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**Now Hear This...**  
**from the Curator - Battleship New Jersey:**

During the next few weeks, we will be putting together new Docent tour plan arrangements as we prepare to host an expected 2,000+ visitors on some days this spring. Volunteers and Docents have done an outstanding job so far and we thank you all once again - we only ask that you please stay flexible and focused as we try to come up with new, different, and interesting tours to accommodate these very large groups of visitors. We all know how limited we are in space to accept and move thousands of visitors through the ship. We are also limited to the number of Docents we have available on any given day - that will be our challenge as Spring arrives. More on this later... please stay tuned to the bulletins.

**Kean University - Battleship New Jersey visit – Urgent Notice!:**

On Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have the honor of hosting a number of students from Kean University, all studying to become history teachers. During these two days, we are asking for 5–10 Docents that can pre-commit to bring their bag-lunches and prepare to conduct small tour groups of these students, and engage in active discussions during lunch about shipboard/military life. These are the folks that will be teaching our children and our grandchildren for years to come about the history of this great ship and what it was like to have served our nation and serve in our military forces. We more than fit this bill with a rich corps of ex-military and retired military Docents. Please let the OOD know if we can count on you this Wednesday and Thursday...

**“The Jerseyman” - Battleship New Jersey bulletins:**

I have recently had conversations with Bruce Haegley and Tom Helvig as to future directions for our bulletins. After this (#6) Issue, we plan to issue them to you every other week. *The Jerseyman* bulletins are designed to accomplish a number of very important functions. The most important being to keep our Docents and Volunteers informed on a regular basis. We apologize for having been delayed in getting the word out regularly in the past, but it is on the front-burner now! The bulletin will be used to tell you about upcoming events, announce any changes to ship's policy, distribute more information and facts to use on your tours, list some of the planned priority restoration job assignments, and in effect we will try to make it interesting for you to read!

Thanks for all your hard work!

Curator – Battleship New Jersey

## **Bravo Zulu...**

There is a long explanation covering the naval origins of “Bravo Zulu.” In simplest terms, it is used throughout the US Navy to praise for a job particularly “well done.” Although there are many shipmates aboard USS New Jersey deserving of Bravo Zulu, here is one shipmate we are going to start with...

### **USS New Jersey Docent - Paul Hanstein**

The next time you see a Camden Police Department patrol car parked at the ship’s entrance, you may recognize Docent Paul Hanstein as a Patrolman with the Camden Police force. It was ex-Boatswain and AMH2 Paul Hanstein, (USN 1979-1988) that has hand crafted the fancy rope work seen throughout the ship. Passageways, ladders and bells all show his handiwork. We say a well deserved “**Bravo Zulu!**” to Paul for taking the time to go through over 3,000 feet (and still counting) of “small stuff,” and many hand blisters to create the nautical trim for our ship. The next time you see Paul, you may want to shake his hand and say a well deserved – “Thanks shipmate”...



### **USS Iowa, USS New Jersey, USS Missouri, USS Wisconsin – together?**

There was only one time in the history of USS Iowa class battleships that they were all together at one time... it was off of Norfolk, Virginia on **June 7, 1954.**

At the time, Rear Admiral George Cooper was Commander Battleship Division Two, and realized that this was the first and probably the last opportunity to get all four Iowa Class battleships operating together. He received permission from Commander Battleship Cruiser force Atlantic Fleet, and the four battleships gathered for several hours of “steaming, photo taking, and maneuvering drills.” The photo below was taken two months later in August 1954, from USS Iowa and shows USS New Jersey at anchor in Hampton Roads Virginia. (Information taken from *Battleship New Jersey, An Illustrated History* by Paul Stillwell)



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