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## Remembering 9/11...



On Wednesday, September 11, 2002, everyone in the USA who will be driving a motor vehicle is asked to drive with their headlights on during daylight hours.

Though no explanation is needed as to why we commemorate September 11, 2001.

We hope more importantly to pay respect to the victims of that day, show our nation's solidarity, and support for our men and women of the Armed Forces.

**"United We Stand"**



On Friday, September 13, 2002, USS New Jersey will welcome back aboard more than 1,000 past crewmen spanning over 59 years of proud service to our country, and to the United States Navy. On behalf of the current crew of volunteers, *The Jerseyman* welcomes All Hands! Bravo Zulu crewmen of USS New Jersey!



**First Commissioning: May 23, 1943 – June 30, 1948**

Capt. Carl F. Holden: 23 May 1943 – 26 January 1945  
Capt. E. Tyler Wooldridge: 26 January – 17 November 1945  
Capt. Edward M. Thompson: 17 November 1945 – 5 August 1946  
Capt. Leon J. Huffman: 5 August 1946 – 23 May 1947  
Capt. George L. Menocal: 23 May 1947 – 14 Feb 1948  
CDR. J. Wilson Leverton, Jr.: 14 Feb 1948 – 30 June 1948

**Second Commissioning: Nov 21, 1950 – August 21, 1957**

Capt. David M. Tyree: 21 November 1950 – 17 November 1951  
Capt. Francis D. McCorkle: 17 Nov 1951 – 20 October 1952  
Capt. Charles L. Melson: 20 Oct 1952 – 24 Oct 1953  
Capt. John C. Atkeson: 24 Oct 1953 – 18 March 1955  
Capt. Edward J. O'Donnell: 18 Mar 1955 – 31 May 1956  
Capt. Charles B. Brooks, Jr.: 31 May 1956 – 21 Aug 1957



**Third Commissioning: April 6, 1968 – Dec 17, 1969**

Capt. J. Edward Snyder, Jr.: 6 April 1968 – 27 Aug 1969  
Capt. Robert C. Peniston: 27 Aug 1969 – 17 Dec 1969

**Fourth Commissioning: Dec 28, 1982 – February 8, 1991**

Capt. William M. Fogarty: 28 Dec 1982 – 15 Sept 1983  
Capt. Richard D. Milligan: 15 Sept 1983 – 7 Sept 1985  
Capt. Walter Lewis Glenn, Jr.: 7 Sept 1985 – Aug 8, 1987  
Capt. Douglas J. Katz: Aug 8, 1987 – May 19, 1989  
Capt. Ronald D. Tucker: May 19, 1989 – February 8, 1991



To recognize the past service and accomplishments of USS New Jersey and her crew, *The Jerseyman* begins to provide with this issue, excerpts from the ship's history. A look back... as taken from her original newspapers, *Clean Sweep Down* and *The Jerseyman*...



**U.S.S. New Jersey (BB 62)**  
**The Jerseyman - June 5, 1953**

C.O. Captain C.L. Melson, USN  
X.O. Cdr. P.L. Joachim, USN

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> of 1953, the Big "J" was in Sasebo, Japan and the occasion was the coronation of The Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II...



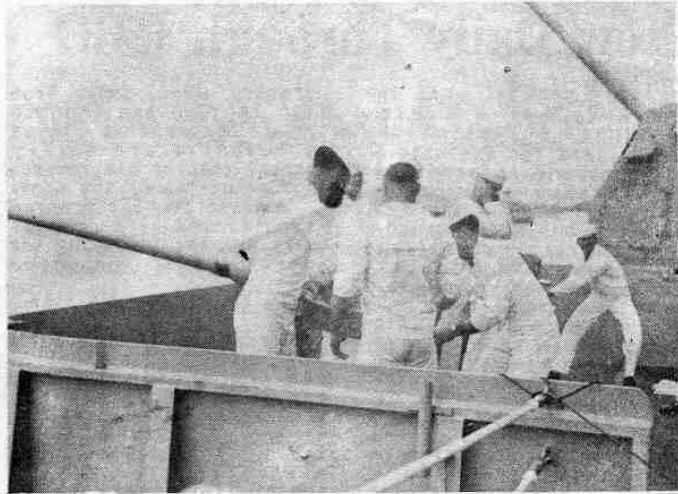
Also in the June 1953 issue...

**First CO Dies**

Vice Admiral Carl F. Holden (Ret.) died last week in the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, N.Y. Admiral Holden was the first commanding officer of the USS New Jersey when it was commissioned in 1943.

**Mileage Chart**

Wonsan to K-18	219
K-18 to Wonsan	194
Wonsan to TF 77	199
TF 77 to Wonsan	333
Wonsan to Sasebo	864
This weeks Total	1719
Last weeks Total	23,358
Grand Total	25,077



Crew fires a 21-gun salute in honor of the coronation of the Queen of England while in Sasebo harbor tuesday.

**Jersey Honors Coronation**

Last Tuesday, Vice Admiral J.J. Clark and a group of officers and enlisted men from the New Jersey went aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Ocean to attend a reception in honor of the coronation of the Queen of England.

The New Jersey and all the other ships in Sasebo were full dressed in honor of the Queen's Coronation. In addition, the New Jersey rendered a twenty-one gun salute at noon.

On April 13, 1953 USS New Jersey began her second tour of Korean war duty with a dawn bombardment at Chongjin on the North Korean coastline. Chongjin is located 50 miles south of the Russian border, and 45 miles from Manchuria. According to *Jerseyman* reports at the time, the ship scored 7 direct hits in 7 minutes. The designator K-18 shown on the above mileage chart referred to a small airfield ashore that Admiral Clark would visit by helicopter to confer with Army and Air Force commanders. At the time, Vice Admiral Joseph J. "Jocko" Clark was Commander Seventh Fleet. The next day, April 14, 1953, and following the initial bombardment, Admiral Clark entertained President and Madame Syngman Rhee aboard USS New Jersey in waters off of Pusan.





**The crew of USS New Jersey:**



**Volunteer S/Sgt Fred Cassentino, USAF  
334th Fighter Squadron - Korea  
1948 - 1952**

**Volunteer EM1 (Electrician's Mate 1st Class)  
Chet Klabe  
PF (Patrol Frigate)  
out of Argentia, Newfoundland  
1944 - 1949**



**Volunteer RM3 (Radioman 3rd Class)  
Joe Donnelly  
(Speed key radio operator)  
USS Pickaway (PA-222)  
Amphibious Forces  
1943 – 1945**



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