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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all,

# **HELP WANTED!**

By the time you get to this message, you have probably noticed that this is not what you are used to when it comes to the Jersey Bounce. Our editor, Len Jablon, resigned for personal reasons in November. The 2017 Fall issue was his last. We are therefore in immediate need of a new editor for our newsletter.

We were able to publish this issue thanks to Phil and Helen Tasker. They stepped up and offered to take all the input from the Board and put it together into this newsletter. It was important to get this issue published to get the reunion information package out to the membership.

We're looking for an active member to take over the Editor's position on the Board of Directors. The Editor should be someone who regularly attends the reunions. He needs to have a computer and word processing or publishing software. If anyone is interested in the position, please let me know.

The planning for the 2018 and 2019 reunions have been moving along. The information on the 2018 reunion is in this issue. We were not able to put the hotel information in the 2017 Fall issue because the hotel was going through a rebranding and did not authorize us to start making room reservations. If you've never been to New Orleans, or if it's been awhile, now's your chance to visit. Judy and I had never been there before we went down to look at hotels and we can't wait to get back there in September. The National WWII Museum will be the highlight of this reunion.

Steve has been working hard on the 2019 reunion in San Pedro, CA, but there seems to be real lack of hotels in the immediate area that can accommodate our needs. We've received only one proposal from a hotel in San Pedro and they want to charge us for everything we do, including room rental fees for the dinner and meeting spaces we use. We received a proposal from a hotel in Long Beach, but the guest rooms were \$200+ per night. A hotel in San Diego sent in a proposal that's the best so far, but it's not the city we voted for, none the less, if we strike out with negotiations in the San Pedro area, it may be our best choice. Either way, please understand that we'll be in California and things are more expensive all around. We'll know more by the time we're in New Orleans and Steve will update the membership at the general meeting.

Please think about helping your organization.

Sincerely, **Bob Dingman - President** 



# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

## Greetings:

Our reunion in Chicago was very rewarding. A heart felt thanks to all those who made the entire event a success. Bravo Zulu to MM1 Jamane Coleman our RTC/Great lakes tour guide. Our visit to recruit training command was a strong reminder to all those who pass through that hatch are duly qualified watch standers in the fleet and shore facilities. The graduation ceremony was wonderful. Myself being a former company commander, it was a soul inspiring desire to watch the graduation exercise. MM1 Coleman was invited to our banquet for his diligence for being a knowledgeable tour guide. The welcome aboard dinner along with the Chicago tour and the river cruise were nothing short of outstanding. The highlight of our tour was the banquet to say the least was par excellence. I hope everyone enjoyed the entire time spent in Chicago. As the New Jersey association prepares for the upcoming reunion in New Orleans Louisiana which I know it will be a success. I want to thank those who gave contributions and donations to the USS New Jersey Association. I personally want to thank our president Bob Dingman for walking me through the memorial service and our former president Steve Sheehan for making a reunion a success. Bravo Zulu. In closing it has been an honor to have served on a ship named after the state which I come from. Walking onboard the USS New Jersey BB-62 for the first time was like a dream come true especially for gunner's mates. The saddest day for me was in November 1990 when I had to depart USS New Jersey for 16-inch 50-gun duty on board USS Missouri and her part in the Gulf War. That is a story for another day. Although I am not on the USS New Jersey and active in the United States Navy. I still tell everyone I meet about the might of the battleship USS New Jersey and share my DVD collection. Should the opportunity arise to be recalled for service I will not have a second thought about it. I will be up and ready to go that is how much I miss serving my country in the. **United States Navy!** 

Sincerely:

Leon Tucker Jr. GMG1(SW)

G1 Division 87-90



# MESSAGE FROM THE SMALL STORES ADVISOR

To all New Jersey Shipmates:

2017 was a great year. The store is fully stocked with new items coming in 2018.

We would like to thank everyone that came by the store during the reunion in Deerfield. We will be in New Orleans this September and we look forward to meeting everyone.

Please let me know if there is an item that you feel could be featured in the store.

ALL ORDERS for reunion name badges and other mail orders must be sent to me two months before the reunion in September in order to insure prompt delivery.

# Mike Schappaugh - Small Stores Advisor





# MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Hi Shipmates,

Well another year has come and gone. Lots of changes going on including with us, USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. We have had a pretty good year; less deaths of our shipmates this past year, which is very good, and several new members from the '80's era of our great ship.

The reunion in Great Lakes was great!! The hotel was the best we've stayed in since I've been a member (2005 Valley Forge). The food was very good, rooms were great and cheap, and the tour of Chicago was good, except of course for the traffic. Seeing the recruits' graduation was the icing on the cake. "Thanks" go to Bob and Steve and anyone else that had a part in the great planning!!!

If you got a 2018 Dues Invoice, you know that the membership at our business meeting in Great Lakes voted to raise our dues to \$25.00 per year.

Louise and I are looking forward to seeing a big crowd of our shipmates and friends in Metairie in September. It's just a few months away. I think we will have a lot of you attending. Most of the members that I have talked with have indicated that they are attending. It sounds like it will be a BIG TIME ON THE BAYOU!!! DON'T MISS IT!!!

One last item; Thanks to all of you that responded to the invoice we sent out. Without all of us doing our parts, we would have no USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS, INC organization.

Hope to see all of you in September,

Garry Blaylock - Membership Chairman

# MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Included with this edition of the Bounce is a 2017 Financial Summary for the organization. At December 31, 2017 we had \$41,742 in bank balances. This included \$4,365 in the Scholarship and Ship Restoration Funds leaving \$37,377 in unallocated available funds for organizational activities. Unallocated available funds declined by \$3,853 during 2017 primarily due to our contribution to the 40 for the 40's Ship project. I think there is a photographic display elsewhere in this Bounce showing the results of this very worthy project.

Dues received in 2017 were slightly above the five-year historical average. We had 106 people participate in one or more reunion events in Deerfield and this generated revenues that were the highest for a venue not associated with a ship visit since 2009. Other revenue sources and expenses were in line with recent trends.

We ended the year with \$4,235 in the Scholarship Fund. This is the second consecutive year that ended with a positive fund balance. The Reunion Auction for the Scholarship Fund as well as the 50/50 Drawing both continue to positively impact our efforts for this activity.

Finally, our membership contributed \$5,438 to restoration activities on the ship itself. This is exclusive of the \$5,000 we contributed as an organization to the 40 for the 40's project discussed above.

I look forward to meeting up with everyone again in the New Orleans area this September.

#### Phil Tasker - Treasurer





# USS New Jersey Veterans Association 2017 Financials Summary

Bank Balances	Oper	rating Account	Sav	ings Account
Adjusted Bank Balances at January 1, 2017	\$	5,414.18	\$	38,145.55
Total Funds Received in 2017		46,403.10		6.98
Total Funds Disbursed in 2017		48,227.96		-
Funds Transfers		20,000.00		(20,000.00)
Bank Balances at December 31, 2017	\$	23,589.32	\$	18,152.53
Net YTD Change in Bank Balances	\$	18,175.14	\$	(19,993.02)

2017 Operating Results			
Receipts:			
Dues		12,320.00	
2017 Reunion Registrations		17,150.00	
Small Stores Sales		4,291.70	
Bank Interest		6.98	
Miscellaneous		2,168.60	
Total Receipts		35,937.28	
Disbursements:			
2017 Reunion Expenses	\$	16,484.07	
2018 Reunion Expenses		3,983.07	
Jersey Bounce		7,337.77	
40 for the 40's Contribution		5,000.00	
Small Stores Inventory		4,961.90	
Small Stores Postage		245.92	
Postage (General)		813.79	
Office and Other Supplies		863.64	
Miscellaneous		100.00	
Total Disbursements	_	39,790.16	
Net Operating Results		(\$3,852.88)	

2017 Scholarship Fund Activities				
Scholarship Fund Balance Forward From 2016	\$	2,300.00		
2017 Fund Raising Activities:				
Reunion Auction Proceeds		1,550.00		
50/50 Proceeds (Net of Payouts)		1,794.00		
Scholarship Donations		1,591.00		
2017 Scholarships Awarded		(3,000.00)		
2017 Scholarship Fund Ending Balance	\$	4,235.00		

2017 Ship Restoration Fu	nd Activities	
Fund Balance Brought Forward from 2016	\$	30.00
2017 Ship Restoration Fund Donations		5,537.80
2017 Ship Restoration Fund Disbursements to Battleship New Jersey		(5,437.80)
2017 Ship Restoration Fund Ending Balance	\$	130.00



## MESSAGE FROM THE SEATING COORDINATOR

Hello Shipmates.

As I write this it is snowing and cold in Nebraska. I for one am ready for Spring to make its appearance.

Last year's reunion in Deerfield, IL went well. Attendance was modest, but all who attended had a good time. For myself one of the highlights was the trip I took to Milwaukee to visit the Harley-Davidson Museum. Even though I don't ride, I really enjoyed the visit.

This year's reunion will be held in New Orleans, LA September 26-30. Hopefully this will be late enough to miss the heat, humidity and hurricanes. I am looking forward to this reunion as I have never visited New Orleans.

Each year we add a few new faces at the reunions, especially from the 80's. It is always welcoming to see these 80's Shipmates, as they are the future of this association. As you make your plans for this year's reunion reach out to that special shipmate, liberty hound buddy and invite him and his better half to join us for this very special annual occasion.

As your seating coordinator I look forward to serving your seating needs. If you would like to be seated with someone in particular, please let me know prior to the reunion. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

#### Bill Myers - Seating Coordinator





## **MESSAGE FROM LIAISON OFFICER**

Shipmates,

By the time you'll be reading this, we will be anticipating the arrival of spring. However, at the time of writing this it is -1F in Rochester, NY with 12" of new snow, and the wind is blowing at 30 mph. So, none the less, it is still very much winter here and I miss our travels to our cottage in Canada.

It is times like these when I try and spend some extra time with our ships rosters and do a little calling to some of our inactive members and see if I can bring them back into the organization. Amazingly, I am given a variety of different answers to why they are not interested in supporting the organization. I too am a little dismayed by the lack of support from my division (X-DIV) lately. The first reunion aboard our ship in Camden was a really enjoyable one for me. We had around 20 of my division mates in attendance. Most I had not seen in 30 plus years, but it seems like we picked up where we left off long ago. Today, although we still have a few loyal members of my gang that support the organization and attend reunions, most have slipped away. I'm trying to change that and bring them back.

Thanks to all of you who are active members and we look forward to your continued support. If you know someone who used to be a member, but is no longer, maybe give them a call and give them a nudge in the right direction. Also, if you have any changes in your contact information, please contact me, Garry Blaylock, or any of the other officers in the organization, so we can keep your information current.

Stay Well,

Bill Meredith - Liaison Director

## **ERA REPRESENTATIVES**

<u>VIETNAM - 1960's</u>

Robert Williams

1967-1969

PO Box 280

9 Whitter St

#### **WW II - 1940'S**

Henry Pierce 1942-1944 75 Shady Hill Drive West Warwick RI 02893 401-821-4256 <u>Ihp341@cox.net</u> S – Division

#### **KOREA - 1950'S**

Donald Eggleton PO Box 362 29 Riverside Dr. Roscoe. NY 12776 607-498-4507

#### 607-498-4507 Newton Jct. NH 03859 noleggie@yahoo.com williams382@comcast.net R - Division B - Division

## LEBANON PERSIAN GULF - 1980'S

Daniel "Danny" Fielder 1982-1984 5198 Bethesda Crystal Springs, MS 39059 601-892-6086 <u>dfielder@gsengrr.com</u>

# **Update: Teak Deck Replacement**





**Before** 

The Museum is continuing to replace the ship's 53,000 sq. ft. of teak deck that is rotting in some places and completely missing in others. The teak on the aft 03 Level was replaced in the fall of 2017. The steel deck underneath had rusted through and new steel was welded in place before the new teak was placed down (pictured at right).

The cost to replace one square foot is \$160 and the total cost will be more than \$8 million. Donations of \$100 or more can help replace a single teak plank. The Battleship is looking for companies, foundations, groups, or individuals, who might be willing to sponsor a larger area of teak replacement. For example, there is a 400 sq. ft. area near the aft brow that is missing teak. To purchase just the teak for that area would cost \$10,000. The cost for the teak for the entire fantail area would be \$250,000.

To make a donation online, visit www.battleshipnewjersey.org/give



After

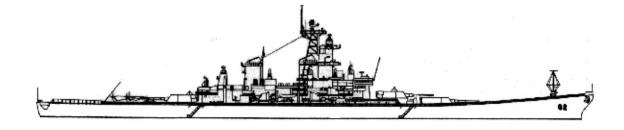


If you know of any organizations or individuals who might be willing to sponsor large areas of teak replacement, please contact Clark Perks at (856) 966-1652, Extension 127, or development@battleshipnewjersey.org



# USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL REUNION





# 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

**WHERE:** Comfort Inn and Copeland Tower Suites

2601 Severn Ave. Metairie, LA 70002

The Hotel is on Severn Ave. South of Veterans Memorial Blvd.

North of Route 10, West of Causeway Boulevard

**WHEN:** September 26 through 29, 2018

**RESERVATIONS:** 1-800-277-7575

1-504-888-9500(Hotel Direct)

Mention the: USS NEW JERSEY REUNION Online reservations can be made at the website:

http://www.choicehotels

Special group rates are available for reservations between

September 24 and 30, 2018

Reservations received after 11:00AM(CST), August 24, 2018, may not

qualify for the group rate.

Individuals will be allowed to cancel reserved rooms up to 3PM (CST) 24 Hours Prior to Arrival without penalty. There will be no penalty for early

checkouts of individual group participants. Parking is free. Complimentary WIFI.

Sorry, service pets only.

The Louis Armstrong Airport is 7 miles from the Hotel, taxi fare

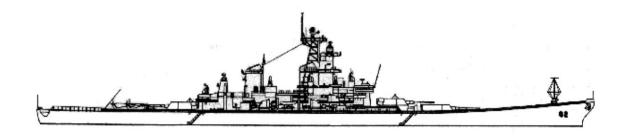
should be less than \$20. There is no hotel shuttle.

COST: Single, Double, Triple, or Quad - \$99.99 (includes breakfast)

Suites – \$119.99 without breakfast OR \$129.99 with breakfast Check In Time: 3:00 PM Check Out Time: 12:00PM

For those who stay at the host hotel, the room rate with breakfast has coupons for 2 people per room children under 18 are free

(contact reunion planner if additional coupons are required)



# PLAN OF THE WEEK

	Wednesday, September 26, 2018
	Check in day – Comfort Inn and Copeland Tower Suites
0900	Registration Desk, Hospitality Room, Small Stores open (Ponchartrain Suite)
1400	Board of Directors Meeting (Crescent City Ballroom)
1630	Registration Desk, Hospitality Room, Small Stores close
1900	Welcome Aboard Reception Dinner (Chateau Ballroom)
	Thursday, Contombon 27, 2019
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0900	Hospitality Room, Small Stores open (Ponchartrain Suite)
0900	Board Buses for City Tour of New Orleans
0930	Buses Depart for the City of New Orleans Tour
1630	Small Stores closes
2200	Hospitality Room closes
	Friday, September 28, 2018
0730	Board Buses for World War II Museum and Memorial Service
0800	Buses Depart for World War II Museum and USS NJ Veterans Memorial Service
0900	USS New Jersey Veterans Memorial Service at the World War II Museum
1700	Depart World War II Museum return to hotel. (Hospitality room open upon return)
2200	Hospitality Room closes
	Cotundary Contomb on 20, 2010
1000	Saturday, September 29, 2018
1000	General Membership Business Meeting (Chateau Ballroom A)
1200	Hospitality Room, Small Stores open (Ponchartrain Suite.)
1500	Hospitality Room, Small Stores close
	1900 Individual and Group pictures (Chateau Ballroom)
1700- 1830	

# Sunday, September 30, 2018

1200 Hotel checkout time

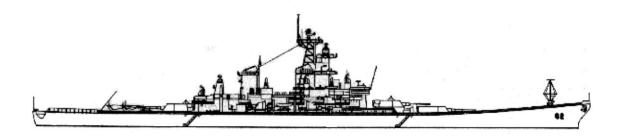
1900 Diner Dance Banquet (Chateau Ballroom)

# HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA

# **32nd Annual Reunion Events Reservation Form**

(Refer to the Plan of the Week for event start times)

V	Wednesday, September	26,2018	
Welcome Aboard Dinner	P	eople @ \$35.00/person	\$
r	Thursday, September 2	7. 2018	
<b>New Orleans City Tour</b>		eople @ \$55.00/person	\$
Fri	iday, September 28, 201	18	
National World War II Museum (lunch, movie, and show in		People @ \$65.00/person	\$
,	Saturday, September 29	9, 2018	
Banquet Dinner	Pe	eople @ \$55.00/person	\$
Chicken Parmesar	n Rib Eye Steak	Redfish Monica	
		50/50 TICKETS	\$
Total Encl	osed \$ to co	ver all items selected	
Please provide the following and	please print:		
NAME	SPOUSE/GU	TEST	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	_ZIP
ERA:	DIVISION:	DATE SERVED_	
E-MAIL:	PHONE		
EMERGENCY CONTACT:		PHONE #	
	D FORM, INCLUDING USS New Jersey Veterar c/o Mr. Phillip Tasker, Tr 7526 14th Lane Vero Beach, FL 32966-	ns, Inc. reasurer	<u>2018</u> , TO:
Date Received:	Check #	Amount: \$	



# <u>INFORMATION FOR SEATING</u> PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Paid meal reservations must be made prior to requesting group seating.
- 2. Banquet seating requests will be accepted between JULY 1st SEPT 1st.

  NOTE: Anyone requesting handicapped seating must notify the Seating Chairman

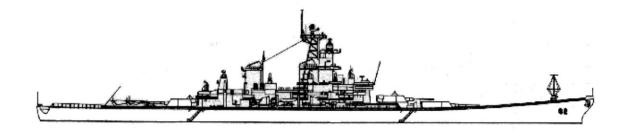
  prior to SEPTEMBER 1
- 3. When requesting group seating, including family members or friends, only ONE PERSON per group should apply. Please list all individuals by name.

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 or 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.

- 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)
- 6. Please make every effort to submit your reunion reservation and any seating request by the posted date's deadline. We will make every effort to accommodate your request, however we cannot guarantee you will be seated where you requested or even with your era, if your request is received after the deadline.

Bill Myers Reunion Seating Chairman 4021 Vernon Ave., Omaha, NE 68111 Cell Phone 402-676-0082 E-mail williamjmye@msn.com



# WELCOME ABOARD RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

1830 Doors Open 1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

## Menu

## **Spring Greens Salad**

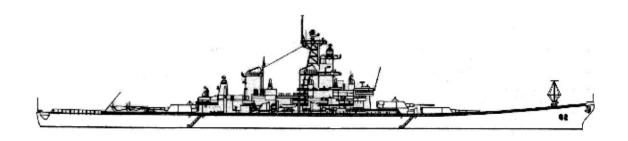
(Choice of Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing)

Rolls, Crackers and Butter

Lemon Butter Chicken
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans

**Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce** 

Ice Tea, Water, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea



## **DINNER DANCE BANQUET**

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

1830 Doors Open1900 Serving Starts

Cash Bar

## **Menu**

## Salad

Spring Greens Salad, choice of Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing Bread Presentations

## **Entrée Choices**

## **Chicken Parmesan**

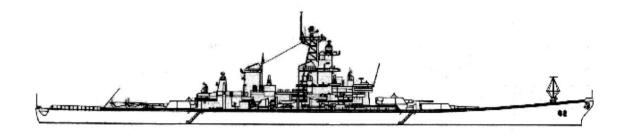
## Rib Eye Steak

## **Redfish Monica topped with Crawfish Cream**

# Roasted Red Potatoes and Chef's Vegetable Medley

## **Banana's Foster Cheesecake**

Iced Tea, Water, Decaffeinated and Regular Coffee and Tea



#### USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION INC.

**Thursday Tour of the City of New Orleans** 

A seated bus tour through neighborhoods of this famous city. The tour will visit:

The Uptown District with its old historic mansions, plantation homes, and Tulane University, reminiscent of Charleston South Carolina.

The Garden District, here you will find smaller, more modern homes. Celebrities and people with "new money" reside here.

The Warehouse District with its Federal style construction. This section of the city looks like a Northeastern town.

The Central Business District with modern high rises and onto the famous French Quarter settled over 300 years ago.

Marigny and Bywater neighborhoods which have the feel of old Key West with Caribbean style homes.

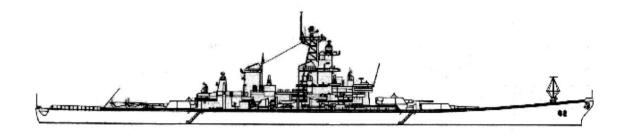
*Treme* with its African American and Creole culture was settled during the Code Noir Period of French Colonial rule.

Bayou St. John which was where the Higgins Boats used for beach landings in WW II were loaded onto transport for overseas use.

We stop at *City Park* and the Morning Call Cafe for coffee and beignets, nearby are the Botanical Garden and the Dueling Tree.

St. Louis Cemetery 3 near City Park where we disembark and see the interesting way cemeteries below sea level operate.

We finish the Tour with a nice drive along the Lakefront and return to the hotel around lunchtime.



#### USS NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION INC.

Friday, September 28, 2018

Visit the National World War II Museum where we will hold the USS New Jersey Memorial Service

Buses arrive for boarding at 0730, and depart for the Museum at 0800. Please try to be on time. We arrive at the Museum for our Memorial Service at 0900.

After the Memorial Service the time is yours to visit the Campaigns of Courage, self-guided, multi-media exhibits devoted to the Pacific Theater (ROAD TO TOKYO), and the European Theater (ROAD TO BERLIN).

The Louisiana Pavilion encompasses the D-Day and Normandy exhibits. The Home Front showcases the Higgins Boat and C-47 aircraft. The Freedom Pavilion contains exhibits that describe the history and production of war machinery (tanks, trucks, WW II aircraft.)

At 1145 we will meet at The Canteen for lunch, included in the price, and a matinee show, also included, featuring music and entertainment from the WW II era. This might be a good time to discuss what others have seen and make plans for the afternoon.

We end our visit with a 4-D Movie "Beyond All Boundaries" at 1530 hours. This is an epic story of World War II produced by Tom Hanks. At the conclusion of the 40-minute movie we will board our buses for the return trip to the hotel.



# USS NEW JERSEY BB-62 REUNION NAME PLATE FORM

Mark your required History String(s)

City	Year	Quantity	
Plankowner	1943	_ <del></del>	Name Plate will be attached to your
Plankowner	1950		envelope at the Welcome Aboard Table
Plankowner	1968		1
Plankowner	1982		
Long Beach CA	1982		Complete this section by selecting the
Atlantic City NJ	1984		designed name plate for crew member,
Indianapolis, IN	1986		associates, spouse, or guest:
New Orleans LA	1988		1
Daytona Beach FL	1990		Crew Member Plate 2 X 3 inches
Nashville TN	1992	<del></del>	
Cherry Hill NJ	1993		Associate Member, Spouse or
San Diego CA	1994		guest 1 X 3 inches
Norfolk VA	1995	<del></del>	O
Fort Mitchell KY	1996		All name Plates are white with blue letters
Danvers MA	1997		
Colorado Springs CO	1998		Please print desired text as you wish it
Seattle WA	1999		displayed on the lines provided. (We
Daytona Beach FL	2000		reserve the right to rearrange text for
Branson MO	2001	<del></del>	clarity and to minimize disorder):
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		Pricing:
Hilton Head, SC	2011		Name tags are \$15.00 each (2x3 inch or
Cherry Hill NJ	2012		1x3 inch). History Strings are \$5.00 each
Virginia Beach VA	2013		, ,
St. Louis MO	2014		Make checks payable to USS New Jersey
Portland OR	2015		Veterans, Inc and mail this order form to:
Philadelphia PA	2016		Mike Schappaugh
Deerfield IL	2017		3540 16th Street N
New Orleans LA	2018		Saint Petersburg, FL 33704
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# SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY, AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

The organization will continue to award three \$1000.00 scholarships. A committee appointed by the President will review the applications and make the selection. This listing will then be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. These selections will then be forwarded for final approval by the members at the formal business meeting.

# Applications for the Scholarship must be mailed and postmarked NO later than June 1, 2018.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- a. No Committee member's family or relative is eligible for the award.
- b. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who have maintained a 'B' or '3.0' GPA
- c. Students must be a graduating senior, attending an accredited high school/vocational technical institution graduating in the class of 2018.
- d. Applicants must be recommended by their high school guidance counselor.
- e. Awards must be used at an accredited educational/technical institution for undergraduate studies.
- f. Awards are not available for graduate studies
- g. The award will be paid directly to the institution selected.

# Additional information and forms are only available on the internet at WWW.USSNEWJERSEY.ORG

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. Any child, or grandchild of a member in good standing, including children of a member in good standing who passed away during the current membership year is eligible.
- b. Must be a high school senior graduating in the class of 2018.
- c. Official transcripts for the 11th grade and the available marking periods of 12th grades completed by June 1, 2018, must be submitted with the applications.
- d. Must have two (2) academic references.
- e. Student's personal resume.
- f. Student's complete essay.
- g. Name and address of educational/technical institution to be attended.
- h. Graduation picture.

#### APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Eligibility requirements b, c, d, e, f, g, and h must be postmarked by June 1, 2018. Mail application to: Robert Dingman, 1215 Old North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246-2690

THE PRESIDENT WILL NOTIFY THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS BY PHONE AND A LETTER OF CONFIRMATION.

# Quad 40 Restored and Installed on the Ship



Removed from the mighty WWII battleship when she was being overhauled for use in Vietnam, just one of the kamikaze-busting anti-aircraft artillery mounts remain.

When the *USS New Jersey* was built, the wounds of Pearl Harbor were still fresh in the minds of battleship sailors and the new series of capital ships were stacked deep with 40mm and 20mm cannons, designed to fill the sky around the ship with a hurricane of flak to break up Japanese air attacks. The battlewagon carried no less than 80 <u>40mm/56</u> cal Bofors cannon, arranged in 20 quad mounts. The Bofars 40mm could fire up to 160 rounds per minute.

On June 19-20 1944 during the Battle of the Philippines Sea, the Quad 40s and five inch guns on the *USS New Jersey* helped to shoot down 400 enemy planes.

# USS New Jersey 16 Inch Gun Barrels being loaded On Railroad Flat Beds in Virginia for Transport and Restoration







Phillip Tasker, Treasurer USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. 7526 14th Ln. Vero Beach, FL 32966-1200

Dear Phillip,

I want to thank you and all the other Veterans for recently giving \$5,437.80 to the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial in 2017 for restoration and maintenance of the ship, and for the previous donation of \$5,000 earlier this year. The USS New Jersey Veterans total support for the Battleship in 2017 was \$10,437.80. The Battleship New Jersey is a 501(3)(3) non-profit and our ID# is 22-3604324.

The Battleship will put your support to good use. The Museum is replacing 53,000 sq. ft. of the teak deck, a project estimated at \$8 million. The teak on the aft 03 Level was replaced in the fall of 2017. The steel deck underneath had rusted through and new steel was welded in place before the new teak was placed down. The ship's massive boiler and engine rooms are now being prepared for a new tour route at a cost of \$500,000.

As you know, the Museum has also been working to obtain for display a Quadruple 40mm Bofors anti-aircraft gun and three 16" gun barrels used on the ship during World War II and the Korean War. The ship's twenty Quad 40s were removed when she was recommissioned for Vietnam and only one still remains. It returned to the ship fully restored and fully functional in November of 2017. The three gun barrels - each 120 tons and 68 feet long - were removed in 1954. The Battleship has been working for years to obtain them from storage in Virginia and keep them from being cut up for scrap. The 16" gun barrels are scheduled to return in January of 2018. Transporting and displaying these barrels and the Quad 40 is estimated cost \$200,000 and the ship has raised more than \$127,000 so far.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please contact me at (856) 966-1652, Extension 127, or c.perks@battleshipnewjersey.org

Thanks again!

Clark Perks

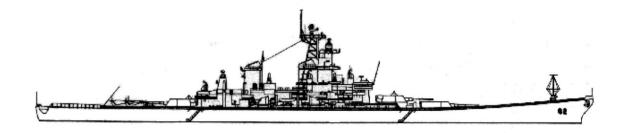
Development Director

Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial #22-3604324



# USS New Jersey BB-62 Taps Listing

<u>Name</u>	<b>Division</b>	<u>Era</u>	<b>Hometown</b>
Russell Collins	M	WW II	Palmyra, NJ
Roger Oosterink	R	WW II	Dellview, CT
John Porter	$\mathbf{V}$	Vietnam	Springfield, IL
William Walker	R	WW II	Seattle, WA



# USS New Jersey BB-62 Welcome Aboard New Members

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