

USS New Jersey Veterans, INC

# “THE JERSEY BOUNCE”

Spring / Summer 2006

## THE USS NEW JERSEY REUNION EDITION

### “The Alamo”



Most come to see the old mission where a small band of Texans held out for thirteen days against the Centralist army of General Antonio López de Santa Anna. Although the Alamo fell in the early morning hours of March 6, 1836, the death of the Alamo Defenders has come to symbolize courage and sacrifice for the cause of Liberty. The memories of James Bowie, David Crockett, and William B. Travis are as powerful today as when the Texan Army under Sam Houston shouted “Remember the Alamo!” as it routed Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. The Alamo has been managed by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas since 1905. The Alamo represents nearly 300 years of history. Three buildings - the Shrine, Long Barrack Museum and Gift Museum - house exhibits on the Texas Revolution and Texas History. Visitors are welcome to stroll through the beautiful Alamo Gardens.

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*From The President*

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Dear Shipmates-

Since our last reunion, there have been some changes.

First and foremost, U.S.S. New Jersey members will be putting on this reunion, not Reunion Planners Inc. With the coordinated efforts of our Vice President John Hagen, former Treasurer Dick McDowell and former President Dick Esser, I believe we will have an enjoyable and organized reunion with consideration for all of our members and their guest(s).

Another change this year is that we have the entire (7th) floor of the Holiday Inn to ourselves. This is where our Ship's Store and Hospitality Room will be located. I also hope to have refreshments on hand- coffee, water, soda, chips, pretzels- as long as the Hospitality Room is open. I hope to have beer on tap starting in late afternoon and into the evening. My hope is that the Hospitality Room will be a gathering place for all of us to mingle, share our memories, stories and meet new Shipmates and get to know others better!

If you've noticed, we only have 2 tours on tap. One tour is in the morning and the other is an evening tour. If you choose not to go on any tour, there are many shops and points of interest within walking distance from our Hotel, including the Majestic Theater (across the street) The Alamo (5 blocks), El Mercado (8 blocks) and La Villita.

The Riverwalk is directly outside our hotel! You can enjoy a relaxing 30 minute tour of the city (and tropical foliage) on a boat cruise that leaves hourly or use it as a taxi. The Alamo Trolley allows you the freedom to hop-on, hop-off and enjoy an all-day unlimited reboarding. We found these to be affordable and easy ways to see more of San Antonio at your own pace.

The tour to Admiral Nimitz Museum is where we will have our Memorial Service. Another change will be to have all the Era's represented at the service. So we will need at least one or two sailors from each Era to help with the service.

I went down to Virginia in February to visit Lil' Joe Porambo and saw how he orders our small stores inventory. He is ready! He has on hand many new items for the ladies and the kids, shirts with no pockets, new colors and designs. We also plan on having a Fire/Garage Sale to liquidate the items that have been in inventory too long or haven't sold very well. This will allow us to replace it with new merchandise. I think you'll see an entire new look about the store. If you have any requests or suggestions please let Joe or I know. The store will also be open extended hours during our stay to allow everyone ample time to shop. Joe will need volunteers to help out in the store (It's a great way to meet/see your Shipmates). Contact Joe (porambo@msn.com) if you'd like to help out or have some time to spare.

Well, that's enough from me for now. I hope to see 'yall in Texas in September!

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me (bb62sailor13@aol.com) or call 315 598 2037 with any questions.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Prime, President



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From The Vice President

Shipmates,

I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant holiday and that your love ones that are protecting us are safe.

For those who have lost family and friends THEY WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

The reunion is just around the corner, San Antonio here we come. I just live a couple hours away, but this will be my first time there. From what I have heard there is quite a bit to do there.

I hope everyone has had a chance to brush up on their sea stories, for those of you who have articles like news clippings, photo's things like that to back up some of these stories, I hope you can bring them .I am brings all of the books about the USS New Jersey I have collected along with some DVD's I have. There are a lot of stories about the New Jersey that can't be found in these books.

**History question;** How many times did all four Iowa class battleships steam together, were and when?

**Answer;** Only one time off of the Virginia Capes operating area, 7 June 1954. There could have been a second time in 1991 but you know politics.

The steaming formation pictures you can find on the web are not very good. I hope someone has better ones that they have tucked away and will share them at the reunion.

Fair winds and following seas and may God Bless.

Hope to see you at the reunion.

Respectfully,

*John Hagen MMC SW USN RET  
Vice President USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.*





*From The Chaplin*  
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What is Time?

Don't you just hate it when your power goes out; and when it finally does come back on, you have the additional burden of resetting all the digital stuff? There is the digital clock on the stove, the microwave, the VCR, the lamp-timers, and the clock radios, just to mention a few. It sometimes seems that time controls us. We have to get up at a certain time, be to school or work at a certain time, be at a meeting at a certain time, hand in reports by a certain time, even eat at a certain time.

Have you noticed that how we view time can be dependent on our life circumstance? For the very young, time seems to stretch on forever. Waiting for your parents to get ready, or; how many of have heard the question: "Are we there yet?", and waiting for Christmas day seems to take an eternity for a child. If you are a young working person, time never seems to catch up with your plans. You need at least four more hours of sleep every day and an extra day a week. Moreover, if you are older, time may seem to fly by; and especially if your health is failing, time may seem like a burden, prolonging a life that seems to have lost its quality.

Time is really a human invention. Our God is the God of the past, the present, and the future. The Scriptures say that one day is like a thousand years to God, and a thousand years are like a single day.

Trying to figure out God's clock has always proven to be futile. First, we do not know the day or hour that we will breathe our last. While it is tempting to predict our span of life based on health habits and family history, this may be another attempt to control what is ultimately in God's hands.

The time we spent aboard our Battleship is special. It serves to remind us of very different experiences. However, sadly or gladly, that time has passed. We only have Now and Tomorrow to live. Our yesterdays are mere memories.

Let us make a vow, my Shipmates and Friends. Promise one another, and our Creator, that our *Today's* and *Tomorrow's* are His. Live them with courage. And never forget that ultimately, we look forward to an eternity together, with that same Creator.

***Pastor Will Clark, Chaplain,***  
***USS New Jersey Vets. Inc.***







*From The Liaison Officer / Director*

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GREETINGS, ONE AND ALL!

Nothing much to report this time. Giving ya'll a break. Working on the 2007 Reunion for San Diego, CA. I'm trying for a hotel downtown San Diego area but the cheapest **hotel** is still the Red Lion Hanalei and as of right now the price is \$108.00 + 10.5% Tax. I'm still trying to get a reduction in cost, and don't forget the Luau, Dancers and Polynesian Show that the hotel provides in lieu of the Dinner Dance. There is a lot to see and do in San Diego, and there will be other entertainment provided. The weather here is gorgeous.

I'm also working on possible reunions to take place in 2008, possibly at Niagara Falls, Canadian side or maybe Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like some input from all the shipmates over which place to really go after. So far I've only got about a dozen return replies from those that want to go to Niagara Falls. Haven't put the feelers out for Hawaii yet, so here's your chance to make your suggestions. Please notify your Era District Volunteers with your suggestions and they will tabulate and get back to me with results.

Take some time to either call them or e-mail any of them. Give them your name, Era and suggestion, please do so as soon as you can so I know where to do the pushing.

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I want to thank all the District Volunteers in advance and I hope to see a lot of ya'll at the San Antonio, Texas Reunion in 2006.

Respectfully,  
Larry Kalakauskis, BTC USN Ret.  
Liaison Officer, USS New Jersey Vets. Inc.





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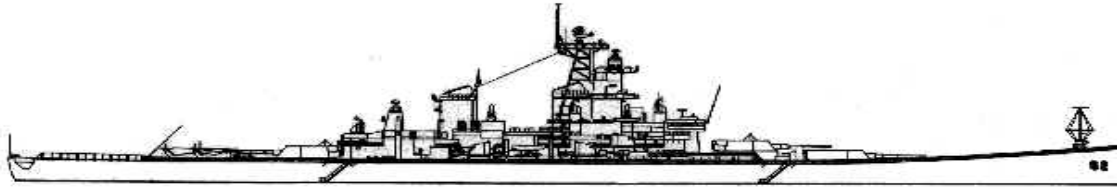


Dear Shipmates, Wives, & associate members,

Hope the year since the 2005 reunion has treated you well. Once again you will receive your 50/50 raffle tickets with the spring Bounce. Due to the fact that there was a surplus of about 1500 booklets of tickets from last year, and to save the association unnecessary expenses, we have decided to use last years booklets for the 2006 reunion. During the winter months, I and my wife Barbara have hand stamped 18,000 tickets with the drawing date for the September 2006 reunion in San Antonio. If you find any that are not stamped please excuse us, as we tried to make sure each ticket was stamped with the new date. If you need more books of tickets to sell, please contact me. My address, phone and E-mail address are listed in the front of the Bounce with the officers information.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your treasurer. I consider it an honor and a priviledge. Hope to see as many of you as can make it ro San Antonio. I'm sure we will all have a great time on the Riverwalk in 2006.

*Lou Ashby*  
**Treasurer**  
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## **FROM THE WEBMASTER**

Dear Shipmates,

I just checked our Web Site Roster. We have 2,081 names on that Roster and 1,245 have e-mail addresses. Some of those names also appear on our TAPS page and I did that so any person looking for that individual would see "Deceased" where the e-mail address should appear. You might note the searching party could see that name on the TAPS page but I've noticed that people don't tend to look at every page of the Web Site. Could take half a day with DSL or Cable and a week with Dial Up. So we maintain a little redundancy.

The key to the health and welfare of any organization is communication. Larry Kalakauskis's team of volunteers goes a long way to maintaining the health of our organization and I'm sure most of you have had some communication with one of them within the last quarter. No doubt every man reading this has his correct contact information in the hands of somebody in the organization. Since the publication of the last issue no less than fifty of you have updated your contact information on the Web Site. Thank you. If you do check your information and everything is correct you do not need to make a new entry. However, if your e-mail address has changed or your address has changed please make an updated entry and I'll delete the old one.

If you're concerned that unauthorized people will have access to your contact information, relax. The only thing people see is your name, ERA, Division and e-mail address. Your address and phone number remain hidden. When sons, daughters, lawyers and old girl friends come looking for you (it's always about the money) I always tell them I'll be glad to pass along a message but I'm not permitted to share our Roster with unauthorized personnel.

We have posted many photos taken at Valley Forge. If you have any you'd like to share just e-mail them over and I'll post them.

It's nearly Spring and I can't wait to stop walking in the rain. Enjoy the Summer!







# EDITOR'S CORNER



Count me in as one of those who when first presented with the idea of going to San Antonio, Texas for our reunion had more than a few second thoughts about taking this trip. No offense to those of you from Texas, but all I remember from my drives through the state was the 60 oz Steak (eat the dinner and its free) and a lot of dust on my car. Sure, San Antonio has the Spurs and the Alamo, but hell, we lost at the Alamo. Kind of like the Packers last Super Bowl appearance. Then as usually happens, I do my research on a place we are going to and learn more about it.

Are you into flowers and gardens? Check out the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Founded in 1980, it encompasses 33 acres in the center of the city. Admission is only \$6, but for the majority of us with the AARP Card in tow, it is only \$4. Wheel Chair Accessible and along the VIA Bus Routh 7 Sightseer Special.



The Buckhorn is a story all in its own. Stop in for a beer and tour This is where it all started...where Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders and Pancho Villa is rumored to have planned the Mexican Revolution. Many of the original furnishings still grace today's Buckhorn Saloon, including the back bar which was hand-crafted of marble and cherry wood. While we are there, be sure to see the special exhibit, "Gunfighters, Outlaws & Lawmen of the Old West"

If Golf is your relaxation of choice, The Republic Golf Course is Nestled among the mesquite and oaks of south San Antonio it truly is a "gem" in the woods. Yet it is only 8 miles from our hotel. The Republic offers a beautiful clubhouse with food and drinks, great staff, strategically placed driving range and huge practice putting green, great service from the cart staff, and your not even to the course yet! Rates are \$40 Regular / \$30 Seniors on Wednesday & Thursday. \$51 Friday - Sunday. You can plan ahead and book you Tee Times by calling the ProShop at 1-800-359-0000.



Looking for an economy tour? Then the San Antonio VIA #7 Sightseer Special is just for you. For \$3 per person you can get an unlimited day pass for this Trolley service that runs around Downtown and the RiverWalk. Climb aboard just 1 block from the hotel and stop along the way at The Alamo, San Antonio Museum of Art, La Villita (Free), Breckenridge Park (Free), San Antonio Zoo, Witte Museum, San Antonio Botanical Garden, Japanese Tea Garden (Free), San Antonio Childrens Museum and the RiverWalk Streetcar Station.

Suddenly, San Antonio sounds like a busy fun place. See you there!

*Peter V*



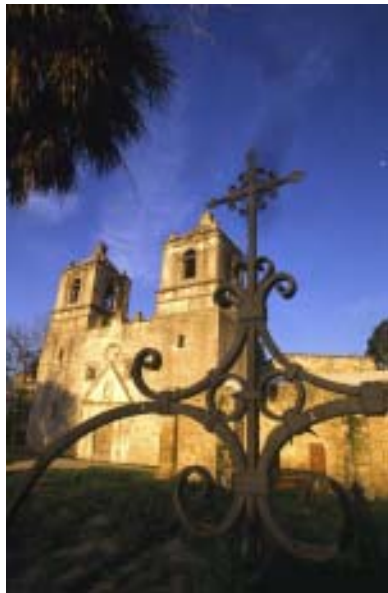
# USS NEW JERSEY 2006 REUNION

## San Antonio, TX

### September 6th - 10th, 2006

*San Antonio grew and fell and grew again. It was the German immigrants that first settled this Southwest Territory. While stories of the Alamo prevail, there is so much more history than these few words can bring about. But for those of you who will be there, you too will know what this story is all about.*

San Antonio offers many attractions drawing tens of thousands of visitors every year. Among the most recent features is Six Flags Fiesta Texas Amusement Park, a \$100 million, 201-acre family musical and entertainment theme park. Sea World in San Antonio is the largest marine-life theme park in the world. The famed Riverwalk, Paseo del Rio, consists of over 1½ miles of cool, shady, walks with shops, cafes, restaurants, and clubs. HemisFair '68" left a number of permanent buildings, including the Tower of the Americas, which has an observation deck and restaurant on top. The San Antonio Botanical Gardens and Conservatory is a thirty-three-acre horticultural facility featuring the flora of Texas, ranging from the wildflowers of the Hill Country to the formal rose gardens of East Texas. The indoor collection houses exotic plants from all over the world.



A few of the other attractions found in San Antonio include El Mercado, the old marketplace with a touch of Mexico; the Sunken Gardens, lush Japanese gardens preserved in a natural setting; the San Antonio Zoo, at Brackenridge Park; the Menger Hotel; the Hertzberg Circus Collection and Museum, an extensive collection of circus memorabilia; and the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, a museum documenting the ethnic groups that built Texas. The Alamo (1718), Mission Concepción (1731), Mission San José (1720), Mission San Juan Capistrano (1731), and Mission San Francisco de la Espada (1741) compose San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, one of a few urban national parks in the country. Architecturally interesting sights abound: San Fernando Cathedral (1758), the Spanish Governor's Palace (1749), the Quadrangle at Fort Sam Houston (1878), and the Bexar County Courthouse (1891) are but a few. San Antonio, with its unique architectural heritage dating from the Spanish era, was one of the first cities apart from the Eastern seaboard to become preservation conscious.

The San Antonio Conservation Society, founded in 1924, was instrumental in saving the beautiful San Antonio River, which winds through downtown, from being paved over for a drain. The society has since become a popular and powerful organization devoted to preserving the city's unique features. Recognizing the value and impact of the city's cultural sites upon the economy and stability of the community, the city maintains a Historic Preservation office as part of planning to insure the character that is San Antonio.





Dear Shipmates:

Our annual U.S.S. New Jersey crew reunion will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2006, through Sunday, September 10, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. We will be staying at the lovely full service Holiday Inn, which is on the famous San Antonio Riverwalk. The address is 217 North St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205 ([www.holiday-inn.com/sat-riverwalk](http://www.holiday-inn.com/sat-riverwalk)). They offer many amenities. Please refer to the enclosed Holiday Riverwalk brochure. Room rate is \$95.00 plus \$16.75 tax. Reservations can be made anytime by calling 1-800-445-8475 and asking for the U.S.S. New Jersey Group. Check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out time is 1:00pm on day of departure. For those wishing to arrive early or stay longer, the room rates will be the same 3 days prior to the reunion and 3 days following the close of the reunion.

The hotel has provided the entire 7<sup>th</sup> floor for our Small Stores and Hospitality Room. We will have ample room to congregate, visit and spin a few sea stories.

The hotel restaurant, Windows On The River, is providing a 20% discount on all meals. The Bar & Grill is offering a \$.50 discount on all bar drinks.

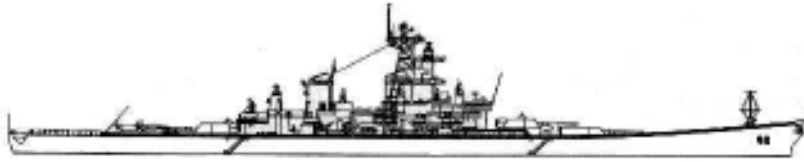
Current parking is a reduced charge of \$7.00 per day plus tax. Motor coach parking is available. Contact the Sales manager at (210) 244-2500.

Transportation from the airport is being supplied by Daisy Tours on a continual basis on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 10:00pm and Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon until 5:00pm. The fee is \$18.00 round trip. If you are planning on using the Daisy shuttle, please refer to the enclosed Daisy tour flier. Those not using this shuttle will have to rely on taxis.

San Antonio has it all, entertainment, restaurants, sight-seeing, boat trips, the Alamo and the beautiful Riverwalk. I urge all of you, if it at all possible, to plan on attending.

Fraternally yours,

Richard Esser  
Reunion Coordinator



**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.**

**Daisy Tours** will offer airport transfers for the attendees of the U.S.S. New Jersey Veterans Inc. Please fill out the following information and either mail or fax it to Daisy Tours, 1505 East Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas 78202.  
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**Cost of the Transfer is \$9.00 per person each way.**

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**Time of Arrival** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you have any questions please call Daisy Tours at 1-800-285-8601**



U.S.S. NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

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CALL TO RESERVE YOUR ROOMS: 1-800-445-8475 (Mention Ship Reunion)  
PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:  
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**SELECT:**            Smoking                      Handicapped                      Non smoking

NOTE: RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 08/07/06 MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP RATE AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. SPECIAL GROUP RATE IS FOR DATES OF SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006 – SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> 2006.

**DATE OF ARRIVAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **TIME** \_\_\_\_\_ **No. of NIGHTS** \_\_\_\_\_

Individual reservations must be guaranteed for late arrival with a credit card or first night's deposit. Should cancellation of an individual reservation be necessary, cancellation must occur no later than **72 HOURS** prior to arrival date to avoid a cancellation fee of first night's room and tax.

**REP: U.S.S. NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.**

**CHECK IN TIME:        4:00PM**

**CHECK OUT TIME:     1:00PM**



U.S.S. NEW JERSEY 19<sup>TH</sup> REUNION – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 – WELCOME ABOARD BUFFET**  
**DOORS OPEN @ 18:45 – 23:00    SERVING: 7:00PM - 8:00PM**

**EXECUTIVE DELI BUFFET**

SEASONAL GARDEN SALAD WITH GARNISHES, AND HOUSE DRESSING  
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**\$23.00 PER PERSON INCLUSIVE**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2006 - DINNER DANCE BANQUET**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 18:45 – 24:00**

**DINNER**

BABY FIELD GREEN SALAD – SERVED WITH CARAMELIZED WALNUTS, GOAT CHEESE, CROSTINI  
AND BALSAMIC VINEGARETTE

CHICKEN BALLATINE SONORA WITH SUPREME SAUCE PAIRED WITH SLICED BEEF TENDERLOIN  
AND CRIMINI MUSHROOM BORDELAISE SAUCE

SEASONED ROASTED RED POTATOES

WARM DINNER ROLLS WITH SWEET CREAMERY BUTTER

ICED TEA ON TABLES, WATER AND COFFEE ON REQUEST

CHEESECAKE WITH BERRY COMPOTE

**\$35.00 PER PERSON INCLUSIVE**

**Daisy Tours  
Conventions  
San Antonio**

**ADMIRAL CHESTER NIMITZ MUSEUM TOUR**

THIS UNIQUE TOWN IS A GEM OF LIVING HISTORY FOUNDED BY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS. THIS CHARMING COMMUNITY STILL RETAINS TOUCHES OF ITS OLD WORLD HERITAGE. KNOWN THROUGHOUT AMERICA FOR ITS ANTIQUES AND QUAIN T SHOPS, FREDERICKSBURG IS ALSO HOME OF THE FAMOUS ADMIRAL CHESTER NIMITZ MUSEUM.

**8:30AM DEPART**  
**10:00AM ARRIVE FREDERICKSBURG**

Visit Nimitz Museum. The jewel of the city of Fredericksburg is the Admiral Nimitz Museum. Here, visit America's only Museum of the Pacific War and learn about Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz who commanded thousands of ships and planes and millions of men as Commander and Chief in the Pacific during World War II. Many exhibits are "hands on" and audio presentation Allows you to hear stories of World War II Veterans first-hand.

**2:30pm DEPART**  
**4:00PM ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL**

**PRICE \$40.00 PER PERSON**

FILL OUT FORM FOR DESIRED TOURS,  
***MAIL BEFORE CUTOFF DATE OF AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2006.***



**DAISY TOURS  
CONVENTIONS  
SAN ANTONIO**



*...a little bit of Texas in a world of Romance*

**AN EVENING AT RIO-CIBOLO RANCH**

Buses will depart the group's hotel in San Antonio, Texas for a short drive to Rio Cibolo Ranch. Upon arrival at the Ranch, guests will enjoy the pleasant sounds of our resident fiddler. Later on into the night a special show with stories of the Old West and Texas Revolution including interesting anecdotes of the Battle of the Alamo will be told by our Resident Sixth Generation Texan Living Historian, Tom Jackson. His presentation will truly make the guests feel as if they have stepped back in time.

As the night winds down, guests will enjoy more amusing tales from our Resident Historian and be able to ask questions about the Old West and the Battle for Texas Independence around the open fire pits and they enjoy dessert.

The following is a breakdown of a proposal outlining the catering and entertainment services for your group's evening at Rio Cibolo Ranch.

**GUESTS ARRIVE:**

Guests can choose from a variety of drinks from the Longhorn Saloon (cash bar includes soda, draft beer, imported beer, Texas wine, wine coolers, well mixed drinks and our famous Rio Ritas (Margarita's on the rocks). Also, guests can relax and enjoy the sounds of the Country Fiddler on the 2,000 square foot deck of the Lazy Lily River House with a view of the Cibolo Waterfalls and Gardens.

**DINNER: The Western Roundup Style**

Slow pit smoked beef brisket and sausage served with tangy potato salad, crisp cole slaw, ranch beans with onions and a special sauce, all the condiments that compliment a great bar-b-que, but don't forget to pick up the freshly baked sourdough rolls to complete your dinner plate.

**REFRESHMENTS:**

Iced tea, water or coffee will be served with your meal.

**DESSERT:**

Guests will gather around the large open fire pits as they enjoy assorted cobblers and vanilla ice cream, while Tom Jackson, our resident sixth generation historian tells amusing tales of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution or life as a cowboy on the range.

**PRICE: \$57.00 PER PERSON**

**FILL OUT FORM FOR DESIRED TOURS,  
MAIL BEFORE CUTOFF DATE OF AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2006.**



**U.S.S. New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Holiday Inn Riverwalk – San Antonio, Tx.**

**U.S.S. New Jersey 2006 Events Reservation Form**

**Welcome Aboard Party:** Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$23.00 per = \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Dance Banquet:** Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$35.00 per = \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast Meeting:** Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00am \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$15.95 per = \_\_\_\_\_  
Members and Associate Members \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$10.00 per = \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour #1 – Admiral Nimitz:** Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$40.00 per = \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour #2 – Rio Cobolo Ranch BBO** Friday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$57.00 per = \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND :      \$ \_\_\_\_\_      FOR MEALS & TOURS**

\*\*\*\*\* *Please provide the following* \*\*\*\*\*

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE/GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DURING THE REUNION** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND COMPLETED FORMS BY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> 2006 WITH A CHECK TO:  
U.S.S. NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.  
C/O LOU ASHBY, TREASURER  
19683 FINNEY ROAD  
GIRARD, IL 62640**

**Date received** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_



**USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.  
19th Annual Reunion - San Antonio, TX  
September 6 - 10, 2006**

**Wednesday; 6 September 2006**

Check-in day - Holiday Inn RiverWalk; San Antonio, TX

- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Room Open  
Restaurants & Shopping along the Riverwalk
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Room Closed  
Skyline Atrium Open 24 Hours for Visiting
- 1845 Welcome Aboard Party - Tango Ballroom

**Thursday; 7 September 2006**

- 0830 Tour #1 Fredricksburg, Texas / Admiral Nimitz Museum  
See Tour Information Sheet for Times & Costs
- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Open
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Closed  
Evening Free, Skyline Atrium Open 24 Hours for Visiting



**Friday; 8 September 2006**

- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Open
- 1600 Registration & Small Stores Closed
- 1700 Tour #2 Departs Texas Bar-B-Que at Rio Cibolo Ranch  
See Tour Information for Times & Costs  
Skyline Atrium Open 24 Hours for Visiting



*...a little bit of Texas in a world of Romance*

**Saturday; 9 September 2006**

- 0900 Registration & Small Stores Room Open
- 1200 Small Store Closed (Packing Up)  
Skyline Atrium Open 24 Hours for Visiting
- 1700 Photograph for Portraits and Cruise Book 7th Floor Pool Area
- 1845 Doors Open for Dinner Dance
- 1855 Escort Speakers Wife
- 1900 Pipe Speaker Aboard
- 1910 Welcome Address from President Mike Prime
- 1915 Invocation By Chaplin
- 1920 Dinner Is Served
- 2000 Guest Speaker
- 2035 Group & ERA Pictures
- 2135 Band Break / Small 50/50 Raffle
- 2400 Anchors Away / Goodnight







**USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.  
19th Annual Reunion - San Antonio, Texas  
6 September - 10 September 2006**

**Sunday; 10 September 2006**

- 0700 Doors Open for Breakfast & General Meeting
- 0730 Invocation By Chaplin
- 0735 Pledge Of Allegiance
- 0745 Breakfast Buffet
- 0845 Call To Colors
- 0900 Memorial Service
- 0920 General Meeting
- 1100 2008 Site Presentation and Vote
- 1130 Mail In Raffle Drawing (Winner Need Not Be Present)
- 1200 Retire The Colors
- 1215 President Adjourns The Meeting

**Good Morning Breakfast Menu**

- Chilled Assorted Fruit Juices*
- Whole Fresh Fruit*
- Scrambled Eggs*
- Bacon Strips and Sausage Links*
- Hash Brown Potatoes*
- Asst Breakfast Bakery Basket*
- Whipped Butter & Jams*
- Cold Cereals W/ Milk*
- Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Tea & Juice*



***Holiday Inn Riverwalk***

217 North St Mary's  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
Phone: (210) 224-2500 • Fax: (210) 223-1302



Holiday Inn Riverwalk is adjacent to the Riverwalk, within walking distance of the Alamo, and approximately eight miles from San Antonio International Airport. This location is also within walking distance of the Market Square and River Center Mall, nine blocks from the Alamo Dome, and 15 miles from Sea World of Texas and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

Hotel amenities include the riverside newly renovated heated pool, whirlpool, game room, exercise room, gift shop, Ripples on the River Bar & Grill, and Windows on the River (tri-level restaurant with views of the Riverwalk from every seat). The hotel also offers room service, valet laundry, a concierge and valet parking. All rooms feature cable TV, in-room movies, **coffeemakers**, dataports, voicemail, hairdryers, irons and ironing boards, high-speed Internet access.

***Durty Nelly's Irish Pub* Looking For Something To Do At Night**

200 South Alamo Street

Despite the name, you don't have to be Irish to enjoy Durty Nelly's. This drinking establishment is widely known for having one of the best beer selections in San Antonio. Situated on the Riverwalk, Durty Nelly's attracts quite a bit of pedestrian traffic ready for a cold one with piano music you can sing along too.

Peanut shells cover the floor, and you can expect your usual pub brews. Come with some friends and have a great night as you drink and sing.



***Howl At The Moon***

111 W Crocket Street  
.16 Miles from the Holiday Inn



Piano bars exist to serve one indelible human need: to sing after you've had a few. Howl at the Moon is a sometimes-excellent piano bar, but a dearth of seating and the large area around the two bars make the place feel like a spot to meet new friends. Nevertheless, it's a piano bar and that means you can't help but have fun when the best songs are played and the packed-in audience starts rocking in off-key enthusiasm.

\$6 Weekend Cover Charge

# Boatsailors and Peacoats

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong

You remember them... Those ton and a half monsters that took the annual production of thirty-five sheep to make. Those thick black rascals with black plastic buttons the size of poker chips. The issue coats that drove shore duty chief petty officers stark raving nuts if they caught you with the collar turned up or your gahdam hands in your pockets.

"Hey, you rubber sock, get those gahdam hands outta them damn pockets! Didn't they issue you black leather gloves?"

So, you took your hands out of your pockets and risked digital frostbite rather than face whatever the Navy had in store for violators of the 'No Gahdam Hands In Peacoat Pockets' policy. There's probably a special barracks in Hell full of old E-3s caught hitchhiking in sub-zero weather with hands in peacoat pockets.

As for those leather gloves, one glove always went missing.

"Son, where in th' hell are the gloves we issued you?"

We??? I don't remember this nasty, ugly bastard being at Great Lakes when the 'jocks and socks' petty officers were throwing my initial issue seabag at me and yelling, "Move it!!"

As for the gloves, once you inadvertently leave one glove on a whorehouse night table or on the seat of a Greyhound bus, the remaining glove is only useful if a tank rolls over the hand that fit the lost glove.

In the days long ago, a navy spec. peacoat weighed about the same as a flat carload of cinder blocks. When it rained, it absorbed water until your spine warped, your shins cracked and your ankles split. Five minutes standing in the rain waiting on a bus and you felt like you were piggy-backing the statue of liberty.

When a peacoat got wet, it smelled a lot like sheep dip. It had that wet wool smell, times three. It weighed three and a half tons and smelled like 'Mary had a little lamb's' gym shorts.

You know how damn heavy a late '50s peacoat was? Well, they had little metal chains sewn in the back of the collar to hang them up by. Like diluted navy coffee, sexual sensitivity instruction, comfortable air-conditioned topside security bungalows, patent leather plastic-looking shoes and wearing raghats configured to look like bidet bowls, the peacoat spec. has been watered down to the point you could hang them up with dental floss. In the old days, peacoat buttons and grocery cart wheels were interchangeable parts. The gear issued by the U.S. Navy was tough as hell, bluejacket-tested clothing with the durability of rhino hide and construction equipment tires.

Peacoats came with wide, heavy collars. In a cold, hard wind, you could turn that wide collar up to cover your neck and it was like poking your head in a tank turret.

The things were warm, but I never thought they were long enough. Standing out in the wind in those 'big-legged britches' (bell bottoms), the wind whistled up your cuffs and took away body warmth like a thief. But, they were perfect to pull over you for a blanket when sleeping on a bus or a bus terminal bench. 20

## Boatsailors and Peacoats

Every sailor remembers stretching out on one of those oak bus station pews with his raghat over his face, his head up against his AWOL bag and covered with his peacoat. There was always some 'SP' who had not fully evolved from apehood, who poked you with his billy bat and said,

"Hey, YOU!! Get up! Waddya think yer doin? You wanna sleep, get a gahdam room!"

Peacoats were lined with quilted satin or rayon. I never realized it at the time, but sleeping on bus seats and station benches would be the closest I would ever get to sleeping on satin sheets.

Early in my naval career, a career-hardened (lifer) first class gunner's mate told me to put my ID and liberty card in the inside pocket of my peacoat.

"Put the sonuvabitches in that gahdam inside pocket and pin the damn thing closed with a diaper pin. Then, take your heavy folding money and put it in your sock. If you do that, learn to never take your socks off in a cathouse. Them damn dockside pickpockets pat 'cha down for a lumpy wallet and they can relieve you of said wallet so fast you'll never know you've been snookered.

Only a dumbass idiot will clam-fold his wallet and tuck it in his thirteen button bellbottoms. Every kid above the age of six in Italy knows how to lift a wallet an idiot pokes in his pants. Those little bastards learn to pick sailor's pockets in kindergarten.

Rolling bluejackets is the national sport in Italy."

In Washington DC, they have a wonderful marble and granite plaza honoring the United States Navy. Every man or woman who served this nation in a naval uniform, owes it to himself or herself to visit this memorial and take their families.

It honors all naval service and any red-blooded American bluejacket or officer will feel the gentle warmth of pride his or her service is honored within this truly magical place.

The focal point of this memorial is a bronze statue of a lone American sailor. No crow on his sleeve tells you that he is non-rated. And, there are further indications that suggest maybe, once upon a time, the sculpture himself may have once been an E-3 raghat.

The lad has his collar turned up and his hands in his pockets.

I'm sure the Goddess of the Main Induction nearly wets her panties laughing at the old, crusty chiefs standing there with veins popping out on their old, wrinkled necks, muttering,

"Look at that idiot sonuvabitch standing there with his collar up and his gahdam hands in his pockets. In my day, I would have ripped that jerk a new one!"

Ah, the satisfied glow of E-3 revenge.

Peacoats... One of God's better inventions.



**USS New Jersey Veterans Association**  
**Small Stores Director**  
**Joe Porambo**  
*1503 Elder Avenue*  
*Chesapeake, VA 23325*  
*(757) 420-1706*



We are in need of Volunteer Sales Managers / Ship Store Clerks to assist in the S-3 Department. All hands interested in spending just a couple of hours drinking coffee, talking with fellow battleship sailors and making a difference for the association are strongly encouraged to give Shipmate Joe Porambo a call and offer up yourself for the times indicated below: This is one volunteer effort you will enjoy.

**Wednesday; 6 September 2006**

<u>0900 - 1130</u>	<u>1130-1400</u>	<u>1400-1600</u>
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**Thursday; 7 September 2006**

<u>0900 - 1130</u>	<u>1130-1400</u>	<u>1400-1600</u>
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**Friday; 8 September 2006**

<u>0900 - 1130</u>	<u>1130-1400</u>	<u>1400-1600</u>
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**Sat; 9 Sept 2006**

<u>0900 - 1200</u>
1) _____
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## Items Presently On Hand in Small Stores

Golf Shirt – Embroidered on front over pocket	\$22.00
Available in Navy Blue, Green, Ash, Light Blue, Maroon, White	
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large	
T-Shirt	\$18.00
Available in Light Blue, Tan, Maroon, White	
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large	
Sweatshirt (Blue or Ash) – Embroidered	\$22.00
Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large	
Pullover V Neck Navy Blue Sweater	\$36.00
Sizes Large, Extra Large & XX Large	
Button Down Cardigan Navy Blue Sweater	\$36.00
Sizes Large, Extra Large & XX Large	
Satin Baseball Jacket (Royal Blue) –	\$37.00
Embroidered on Front / Screen Print of Ship on Back	
Sizes Medium, Large & Extra Large	
<u>Ladies Shirts</u>	
Scoop Neck Tee – Short Sleeve	\$20.00
Available in Butter or Red / Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large	
Scoop Neck Tee – Long Sleeve	\$20.00
Available in Pink or Sky Blue / Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large	
Coach Style Jacket (Navy Blue) USS New Jersey Silhouette	\$27.00
Embroidered Left Chest / Available in Medium, Large & Extra Large	
Hat – USS New Jersey on Front	\$13.00
“WWII” on back	“Plankowner” on back
“Korea” on back	“Vietnam” on back
Blank (80’s-90’s Crew)	
Hat – (White) USS New Jersey	\$13.00
“WWII” on back	“Plankowner” on back
“Vietnam” on Back	“Korea” on back
Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew)	
Socks (White) – USS New Jersey BB-62	\$12.00 pair
<b><u>PINS:</u></b>	
Ribbon Pin - USS Navy	\$4.50
Ribbon Pin - USN W/ Anchor	\$4.50
\$4.00 ea.	
Lone Sailor	USS New Jersey BB-62
Cross Flags Navy	Cross Flags WWII Veterans
Cross Flags Vietnam Veterans	Vietnam Veteran
Korea Veteran	USS New Jersey Reunion Lapel Pin
Yellow Ribbon w/ American Flag Support our Troops	
Tote Bags	\$10.00

**SHIPPING AND HANDLING 1-2 Items \$5.99 3 or More \$7.99**





*USS New Jersey Veterans Association, Inc.*

**Mark Your Required History String (s)**

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

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

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

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

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER WITH ALL SMALL STORE ORDERS

Total Cities Selected \_\_\_\_\_

**The Ship Small Stores**

Available on line at:

<http://www.usnewjersey.org/store/default.htm>




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

## Select Guest Plate

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

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

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(Guest Name)

## Section #1

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

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

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

### Section 3--Pricing

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

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to:  
Joseph Porambo

### Section 4--Mail Badges to:

(Please Provide Your Address)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail Completed Order Forms To:

Joseph S. Porambo  
 1503 Elder Avenue  
 Chesapeake VA 23325



## **Scholarship Chairman / Director**

**Brian Fogelson**  
**19 Senator Stout Road**  
**Frenchtown, New Jersey 08825**

*To The Officer and Members of the USS New Jersey Veterans Inc.*

*The Following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for 2005:*

There were seven applications for the USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. scholarship for this year. They represented a road cross-section of the Class of 2005. The committee recommends the awarding of two scholarships to:

1. **Jill J. Wegner of Hortonville, Wisconsin**

Jill is the daughter of David and Deborah Wegner and the granddaughter of USS New Jersey Veteran Albert Wegner. Jill graduated fourth in her class from Hortonville High School, where her unweighted G.P.A was 3.986



While at Hortonville, Jill was a member of the National Honor Society and received other academic awards. She participated in school musicals, mock trials, The Math League and Show Choir among other activities. She had taught Dance in the Community, taught Sunday School and is active in her church praise team.

Jill is attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison where she is studying Political Science and Spanish.

2. **Jonathon A. Blair; Garden Grove, California**

Jonathon is the son of Wanda and Frank Blair and the grandson of USS New Jersey Veteran Dr. Frank Blair Jr.

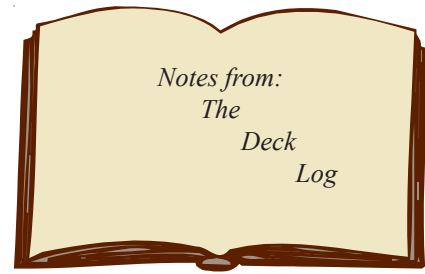
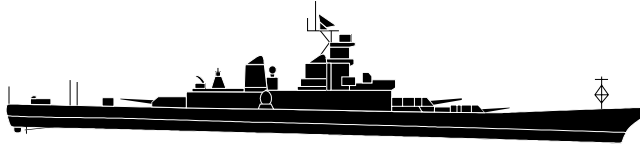
Jonathon attended Pacifica High School where he graduated 7th in his class with a GPA of 4.0 (Unweighted)

Jonathon distinguished himself at Pacifica in many areas. He was 1st Team All League in Football, a Math tutor, a volunteer for many community organizations such as the blood drive and the Thanksgiving Food Pantry. Jonathon is very active in the Boy Scouts where he has attained the Eagle Rank. He is also active in musical activities and has received numerous academic awards.



Jonathon is now a student at California Polytechnic State University where he is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee, Joseph Santucci and Jacques Feys for their insight and hard work in choosing the winners.



**From Donald Donaghy:**

I have just finished reading the latest edition of the “Jersey Bounce” and felt as though I should respond to the item you placed from the deck log. I am a retired HMC who was at the time of Bob Osterwinds death an HM2. I was on my way to the bridge (my battle station) and was immediately behind Bob as he was about to descend the ladder to the second deck when he received the piece of scrape which entered below his right arm, entered his chest severing his aorta. He fell backward into my arms and I preceded to lift (drag) him into the officers wardroom were we attempted to keep him breathing, to no avail. It was a moment in my life that shall remain until I hopefully enter the pearly gates. There were several other crew members present when this happened, but for the life of me, I just remember who they were. I am not attempting to take any credit for anything I did, but just felt that this is someone who has been on my mind and in my prayers for all these many years. Although I didn’t know Bob personally, when a shipmate dies in your arms, YOU NEVER FORGET HIM..... AND I NEVER WILL. I regress to the 21st of May, quite frequently remembering the moment as thought it happened yesterday.

**From Joe Hackman:** luckandskill@hotmail.com

A friend and co-worker of mine found some dog tags that read as follows - Jeffrey M. Hawriluk 7-14-94 USS New Jersey BB-62 She and I would like to return them to the Hawriluk family and any assistance you can give us in locating them would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Joseph J. Hackman

**From Scott Harris:** julesone@aol.com

I am the nephew of Henry Everett Wade, who served aboard the USS New Jersey during World War II. I am trying to find any information concerning my uncle and his military record during his time on the ship. I have contacted Personnel Records division in St. Louis, and was informed that all records were destroyed by a fire in 1973. Any help you can give me would be much appreciated. I need the information not only for my personal records, but to obtain a headstone for my uncle’s grave. Thank you. Scott Harris 71 Rankin Lane Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 540-471-1692

**From Jenny Reed:** alexi\_mom3@yahoo.com My father was BMCS Donald Reed and was on board the New Jersey in the 80s.. I have a question... Im trying to track down his guys that were in deck dept. with him back then.. My father was diagnosed with ALS (aka lou gherigs disease) and does not have much time left here with us. I thought that by tracking down old shipmates that It might boost his spirits while he is still with us.. If you can give me some ideas I would appreciate it. I have so far posted on classmates.com and found about 3 guys but thats the extent to it.. Keep me posted.. You can reach me at your earliest convenience.

**From Larry :** larryd5225@aol.com This is a longshot, but I was in the first Friday night Smoker during the Nam Cruise in 68 or 69. If anyone has any old pictures of that I’d love to see them. I fought a dude named Dynamite Duel Smith. If you have any pics of that could you send them to me.

**E-mail me at peterv\_bb62@yahoo.com to add People you are looking for into “The Deck Log”**



**From The Membership Director**

**John Hayes**  
162 East Grand River  
Williamston, MI 48895  
hayesjoj@msn.com



From the Membership Chairman:

Dues collections for 2006 have been very good. In fact, most dues received so far arrived in the first three weeks after the notices were mailed in late October/early November. Over 150 dues payments were received on a single day. Your prompt payments are appreciated.

We have only about five new members since the last reunion. However, this seems typical: Last year most new members joined in the 4 or 5 months prior to the reunion. Of greater concern is the continued low rate of reinstatement among those former active members who have been transferred to inactive member status for failure to pay dues for over two years. Less than 4% of those dropped in the last two years have paid up. We are losing about 80 members per year this way. The USS New Jersey Veterans Inc now has just over 1,200 active members, including both USS New Jersey veterans and associate members. The math is simple: If this trend continues we will be a much smaller organization in a few years.

John J. Hayes, CDR, USNR (Retired)

FA Division/Weapons Dept. 1967-1969



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

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

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

### *USS New Jersey Taps List*

William MULLER	WWII	CM5 Division
William M. LOUNSBURY	WWII	AV Division
Dominic BUFFO Jr	Vietnam	FA Division
Thomas C COCO	Vietnam	E Division
John CONZATTI	Korea	1st Division
Henry DLUGOSZ	WWII	A Division
Emmett DOSTER	WWII	S2 Division
Joseph DUGAN, Jr	WWII	4th Division
Glenn FISHER	Korea	3rd Division
James JULIOT	Korea	Q Division
Wallace SAIN	WWII	3rd Division
Lyndell W Wilson	Vietnam	E-Divison
Joseph SEMSAK	WWII	6th Division
James G. SUCY	Korea	K Division

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





*News from the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Provided By:  
Vic Weaver  
Director of Veterans Affairs*

## Vets to Get \$414 Million in Insurance Dividends

The VA announced in December of 2005 that it will disburse some \$414 million in VA insurance dividends to more than 1.2 million policyholders in 2006. The amount of each dividend check will vary based on the age of the veteran, type of insurance and length of time the policy has been in force. Those receiving dividend checks are policyholders who served in the military between 1917 and 1956.

One million veterans holding National Service Life Insurance (“V”) policies are expected to receive payment totaling \$322.6 million.

More than 186,000 Korean War-era vets with Veterans Special Life (“RS” and “W”) policies will receive \$79.1 million.

Some 45,000 WWII-era vets with Veterans Reopened Insurance (“J”, “JR” and “JS”) policies will share \$11.4 million.

Another 8,600 veterans who served between WWI and 1940 and hold U.S. Government Life Insurance (“K”) policies will be paid \$1.2 million.

For more information, call the VA Insurance toll-free number at 1-800-669-8477; e-mail [vainsurance@vha.va.gov](mailto:vainsurance@vha.va.gov) or access the website [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov)

## Still Confused with Medicare Changes

With all the information circulating about Medicare changes, the one common remark we hear is, “It’s very confusing”. The new Medicare Part D prescription drug plan and Medicare Advantage offer many options that can be very confusing.

Medicare prescription drug coverage became available to everyone with Medicare. Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance. Private companies provide the coverage, you choose the plan and pay a monthly premium. Coverage/Cost varies.

Even if you don’t use a lot of prescription drugs now, you should still consider joining a plan in 2006. For most people, joining now means you will pay your lowest possible monthly premium. If you don’t join a plan by May 15, 2006, and you don’t currently have a drug plan that, on average, covers at least as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage, you will have to wait until November 15, 2006 to join.

For most people, joining now means you will pay a lower monthly premium in the future since you may have to pay a penalty if you choose to join later.

Medicare Advantage plans are health plan options that are part of the Medicare programs. If you join one of these plans, you generally get all your Medicare-covered healthcare through that plan. This coverage can include prescription drug coverage. Medicare pays a set amount of money for your care every month to these private health plans whether or not you use the service.

For more information, call 1-800-821-2606. 30

# *The Future of the US Navy*

## *DD(X) CLASS*

### *MULTIMISSION DESTROYER*

At our reunion in Valley Forge, Rear Admiral Nathan Jones; Deputy Chief of Naval Information spoke on the future of the US Navy and her ships. In particular, two of the newest ships that will soon be tying up pierside, The Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) and the DDX Destroyer Ships.

In the last issue of the “Jersey Bounce” I wrote about the Littoral Combat Ships (LCS0, in this issue, lets take a look at the new DDX Destroyers.

In November 2001, the US Department of Defense announced that the DD 21 program for the Future Surface Combatant had been revised and would now be known as DD(X). The program focus would now be on a family of advanced technology surface combatants, rather than a single ship class. A revised Request for Proposals was issued and in April 2002, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Ingalls was selected as the lead design agent for DD(X).



DD(X) replaces the DD 21 Zumwalt program which was for a class of 32 multimission destroyers to replace Oliver Hazard Perry class frigates (FFG 7) and Spruance class destroyers (DD 963) from 2012. Unlike previous classes of destroyer, which were primarily to counter deep water threats, the DD 21's primary mission would be to provide land attack support for ground forces and also to carry out traditional destroyer missions of anti-air, anti-surface and undersea warfare.



In November 2005, DD(X) was approved for System Development and Demonstration (SDD).

DD(X) will have a sensor and weapons suite optimised for littoral warfare and for network centric warfare.

Missile systems under consideration include Tactical Tomahawk (intended to succeed Tomahawk TLAM), Standard Missile SM-3 and the Evolved SeaSparrow Missile (ESSM) for air defence.

At the heart of the ship's Integrated Undersea Warfare System will be a dual (high frequency/medium frequency) frequency bow array and a multi-function towed array. The US Navy has already set up the IUSW-21 program to develop technologies including multifunction hull array, mine avoidance and shallow water ASW.

It is envisaged that the DD(X) would have an all-electric drive with an integrated power system, (IPS) based on in-hull permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMMs) with Advanced Induction Motors (AIM) as a possible backup solution. The provision of electric drive eliminates the need for drive shaft and reduction gears and brings benefits in acoustic signature reduction, an increase in available power for weapon systems and improvements in the quality of life for crew.

While still away away compared to the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), the future is clear. Smaller yet Powerful with amazing Accuracy with a smaller crew requirement. Good Luck Sailors.



## The USS New Jersey Story

*80's Peacetime*

*Firing off Australia*



Reductions in budgets and the high-manning requirements of the battleship saw the USS New Jersey decommissioned for the final time at the Naval Station Long Beach, Calif., on 8 February 1991 and then towed to Bremerton, Wash. New Jersey would make her presence felt in a strong way before she would be tucked into the yards.

After returning from The Mediterranean in 1983, New Jersey's next deployment was to be significant for another reason. It would be the first deployment of a battleship group since the Korean War.

As centerpiece of the battle group, New Jersey and her escorts operated from Hawaii to Thailand as the only United States naval presence in that area from May to October, 1986, relieving a portion of the much-strained carrier commitment.

*USS New Jersey from Fantail  
USS Ranger October 1986*



The battleship battle group included anti-air and anti-submarine warfare capable cruisers, destroyers, frigates, and support ships. It was not intended to replace an aircraft carrier group. However, in areas of lesser enemy air and submarine threat, it complemented the carriers with the great and unique fire power of its missiles and the 16-inch guns. As a result of New Jersey's deployment, the battleship battle group concept and the battleship modernization program were validated.

After an extensive yard period, beginning July 9, 1988, the next cruise was a memorable one for the crew. New Jersey performed as part of a surface action group, a small group of the battleship and two escorts, which could operate independently with air cover offered by a nearby carrier or land base.

New Jersey also staged off the coast of Korea prior to the Olympic games and spent two months in Australia during that nation's bicentennial as the naval centerpiece of the festivities.

Shortly before the last New Jersey cruise was to get underway, there was an explosion in the center gun of turret two on sister ship USS Iowa, killing 47 sailors. A moratorium on the guns followed and the 16-inchers lay silent while an investigation took place. Many critics began to speculate there was something wrong with the guns. But after lengthy testing, New Jersey was allowed to fire again.



*Pulling Into Pearl May 1986*

*Double Broadside 1986*



The last cruise of New Jersey included highlights as New Jersey flexed her muscle in several applications. First was her participation in PacEx '89, the largest peacetime naval operation

since the World War II era. Throughout the rest of the cruise, New Jersey was the centerpiece of battle groups or surface action groups, exercising the battleship's versatility and flexibility. New Jersey cruised through the India Ocean and was the first to enter and operate in the Persian Gulf.



*USS New Jersey & USS Missouri  
Moored Mothballs; Bremerton, WA<sub>32</sub>*