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We have not changed our two week publishing schedule of *The Jerseyman* - This early issue is needed to pass new and urgent information to All Hands ...

Notes from the Curator:

We have all seen the heavy and welcome increase in our visitor activity over the past couple of weeks. We believe this is just the beginning of what will be a very active time for our ship, and in particular for all of you that make Battleship New Jersey visitor experiences both informative and entertaining. Please remember that it is the end of your tour that offers a final opportunity to make our visitor's want to return for another tour.

Guided tours...

It is important that each guided tour end with the Docent accompanying each group on a visit to the second deck ship's store and the enlisted mess areas. Please remember:

1. The Ship's store is now open every day until 1800 hours.
2. We ask that Docents check with the OOD each Monday and Tuesday if the "Geedunk Bar" will be open on those days. (Opening on these days will usually be dependent on scheduled events and visitor attendance.)

Visitor Surveys...

At the end of each tour, we ask that you give your visitors time to sit down and rest for a few minutes in the enlisted mess, and ask them for any final questions they might have about the ship, and the tour. **In turn, we ask that Docents please remember to ask the visitors to fill out their surveys at this time.** This is very important for us to get a better understanding of what public perception is, and how our tours can be improved. Direct them to the 16" "Bullet" available and placed near the "Geedunk" bar for them to deposit their surveys...

Station tours...

We need to ensure that the above Ship's store and enlisted mess visit opportunities are not missed by visitors when the station tours are in effect. Docents stationed near the Helicopter and Fantail areas are asked to direct all visitors to the ladders leading down to the Ship's store and Second deck enlisted mess. Remind them to - **"Please remember to complete your surveys and drop them in the marked "16" Bullet" located near the "Geedunk Bar" between the Ship's store and the enlisted mess areas".**

Docent/Volunteer Q. and A.

(Thanks to all Docents, Volunteers and Staff that have submitted these great questions... please keep them coming. We will try to answer them all in future issues as space permits.)

Q. What was the correct total of USS New Jersey Commanding Officers?

A. There were 19 Commanding Officers of USS New Jersey:

The first was Capt. Carl F. Holden from May 23, 1943 to Jan 26, 1945.

The last was Capt. Ronald D. Tucker from May 19, 1989 to Feb 8, 1991.

Q. What are the facts concerning colored dye in the 16” projectiles?

A. Under the ballistic cap of an AP or target projectile, there is a load of dye to spot the fall of the shot. Each Iowa Class ship had their own colors...

USS Iowa – Orange

USS New Jersey – Blue

USS Missouri – Red

USS Wisconsin – Green

(Iowa Class Battleships by Malcolm Muir – Page 34)

Q. What does the “BB” designator mean in BB-62?

A. Following is a condensed look at the US Naval ship naming and nomenclature system from the US Naval Historical Center

1895 – Warship numbering system in effect was; Battleship 1, Battleship 2 etc..., Cruiser 1, Cruiser 2 etc...

July 17, 1920 – New designators - Many new ship types were coming along, and auxiliaries especially needed to have new sub-categories assigned... i.e., “Repair ship AR-4” meant A-Auxiliary, R-Repair, 4-Fourth ship in series.

To keep the system standard, ship types that did not have sub-classification categories, such as Battleships, Destroyers etc... simply repeated the first letter – BB, DD and so on... Cruisers became much more complicated, and did begin using many new sub-categories, such as C = Cruiser, CB = Large Cruiser, CG = Guided Missile Cruiser, CGN = Guided Missile Cruiser, Nuclear etc...

Joint Military Operations:

One reason the services have trouble operating jointly is that they don’t speak the same language...

For example, if you told Navy Personnel to “**Secure a building.**” they would turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Army personnel would occupy the building so no one could enter.

Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat.

Air Force personnel would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.



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