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THE USS NEW JERSEY SITS SILENT ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

The 23rd reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Opryland/Airport, Nashville, Tennessee, September 29 thru October 3, 2010. The reunion committee is working hard to ensure that everyone attending will have a wonderful time. Nashville is a great place to visit. There is something there for everyone, and this will be one of the best reunion in recent times. The directors understand that the country is in a recession, that money is very tight, but this is a great opportunity for members of the organization to rekindle old friendships and camaraderie. Tours, flatboat rides, a visit to the Grand Ole Opry Museum where legends like Roy Acuff, Marty Robbins, Minnie Pearl, and many other performed. Breakfasts, buffets, and smorgasbords will climax into the banquet on Saturday night where you can eat, drink, be merry, and dance the night away. Yes, we are mature, but for a couple days we can throw caution to the wind and enjoy the moment like we did when we served aboard the greatest fighting ship ever built.

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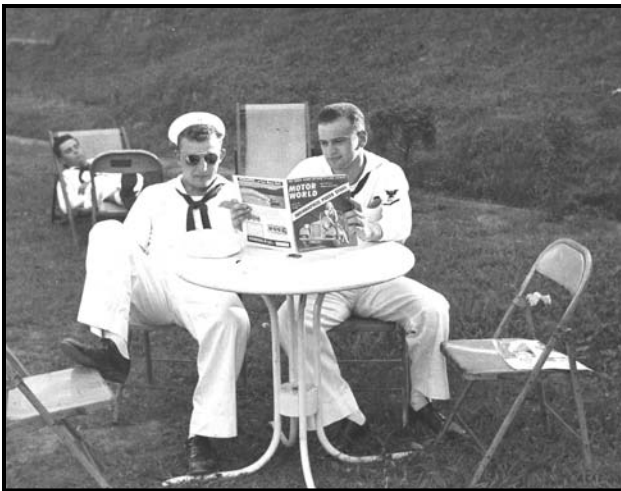


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



I recently was reviewing our membership listing and was surprised to find that the membership represents 47 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. In addition I discovered that we are well versed into the electronic age with over 50 % having Email addresses. To me this meant that we are not ready to be put out to pasture, we might have gray hair and look somewhat more mature than when we served onboard the Jersey, but we are still virile and full of piss and vinegar.

This brings me to a question that has stumped me for years. What has happened to our membership? Have we grown old before our time? Have we given up, have we lost our motivation? Where are we headed?



'K' Division shipmates relaxing in Japan

The past reunion represented only about 10% of our membership. Where is the other 90%? Are you too busy? Is your own life too consuming?

The organization has much to offer each and everyone. What does it offer? The following are a few opportu-

nities provided:

- The Bounce—a biannual magazine detailing future and past events including items of interest.
 - The opportunity to purchase quality representative clothing from the Ships Store.
 - The opportunity to attend the ship's reunion. This might not sound like much of an opportunity until you examine what the reunion has to offer.
1. An environment to rekindle old friendships, meet new shipmates, visit places you might never have visited.

2. You have a committee at your disposal to take care of the arrangements and assure your every comfort.

3. Last but not least the opportunity to drift back into time, to when we were all young and foolish. Fantasies about old times with shipmates, wives, girlfriends, and not a care in the world. We could have danced the night away with not worry in the world because nothing could go wrong that the Navy couldn't fix.

We fully understand that the reunion is a large commitment. It represents allocations of precious resources and valuable time. Each of us has to individually weigh the cost and benefits pro-

vided.

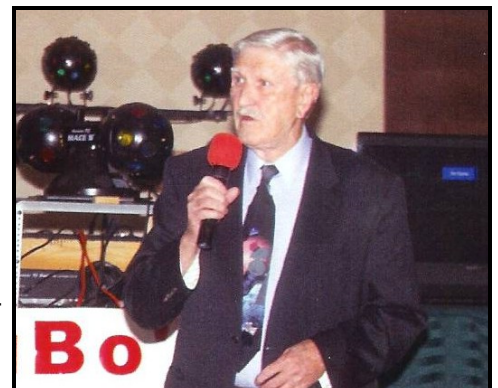


Wow! Were we ever that Young?

However, this is a unique environment that provides an opportunity where the benefits out exceed the costs. Where in this world can you visit with shipmates from 47 different states?

This September, lets all drift back in time to our younger days, exchange sea stories with shipmates, take our ladies by the hand and dance the night away. I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in Nashville

Nick Rasch
News Editor

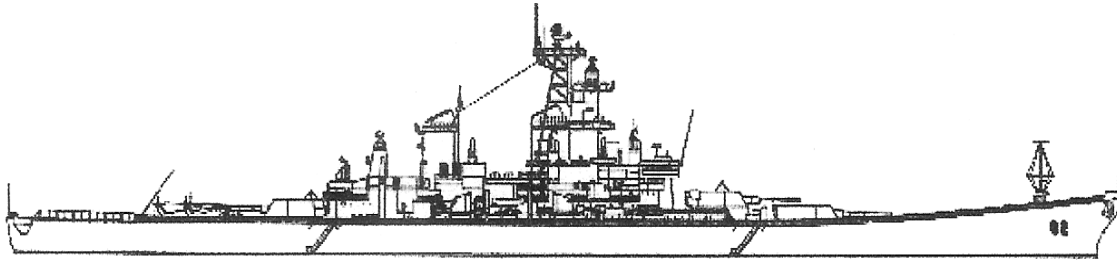


**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.
ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT**

The Accounting firm of Goodfellow and Company, CPA, Inc. had compiled the following balance sheet as of December 31, 2009, and related statement of activities for FY 2009, in accordance with Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	(Unrestricted)
	December 31, 2009
Revenue	
Sales - Merchandise	\$ 3,007.76
Reunion Receipts	18,841.00
Membership Dues	16,906.00
Contributions	369.00
50/50 Receipts, net of payouts	1,602.00
Total Revenue	40,725.76
Less Refunds	
Refunds - Reunion	2,038.00
Gross Revenue	38,687.76
Cost of Sales	
Purchases - Merchandise	3,971.17
Reunion Expenditures	25,322.66
Total Cost of Sales	29,293.83
Revenue Before Operating Expenditures	9,393.93
Operating Expenditures:	
Accounting and Legal	650.00
Bank Charges	50.66
Newsletter	7,610.92
Office Expense	1,024.90
Printing and Copying	865.00
Postage	171.53
Telephone	377.59
Web Hosting	2,312.00
Total Operating Expenditures	13,062.60
Operating Revenue (Loss)	\$ (3,668.67)
Other Revenue	
Interest	502.99
Total Other Income	502.99
Other Expenditures	
Donation to Battleship	2,460.00
Scholarships	1,500.00
Total Other Expenditures	3,960.00
Total Other Revenue (Loss)	(3,457.01)
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ (7,125.68)
Unrestricted Net Assets - Beginning	\$ 66,208.00
Unrestricted Net Assets - Ending	\$ 59,082.32



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

23rd ANNUAL REUNION

WHERE: THE HOLIDAY INN SELECT
OPRYLAND/AIRPORT
2200 Elm Hill Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

WHEN: September 29, thru October 3, 2010

RESERVATIONS: Call 1-615-883-9770
Group Reservation

Mention the USS NEW JERSEY REUNION

Special group rates available September 26 thru October 6, 2010
Handicapped Rooms Available.

Free parking.

Reservations received after August 30, 2010 may not qualify for
the special group rate.

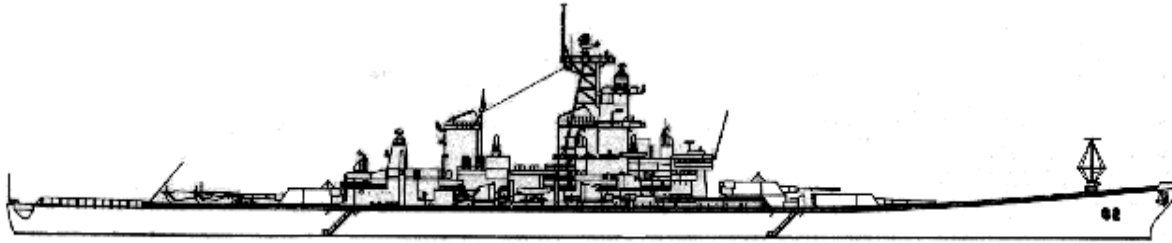
Cancellation Policy requires notification 24 hours prior to scheduled
arrival

COST:	Single & Double	\$109.00 Plus tax
	Executive Level:	Add \$20.00 per upgrade
	Check In Time:	3:00 PM
	Check Out Time:	12:00PM

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

FREE BUFFET BEAKFAST

FREE SHUTTLE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

23rd Annual Reunion

Holiday Inn Select Opryland/Airport

Nashville, Tennessee.

September 29, thru October 3, 2010

Ground Transportation

Upon arrival at the Nashville International Airport, follow the signs for Ground Transportation lower level. Go to the Hotel Shuttle station.

There are several Holiday Inn Shuttles. Make sure you select the Holiday Inn Select Opryland/Airport.

Due to the variations in aircraft arrival times there might be a short wait for the Express Shuttle transportation to the Hotel. The Hotel shuttle runs approximately every 20 minutes.

Please let the Bell Captain know your depart times.

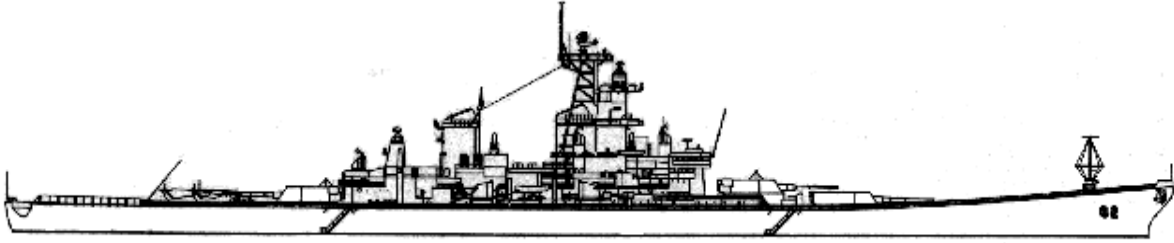
2010 REUNION 50/50 DRAWING INFORMATION

The 50/50 drawing will be held during the Banquet, Saturday evening October 3, 2010.

The printer inadvertently made an error on both the date and year. Since the tickets had been paid, the directors decided to use these tickets in an effort to conserve organizational resources.

Winner Need Not Be Present To Collect Winnings

Additional tickets are available from John Vance at 386-736-3231



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

INFORMATION FOR SEATING

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION

1. Paid meal reservation must be made prior to seating.
2. Request for Banquet seating will be accepted between June 1 and Sept. 1, 2010

NOTE: Anyone requesting handicapped seating must notify the Seating Chairman prior to September 1, 2010

3. When requesting group seating, including family members or friends **ONLY ONE PERSON** per group should apply. Please list all individuals by name.

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

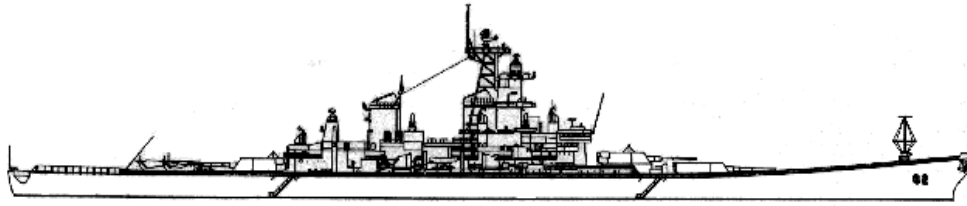
TABLE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL EVERYONE WITHIN THE GROUP HAS MADE AND PAID FOR THEIR MEAL RESERVATION.

4. Seating requests can be made through E-Mail, telephone, or letter.

NOTE: Messages left on an answering machine are not always reliable.

5. Send the names of all the individuals to the seating coordinator (10 persons per table)

Bill Myers
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USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

PLAN OF THE WEEK

Wednesday September 29, 2010

Check in day – Holiday Inn Opryland/Airport.

- 0900 Registration, Small Stores, Hospitality Room Opens (Mississippi & Tennessee Rm)
- 1400 Directors Meeting (Ocoee Room)
- 1630 Registration, Small Stores, Hospitality Room closes
- 1900 Welcome Aboard Reception (Pool Side)

Thursday September 30, 2010

- 0630 Breakfast Buffet (Jackson)
- 0900 Registration, Small Stores, Hospitality Room opens (Mississippi & Tennessee Rm)
- 0830 City Tour of Nashville Leaves at 0900
- 0900 Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Grand Ole Opry Museum tour leaves at 0930
- 1630 Registration, Small Store closes
- 2100 Hospitality Room closes

Friday October 1, 2010

- 0630 Breakfast Buffet (Jackson)
- 1030 Memorial Service Commence (Cheek wood/Belle Meade Rooms)
- 1130 Memorial Service Reception (Atrium)
- 1200 Registration, Small Store, Hospitality Room Opens (Mississippi & Tennessee Rm)
- 1600 Registration, Small Store closes
- 1600 Pre – Opry Dinner (Atrium)
- 1745 Leave for Grand Old Opry Show

Saturday October 2, 2010

- 0630 Breakfast Buffet (Jackson)
- 0900 Business Meeting (Cheek wood / Belle Meade Rooms)
- 1200 Small Stores, Hospitality Room opens (Osceola & Kingsley Rooms)
- 1600 Small Stores, Hospitality Room closes
- 1900 Dinner Dance Banquet (Nash borough Ballroom)

Sunday October 3, 2010

Check out day

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR
AT HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA**

USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.

23rd Annual Reunion Events Reservation Form

Wednesday September 29, 2010

Welcome Aboard Dinner 7:00 PM ___ People @\$35.00/ person ___

Thursday September 30, 2010

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM Free
City Tour of Nashville 9:00AM ___ People @\$60.00/person ___
Includes Lunch
Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Grand Ole Opry Museum 9:30AM ___ People @\$50.00/person ___
Includes Lunch

Friday October 1, 2010

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM Free
Memorial Service & Reception 11:30 AM ___ People @\$10.00/person ___
Pre Opry Dinner 4:00 PM ___ People @\$21.00/person ___
Grand Ole Opry Tickets & Trans 5:30PM ___ People @\$55.00/person ___

Saturday October 2, 2010

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM Free
Banquet Dinner: 7:00 PM ___ People @\$40.00/person ___
Chicken ___ Steak ___ Fish ___

Enclosed \$ to cover Items selected

Please provide the following Please print

NAME SPOUSE/GUEST

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

ERA: DIVISION: DATE SERVED

E-MAIL: PHONE #

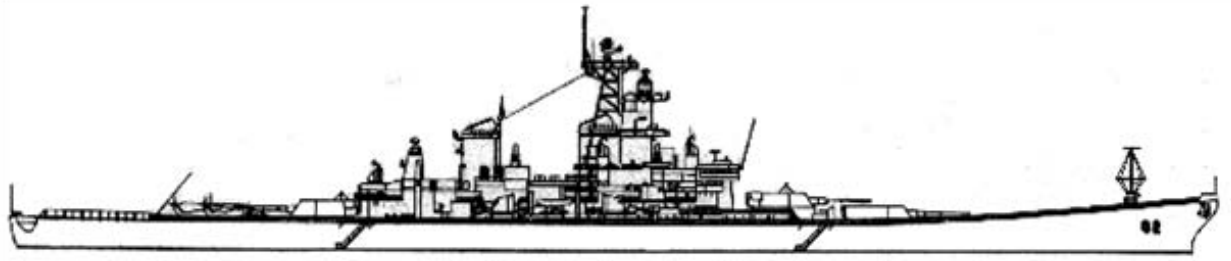
EMERGENCY CONTACT: PHONE #

SEND COMPLETE FORM INCLUDING CHECK: BY September 6, 2010

To:

USS New Jersey Veterans Inc
C/o Mr. John Vance, Treasure
1541 Hayden Rd
Deland, FL 32724

Date Received: Check # Amount: \$



WELCOME ABOARD BUFFET

Wednesday September 29, 2010

1830 Doors Open
1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

MENU

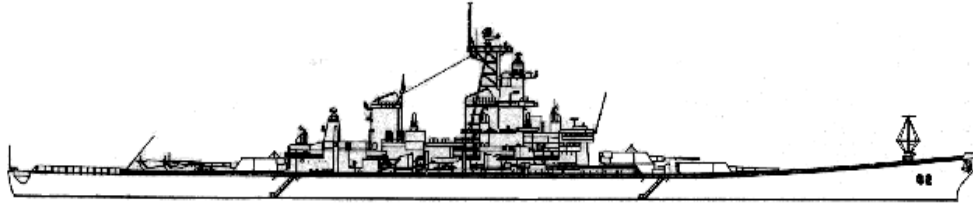
Tossed Garden Salad
Cherry Tomato and Cucumber Salad
Marinated Sliced Flank Steak with Mushroom Gravy
Pecan Crusted Chicken with Dijon Cream
Herbed Roasted Red Potatoes
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

DESSERT

Home Style Carrot Cake



Chaplin
Will Clark
&
For His Glory



USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

Friday, October 1, 2010

MEMORIAL SERVICE LUNCHEON

MENU

Chicken Salad

Tuna Salad

Fruit Salad

Regular, Decaffeinated Coffee and Unsweetened Iced Tea

PRE – OPRY MENU

SANDWICH AND SALAD BUFFET

House Salad

Fresh Cut Turkey, Deli Meat

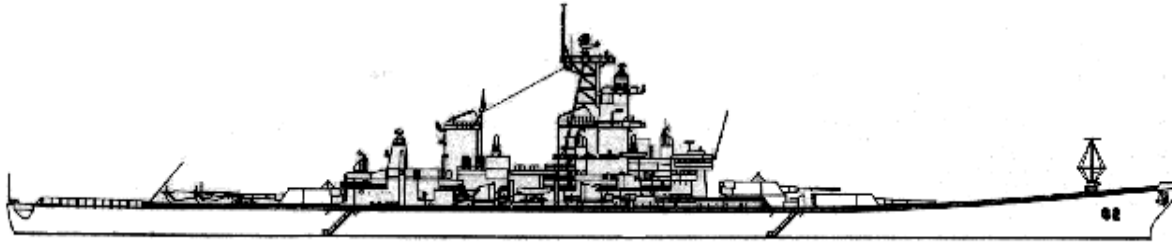
Relish Tray

Bread Basket (Wheat, White, Kaiser Rolls)

Fruit Cobbler

Regular, Decaffeinated Coffee and Unsweetened Tea





USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION, INC.

DINNER DANCE BANQUET

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 2010

1830 Doors Open
1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

Menu

Appetizer

Mixed Field Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots

Entrée

Prime Rib

or

Grilled Chicken

or

Baked Salmon

Roasted Garlic Infused Mashed Potatoes
A Green Bean Blend of Green and Yellow Beans
Whole Baby Carrots
Fresh Baked Yeast Rolls and Butter

Dessert

Carrot Layer Cake with Sweet Cream Cheese Icing, Raisins and Nuts

Regular, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot or Iced Tea

GRAY LINE TOUR OF NASHVILLE



City Tour of Nashville



Depart hotel on a deluxe motorcoach with a professional tour guide for a three hour city tour of Nashville to include a drive by of the following:

Historic Second Avenue, Fort Nashborough, The State Capitol, Bicentennial Mall, State Park, Music

Row, Centennial Park, and Vanderbilt University which includes the Parthenon.

The tour will include the following two stops:

The first is at the Historic Ryman Auditorium, known as the “Mother

Church of Country Music.”

The second is the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum (museum tours are self-guided).

A buffet lunch at the Hermitage House Smorgasbord will be included.

Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Grand Ole Opry Museum Tour



Depart hotel on a deluxe motorcoach with a professional tour guide. The first stop will be the Gaylord Opryland Resort (the largest non-gambling hotel in America).

Inside a domed ceiling (fashioned in glass) inside the Gaylord Opryland Hotel the group will enjoy a narrative ride on a Delta Flatboat that travels through 4.5 acres of beautiful gardens and waterfalls. Afterwards the group can enjoy a short walking tour of this grand

hotel. Adequate free time will be available for the group to explore the shops and gardens.

The next stop will be a visit to the Grand Ole Opry Museum. The group will enjoy a self guided tour, relive memories while viewing tributes to the great stars of country music.

Exhibits honoring such music legends as Patsy Cline, Tex Ritter, Roy Acuff, Marty Robbins, Minnie Pearl, George

Jones, Jim Reeves and many others are on display. Also, a dozen exhibits on current artists like Reba McEntire and Garth Brooks are on display.

The museum tour provides a special audio and video electronic effects so the visitors can enjoy hearing the music as they relive the history of country music.

A lunch buffet will be included at the Hermitage House Smorgasbord.

Grand Ole Opry

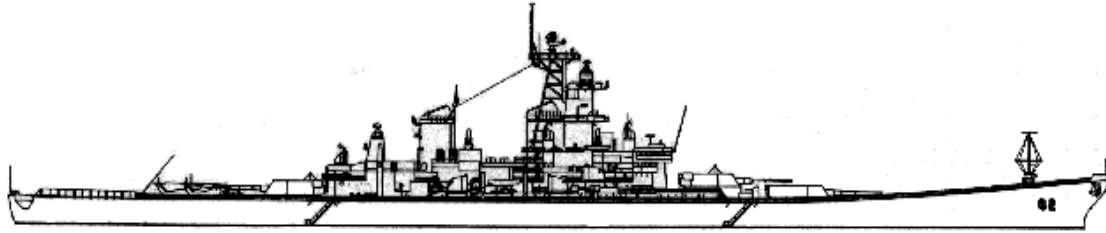


Depart hotel on a deluxe motorcoach with a professional tour guide to assist the group once at the Opry House.

The Grand Ole Opry is a must see for anyone visiting Nashville. You will enjoy the longest running live radio show in the United States. The two

hour show honors country music history with performances from country legends to today's hit makers.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

The organization went through a difficult period last year with the resignation or several officers. With the election of Ernie Dalton, A. J. Smith and Pete Vance assuming the responsibility of the Ships Store the organization appears to be on a steady course again.

The transition of new officers has been very successful. I have been working very closely with Ernest Dalton, Vice President, and A. J. Smith, Secretary since they were elected. Both officers are well qualified and highly motivated.

After getting the organization back on an even keel my goal is to make this the best organization possible. In an effort to accomplish this task I have been working very closely with the reunion committee to ensure that the 23rd reunion is the best in recent years. In addition, I have been in close contact with both the Web Master and News Editor in an effort to bring these amenities up to a higher standard, something that the members are anxious to read and receive.

I can't do this alone, I need the help and support of each member. I want each and everyone to take ownership for the organization and work to make it something we can

all be proud to say we are a part of.

I would like to take a moment to talk about the upcoming reunion.

The reunion committee has been working hard to make this year's reunion at Nashville, Tennessee one of the best ever. Nashville the 'Country Music Capital of the World' has something to offer everyone.

The committee has put together a program that I'm sure everyone will enjoy. There are several magnificent tours which include a 'Night at the Grand Ole Opry.' The committee negotiated with the hotel management for free breakfasts throughout the reunion. In addition a special dinner will be available prior to the 'Night at the Grand Ole Opry'

I want everyone to be aware that we will be voting on the location for the 2012 reunion during the annual business meeting. In prior years the reunion sites were selected only one (1)

year prior to the reunion. However, the past few years the hotels have been making reservations earlier and it makes it much more difficult or impossible for the committee to secure a fine facility with moderate rates. Therefore, we must select the site two (2) years in advance of the reunion.

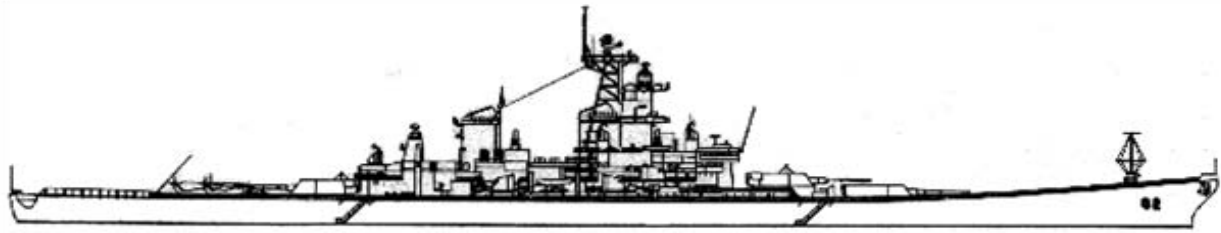
I'm pleased to announce that the organization had increased the Scholarship funding from \$750.00 to \$1000.00. Scholarship information can be found on page 26 of this issue and on our web site (www.newjersey.org).

I'm sorry to announce that due to the poor economy the state of New Jersey has drastically cut the funding for the ship. Mr. Jim Schuck, President and CEO of the USS New Jersey Museum and Memorial has informed me that several employees had to be furloughed and operation hours curtailed for both January and February. More details are included on page 23.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Nashville.

Joe DiMaria, President
BTCM, US Navy Retired





MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Our 2010 reunion will be here before we know it.

There will be tours for our members to enjoy on their visit.

I have never been to Nashville other than to pass through. I am looking forward to visiting the many famous country music points of interest.

This is truly an American tradition that we all can be proud of. There is not one American that will not recognize the names of performers that they will encounter.

I would like to commend Nick Rasch for a job well done on the Jersey Bounce.

The photograph of the USS New York was very appropriate on our last cover. Although the old battleships in this case BB-34 are gone, their names will live on.

The USS New York is the sixth United States naval ship with this name.

We will have bumper stickers this Spring. I usually leave mine on the back window until I get a new one.

I did find a former shipmate from

the eighties and gave him the information about our website.

The information for the Nashville reunion has been sent to the following magazines:

Disabled American Veterans,
American Legion,
Veterans of Foreign Wars,

In addition, it and has been posted on 'The Retired Enlisted Association' website.

On the TREA website I found a website for USNTC Bainbridge, MD www.usntcb.org. They have a guest book that covers boot camp and service schools.

You can sign the guest book to see if you can find someone from boot or class "A" school.

Please send the reunion information to your local newspaper. As Vice President, I will be the contact on this.

My information will be at the bottom of this page.

In January I accompanied Joe DiMaria and Pete Vance to Hilton Head Island to check out the location for our 2011 reunion.

The Crowne Plaza Resort is out-

standing. The resort is beautiful and is adjacent to the beach. The personnel at the resort were very cordial.

In addition, the people who live there make you feel welcome at all times. The rooms are large and the bathrooms are much larger than the Crowne Plazas where we have stayed in the past.

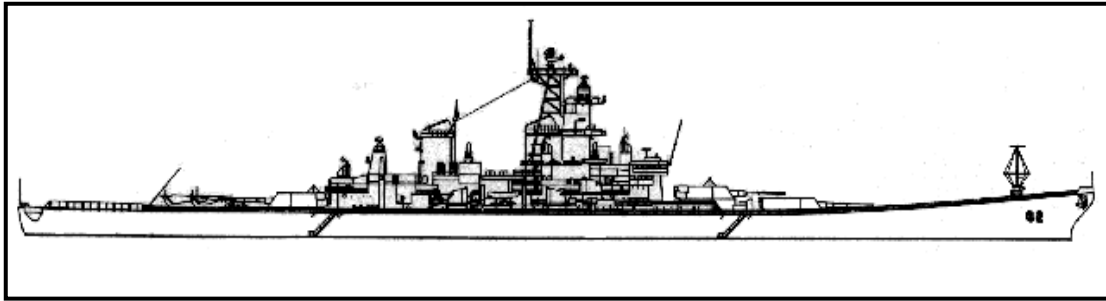
Charlotte, NC is the hub for USAIR and a twenty four seat shuttle plane takes you to Hilton Head Island.

In the last few days, I and many others have received E-mails from former shipmates concerning the time of year the reunions are held.

I don't know how the Fall of the year was picked over the years, but input on this subject could be discussed at the reunions. We cannot expect our organization to proceed into the middle of this century unless we continue to work together.

I am a Korean era veteran so you do the numbers.

Ernest J. Dalton
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NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Fellow Shipmates,

Thank you for sending in your 2010 dues payment, it has been another busy few months.

Members are given many opportunities to pay their dues, and many of you take more than one opportunity. Many members return the invoice we send

out with a check, followed by the dues notice in one or both of the issues of the Bounce. If I get more than one dues payment in a given year, I just make the member paid for an additional year, but you only have to pay your dues once. If you have paid the additional year, you will not get a dues invoice.

We have lost more members than we have gained over the past few months. I try to contact members who have not paid their dues and get a number of reasons why they don't renew, one that puzzles me is a lack of interest.

Anyway, we look forward to seeing everyone in Nashville.

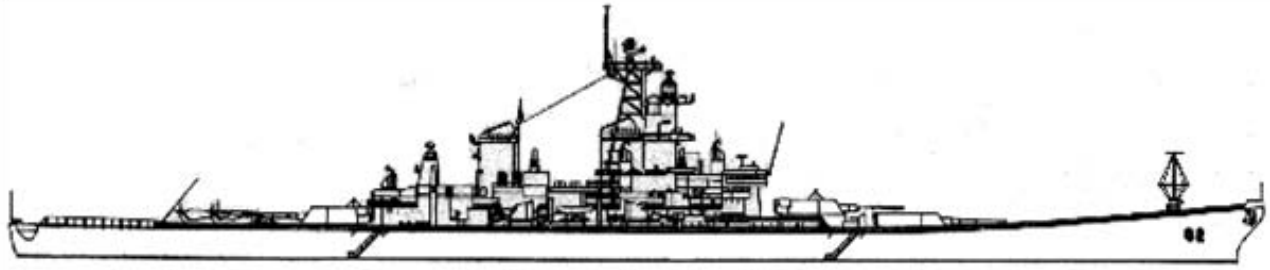
APPLICATION FORM FOR PRESENT & NEW MEMBERS

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

Mail the following form to:
Steve Sheehan
1209 Cumberland Rd. Abington, PA 19001

NAME: _____	ADDRESS: _____
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ERA & CALENDAR YEAR ABOARD: _____	STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
RATE/RANK: _____	SPOUSE: _____





We, the crew of the USS New Jersey, are united in our responsibility to promote the history and legacy of our ship for future generations.

Shipmates,

Well another year has gone by, and now we are looking forward to another great reunion, this time in the Music City capital of the USA, Nashville, Tennessee. I have been there before, and for those of you that have also been there, I believe we can say that there are a multitude of things to do, and places to see.

As usual, our reunion committee has planned several tours, and we should also have enough time to go on individual excursions to other places of interest, both within the city, and in the surrounding areas.

In the last year, I have attempted to contact all the former crew members

possible. I used leads from some of the other members, and also from some websites such as "Hull Number.com", and "Together We Served."

As you know, all of us have been affected by the economy these past years, and I am sure that is having an effect on our membership dues, and the ability of our current members to come to the reunions.

Some of us have had health issues also in the past and present, so that too would have some influence on our presence next October in Tennessee, but I certainly hope to see all of you there. I will try and contact each one of you personally that come to the reunion, so I can verify that I still have your correct address,

telephone, and email for my records. I'm sure there are some individuals that have moved, or changed their information somewhat that I am not aware of, but I will keep trying to update that as I can.

Please continue to contact your district coordinators for any information that you need, as well as reading the latest Jersey Bounce for dates, and other items of interest.

See you in Nashville.

Mark Babcock
Liaison Officer

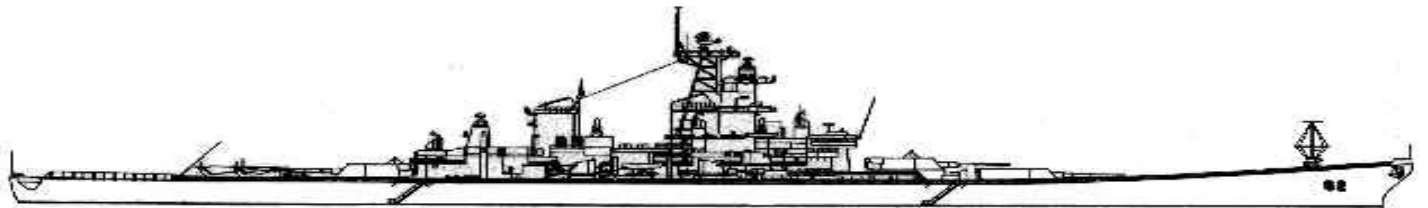
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.



This does not look like our main battery



'Oh' to be young again



FROM THE WEBMASTER

Dear Shipmates,

Most of you know by now that we have been having problems with the Web Site; the Deck Log isn't accessible, the Ship's Store isn't accessible and, for a time all you saw was "this site is temporarily unavailable, please check back later."

Many of you have contacted me about this problem and believe me, I do appreciate your patience. I can tell you that the upgraded appearance is not the source of the problem and I hope you're pleased with the new look and the ease of navigation.

The source of the problem is our Server. After nearly eleven years of a near perfect record of no problems, it finally crashed. No doubt better hard-

ware maintenance would have resulted in perfect operation. Personally, I find it hard to believe it wasn't repaired sooner but nobody wanted to admit the problem. Eventually, the hard drive that carries out data was replaced and we had to completely reload the site on a new drive. Fortunately, we back up the site once a week and we didn't lose any data. Sadly, that hasn't been enough and there are still some glitches to work out. Rest assured we are working hard to make this even better that it was.

Many of you have sent me photos, TAPS notifications and the Fall Issue of the Jersey Bounce, not to mention the Jerseyman. My Outlook In Box is full of additions I'm waiting to upload. I haven't forgotten any of your offerings and as soon as I can they will all

find their way onto the site.

Thanks again for your patience

Ed Campbell

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**Along the Vietnamese coast, near the 17th parallel
On 30 September 1968, the dreadnought fired her first shots in
battle in over sixteen years**



**FROM THE DESK OF
OF THE NEWS EDITOR**



Have you ever wondered how many sailors had served onboard the USS New Jersey? I have and at various times tried to find the answer to that question. We all know that the ship had served in three wars, several conflicts, received 19 battle stars, was the most decorated battleship in US Naval history and was in commission for over 253 months (21 years).

In an effort to satisfy my curiosity I contacted both the historian (Jason Hall) at the USS New Jersey Museum and Memorial and personal at the US Naval Memorial in Washington, DC.

At first glance, this seemed like a simple task that would only take several hours. Unbeknownst to me it turned out to be a herculean task.

Regardless of the Era, the majority of

the crew members were very young and came from different geographic location. During WW II some were drafted. The Korean War reserves were called back to duty. However,

sufficient resources to aid the veterans the opportunity to go to college or trade school. Many of us took advantage of this opportunity in an effort to improve our standard of living.



Crew members in front of our helicopter. Take a close look at the special designer clothes they are wearing

Since departing the ship we have migrated to many different location, with many different vocation. **However, we all have one thing in common and that is at one time in our lives we all served on the greatest battleship in the world.** We served at different times, different commanders, different objectives, always striving to be the best. We were shipmates, are shipmates, and will always be shipmates. We had the swagger of confidence in knowing our jobs and knowing that we were the best.

Nick Rasch
News Editor

most crew members were volunteers. The majority of the enlisted personal were recent high school graduates, while the officers corp. came from either that Naval Academy or college. We were young, undisciplined, unskilled, untrained but were soon molded into a unique centergistic fighting machine.

After departing the ship and -or Navy many of our crew members took advantage of the GI bill to enhance their educational status. Although the GI bill was not very lucrative it provided



Shipmate coming aboard the hard way



Crew member bartering with merchant in Sasebo, Japan 1953



LEBANON/PERSIAN GULF ERA DIRECTOR

Danny Fielder from the Lebanon ERA once again.

Before you know it reunion time will be here. Jacksonville last year was really a great time, and I hope more of us can make it this year.

I know that there are other groups that are having New Jersey reunions, and that is a wonderful thing. Being with guys from your own ERA is fun, but just think, this reunion covers all the ERA's.

The stories I hear from the "OLD SALTS" are really great.

I just want as many of our members to enjoy these events as I have.

Seeing Felix Bautista last year was great.

I have had several replies from past shipmates, and even a picture was sent to me from the time I was taking oil samples in #4 engine room.

I really hope Nashville will have a great turn out this year, Just remember guys time goes by quick these days. Lets not put this off, sometimes regret comes into play and we say I should have gone.

Times are tough and this economy is not the best but "THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY" is the best of what it stands for so lets all support the reunion this year if we are able.

Hope to see you in Nashville.

Thank you your shipmate

Daniel C. Fielder MM3

My Contact:

Danny Fielder

5198 Bethesda Rd.

Crystal Springs, Ms. 39059

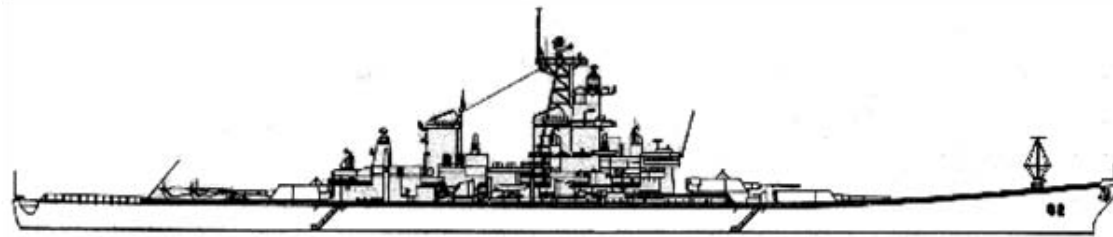
Cell (601)955-8233



USS New Jersey being towed through the Panama Canal. On her way to her final resting place in Camden, New Jersey



Veteran Crew members attending Dedication Service October 14, 2001



NOTES FROM THE CHAPLIN

On June 28, 2005, four Navy SEAL commandos were on a mission in Afghanistan, searching for a notorious al-Qaeda terrorist leader hiding in a Taliban stronghold.

As the battle ensued, three of the SEALs were killed, and the fourth, Marcus Luttrell was blasted unconscious by a rocket grenade and blown over a cliff. Severely injured, he spent the next four days fighting off six al-Qaeda assassins who were sent to finish him off. He then crawled

for seven miles through the mountains before he was taken in by a Pashtun tribe, who risked everything to protect him from the encircling Taliban killers.

They took Luttrell back to their village. The Pashtun's have a law of hospitality, considered "strictly non-negotiable," which took hold. The Pashtu's were committed to defend Luttrell against the Taliban until there was no one left alive. The Law of Hospitality is very strong in Middle Eastern culture, and has

been that way for many millennia.

God calls all of us to demonstrate hospitality to those in need just as God has always done, and will always receive us without condition or hesitance.

May we find peace as we offer hospitality to those God places in our path.

AMEN.

Will Clark
Chaplin



The USS New Jersey crossing the Pacific Ocean
On its way to Viet Nam

Among other awards the USS New Jersey earned

Navy Unit Commendation for Vietnam service, the Presidential Unit Citation from the Republic of the Philippines, and the Presi-

dential Unit Citation from the Republic of Korea. She received nine battle stars for her World War II service, four for her ser-

vice in the Korean conflict, two for her service in the Vietnam War, and four for service in Lebanon and the Persian Gulf.

In addition, the USS New Jersey holds the distinction of being the most decorated battleship in naval history



Shipmates your ship desperately needs your help and support

Dear New Jersey Veterans,

At one time in your life the USS New Jersey was your home. She provided you with all the creature comforts possible. In the winter she gave you heat, in the summer she provided you with limited air condition. A warm place to sleep, and good food. She did not provide you with the comforts of today's cruise ships. However, she took you to visit many foreign countries which you might not have had the opportunities to visit. She has ask nothing of you.

As one of the 55,000 officers and men who served on this gallant fighting ship in both times of war and vital peacekeeping missions, I want to personally thank you for your service. For nearly 50 years this proud ship took part in keeping our country safe with our battle cry: "FIREPOWER FOR FREEDOM."

Today our nation's most decorated battleship is permanently berthed on the Camden Waterfront as a Museum and Memorial. She is an inspiration to those who visit, a vital instrument for future generations to better understand history and more important her place in history.

We are undergoing extremely difficult

economic times with federal, and state, cutbacks. In an effort to continue operations we were forced to reduce the staff to 5 employees and further curtail operations during January and February.

The economic impacted has also curtailed necessary maintenance required for this magnificence ship.

The docents and volunteers have been instrumental in keeping our mission on course. We have implemented a 'Pier Brick Program' in an effort to obtain much needed dollars. We have added additional tours and various unique opportunities such as the 'Fire The 5 Inch Gun' in an effort to gain necessary resources. The organization has determined that it would not be prudent to increase the price of the tours, as this would preclude potential visitors the opportunity of visiting the ship.

It is the responsibility of all of us to restore, maintain, and protect this great battleship for future generation. The cost, in dollars, and determination is high but unquestionably worth our collective efforts.

I have never solicited donations from crewmembers, and hope that, I will never again have to ask for your financial help.

However, the ship is in a dire financial state and needs all the help available. Towards this endeavor, I'm asking each of you to donate whatever you can afford. Ten, Twenty Five, One Hundred, a Thousand dollars or more, whatever you can afford to help maintain this outstanding museum for both present and future generations to enjoy.

Your donations are highly appreciated and tax deductible.

We have formulated a 'GIFT OF APPRECIATION.' program.

For a donation of \$25 or more you will receive a collectible Battleship New Jersey "Challenge Coin." For a donation of \$100 or more, you will receive a Battleship New Jersey Commemorative Pocket Watch. For a donation of \$125 or more you will receive both collectible gifts.

Each commemorative gift will serve as a daily reminder of your generous support.

I want to thank you in advance for your support and I'm looking forward to your next visit to the battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial

Jim Schuck
President & CEO

Make the check payable to: Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial.

Send to: Battleship New Jersey, 62 Battleship Place, Camden, NJ 08103

MY DONATION AMOUNT: ___ \$10 ___ \$25* ___ \$35* ___ \$50* ___ \$100** ___ \$125*** ___ Other \$ ___ ***

*Please send my challenge coin; **Please send my pocket watch; ***Please send both!

NAUTICAL QUIZ

In an effort to increase interest in the Bounce the directors have decided to offer the first three (3) members that submit the correct answer to the Nautical quiz a free one year membership to the organization. The winners will be determined by the envelope postmark. Emails will not be accepted.

The answer must be sent to Mr. N. Rasch, 18310 Candice Drive, Triangle, VA 22173.

The correct answers, in addition to the names of the winners, will be included in the Fall 2010 Issue of the Bounce.



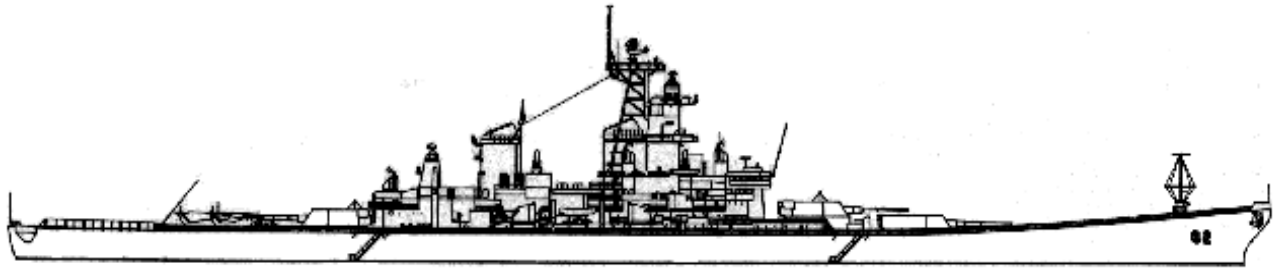
2. What are these sailor doing and why?



1. Although this man was a civilian, who was he, what did he do, when did he do it, and what did it do to enhance the Navy?



3. When and where was the USS New Jersey's first combat action against the Japanese?



HUMOR AND MEMORIES OF BYGONE DAYS

PHANTOM SUBMARINE

In 1954 I was an integral part of Admiral A. M. Prides Seventh Fleet Planning Office. On a trip to Sasebo, Admiral Prides informed me that I was going to be transferred to the Naval Liaison Office in Osan Korea. I would be working with staff officers from both the Eighth Army and Fifth Air Force. Our Naval team consisted of a Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, an enlisted pilot, and a yeoman. I was the yeoman and very pleased to be part of such a sophisticated team.

One day the Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign traveled to Taiwan to meet with Chiang Kai-shek. The Naval office was only staffed with the pilot and myself. Previously we had been informed that the Russian's had given the Chinese a total of 7 submarines. The entire Navy was on the alert to locate these subs. We had orders that any information concerning the Chinese subs were to be immediately forwarded to COMNAVFE and the subs were to be attacked and sunk. The Navy didn't want any hostile subs operating near our fleet.

During this time an Air Force Pilot flying from Japan to Korea sighted one of these subs. Upon landing he immediately rushed into our office to report the sighting. He gave us the exact coordinates and time of the sighting. I immediately coded a message to COMNAVFE with the information and to find out if we had a friendly sub in that area. COMNAVFE replied that

there were no friendly subs in that area. They requested that we debrief the pilot to determine if he could provide any additional information.

During the second meeting with the Air Force pilot, I inquired how close he was to the sub. He said that he was concerned about anti-aircraft fire and stayed very high. I was disappointed, but ask him if he noticed any identification markings on the sub. I wanted to find out if he could identify any Chinese or Russian symbols or writing on the conning tower.



The pilot said the he didn't see any symbols but did see a large number 21 on the conning tower. I repeated "A large number 21 on the conning tower." He reaffirmed me that he absolutely saw the number.

I knew that was the number of the USS Boxer and inquired from COMNAVFE if the Boxer was in that area. COMNAVFE informed me that the Boxer was in that exact area and they seemed very relieved that the carrier was not in harms way. I then thanked the pilot and contacted my superiors in Taiwan. The Captain commended me for prompt handling of the matter and defusing a possible international incident.

BOSUNS MATE STORY

An old salty 1st class Bosuns Mate was coming back from liberty and staggered up the gangway with a bottle of whiskey in each hand. The Officer Of The Deck told him that he couldn't bring liquor aboard and he would have to put him on report. The officer told him that he didn't want to put him on report and that he would turn his back and listen for two splashes as the bottles hit the water. He then turned his back and was relieved to hear two distinct splashes. When he turned around he saw the Bosuns Mate staggering down the ladder in his stocking feet.

We all know that this Bosuns Mate wasn't from our ship because we knew that our crew members always spent their liberty visiting museums and the local library before having a cup of tea. None of our Bosuns Mates would ever be caught in a bar.

Stories provided by:

Norris G. Olney Jr.

Marathon, Iowa

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 not later than July 25, 2010.

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 at least a "B" or 3.0 grade point average.
- 3** Students must be a graduating senior, attending an accredited high school / vocation technical institution. Graduating in the Class of 2010.
- 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:

E-MAIL **WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.** Any son, daughter or grandchild of a member in good standing, included children of a Member in good standing who passed away during the current membership year. (Must had been a USS New Jersey Veteran)
- 2.** Must be a high school senior graduating in class of 2010.
- 3.** Official transcripts for the 11th and 12th grades, submitted with application.
- 4.** Two (2) academic references.
- 5.** Student's Personal Resume
- 6.** Student's essay completed on the internet
- 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, items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must be submitted to:

the President, Joe DiMaria joedimaria@msn.com

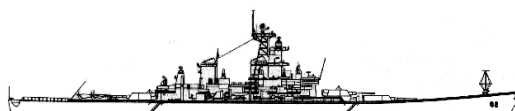
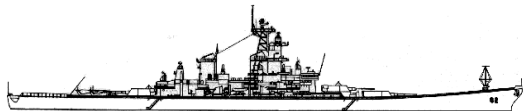
by either standard mail (postmarked July 18, 2010) or Email by July 25, 2010.

USS NEW JERSEY BB 62 NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

SECTION # 1 - Complete this section by selecting any designed plate for Crew Members, Spouse, or Guest.

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

Provide (Style II) 1.0" X 3.0"
Guest Member Badge (White with Blue Letters)



Please print desired text as you wish it displayed on the 3 lines provided. We reserve the right to rearrange text for clarity and to minimize disorder

Please print desired text as you wish it displayed on the 3 lines provided. We reserve the right to rearrange text for clarity and to minimize disorder

Provide (Style III) 1.0" X 3.0" Guest Member Plate

(Guest Name)

SECTION # 2 - Complete back of form for any required attachments

SECTION # 3 – Pricing

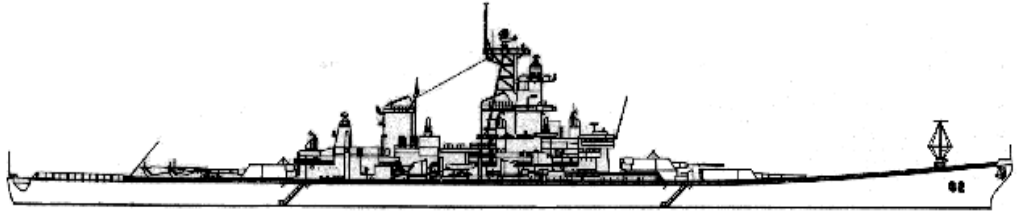
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Badge Style I	_____ X	\$5.00 =	_____
Badge Style II	_____ X	\$5.00 =	_____
Badge Style III	_____ X	\$3.00 =	_____
Attachments (From Back of Form)	_____ X	\$2.00 =	_____
Handling and Shipping			<u>\$2.00</u>
TOTAL			_____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email: _____

**Mail Complete Order Forms and checks to;
John Vance, 1541 Hayden Rd., Delan, FL 32724**

**Phone: 386-736-3231
Email: 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

<u>Attachment Name</u>		<u>Crew</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Plankowner</u>
<u>City</u>	<u>Year</u>			
Long Beach, CA	1982	_____	_____	_____
Atlantic City, NJ	1984	_____	_____	_____
Indianapolis, IN	1986	_____	_____	_____
New Orleans, LA	1988	_____	_____	_____
Daytona Beach, FL	1990	_____	_____	_____
Nashville, TN	1992	_____	_____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	1993	_____	_____	_____
San Diego, CA	1994	_____	_____	_____
Norfolk, VA	1995	_____	_____	_____
Fort Mitchell, KY	1996	_____	_____	_____
Danvers, MA	1997	_____	_____	_____
Colorado Springs, CO	1998	_____	_____	_____
Seattle, WA	1999	_____	_____	_____
Daytona Beach, FL	2000	_____	_____	_____
Branson, MO	2001	_____	_____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2002	_____	_____	_____
Las Vegas, NV	2003	_____	_____	_____
Washington, DC	2004	_____	_____	_____
Valley Forge, PA	2005	_____	_____	_____
San Antonio, TX	2006	_____	_____	_____
San Diego, CA	2007	_____	_____	_____
Cherry Hill, NJ	2008	_____	_____	_____
Jacksonville, FL	2009	_____	_____	_____
Nashville, TN	2010	_____	_____	_____

If ordering more than one (1) Guest String, please make attachment listing, Guest Data for Badge and Associated Reunion History.

Include contents of the attachment in Total Cities/Guest Badge QUANTITY in Pricing.

TOTAL CITIES SELECTED _____

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ITEMS IN SMALL STORE

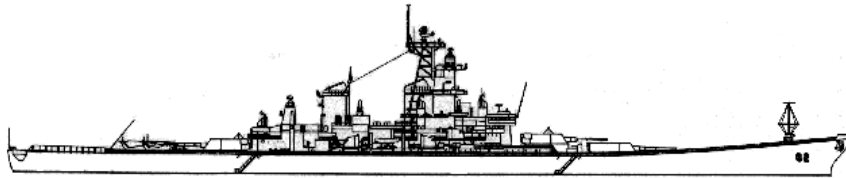
Golf Shirt – Embroidered on front over pocket available in Navy Blue, Green, Ash, Light Maroon, White, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large & XX Large	\$22.00	Blue,
T-Shirt – Light Blue, Tan, Maroon, White, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large &XX Large	\$18.00	
Sweatshirt – Available in Ash Embroidered, Size 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	

LADIES SHIRTS

Scoop Neck Tee – Short Sleeve Butter or Red, Sizes Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large	\$20.00
Scoop Neck Tee – Long Sleeve, Pink or Sky Blue, 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
Hat – USS New Jersey on Front – White “WWII” on back “Plank owner” on back “Korea” on back “Vietnam” on back Blank (80’s – 90’s Crew)	\$13.00
Pins - Lone Sailor USS New Jersey BB-62 Cross Flags Navy Cross Flags Korea Cross Flags Vietnam Vietnam Veteran Korea Veteran USS New Jersey Reunion Lapel Pin Yellow Ribbon w/American Flag Support our Troops	\$ 4.50 \$ 4.00
Tote Bags -	\$10.00
Patches – All Era’s	\$4.00 ea/or \$22.00 set
Chrome License Plate Frames – Blue Background W/White Letters Battleship Sailor (Top) - USS New Jersey BB-62 (Bottom)	\$ 9.00
USS New Jersey MUGS Ceramic white with black wrap around picture of our ship	\$ 5.00

Please add \$10.00 for Shipping and Handling:
Please call for availability

Mail Complete Order and checks to:
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WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS
To The
USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC.
Members Joined Since September 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
Tom Hollingsworth	WWII	M
Gerald L. Martin	1955/1056	B/T
D. J. Wilson	Korea	H
Rodney P. Townsend	Lebanon	A



(Picture furnished by Carol & Joe Cusumano)

USS New Jersey Taps Listing



*Those we love must someday pass
 Beyond our present site.
 They must leave us and the world we know
 Without their radiant light.
 But we know that like a candle their
 Lovely light will surely shine
 To brighten another more perfect place
 And in the realm of Heaven where they will
 Shine so warm and bright.
 Our Shipmates live forevermore
 In Gods eternal light.
 AMEN*

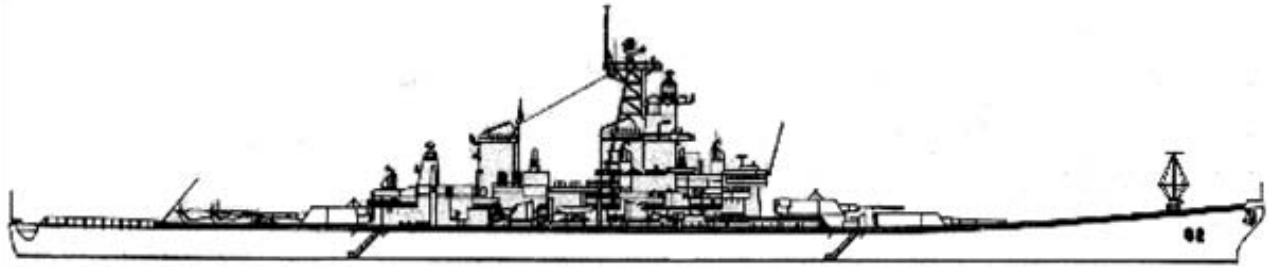
**USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS INC. FORMER MEMBERS
 Members that have passed since September 2009**

Wayne Amend	E	Div	Korea
Richard Ashford	S	Div	Korea
Clifford Austin	C&R	Div	WW II
Captain William D. Coyne			WW II
Dr. Floyd Harrison	3rd	Div	WW II
John S. Keller	5th	Div	Viet Nam
Joe Krick	B	Div	Viet Nam
William Ring	N	Div	WW II & Korea
Thomas Shea	6th	Div	Korea
James Summerall	5th	Div	WW II
Sam Trapani	R	Div	WW II
John J. Walsh	US Marine Corp		Korea
Val Winkelman	2,3,&7	Div	WW II



Lone Sailor





OPEN LETTER FROM

Frank Carfioli

Yes, I served on the New Jersey from 1950 to 1952.

I had joined the US Naval active reserves in 1947.

When the Korean War broke out, each week a group from our reserve unit was selected to report to the Philadelphia, Naval Base for active duty.

Very soon I was in a group selected and told to take some men to Bayonne New Jersey for processing. I was then given orders to report for duty on the U.S.S. New Jersey. The ship was being taken out of "mothballs".

The day after going on board, the ship departed for Norfolk, Virginia. After several weeks of intense work, getting the ship into shape, we departed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a shake-down cruise.

Following the shakedown cruise, we returned to Norfolk, Virginia to load supplies and ammunition. We departed Norfolk, squeezed through the Panama Canal, and sailed on to Hawaii.

This was the ship's first tour to Korea. We replaced her sister ship, the U.S.S. Missouri. We met the U.S.S. Missouri in Balboa, C. Z. and made the official transfer. We then proceeded to Yokosuka which was to be our home port. Throughout the tour we operated out of Yokosuka where we would replenish supplies, ammunition, and water. When we were time limited to be back on station we would resupply at Sasebo, which was much closer to Korea.

Throughout the cruise, as a 1st Class Seaman in the 2nd division, my General Quarters and Condition 3 duties was as a left gun pointer in turret number 2. My AA duty station was on the 20 mm. My regular watch station was on the quad Forties. In addition, I was assigned to the LCM boat crew. When we were anchored out, we would use the LCM to ferry crew members to shore.

On one occasion, we had a change of command with Captain Francis D. McCorkle, relieving Captain D. M. Tyree. Captain McCorkle was "a sailor's sailor" and a GREAT Skipper.

relieved we departed for the states. It is amazing, we traveled over 70,000 miles on the tour and were away from the states for 8 months.

Upon arriving back in Norfolk, I was processed and discharged from the active Navy in April of 1952.

After being discharged I returned to my home in Philadelphia. I was glad to be back with my family and most specially with my lovely girlfriend, Emily M. Polley. Emily and I didn't believe in long engagements and were married the following June, she became my wonderful wife.

We have two great children, Frank J. and Emily C. and four beautiful grandchildren, Kristen, Michael, Lauren, and Alex. In addition, we have been blessed with a terrific daughter-in-law, Carol, and son-in-law Bill Potter.

If you are in the Philadelphia area we would enjoy your stopping for a visit.

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OS2U Kingfish being recovered

After being on station in Korea for 6 months we were relieved by The U.S.S. Wisconsin. Soon after being



2 helicopters on the fantail



Trench "Mud Dog "

by

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Story of an Infantryman in the Korean War

Many would not realize the relationship of the spic-an-span, clean, and well fed sailors on the USS New Jersey with the grimy, hungry, thirsty Mud Dogs fighting the enemy at 'Sandbag Castle' which was the front line, located on the East side of Korea.

While most of the seamen might have been bored with their routine duties while cruising off the East coast of Korea, they probably did not realize how they were about to support the Army infantry at a mountainous area just north of the 38th parallel, a location called 'Sandbag Castle'.

'Sandbag Castle' was my first frontline assignment having arrived fresh out of a 16 week "Advanced Infantry" basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Upon completion of the training, we were not given the normal one week leave to go home. There was a dire need for replacements to fill the ranks, due to high casualty, on the frontline outfits in Korea so we were expedited to FECOM. Upon arrival in Korea, I was assigned to the 180 Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division known as "The Thunderbirds." This division was originally the 'Oklahoma National Guard' which was activated in 1951 and arrived in Korea December 1951. In the extremely cold month of February 1953 the 180th Regiment was moved up to a location called 'Sandbag Castle'. I arrived in late April. The enemy we were facing was the North Koreans, who were more fanatical than the Chinese.



Some of our trenches were only 30 yards from the enemy where much hand-to-hand

fighting occurred. The situation was made much worse as the enemy located directly in front of us was on a high mountain named "Joe Stalin Hill." The North Koreans had tunneled into the solid rock. Their artillery pieces were on rails and they would roll them out and fire, the recoil would drive the gun back into the cave and the artillery spotters were unable to locate the tunnel. They also had heavy mortars in the caves and would firing down at us with deadly results. Our artillery (105 mm) counter battery fire was very ineffective against the solid rock mountain tunnels. In addition our 4-7 men patrols were not able to dislodge the enemy and suffered abnormal casualties.

THIS IS WHERE THE NEW JERSEY'S MAIN BATTERY SAVED OUR HIDES

After 3 months of enemy pounding, we had become accustomed to the sound of incoming mortar and artillery and could distinguish that sound from the sound of our own heavy mortar and 105's coming from our rear. Then, one night a much different sound of "whoosh', whoosh, rumble" like a freight train rumbling over our heads and terrific flashes and explosions on the face of Joe Stalin Hill. We all wondered "what in the hell was that," and anxiously waited for daylight to see what had happened. With the first light of day we could see the shattered rock and battered tunnels. We, Mud Dogs, never knew what hit the mountain nor where it came from but were very thankful.

The battered and closed tunnels reduced the enemies capability of firing down on us and gave us the rare opportunity to walk to the rear for the first shower, change of clothes, and hot meal in 5 weeks

The 180th regiment was relieved by the 279th on June 20, 1953 (after 148 consecutive days of steady combat) and sent to Inje for a planned 4 week rest, rearmament, and replacement training. Our so called rest period lasted only 10 days as we were called to fill a gap, at a place called 'Christmas Hill'. This gap was caused when the Republic of Korea, 7th Division was over-run by a powerful Communist Chinese Forces. On July 15 our positions were overrun by a large enemy forces, our regiment suffered heavy losses and I was wounded. I remained with my platoon until July 19 when we were relieved by our 179th regiment.

Moving ahead 56 years to 2009, when Frank Carfioli, a sailor on the USS New Jersey, told me about that exact night when his ship, stationed on the bomblines, fired several salvos into a mountain locations (unknown to him) on the East coast of Korea.

In retrospect, I and all my fellow "Mud Dogs" from the 180 Regiment want to thank the sailors of the USS New Jersey for the outstanding support in reducing the enemies capabilities on Joe Stalin Hill and giving us an opportunity get a hot meal.

Concluding Thoughts

Whether on the sea, in the air, or on the ground, we made a hell of a good fighting team!

In The Future

I hope to visit the USS New Jersey this summer. I have already visited the Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Alabama. Before I depart from this world I hope to visit the Missouri at Pearl Harbor.



US NAVY INITIATES A NEW TERRORIST CATCH AND RELEASE PROGRAM

The US Navy today announced that it had released a senior Al Qaeda terrorist after questioning him extensively for 27 day while held prisoner aboard a

US aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea. In a humanitarian gesture, the terrorist was given \$50.00, a bag lunch, and a white 1962 Ford Fairlane automobile.

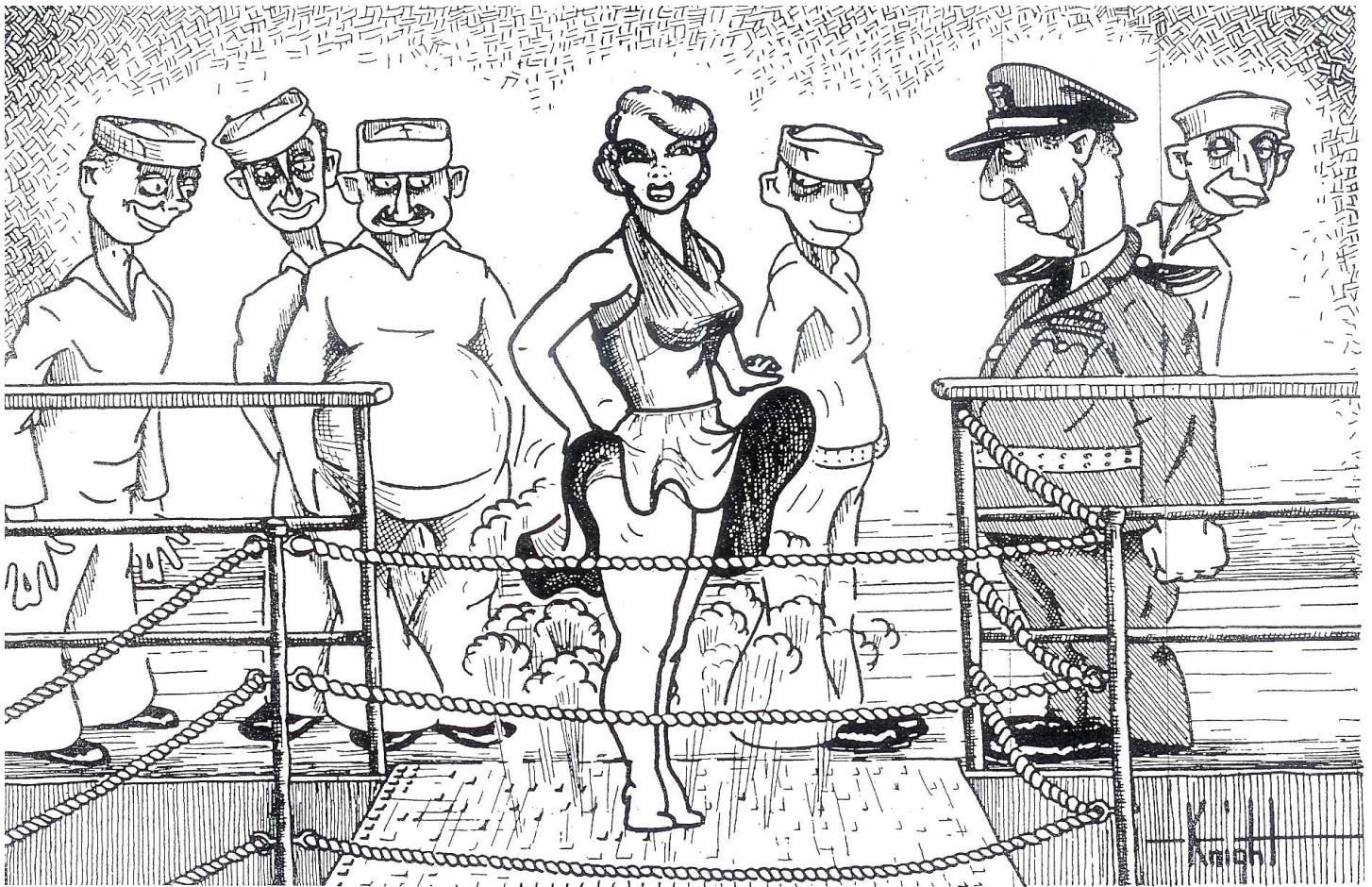
The photo shows the crew cheering wildly upon the terrorist release from custody and on his way home.



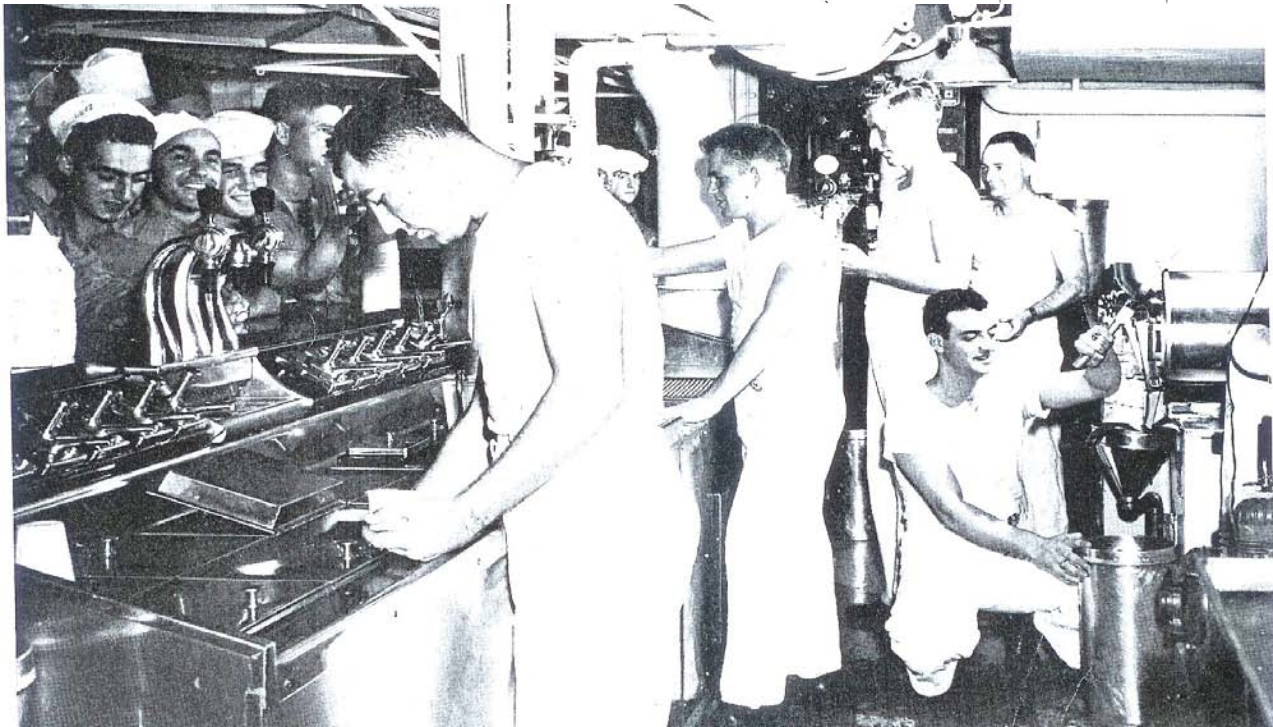
All aboard that are going ashore
Liberty in Sasebo Japan 1953



6 gun salvo in Korean bombardment



"Who rigged this gangway?"



The "gedunk" stand, which sold ice cream and soda pop, was an off-duty attraction for the crew. Here, men queue up for ice cream sundaes. The only trouble was that the ice cream was a yucky-tasting concoction of powder and water mixed in a machine such as the one the sailor is kneeling next to. The stuff might not taste great, but at sea there were no alternatives.

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