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Dear Battleship New Jersey Volunteers,



Thank you for the warm welcome aboard. My name is Troy Collins and I am the new Chief Operating Officer. As I toured the ship for the first time prior to joining the organization, it was immediately apparent that you should be proud of your accomplishments. The Battleship was in beautiful condition and the docents were warm, friendly and knowledgeable.

Over the next year I will be concentrating on many aspects of the ship's business operations. Maturity and growth will continue and we will all learn how to do it better and better everyday.

Your contributions have been and will continue to be invaluable. As part of our maturation effort we plan to recruit heavier and create a more formal welfare system for some of our most important individuals...our volunteers. We will also be developing a system to tap into your distinguished backgrounds as military personnel, entrepreneurs and business executives. We want to hear your ideas and find ways to implement them. Over the next two weeks we plan to place volunteer suggestion boxes in two locations... 1) at the Docent Lounge, and 2) at the Volunteer First Class Lounge. You may sign your responses or leave them anonymously. In any event, we want and need your ideas.

Thanks to Admiral Seigenthaler, The Home Port Alliance, and the staff and volunteers, we have an opportunity like no other on the Camden Waterfront. Patience and teamwork will bring us to heights we cannot even imagine today.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Regards,

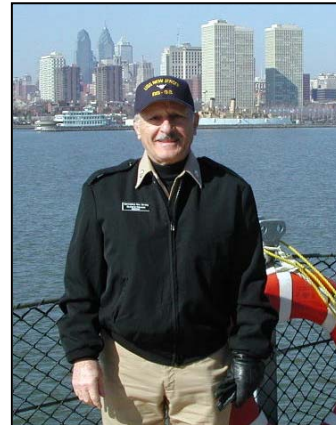
Troy Collins

Bravo Zulu!

CMSGT Richard Palazzo, USN/USAF (Ret.)

On Monday, July 1, 2002, at 1515 hours, Docent Richard Palazzo led his 100th visitor tour aboard the Battleship New Jersey!

(The Jerseyman thanks volunteer CWO4 Pat DeChirico for this milestone information on Docent Richard Palazzo.)



STAND DOWN 2002 -

In the last issue of *The Jerseyman* we regret that we neglected to include the date and times for “STAND DOWN 2002.” The date/time that this one day event will be held is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on **Friday, Sept 20th**. This volunteer event to assist homeless veterans and their families, is being chaired by Battleship New Jersey Volunteer Supervisor Harry Ruhle, and will be held at the Excelsior Scottish Rite Auditorium in West Collingswood, NJ. Harry is asking for your help. Please see him for registration information. Thanks!



Volunteer Supervisor
Sgt. Harry Ruhle
US Army 1960 – 1962

From the archives...

”BILL OF FARE FOR THE GENERAL MESS WEEK BEGINNING 6 APRIL 1953”

This weekly menu described the USS New Jersey meals for each day, and is signed/approved by the Captain, G.L. Melson, Commanding.

Of particular interest is the entry:

“Est. Total Cost (for the week): \$18,224.38.
Estimated Cost Per Man Per Day: \$1.2523”



On the Binnacle List...

Chet Klabe informed *The Jerseyman* today, that Volunteer Sam Kuncewich was taken to Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital on Thursday night, July 11th with heart problems. He is currently in the Cardiac Care Unit (CCU). To send a card and well wishes to Sam, his home address is:

**Sam Kuncewich
2736 Plover Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19153**

On behalf of all Battleship New Jersey staff, Docents, and restoration volunteers, we wish Sam a speedy recovery and return to the ship.

Spotlight...

- Q.** If the USS New Jersey had ever capsized, would the 16” turrets fall out?
A. USS Iowa class battleship 16” turrets would NOT fall out.

The turrets have massive “hold-down clips” fitted to the cylindrical bulkhead of the turret electric deck. They are designed to “preclude any vertical motion.” Video footage showing foreign battleships without their turrets at the bottom of the sea, are due to ship turret design differences between nations. For example:

- USS Oklahoma capsized – turrets did not fall out.
- USS Arizona forward turret not blown out by massive 14” magazine explosion.
- KMS Bismarck gravity held turrets did fall out as the ship capsized.
- KMS Tirpitz turret was blown out by "Tall-Boy bombs" - Tromso fjord Norway. (KMS Tirpitz turret ball bearings are still being found around Tromso fjord!)
- KMS Gneisenau high pressure gases from a magazine fire lifted Turret #1 off the roller path, and it later re-seated itself.
- IJN Nagato at Bikini Atoll still has her turrets intact – seen in diver’s photos.
- IJN Yamato had her turrets blown out by magazine explosions. Ship sank in 3 sections North of Okinawa.

(Source: OP 769, Figure 1-3 Turret Roller Carriage arrangement diagram, and naval history sources...)

Vintage World War 2
USS Iowa class battleship data...

MORE THAN 900 ELECTRIC MOTORS
5,300 LIGHTING FIXTURES
250 MILES OF ELECTRICAL CABLE
800 MILES OF WELDING
1,135,000 RIVETS
16 MILES OF VENTILATION DUCTS
14,140 VALVES
80 MILES OF PIPING
MORE THAN 1,300 TELEPHONES
100,000 GALLONS OF WATER PRODUCED DAILY FROM 3 EVAPORATORS

STOREROOMS HOLD:

100 TONS OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
650 TONS OF DRY STORES
84 TONS OF FROZEN FOOD/MEAT
2,236,000 GALLONS OF FUEL OIL
60,296 GALLONS OF DIESEL OIL
209,076 GALLONS OF FRESH WATER
9,040 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL

(Source: Sincere thanks to FCCM (SW) Stephen Skelley, USN (Ret.) for providing the WW2 Iowa Class data to *The Jerseyman*.)

When contacting *The Jerseyman*:

With all of the online virus and spam mail received on a daily basis, it would be helpful if All Hands would use a “BB62”, “USS NJ”, or something similar in the subject line when writing to *The Jerseyman*. We so not want to make a mistake and delete an important message because of an un-recognized email address. Thanks!

Reminder: Please send e-mail addresses to Bruce Haegley haegley@comcast.net, and bulletin comments or suggestions to Tom Helvig - THelvig@aol.com.