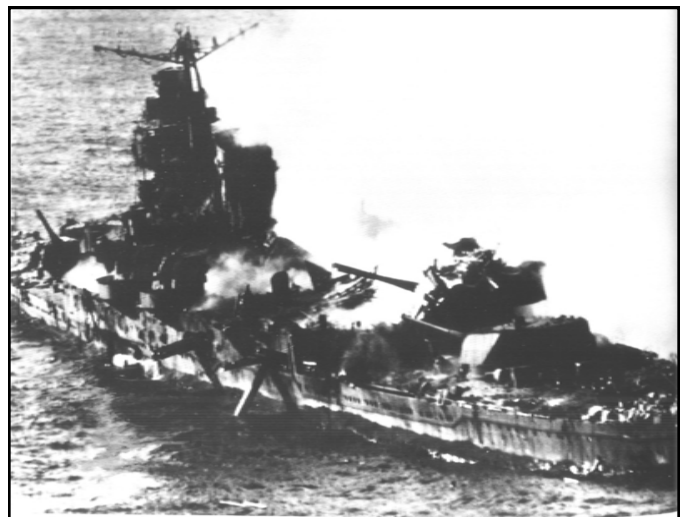
He had suffered a smashing defeat, losing four carriers and a heavy cruiser. In addition many of his ships were damaged.

The American losses were one carrier and one destroyer plus more than one hundred airplanes.

The Japanese Navy had forced a showdown with superior strength and was decisively beaten. The Japanese had suffered their first naval defeat in history and

their long impressive sea offensive had been halted.

**Japanese Naval superiority was gone. The mystic of invincibility of their Naval fleet was destroyed. The Americans were now the aggressors, The war in the Pacific was changed forever.**



**Japanese heavy cruiser damaged in the battle**

# WORLD WAR II WAR LOG

This section of the Bounce is dedicated to all the Officers and Men that served aboard the mighty battleship during World War II.

**7 December 1942**

A fitting day for the launching of the USS New Jersey at Philadelphia Navy Yard, and our ship was a potent answer to Japanese treachery. Mrs. Charles A. Edison, wife of the governor of New Jersey, christened the ship.



**Mrs. Edison christening the ship**

**23 May 1943**  
Commissioning Day—all hands mustered aft to hear Captain Carl F. Holden accept his new command and express his pride in doing so. ...his pride could not have exceeded ours, however, in spite of the fact that the great majority of us had seen no more sea duty than the Staten Island Ferry. We took over a great ship that day, and we knew it was a great ship.

**8 July 1943**

Underway at last, with mixed emotions, reluctance to leave those Philadelphia liberties and yet eager to try out our new ship and ourselves. We shoved off to flight the 'Battle of Delaware Bay,' still working to get the Navy Yard out of the corners, between endless GQ's and drills. We were in and out of Norfolk, which was soon everybody's favorite port – to stay away from.

**9 August 1943**

Off for the Caribbean shakedown and Trinidad, The first bit of foreign soil for most of us. Hotter than blazes, but the rum helped relieve that and after four weeks, back to THAT PLACE (Norfolk). Shortly after we traveled back to Philadelphia for a quick overhaul. Everyone was given a seven day leave—sporting our first theater ribbon! YES, we were old salts now.

**23 October 1943**

Up to Maine for two months gunnery practice, some claimed we were shoveling snow off everything but the deck in the starboard engine room. Then there was the never to be forgotten liberty in Portland. There will always be a place in our hearts and address books for Portland. The best things never last, and we were soon heading south for —

**25 December 1943**

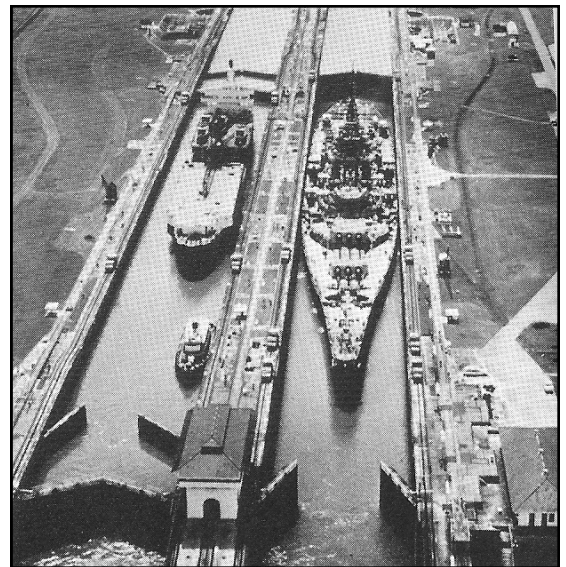
Boston, and a four day leave for the lucky ones. Christmas at home! For those of us that stayed aboard, we received from the State Society for the Battleship New Jersey buddy bags. This was a greatly appreciated gesture for which we offered our thanks with a big orchid to the State Society.

**1 January 1944**

New Year's day in Norfolk—not so bad this time, for the word was out that we would soon be departing the states.

**6 January 1944**

The Panama Canal, this ended all speculation: The New Jersey was going Jap hunting; She squeezed through the locks only by taking a deep breath, and mooring off Balboa long enough for one last fling in civilization.



**USS New Jersey squeezes through locks at the Panama Canal**

**The NEW JERSEY sailed over 200,000 miles through combat waters and had made strikes against the Japanese from the Marshalls to the Philippines and on to Tokyo itself.**

### **8 January 1944**

Got underway from the Canal Zone; course 270° All hands experienced an excited feeling of big things ahead for the ship and crew. At last we would have something in our sights besides towed sleeves and friendly shores; our ship was ready, and the crew was ready.

### **22 January 1944**

Funafuti, in the Ellice group, and our first meeting with the fighting ships that had done so noble in the Pacific; also saw the first wreckage of the war, as evidenced by the Bomb damage of Funafuti, inflicted by Tarawa-based Jap airplanes some months earlier. The feeling was that it wouldn't be long now as we had joined Task Force 58 and would be dishing out the real thing in the very near future.

### **23 January —3 February 1944**

The ship's first participation in support of an air strike. The target, Kwajalein, this could not be called our first combat action, as we only stood by and watched. Our guns had not spoken in anger (yet).

### **9 February 1944**

At anchor in Majuro, which was to be our first advanced base, Admiral Raymond Spruance came aboard, broke out his flag at the main truck, and we were henceforth the Flagship of the fifth Fleet.

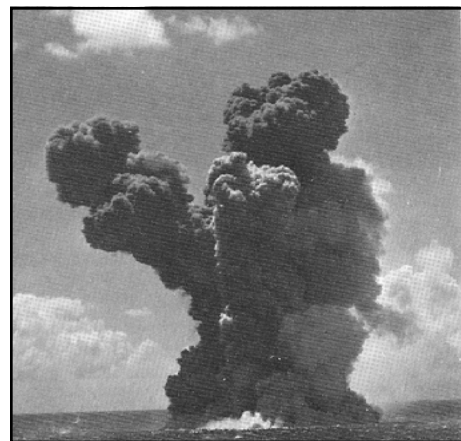
### **16 February 1944**

Participated in air strikes against Truk Atoll, Caroline Islands. This was our first action, and also the first naval raid on the 'Japanese Gibraltar.' The NEW JERSEY was detached from Task Group 58.3 to become the flag of Task Group 58.9; striking force, composed of ourselves, IOWA, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS, and 4 DD's. Our orders were to proceed around Turk to destroy enemy



**Japanese Trawler under fire from the New Jersey's 5 inch guns**

shipping. At 1315 we fired on an enemy for the first time, a Zeke attacking the IOWA; Zerke escaped. At 1440 opened fire on a Val to port, but likewise he dodged our fire. At 1520 sighted an enemy trawler to port. Disintegrated same with a few 5-inch salvos.



**Trawler explodes minutes later**

1527 opened fire on enemy DD of Asashio class, with our cruisers also firing; The DD sank in 14 minutes. At 1534 torpedo fired by enemy CL passed through NEW JERSEY'S wake, just ahead of the IOWA. 1535 enemy CL of Katori class capsized by 16 inch salvo from the IOWA. 1547 opened fire with main battery on enemy DD which increased speed and retreated out of range. Spotters reported several straddles but NO hits. The force then proceeded to circle the entire atoll but no more targets appeared. Thus ended our initiation into the War in the Pacific. Our day's bag did not set any new records, but we had at last opened fire on the Japanese and scored hits.

### **18 March 1944**

The "practice" bombardment of Mille Atoll in the Marshalls came today. Who can ever forget this day! Evidently the Japs did not get the word that it was only a practice shoot, for there seemed to be a five-inch gun in every palm tree; several close straddles made us pull our necks in, and up in Air Defense they were whistling so close overhead that one man claimed to have read the Lot Number on one shell. The ship first showed her lucky streak that day, and we suffered no more damage than shrapnel fragments falling about the decks. The IOWA was less fortunate, having taken two hits which caused moderate damage.

**The NEW JERSEY met the surface might and air arm of the Mikado's Fleet and had been attacked by Japanese warships and fanatical Kamikaze pilots who were either completely destroyed or Suffered major damage**

**30 March 1944**

The Palau group was next on our calling list, but they must have heard about us, for we were under intermittent air attack for three days while supporting our carrier strikes against Peleliu and Angaur.

**1 April 1944**

Waleai and the Carolines was the next target of the mighty Task Force 58, and the JERSEY as flagship carried out her role in support of the carriers. For us, the operation was uneventful.

**7 April 1944**

Admiral Spruance left the ship at Majuro, shifting his flag back to the USS INDIANAPOLIS.

**21—24 April 1944**

New Guinea was our hunting ground this time, with the support of Army landings at Humboldt Bay, and strikes against Hollandia and Wewak; it was off New Guinea that "Louie the Lamplighter" first made life uncomfortable for us by dropping flares throughout the night. He was to give us more trouble later at Formosa.

**29—30 April 1944**

Once again our task group hit Truk, which was by then becoming a very unhealthy spot, both for the Japs and ourselves; we were under air attack constantly during this raid.

**1 May 1944**

Bombarded Ponape, but encountered NO opposition; headed back to our base at Majuro after leaving Ponape in worse condition than a Norfolk saloon on Sunday morning.

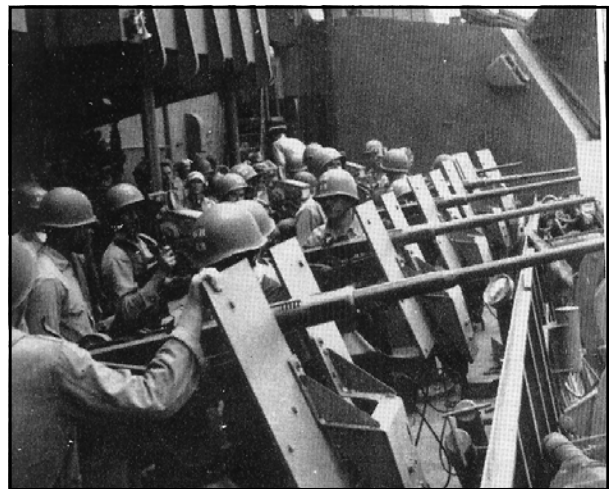
**12-30 May 1944**

Vice Admiral Lee, ComBatPac,

was aboard for a short time while his flagship, USS NORTH CAROLIAN, underwent repairs.

**11-15 June 1944**

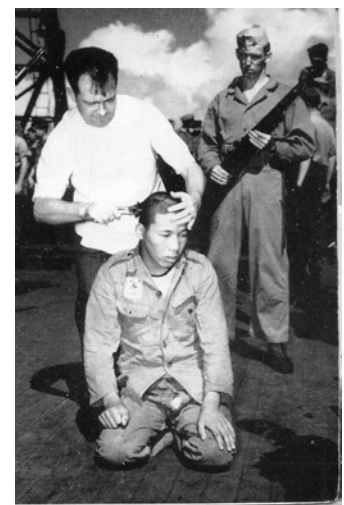
The Saipan operation opened with the NEW JERSEY supporting carrier strikes and later closing in to pound Saipan and Tinian with her main battery; we chalked another Jap aircraft just before dawn on 12 June, when a lone Betty made a fatal mistake of taking too close a view of our starboard side; an alert 20 mm gunner persuaded the Jap to go for a before-breakfast dip. This was our first unassisted kill by the light machine guns. The morning of the fifteenth found us lending support to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Divisions in their amphibious assault on Saipan.



**Manning the 20 mm during WW II**



**Hurry-Up-And -Wait  
Getting some well needed rest at Majuro**

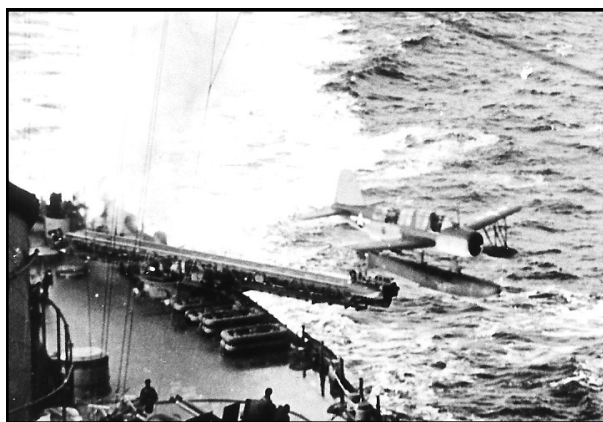


**Jap prisoner getting a hair cut  
with Marine guard**

**During the NEW JERSEY'S long stay in the Pacific and her many encounters with the enemy, the ship had never been hit by an enemy shell or bomb and none of her crew members**

### **16 June 1944**

At last, the much heard-of-but-little-seen Japanese fleet was reported to the west of the Marianas, and with the Saipan beachhead established, our Task Force started the first of several chases aimed to bring the Nips to bay and blast them out of the water. For the next three days we searched in vain for their main force, but on the nineteenth our planes engaged theirs and the famous Air Battle of the Marianas was on. This was the battle that became famous as the "Marianas Turkey shoot." The relatively few Jap aircraft that survived our fighters met a hot reception from the AA batteries of our Fleet, and altogether it was quite a show; the Mikado's force decided to train in and secure, and despite our efforts to persuade them to stay around, contact was lost on the 21<sup>st</sup>; the NEW JERSEY fished out of the water a number of survivors, both Japanese and Americans. For the following three weeks we patrolled the Saipan-Tinian-Guam area hoping for a return engagement, but no luck.



**Launching a Kingfish Scout plane to search for the Japanese fleet**

### **25—27 July 1944**

The Palau group again received a pounding from our carrier planes; this time the Yap and Ulithi Atolls were also left smoking in our wake.

### **1 August 1944**

Word was received to report to Pearl Harbor, and we steamed eastward, jubilant over the prospect of some much needed rest and of course, liberty in Honolulu.

### **24 August 1944**

With Admiral Halsey aboard as ComThirdFleet the NEW JERSEY got underway for Manus Island, in the Admiralties; our stay there was very short, for there were big things awaiting us; we headed north crossing the equator for the umpteenth time. It began to look as if we might return a heavy debt owed to the Japanese since Bataan and Corregidor.



**Barber shop crew waiting for you  
We had to stay ship shape with Admiral Halsey aboard**

### **12—24 September 1944**

A busy period of strikes and raids in the Philippines, as our Task Force struck repeatedly at Luzon, Leyte, Samar, Cebu, and Mindanao Islands. During this period landings on Peleliu and Angaur required the NEW JERSEY down to the Palaus for a short stay.

### **1 October 1944**

Our first anchoring at Ulitha, a short lived one, as we were forced to stand out of the lagoon when a typhoon hit like a bolt out of the blue. It was a question which was rougher—the typhoon, or Mog Mog liberty?



**We had to make up our own entertainment on liberty**

**Many sailors said that the NEW JERSEY was a lucky ship. Some even said she had a fine crew that knew their jobs and did them well. Others said that GOD had watched over her. Most of the sailors aboard like to think it was a combination of all three.**

### **12—14 October 1944**

The first Formosa operation, with enough action to last all hands the duration; having hit Okinawa on the way northward, and encountering little opposition, we found Formosa one of the hottest places in the Pacific. Heavy night air attacks, until we thought we would sprout roots at our GQ stations; “Louie the Lamplighter” was again with us, but this time completely fouled up; his friends went for the wrong task group, and Louie had to be content with giving us artificial sunlight for several hours afterwards. During the three day operation, however, ships on our Task Force were bombed, torpedoed, and Kamikaze's, with several of our hard-fighting cruisers hit badly; a report of the Japanese Fleet cruising to the northward, and the unsuccessful chase that followed finished up this operation.

### **18—20 October 1944**

The Army landing at Leyte drew the ship back to the Philippines area, and she operated in support of both the landing and air strikes on Luzon. By now, it was pretty well agreed that things were getting a bit thick in this locality, and the developments of the next few days bore this belief out even more.

### **24—26 October 1944**

The now famous Battle of Leyte Gulf, formerly known as the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea was, for the NEW JERSEY, three days of fast steaming and tense expectancy. But, once again, the main Japanese Fleet was not to be our target. The first report of the enemy sent off our carrier aircraft in high hopes of a knockout blow, but later word on the Phantom southbound Japanese force off Luzon caused

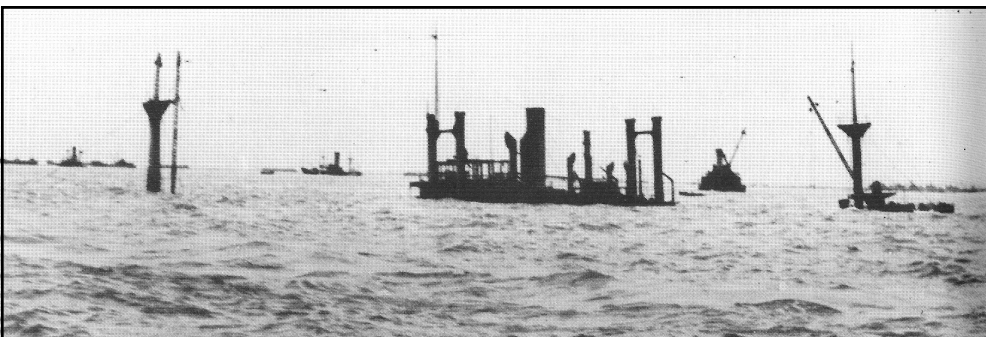
us to recalled our planes, and the NEW JERSEY let a Task group steaming northward to intercept this new threat. With guns trained out and all hands alert, we closed in hoping at least to get a crack at a match worthy of our size and armament; but the situation to the south suddenly demanded our reversing course, and after launching planes to meet their northern force our Group headed towards San Bernardino Straits. We arrived to find the retreating enemy caught with their kimonos down, and their ships heading for what was rapidly becoming the favorite Jap fleet rendezvous ... the bottom off the sea. All hands felt a keen disappointment that fate had cheated them of the chance to dish it out in a decisive fight.

### **5 November 1944**

During the ship's operation in support of air strikes against Manila, the Kamikazes showed themselves in earnest, as a hit was scored on the USS LEXINGTON, and we were there to help them achieve their goal and give AA support.

### **25 November 1944**

After we returned from our advanced base at Ulithi, Luzon was again the object of air strikes by our Task Force. Four carriers were hit by suicide planes in the course of the day and night attacks. The NEW JERSEY scoreboard was increased by five more Jap flags (aircraft destroyed).



**Manila Bay presents a navigational challenge due to the many half-submerged Japanese merchant ships**



**Aircraft Carrier hit by Kamikaze that got through our air defense**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WATCH TWO  
ROTATION 6-4-5  
WORK.DIV. 6th

TUESDAY,  
31 October, 1944.

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Dawn alert, if ordered.  
0530 Reveille. Rig starboard side for fueling from tanker at 0700.  
0540 NEW JERSEY assumes seaplane rescue duty, Condition ELEVEN (2 planes, 10 minutes notice).  
0700 Breakfast.  
0800 Muster on stations; make reports to Executive Officer's office.  
1200 Dinner.  
1310 Recognition training in the Wardroom for Watch II.  
1330 Movies in C.P.O. quarters.  
Movies in Compt. C-207-L.  
1400 O.O.D. instruction for all officers of the Gunnery and C.I. departments in the Wardroom for Watch I and II.  
1645 Supper.  
Sunset Darken ship. Secure from seaplane rescue duty.

(50 minutes after sunset) General Quarters.

2000 Movies in the Wardroom.  
Movies in Compt. C-207-L.  
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NOTES

1. Water consumption for 29 October 1944 - 20.7 gallons per man.
2. The following message from the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations has been received:

"FROM: COMMANDER IN CHIEF US FLEET AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
TO: COMMANDER THIRD FLEET; COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET.

THE RECENT NAVAL ACTIONS IN AND NEAR THE PHILIPPINES HAVE EFFECTUALLY DISPENSED OF THE ENEMY NAVY, A LARGE PART FOREVER AND THE REMAINDER FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF YOUR FLEETS HAVE THE HEARTIEST ADMIRATION OF ALL HANDS FOR YOUR VALOR, PERSISTENCE AND SUCCESS. WELL DONE TO EACH AND TO ALL.

/s/ E. J. KING"

*G. B. Ogle*  
G. B. OGLE,  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Executive Officer.



**18 December 1944**

Hit by the worst typhoon to date while operating off Luzon, three destroyers lost, and the operations suspended; the heaviest weather the ship had seen, or was to see; water below decks, and considerable damage to guns topside.

**23 December 1944**

The ship received her first large caliber hit while at anchor in Ulithi, when a five inch shell penetrated the main deck aft during target



**USS New Jersey in Typhoon near Luzon, our bow is under water**



**Destroyer's bow and half of the ship completely under-water during the Typhoon**

practice by one of our own destroyers ...casualties were , luckily , confined to only one man.

**24 December 1944**

Admiral Nimitz came aboard... the problem of a five-star flag had us scratching our heads.

**25 December 1944**

Christmas in Ulithi...not exactly a white one, but the rest itself was great



**3-9 January 1945**

Back into northern waters, supporting strikes on Formosa and Luzon, opposition negligible for a change. Maybe the

Japanese s were getting worn out!

**9-20 January 1945**

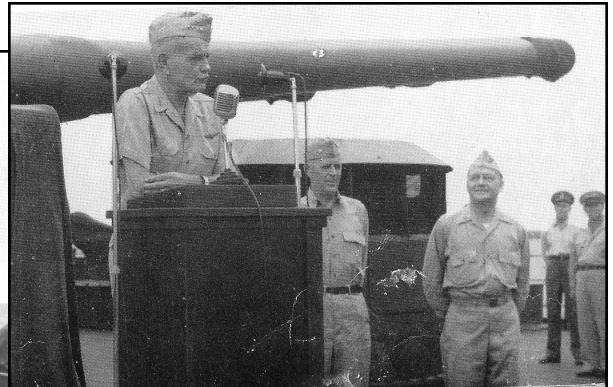
Through Bashi Channel into the South China Sea. Supporting raids against the China and Indo-China coast—Saigon and Camranh

Bay; it seemed that we were the first American ships to

sail these waters since the Pacific War opened; cruised northward along the China coast, supporting air strikes at Hongkong, Swatow, and Amoy; moved eastward to hit Formosa and Okinawa, running into heavy air attacks in which two more cruiser took severe hits, before returning to Ulithi.

**26 January 1945**

Captain Holden was relieved by Captain E. T. Wooldridge at an impressive ceremony. Captain Holden received the Bronze Star from Admiral Halsey.



**Relieve ceremony where Captain Holden received the Bronze Star**

### 16 February 1945

A red letter day for the old “Black Dragon;” the target—Japan itself! Our Fleet Commander must have decided that we could kill more Japs near home than anywhere else, so Tokyo it was. Against no opposition whatever, our Task Force carried the first strikes against the Jap homeland since the old Hornet launched Doolittle’s Mitchells off



**Seamen in Secondary Battery Plot planning the gun strike on the Japanese Mainland**

Honshu in April 1942. It was a tense feeling to know we were close to their home fires, and no one can be blamed for being more than a little glad that the operation was all one-sided.

### 19 February 1945

Cruised off shore from Bloody Iwo, making sure no enemy naval forces made the Marines job ashore any tougher—if that could have been possible. Many of us had buddies on that smoking hell that was Iwo, and our hopes were 100 % with them that day and the days that followed.

### 25-26 February 1945

Our Force hit the Tokyo area once more, and this time the weather was our worst opposition. This so-called “Typhoon season” evidently started in January and ended in December.

### 11 March 1945

At anchor in Ulithi; while recovering from a routine liberty on Mog Mog that evening, the first and last Kamikaze to attack Ulithi slipped in, while we were at a movie on the

fantail. The alert came first, but we could not figure it out until the first plane crashed through the USS RANDOLPH’S flight deck; we moved then, but fast, the raid was over in a flash, however, we learned later that one of the planes had done it’s best to sink a small island in the lagoon. Too bad!

### 18-22 March 1945

Shikoku and Kyushu, rapidly becoming household words in Task Force 58, were the next targets for our carriers. Two of the NEW JERSEY’S own planes did a neat piece of rescue work under fire, recovering one of our own downed carrier pilots off southern Kyushu. Who said the JERSEY



**Members of the NEW JERSEY’S Air Force discussing future operations**

didn’t have an Air Force? We later fought off heavier air attacks, but not before the veteran “Big E” had taken a suicide plane, and the FRANKLIN likewise; the latter suffered a staggering amount of damage, and was taken in tow by the USS PITTSBURGH. Five planes had fallen to the NEW JERSEY’S guns during this action.

### 23—26 March 1945

Okinawa was on the receiving end once again; insurance rates on that island must be getting mighty high by this time

Time. The NEW JERSEY gave the southeastern shore a thorough going-over.

### 27—31 March 1945

Back to Nippon, supporting more air strikes at the southern Kyushu and Amami Jima, it was getting to be routine stuff now.



**Crewmembers loading bullets**

days but didn't see even a Jap sea gull.

### 7 April 1945

The Task Group was under air attack, and the HANCOCK took a hit. Launched planes against a small Jap Task Group; heard that evening that our planes had sunk a Jap battleship, 2 cruisers and damaged 6 destroyers.

### 10 April 1945

At last it came. We were to return to the States for our first overhaul and repair period since leaving Norfolk, eighteen months before. After countless false alarms, we were really going home!

### 11 April 1945

The following day, we came under air attack, all

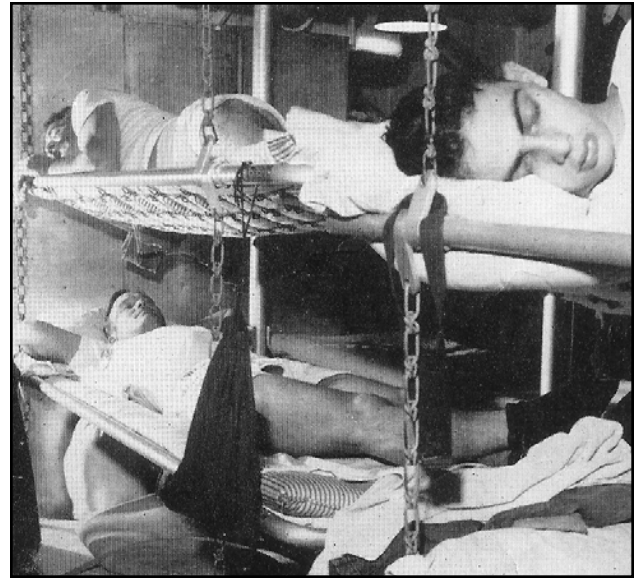
hands called on the Old Lady to keep up her unbroken lucky streak-great scot, they couldn't get a hit on us now! We had availability! Maybe it was the ship, or maybe the

### 1 April 1945

April Fool's Day on Okinawa-but the Marines weren't fooling a bit, we cruised off shore, ready to lend a hand at the quietest D-Day since Hollandia.

### 5-6 April 1945

Supported air strikes against Sakishima Gunto and Okino Daito; spent all day at GQ both



**Relaxing on the way back to the States**

men, or probably it was plain luck...but we came through that last one shooting down 5 Jap airplane. So from there on out it was: "Home James, and don't spare the boilers!"

### 5 May 1945

Arrived at Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington, for two months overhaul. But most important—leave! Time to get home and see the folks, pick up some of those loose ends, sleep, eat, drink, and forget the war. Enough said.



**Mount Rainier Washington**



**Enjoying our first stateside liberty in over 18 months**



**Skiing party with Mt. Rainier in the background**

**3 July 1945**

Departed from Puget Sound for Long Beach and then the Battle of San Clemente—ten days of post-repair shake-down trials, under the eagle eye of COTCPAC staff. We had gotten a new paint job and a new mainmast by which we would be known once more in the forward area. The new gear installed at the Navy Yard seemed to work pretty well.



**40 mm Anti Aircraft training**

**19 July 1945**

The States fell below the horizon astern of us once again as we headed for Pearl ... things were a shade crowded with a large number of passengers aboard. Somehow, it seemed good to be underway again, on our way to finish up what had to be done.

**25 July 1945**

Moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, for three days—enough to take on stores, and get a quick liberty in Honolulu; hardly recognized the island, as there had been so much building done since our last visit there.

**29-31 July 1945**

Shore bombardment trials at Kahoolawe Island, then back to Pearl, underway 2 August for Wake Island.

**7 August 1945**

Heard news of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima by an Air Force B29 –Enola Gay.



**Mushroom cloud rises over Hiroshima**



**Hiroshima immediately after the atomic bomb blast**

**8 August 1945**

Bombarded Wake Island with both main and secondary batteries. Our Scout Planes spotted and did a little strafing on their own; the beleaguered Jap garrison managed to muster enough strength to man their shore batteries and gave us a few close splashes. The majority of their salvos fell short, however; we left the atoll after inflicting considerable damage on their installations, and generally helped out their, —“withering on the vine” existence.

**SECNAV: MY WARMEST CONGRATULATION ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A GREAT TASK. PLEASE SEND TO COMMANDERS OF THE FLEET, THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AND ALL HANDS IN THEIR COMMANDS, MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATION AND A DEEP PRIDE WHICH AMERICA HAS IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. LETS US KEEP IN REVERENT RECOLLECTION THE MEMORIES OF THOSE OR OUR COMRADES WHOSE**

**9 August 1945**

Stopped at Eniwetok long enough to hear that Russia had declared war on the Japs. It looked as though the ball game was over, or would be shortly.

**14 August 1945**

Moored in Apra Harbor, Guam, after a quick trip under orders from Eniwetok. The scuttlebutt now took on some rare and fantastic forms—everyone from Chiang Kai-shek to Hedy Lamar was coming aboard, and we were expecting to be the surrender ship at Tokyo. Received a surprise, and a pleasant one, when Admiral Spruance brought his flag once more to the JERSEY.

**15 August 1945**

The President announced the official surrender acceptance and the shooting was over for good; the celebration aboard was practically negligible, as we were still operating on the assumption that there is always some guy who doesn't get the word. But needless to say, there wasn't a man aboard who did not realize the full significance of the surrender. This was it, and we had to see that it stayed.

**21 August 1945**

Pulled into Manila Harbor after an uneventful cruise from Guam,; found the harbor so full of sunken Japanese ships that we wondered if we could find room to squeeze in. A week there gave us a chance to see what happens when war blows through a modern city; but we were anxious to get on with the business at hand—that of getting the Japanese squared away up in the home islands.

**30 August 1945**

Dropped the hook in Buckner Bay, Okinawa—only to find it to be nearly the same spot we had bombarded several months before. Ball games and beer on Tsuken Shima helped relieve the monotony; and we knew beyond any doubt that peace was really here when



**Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser**

we fell out with full honors for two distinguished visitors to Admiral Spruance. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Commander British Pacific Fleet, and General Stilwell of the X<sup>th</sup> Army.



**General Stilwell**

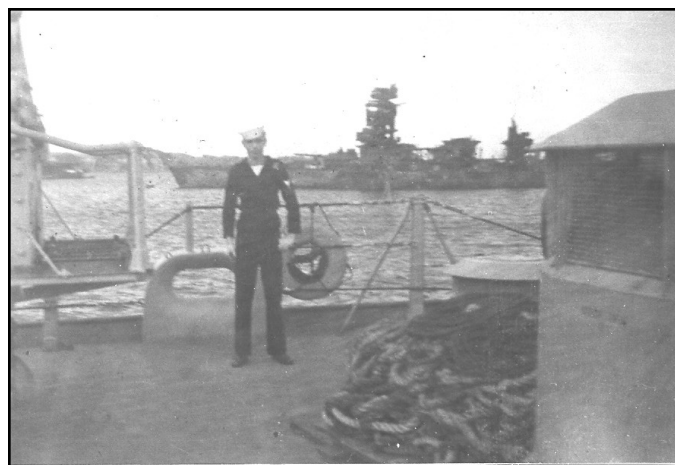
**14 September 1945**

Steamed into the Inland Sea, and anchored off Wakayama, Honshu; not our first view of the Japanese main Island, but certainly our closest, up until this time.

**16 September 1945**

We came to anchor off Yokosuka Naval Base; the goal had been achieved, and we were at the end of the line—the heart of Japan. Here under the shadow of the Empire's Crown Jewel, Fujiyama, we end our **WAS LOG** with the USS NEW JERSEY moored in triumphant pride, not far from the once important Japanese battleship, The Nagato.

**Thanks to God for victory and a chance at peace again.**



**Charles Owen in Yokosuka Naval Base with the Japanese battleship 'Nagato' in the background.**

**I want to thank Mr. Charles Owen for this WW II War Log and the accompanying pictures.**

## FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION

### CAPTAIN JOSEPH AZZOLINA

January 26, 1926 -- April 15, 2010

Captain Joseph Azzolina (retired) of Middletown died April 15, 2010 at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. Captain Azzolina underwent pancreatic surgery in December and died from post operation complications.

At age 18 Joe joined the Navy and was enrolled in ROTC at Drew University, graduated from Holy Cross College. In addition he attended both the National and Naval War Colleges and completed 2 full years at the New York University's Graduate School.

Joe departed the Navy in 1947 only to be recalled in 1950 to fight in the Korean War. In 1983 he served as a special assistant to the Captain of the USS New Jersey during the Beirut crisis in Lebanon, when the US Marine barracks were bombed in the first terrorist attack against America, killing 240 Marines and one sailor from the USS New Jersey. The USS New Jersey retaliated by shelling terrorists in the mountains of Lebanon.

Among his many military honors are:

Meritorious Service Medal, Two Naval and one Army awards by the President of the United States, twice he received



the Navy Secretary's Navy Commendation Medal in addition to numerous other medals.

Joe married the former Roselyn Pi-

cone, a registered nurse, in 1954 and they had seven children.

A former State Senator and Assemblyman from 1965 until 2006, he retired as a Navy Captain after 42 years of service. He was also a successful businessman, humanitarian and philanthropist involved in numerous charitable and educational endeavors.

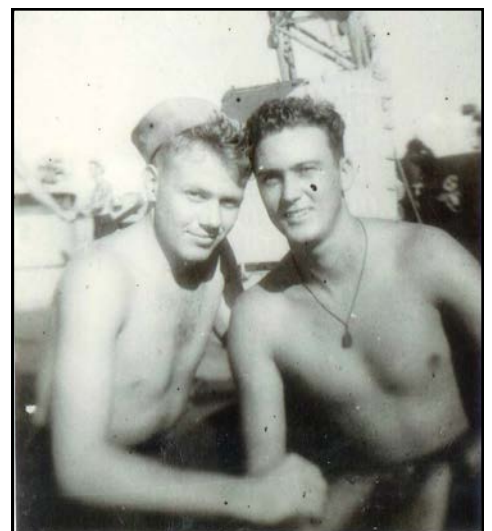
Joe was the founding Chairman of the Battleship New Jersey State Commission and founding president of the battleship New Jersey Foundation. He was responsible for bringing the USS New Jersey to her namesake state in 1999, a journey that took two decades of work as a State Legislator and Navy Captain to accomplish. Joe also served as a Trustee of the board of the Battleship Museum and Memorial berthed on the Camden waterfront.

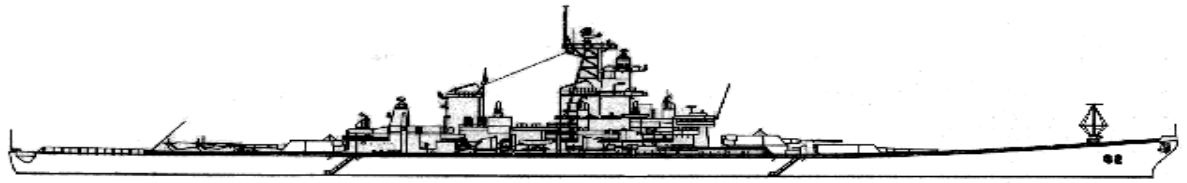
We all owe a gift of gratitude to Captain Azzolina for his tireless efforts in bringing the ship back to its final resting place on the Delaware River in New Jersey



Hermitage, Andrew Jackson Home (7<sup>th</sup> President)

**Charles Owen and  
shipmate during  
WW II  
Hard to believe that we  
were ever that young**





**HUMOR AND MEMORIES OF BYGONE DAYS**



**SN, James R. Himes, 'K' Division,  
standing on the 04 deck**

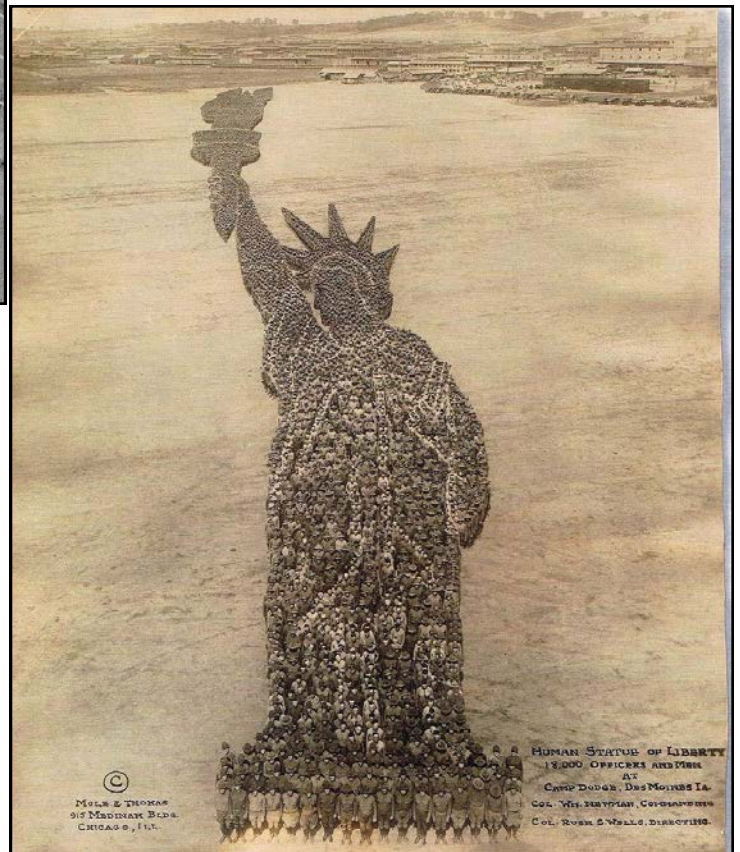
Prior to disembarking Norfolk in 1952, Jim Himes' wife promised to write him a letter every night. Since Jim did not have an APO address, she was unable to mail the letters. She taped the nightly letters together and rolled them like a papyrus scroll. When Jim finally was able to send her his address, she mailed the entire roll to him.

The letter was over 33 feet long and it took Jim over a week to read it.

The ship's paper quoted, "sailor gets the longest letter."



**The USS New Jersey fired a single shot from  
a Port Side 5 inch gun at Philadelphia  
27 April 2010**



**18,000 WW I Solders  
forming the Statue Of Liberty  
Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa**

### Hospitality Room

Something was different this year.

The Hospitality Room was located adjacent to the Small Stores as usual. I wondered what was different, the room looked like it had at past reunions, but something was different. The room was well supplied with unlimited coffee, tea, soft drinks, and snacks. This was the same as past years but yet something was different.

It finally hit me what was different. The room was crowded. There wasn't an empty seat anywhere, everyone was chatting, smiling, and seemed to really enjoy themselves. There were 15 or 20 members in the hallway, chatting, as the room was so crowded they couldn't get in. It didn't seem to matter to them, NO complaints.

Could it be the chief that started the day with a bang? Could it be the way

Maureen and Joe had the room arranged? Could someone have spiked the coffee?

There were old salts sitting around spinning sea stories about events experienced on the ship or better yet on liberty.

Whatever it was something was different and it was great.

I sure hope that it can be duplicated next year.

### Ship Small Stores

Adjacent to the Hospitality Room was the Ships Small Store, operated by Mr. Pete Vance and his staff. This was Pete's first year to be in charge and he appeared to be doing a very good job.

YES, Little Joe and Mike Prime were there to help. No matter how hard Joe and Mike try they can't seem to stay away for the store.

Pete had purchased several new items and they appeared to sale well.

Pete stated that he was very pleased with the sales.



**John (Pete) Vance Working the Ships Small Store**

**Jack Murphy, Ernie Dalton and Shipmates Relaxing At Gitmo**





## LOCATING FORMER SHIPMATES

**Bob Dingman & Bill Myers**

Quite often we hear “How do I locate former shipmates?” We were in E Division during the Vietnam Era. At the 2004 reunion in Washington, DC there were 4 of us in attendance, 3 EM’s and 1 IC. At any given time we had around 100 in E Division. We decided we had to do something to improve this situation and so we got busy. We started with a list of 132 and by the time the 2005 reunion in Valley Forge, PA rolled around we had located or accounted for 89 former shipmates from E Division. We had 24 of us in attendance that year.

### **We would like to share some of the search methods that have worked for us:**

1. You will need to be willing to devote ample time to your search. The more research you do and the more contacts you make, the more you will become driven. It becomes almost addictive. We can guarantee that.
2. You will need access to the internet. If you don’t have a home computer, you can get on the internet at the public library.
3. We also recommend a good long distance plan on your home phone or a cell phone with plenty of minutes and no long distance charges. A lot of cell phone companies have free long distance and no roaming charges at night and on weekends. We found the cell phone as the best way to go.
4. Start with a “Found List” of everyone you have had contact with and know the name and address of. You’ll have at least one name on your list – YOU. Good Start!
5. Now you will need to compile your “Missing List”. Depending on the time frame you are looking for, this can be a formidable task. Since we were from the Vietnam Era, we started by going through the Ship’s 1968 Commissioning Booklet. We Xeroxed the pages that listed the ship’s crew on the day of the commissioning. We took that list and highlighted the name of everyone from E Division – Em’s & IC’s. Then we did the same with the 1969 Decommissioning Booklet. From these two lists we typed up our missing list, in alphabetical order, last name first. Don’t forget middle name or initial – that is a must. Add home towns and/or states if you can remember them. Even general regions can help. Most guys don’t stray too far from their old home town. Next we went through our Cruise books. Look at the Ship’s Company photos and add the names of others who weren’t found in either of the first searches. If you don’t have all or any of these, look on the internet. EBay sometimes has old cruise books listed and other items from the ship. Do searches under “USS New Jersey”, “BB-62”, “BB62” “battleship new jersey”, “dreadnaught”, etc. It’s surprising how people list things on eBay.
6. You should look at online USS New Jersey and other military/naval sites that have pages where former sailors can post messages. You may find someone has already posted a message. You need to go back through all the “Posts” on the site and all the “Archive” pages. Here are some sites directly associated with our ship:

[www.ussnewjersey.org](http://www.ussnewjersey.org). This is our association website and our decklog consists of 10 pages dating back many years. Also check our email list.

[www.ussnewjersey.com/log\\_ntry](http://www.ussnewjersey.com/log_ntry) . This site has posts dating back to 1999.

[www.military.com](http://www.military.com) . You have to join this site, it's free, and then look for the "USS New Jersey Unit". This is a list of over 400 former crew members.

You may also be able to locate former shipmates on social media sites like Facebook, Classmates.com, and others.

7. Once you have your search list, then you start picking your brain and the brains of anyone you already know the location of. You are trying to remember anything you can about this person you are looking for. Anything could be a hometown, a home state, the name of a wife or girlfriend, just anything that might help narrow down a place to start.

8. Now the fun begins!

A search site we've had some good results with is [www.zabasearch.com](http://www.zabasearch.com). This is a free site and there are many other free sites out there. A lot of sites will offer limited results and then try to charge you for expanded searches or more detailed information on the person you are searching for. We have tried a couple of these with limited results. There are plenty of Internet Investigation or Internet Detective sites available for a subscription fee. Available search sites are limited only by how much you are willing to spend for information.

Other good ones are:

[www.whitepages.com](http://www.whitepages.com)

[www.peoplefinders.com](http://www.peoplefinders.com)

[www.superpages.com](http://www.superpages.com)

[www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)

[www.lycros.com](http://www.lycros.com)

Most search engines have a white pages or people finders place where you can enter a name and get an address and phone number. A lot of people use Google now. So try to just "Google" a name. Add a city or state after the name to narrow the search.

When you find sites that you like searching on, save them in your "Favorites", make a "Navy Search" folder in your favorites and keep all of your links there, in one place.

Start with the unusual names. If you were looking for "Forrest Gump", we guarantee there aren't many guys with that name around the country. When the names come up, print out the whole list. It's easier than writing them down if there are a lot.

If you know the hometown, you could go to that City and State White Pages on the internet. It's a start, but results are pretty thin. If all you have is the State, that State's White Pages are another source.

Once you have compiled your information, you are ready to attempt contact. At first we were using the mail. We did up a nice form letter and mailed it to the addresses we had found. We had some success, but the return time varies. Some guys called right away. Others forgot about

the letter and called months later. Some letters received no reply, so you never know. You have to keep a record of who you sent letters to so you don't repeat.

After a few months and considerable postage with only fair success, we started using our cell phones. Our success with the phone was phenomenal. Our list of "Found" shipmates grew rapidly. Some guys even said "Oh yeah, I got your letter, but I don't know what happened to it." You have to be fearless with your phone calls. Contacting people with the same last name in the same home town can be productive. We got a phone number from a guy's brother in his old home town. We found that another shipmate was deceased after contacting his sister in Alaska. Most of the wives of deceased shipmates we have talked with were very happy that we took the time to contact them and say how pleased their sailor would have been to get back in touch with his old shipmates.

As you make contact with former shipmates, be sure and ask for information on other shipmates you are still searching for. They just might have the missing piece you need to locate another.

Today the search continues, though successful contacts are fewer and further between. However in the past few months we have made contact with 3 former shipmates. Actually one of them found us when he discovered our website. We also learned of the passing of a former shipmate over 20 years ago. We are still searching as we still have 34 names on our "Missing List".

When you make a successful contact be sure to pass this information on to our Liaison Director, currently Mark Babcock, so he can add this information to his records. Also in the case of a deceased shipmate, pass this on to our Webmaster, Ed Campbell, so his name can be added to the Taps List and to Will Clark, our Chaplain.

With Internet access, a good cell phone plan (or a good long distance rate on your home phone), plenty of time and a lot of perseverance, you CAN find a lot of your old friends. GOOD LUCK!!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either of us. We may be able to help. Our contact information is;

Bill Myers –	<a href="mailto:williamjmve@msn.com">williamjmve@msn.com</a>	402 676-0082
Bob Dingman –	<a href="mailto:bdingman@metrocast.net">bdingman@metrocast.net</a>	603 528-4436

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

To the Officers and Members of the U.S.S. New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

The following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for 2010.

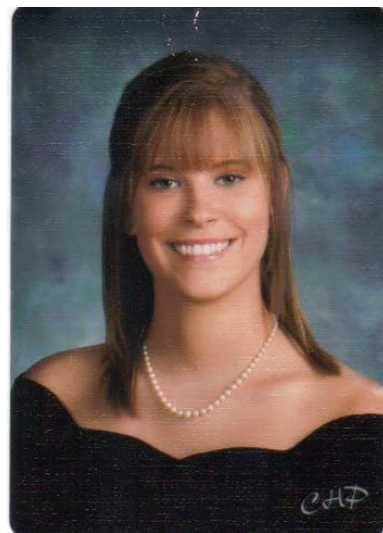
There were five applications for the U.S.S. New Jersey Veterans, Inc. Scholarship this year. They represented a broad cross section of the Class of 2010. The Committee recommends the awarding of the two scholarships to the following;

1. **Ms. Devyn L. Walke of Rutherfordton, N. C.**

Ms. Walke is the daughter of Pam & Lee Walke and the granddaughter of U.S.S. New Jersey Veteran Donald Randall. Devyn graduated Rutherfordton-Spindale High School, number six in her class.

While at RS Central, Devyn was a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Varsity Cheerleader, member of the Soccer Team among many other clubs.

Devyn is attending Appalachian State University where she will study Pre-Professional Biology.



2. **Mr. John Anderson of Dallas, Texas**

Mr. Anderson is the son of Catherine and Craig Anderson and the grandson of U.S.S. New Jersey Veteran Dan Cleedon. John graduated from W.T. White High School, number fourteen in his class.

John was a member of the National Spanish Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. He was a school mentor and on the Executive Study Body.

John is attending the University of Texas studying Civil Engineering.



**Congratulations to both Devyn and John.**

The organization wishes to thank the two members of the scholarship committee, Ms. Pam Calhoun and Ms. Patricia DiMaria for their insight and hard work in choosing the winners.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC will continue providing annual Scholarship Awards. A committee, appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors will make recommendations to the assembled Members at a General Membership meeting for approval. Applications for the Scholarship Awards must be received by the committee no later than July 18, 2011.**

### **GUIDELINES:**

1. No committee member's family or relatives are eligible for an award.
2. Scholarship will be awarded to deserving students who have maintained a "B" or 3.0 grade point average.
3. Students must be a graduating senior, attending an accredited high school/vocational technical institution. Graduating in the Class of 2011.
4. Applications must be recommended by their high school guidance counselor.
5. Award must be used at an accredited education/technical institution for undergraduate studies.
6. Awards are not available for graduate study.
7. The award will be paid directly to the institution selected.
8. Publicity will be accomplished through the USS New Jersey Veterans Newsletter and on the internet. Information and application forms are available on the Internet reference:

[WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG](http://WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG)

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Any son, daughter, grandchild of a member in good standing, included children of a Member in good standing who has passed away during the current membership year. (Must have been a USS New Jersey Veteran).
2. Must be a high school senior graduating in the Class of 2011.
3. Official transcripts for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, submitted with application.
4. Two (2) academic references.
5. Student's personal resume.
6. Student's essay completed.
7. Name of educational/technical institution to be attended.
8. Graduation picture or equivalent
9. Scholarship winners will be notified by phone and a follow-up letter from the President of the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

Eligibility requirements 2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 must be submitted to:

The President, Joe DiMaria

645 Brisa Court, Chesapeake, Va. 23322

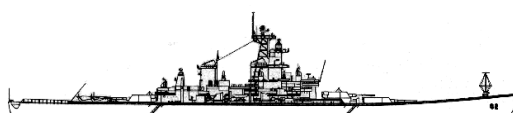
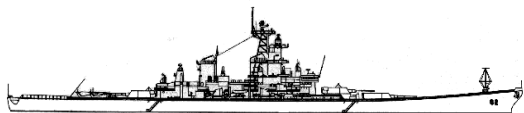
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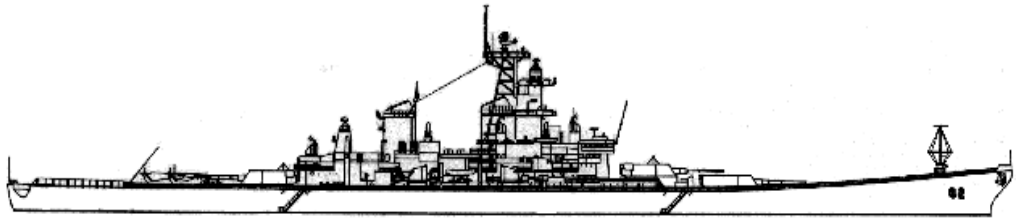
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Email: [jvance916@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jvance916@cfl.rr.com)**



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**HISTORY STRING**

**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 want to purchase.

**NOTE; Each of the following strings are \$2.00 each**

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Las Vegas, NV	2003	_____	_____	_____
Washington, DC	2004	_____	_____	_____
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Golf Shirt – Embroidered on front over pocket available in Navy Blue, Green, Ash, Light Blue, Maroon, White, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large	\$22.00
T-Shirt – Light Blue, Tan, Maroon, White, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large &XX Large	\$18.00
Sweatshirt – Available in Ash Embroidered, Size Large	\$22.00
Pullover V Neck Navy Blue Sweater, Sizes Extra Large & XX Large	\$36.00
Button down Cardigan Navy Blue Sweater, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large &XX Large	\$36.00
Satin Baseball Jacket - Navy and Royal Blue – Members Only – Embroidered on Front/ Screen Print of Ship on back, Sizes Medium, Large & Extra Large	\$37.00
Coach Style Jacket – White USS New Jersey Silhouette Embroidered Left Chest Size Medium	\$27.00

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**LADIES SHIRTS**

Scoop Neck Tee – Short Sleeve Butter or Red, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large	\$20.00
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Hat – USS New Jersey on Front – Black “WWII” on back “Plank owner” on back - Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew) “Korea” on back “Vietnam” on back	\$13.00
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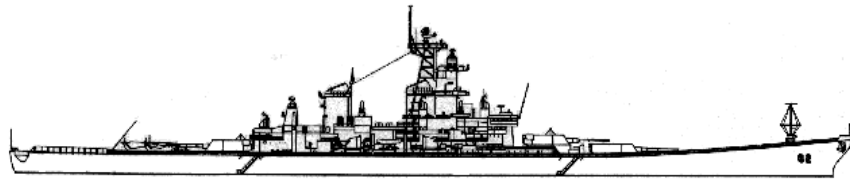
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**WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS  
To The  
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
Wayne Bendelow	Viet Nam	E Div.
Patrick Cantu	Viet Nam	E Div..
Roy Christopher	Lebanon	E Div.
Jeffrey Combs	Lebanon	X2 Div.
Dan Dea	Lebanon	E Div.
Gary A. Haslop	Viet Nam	OR Div
Roy Mattson	Viet Nam	E Div.
Robert H. Miller	Korea	7 <sup>th</sup> Div
Felipe Romo	Lebanon	G-4 Div.
Robert L Stevens	Korea	2 <sup>nd</sup> Div
George Stroppel	WWII	I Div.
James M. Tucker	Lebanon	G-3 Div.
Leon Tucker, Jr.	Lebanon	G1 Div
Stephen Zampedri	Lebanon	E Div.



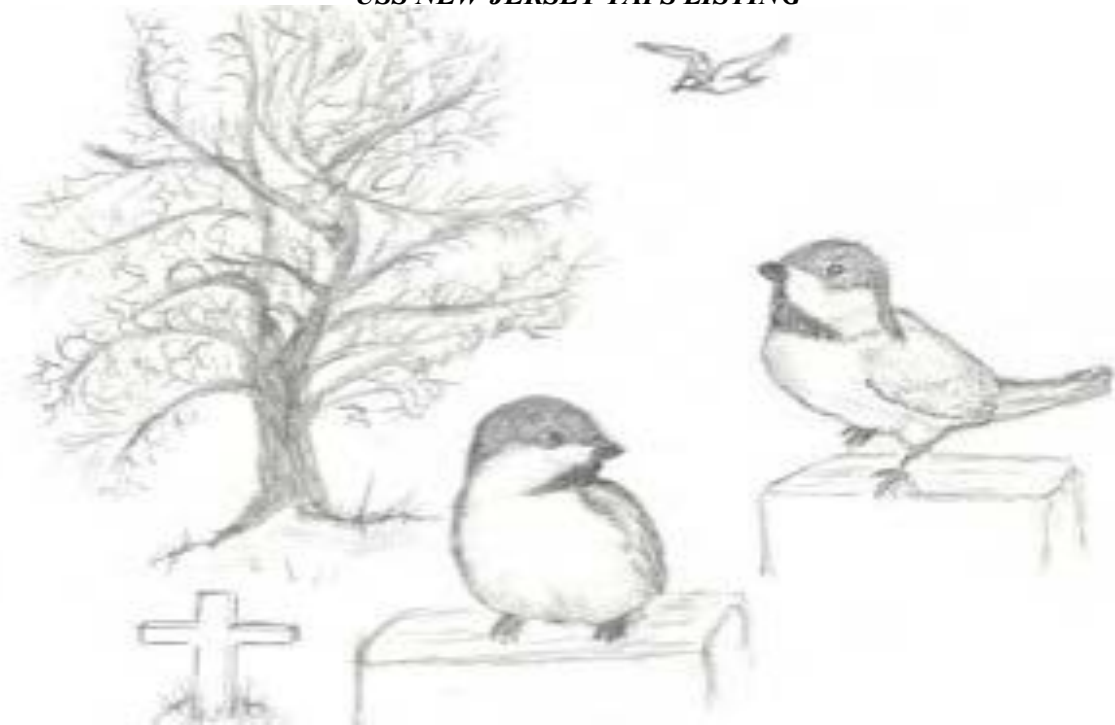
**Lt. Marcellus talking with Jim Dykes  
(picture courtesy of Jim Himes)**

**Thanks 'E' Division for your efforts**



**Memorial Service Honor Guard**

**USS NEW JERSEY TAPS LISTING**



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC. FORMER MEMBERS**  
**Members that have recently passed**

<i>Wayne Amend</i>	<i>Korea</i>	<i>E-Div.</i>
<i>Houston Andrews Sr.</i>		
<i>Ronald Wayne Ankeny</i>	<i>Korea</i>	<i>S-2 Div.</i>
<i>Clifford Auston</i>		<i>C &amp; R</i>
<i>Capt. Joseph Azzolina</i>		<i>Captain</i>
<i>Charles Bender</i>		<i>unknown</i>
<i>Martin Buchknvick</i>		<i>K</i>
<i>William Coyne</i>		<i>Captain</i>
<i>David Dorr</i>	<i>WWII</i>	<i>FA Div.</i>
<i>Lawrence Everham</i>		<i>Assoc.</i>
<i>Floyd Harrison</i>		<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
<i>Robert F. Hughes</i>	<i>Korea</i>	<i>M Div.</i>
<i>John Janggen</i>	<i>WW II</i>	
<i>William Paul Lanoux</i>		<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
<i>George D. Lewis</i>	<i>WWII</i>	<i>A Div.</i>
<i>Tom Locke</i>	<i>Korea</i>	<i>K</i>
<i>John McCarthy</i>	<i>Korea</i>	<i>S-2 Div</i>
<i>Lewis Miller</i>		<i>7<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Peter Mitchell</i>		
<i>William Ring</i>		
<i>Ralph Robins</i>	<i>WW II</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>John O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Korea</i>	<i>K</i>
<i>Ion Tharp</i>		<i>B</i>
<i>Sam Trapani</i>		<i>R</i>
<i>Peter Ubertacco Sr.</i>	<i>WW II</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
<i>John Walsh</i>		<i>9<sup>th</sup></i>

## BYLAWS OF THE USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC.

### **ARTICLE I - OFFICES;**

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

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE;**

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

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP;**

(1) Qualifications for membership, all persons, Sailors and Marines who were assigned to active United States Naval service aboard the USS NEW JERSEY BB62.

(2) Additional members, the spouse, surviving spouse, children and grandchildren of members, who served on the USS NEW JERSEY BB62, shall be entitled to membership in the Corporation and shall pay dues, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and they shall not be entitled to serve as officers of the Corporation.

(3) Membership shall also be open to all interested persons and said persons shall pay dues, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and shall not be entitled to serve as officers of the corporation.

### **ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL MEETINGS;**

#### **Section 1.**

An Annual Reunion, hence known as the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, shall be held in September or October of each year and at a site to be approved by a majority vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting. If there be more than one recommendation for a reunion site, the membership in attendance shall vote and select the site. If for some reason the site cannot be selected at the Annual Meeting, then the Board of Directors is authorized to select the site. An Annual Meeting of a City of any State, to be performed during the month can be amended by the rules committee with approval vote by attending membership. The President shall announce the selection of the site in an upcoming "Jersey Bounce" before the next Annual Meeting, have installed on the Web Site and notify Liaison Officer for distribution to ERA Reps.

A non-refundable reunion registration fee may be fixed by the Board of Directors per registered Member, Associate Member and Guests, levied in addition to the usual Annual Meeting charges. Only dues paying former Crewmen in attendance at Annual Meetings shall be entitled to vote.

#### **Section 2.**

Annual Meetings of the Corporation shall be conducted by the President or, in his absence the Vice- President or in his absence the Secretary or in his absence the Treasurer.

a. The Board of Directors meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at a location pursuant to the President's designation as to date and time. Majority attendance of Board of Directors constitutes a quorum.

#### **Section 3.**

All Annual Meetings and all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be governed by these bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation, and by Robert's Rules of Order in cases not covered by these bylaws.

#### **Section 4.**

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

- a. Opening of the Annual or Special Meeting.
- b. Posting of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem
- c. Invocation by Chaplain
- d. Reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting or Special Meetings.
- e. Reading of the financial report.
- f. Committee reports.
- g. Old Business.
- h. Correspondence and new business.
- i. Selection of Reunion Site.
- j. Election of Officers and Directors (every 4 years).
- k. Good of the Corporation (awards, drawings).
- l. Closing Invocation by Chaplain
- m. Adjournment /closing of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

### **ARTICLE V- DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS;**

#### **Section 1.**

Directors shall be (4) years commencing with the election to be held at the Annual Meeting in 2004.

The Board of Director, hereinafter called the Board shall consist of 6 directors and all Past Presidents not more than 10 advisors. The term of office for the Directors shall be (4) years commencing with the election to be held at the annual Meeting in 2012.

**Section 2.**

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

**Section 3.**

Only the Directors have voting rights.

**ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS, ADVISORS, AND APPOINTEES**

**Section 1.**

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

President-Director	Web-Master-Advisor	W.W. 11 Era Rep.-Advisor
Vice President-Director	Newsletter Editor-Advisor	Korea Era Rep.-Advisor
Secretary-Director	Small Stores-Advisor	Vietnam Era Rep.-Advisor
Treasurer-Director	Veterans Affairs-Advisor	Lebanon/Persian Gulf Era.-advisor
Liaison Officer-Director	Master at Arms-Advisor	U.S. Marine Corp. Rep.-Advisor
Membership Chairman-Director	All P Presidents-Director	

The following Officer Appointees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a (4) four year term. The first Appointee will be made in 2004.

Legal Counsel	Reunion Chairman	Chaplain/s
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**Section 2.**

Powers:

a. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, or Bylaws, the powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors, which may, However, delegate the performance of any duties or the exercise of any powers to such officers and committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, designate.

Replacement of Director, Officer, Appointee.

a. Whenever a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, Officers or Appointees, whether by death, Resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy may be filled by appointment of a new Director, Officer or Appointee By the Board of Directors, until such time as the next Membership Meeting for majority vote of approval. Any Board Member may hold two positions when there is a vacancy on the Board, but he shall have only one vote.

b. Any Director, Officer or Appointee may be removed, with or without cause, by the majority vote of Members of the Board of Directors.

c. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors or Officers shall hold office for the Un-expired term of his predecessor in office, subject to the power of removal stated above.

d. Quorum: A majority of the Board of Directors, at the reunion shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

e. Manner of Acting: The act of a majority of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a Quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or These Bylaws.

f. Compensation: The Board of Directors, Officers and Appointees shall serve without compensation, but The Board may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with performance of their duties and shall submit receipts to obtain reimbursement.

g. Telephone conference meetings: Any or all Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or a Committee of the Board by means of conference telephone as long as all members in the meeting are able to hear each other.

h. Action without Meeting: No meeting need be held by the Board to take any action required or permitted to be taken by law, provided all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action, and such written consent or consents is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as action by unanimous vote of the Directors.

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

**Section 3.**

**BOARD MEMBER: DIRECTOR**

**PRESIDENT: Director;**

- a. chief executive officer of the Cooperation, exercises general supervision over all activities of the Corporation.
- b. shall preside at all Annual Meetings, Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- c. receives quarterly reports from all Directors and Officers as to the activities of chairmen under their jurisdiction.
- d. has final authority in appointment of committee chairmen as recommended by the Vice President.
- e. makes semi-annual reports to the membership in the Corporation newsletter and Annual Meeting.
- f. provide request for guest speaker for Annual Meeting Dinner Dance.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Director;**

- a. in the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions, of the President.
- b. supervises activities during the Annual Meeting.
- c. responsible for coordinating activities of various Committee Chairmen.
- d. gives detailed reports semi-annually: February and October for the "Jersey Bounce."
- e. has responsibility for the Memorial Committee and coordinates these activities.

**SECRETARY: Director;**

- a. keeps minutes of Annual Meeting for publication in the "Jersey Bounce" subsequent to Annual Meeting.
- b. keeps minutes of Board of Director meetings and Executive Committee meetings on file.
- c. keeps records and file of Corporation correspondence;
- d. keeps an up-to-date membership file.
- e. is custodian of Corporation property, per Article X, Section 1.
- f. may appoint an Assistant Secretary, who shall perform any duties as delegated by the Secretary, and shall act during the Secretary's absence or disability.

**TREASURER: Director;**

- a. collection of Membership dues.
- b. payment of any and all approved debits of the Corporation.
- c. keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation funds in the Corporation Ledger, such accounts to differentiate between funds designated for general Corporation expenses and accounts and those designated for Memorial, Museum, Annual Meeting or special purposes.
- d. presents a detailed report annually, January, to the President for publication in the "Jersey Bounce" fall Issue which has been previously audited by an Audit Committee.
- e. informs the President of all requests for expenditures. Payment of expenditures over \$300.00 shall be made only if specifically approved by the Board of Directors, other than debit funding for Annual Meeting. Under \$300.00 requires approval only by Executive Committee.
- f. may appoint an Assistant Treasurer who shall perform any duties as delegated by the Treasurer and Shall act during the Treasurer's absence or disability.
- g. provide to Editor of the "Jersey Bounce" Newsletter an address label of shipmates with current Dues status update for mailing.
- h. shall drop from active roster, all inactive members failing to keep dues current for a period of two years beginning with current reunion and implemented on start of fiscal year of October 1. Notify Membership Chairman of non-current, delinquent members.
- i. mail pending invoice notices for delinquent dues as needed.
- j. assists Reunion Chairman at pre-reunion selection site.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Director;**

- a. receives applications for membership and forward dues to treasurer.
- b. prepares and mail membership cards to members and associate members, with a personal response to make a new member feel welcome after dues are collected.
- c. notifies Directors monthly of all new members and associate members with updated data.
- d. notifies Directors of any passing of shipmates immediately when known.
- e. keep separate roster of active members and inactive members for purpose of keeping addresses.

**LIAISON OFFICER: Director;**

- a. keep updated roster of all members, associate members and data base members "ex-crewmen who served on BB-62 but who are not members of the Corporation."
- b. inform ERA Representatives of all Executive Committee decisions and information pertinent to the

well being of the Corporation in general matters of common interest pertaining to the general membership, associate members and data base members.

c. receive from Membership Chairman, ERA Representatives, all pertinent information regarding the passing away of fellow shipmates, associate members and informing appropriate Directors of such. Receive any and all correspondence regarding any activities to or of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.

d. act in the best interest in liaison communication with all civic matters concerning the Corporation and notify Directors of information concerning their specialties of said civic matters.

e. select District Volunteers (16) of North, South, East and West as appointees recommended to the President on a first volunteer basis order of seniority.

**WEBMASTER: Advisor:**

a. maintains the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc. Web Site, [ussnewjersey.org](http://ussnewjersey.org), for the Corporation.

b. upgrade the Web Site as needed.

c. maintains On-line E-Mail Roster and concurrent Roster of Active & Inactive members.

d. forwards all changes & additions to E-Mail Roster to Liaison Officer.

e. monitors and edits Deck Log on regular basis.

f. adds relevant photos, notices, etc. when they become available to Deck Log.

e. answer questions submitted through Web Site or forward said question to Liaison Officer for pertinent distribution.

h. notifies Treasurer when to pay Main Name Charge and Web Site Server Charge.

**EDITOR: Advisor; Newsletter "Jersey Bounce":**

a. receive input from Board of Directors (February and October) for insertion into semi-annual, the "Jersey Bounce" Newsletter. Receive requests for "SHIPMATE LOCATOR DIRECTORY" (non-E-Mail type) for insertion into semi-annual newsletter.

b. edits all incoming information and pictures, prepares proofs for publisher of semi-annual newsletter and provides names and addresses for labeling of newsletter to be published and mailed

c. submits proofing of pre-publishing to President for approval.

d. shall not publish into "Jersey Bounce," any, "*derogatory or political viewpoints pertaining to the Corporation Directors, Officers, Appointees or Membership.*"

**STOREKEEPER-SMALLSTORES: Advisor;**

a. the storekeeper shall perform his duties in accordance with Article XIII Ship Stores.

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Advisor;**

a. shall be a member having knowledge of Veterans' Affairs pertaining to the medical and clerical aspects of Veterans' benefits via the Veterans' Administration, such as Military Burials, Medals and Awards, Military Records etc.

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

**MARINE CORPS. REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor;**

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

**ERA REPRESENTATIVE: Advisor;**

**A.GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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

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

a. keep full roster of ERA (USS New Jersey) members, associate and non-members.

b. keep list updated via: Membership Chairman, Liaison Officer, Web-Master and District Volunteers; (North, South, East & West)

c. receive vital News and Information pertinent to the Corporation from Board of Directors to be passed on to Liaison Officer who in turn will pass on to ERA Representative who in turn passes on to the District Volunteers for distribution to the members of their district

d. the four district volunteers shall report to you for record keeping of members; that are hospitalized, passed away, have a problem; want information on what's going on. If they are not a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. member, the north, south, east and west volunteers are to be discreet in relaying information to anyone, have them

referred to Liaison Officer for dissemination of information

e. no contracts or financial information shall be conducted by members to anyone, any Media requests and/or any situation shall be relayed to Liaison Officer who will determine the proper Board of Directors to receive information. No statements are to be given to the media. Refer them to the Liaison Officer.

f. when a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. Member or Associate Member *passes away*, that information is to be relayed to the Chaplain, Membership Chairman, Web-Master, Treasurer and Liaison Officer, to update changes to the rosters.

g. when a "Member Of Vets. Inc." or a "Non Member" crewman of the ship passes away, the Web-Master shall be notified and his name entered into "TAPS" and the Data Base Roster updated as to the deceased.

**MASTER AT ARMS: Advisor;**

a. shall be responsible for the Order and Calm of all functions during the Annual Meeting.

b. shall be in charge of Side Boy Honor Guards for escorted dignitaries, Color Guard and "Call to Attention" for all National Honor Functions.

**Section 4.**

APPOINTEE: Non-Director

**LEGAL COUNSEL: APPOINTEE**

a. shall be a person admitted to practice law and in good standing in his State of residence and/or in the State where his office is located and he shall advise the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee concerning legal matters affecting the Corporation.

b. any services which require litigation, said counsel shall be paid a fee as approved by the Board of Directors. The legal counsel may recommend to the Board of Directors that outside legal counsel be retained for specific matters and the fee be approved by the Board of Directors

**REUNION CHAIRMAN: APPOINTEE**

a. be a member in good standing

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

**CHAPLAIN/S: APPOINTEE/S**

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

**ERA District Volunteer, (16): APPOINTEES**

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

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

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

a. keep roster of USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. Member, Associate and Non -Vets. Inc, ex-crewmen in district.

b. receives information from Era Representative Director, and passes same to members in his district, keeping in line, the policies of the USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. Member, Associate Members and the separation of non-members of the Corporation.

c. shall not give out any information on the Corporation within reason (inner functions, financial) or the roster to anyone or any group requesting same without authorization from Board of Directors.

d. when someone wants to know or have contact with any member of the Corporation, whether a USS New Jersey Vets. Inc. member, associate member or non-member, remember our policy and the Privacy of Information Act. You shall inform the contacting person that his / her name, phone number, e-mail or address, will be given to the contacted for him / her to return the contact.

e. shall relay all information about the hospitalization, death and problems of members, associates and non-member crewmen that need to be addressed to your ERA Representative who will pass the information to Board of Directors.

f. shall not enter into any contract or financial dealings with any one, be they any persons, business or organizations.

g. may be in direct contact with persons, organizations, requesting information about tours, sleepovers, re-enlistments, flags flown on ship etc. Have them contact the Home Port Alliance. Shall not give names, phone numbers, addresses or e-mail addresses provided by the Board of Directors. All media questions shall be relayed to Liaison Officer who will make determination of request and/or direct to proper Officer or Board Member.

h. shall not get involved with any political situation and shall inform ERA Rep. of situation. Shall not make any statements to the Media.

i. if anyone wants information to join organization, refer them to the Membership Chairman via Application to Join Form that is on the web site for downloading. Do not accept any money, checks or money orders made payable to the ship or the Corporation. Mail it back to the person or group in a larger envelope, recording such transaction and notify the Liaison Officer and Treasurer of such. Mail all membership applications that you receive with or without funds to the Membership Chairman or Treasurer depending on the situation.

j. is discreet and courteous in all dealings with any member, associate member and non-member.

#### **Section 5.**

##### **“REMOVAL OF USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INCORPORATED MEMBER”**

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

#### **ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:**

##### **Section 1.**

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

#### **ARTICLE VIII – VOTING:**

##### **Section 1.**

a. voting privileges for members of the Corporation shall be extended to those paid-up members in attendance at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote of those present shall enact resolutions, motions and nominations presented

b. Board members may vote on matters for the Corporation during the year, with consideration for the General Membership to approve or disapprove changes to rules or bylaws on approval by attending membership.

##### **Section 2.**

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

a. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** This committee to audit the records of the Treasurer annually prior to insertion into the fall issue of the “Jersey Bounce”.

b. **RULES COMMITTEE:** This committee shall form rules that govern the smooth operations of the Corporation concerning adherence to; dates of Annual Meetings, added registration fees and any facet thereof.

c. **BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** This committee shall communicate and consult by mail, telephone or, if feasible, meet annually at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting and may submit suggested amendments of the existing Bylaws to the Board of Directors for approval, and if approved, be submitted to the General Membership present at the Annual Meeting to be ratified and submitted to the Editor of the “Jersey Bounce” to be published in the subsequent edition after the Annual Meeting.

**(2) Standing Committees and their duties:**

a. **REUNION COMMITTEE:** Under direct supervision of the Vice President, shall select committee members from the area of the reunion, plan and execute arrangements for volunteers to assist at reunion.

b. Chairman of the Reunion Committee for the next year, shall be appointed at the current Annual Meeting who shall be the area volunteer.

#### **ARTICLE IX – DUES;**

##### **Section 1.**

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

##### **Section 2.**

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

##### **Section 3.**

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

#### **ARTICLE X – USS NEW JERSEY VETERAN’S CORPORATION PROPERTY;**

##### **Section 1.**

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



**ARTICLE XI – MEMORIALS;**

**Section 1.**

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

**ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES;**

**Section 1.**

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

**Section 2.**

Committees shall be of three (3) types:

- a. **SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES:** whose Chairman is appointed by and report directly to the President.
- b. **STANDING COMMITTEES:** whose Chairman are appointed jointly by the President and designated supervisory officer but report only to their designated supervisory officers.
- c. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Under supervision of the Vice President, this committee shall be responsible for recommending appropriate action in support of memorial programs already adopted by the Corporation and to recommend and propose such suitable new memorials as are within the limits of available funds to honor veterans of the USS NEW JERSEY BB-62.

**Section 3.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

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

**ARTICLE XIII - SHIP'S STORE;**

**Section 1.**

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

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

**Section 2.**

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

**ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS;**

**Section 1.**

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

**Section 2.**

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

**Section 3.**

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

**Section 4.**

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

**Section 5.**

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

**Section 6.**

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

**Section 7.**

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

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

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

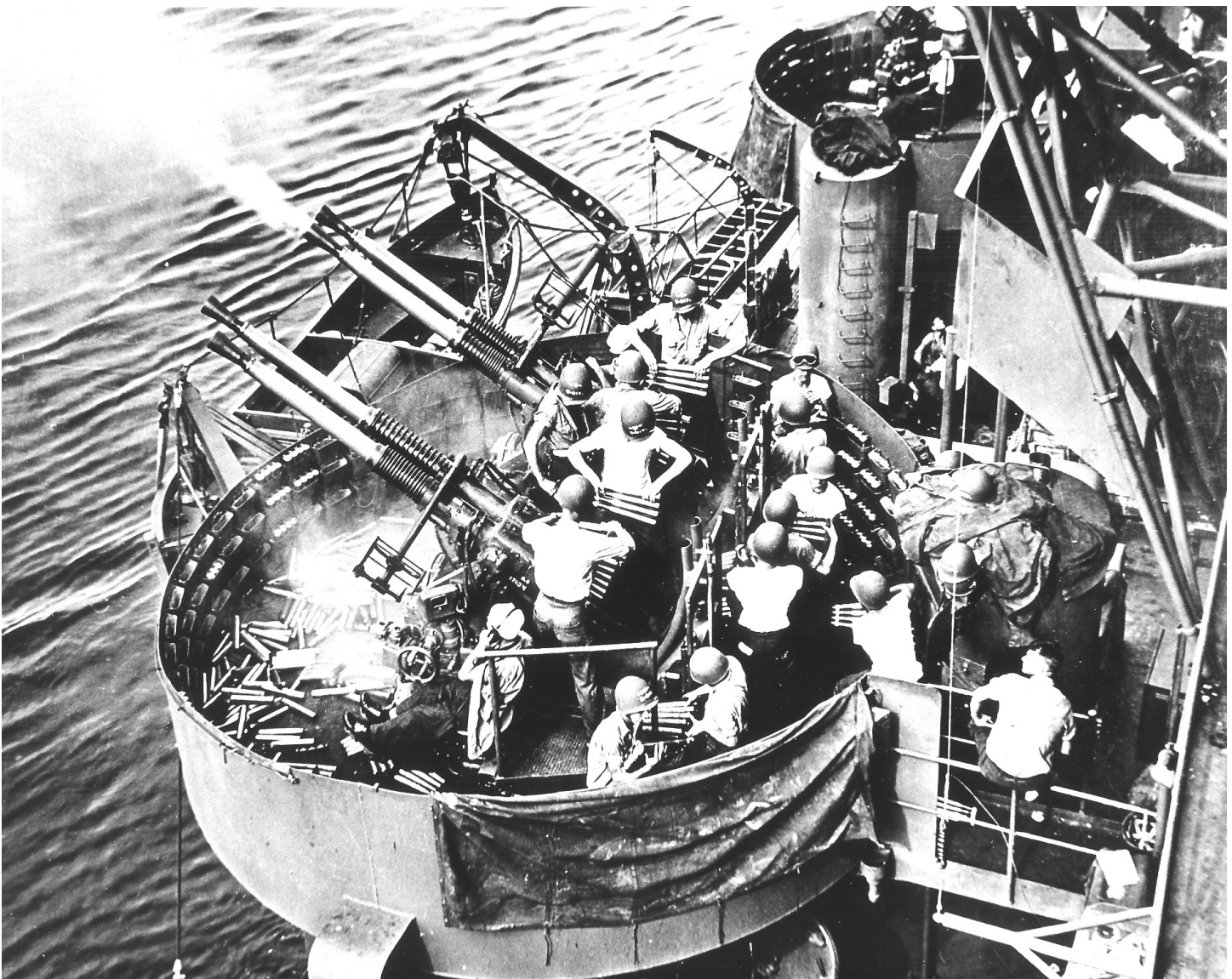
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