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September 11, 2002 – Commemoration...

By order of the Chief of Naval Operations, VADM Charles W. Moore, Jr., at 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2002, all US Navy ships, including USS New Jersey, lowered the Union Jack and raised the “first Navy Jack.”

The first Navy Jack, “DON’T TREAD ON ME,” was first hoisted by Commodore Esek Hopkins. It was in the fall of 1775 as he commanded and prepared the Continental Navy to do battle. They were located in these Delaware River waters.



The Jerseyman photo of USS New Jersey proudly displays the first Navy Jack at her bow. “THE FIRST NAVY JACK WILL BE FLOWN ON BOARD ALL U.S. NAVY SHIPS IN LIEU OF THE UNION JACK DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM... THE JACK REPRESENTS A HISTORIC REMINDER OF THE NATION’S AND NAVY’S ORIGIN, AND WILL TO PRESERVE AND TRIUMPH...”



From the Volunteer affairs office:

To All Volunteers,

The reunion of the USS New Jersey on Friday, September 13, was an overwhelming success thanks to the dedication of you, the ship's volunteers. Your dedication to the Battleship New Jersey made it possible for our veterans to return to this place that holds an abundance of memories for them. You made their reunion this year one to be remembered a lifetime, not only by the veterans themselves, but also by their children and grandchildren. Without you, the sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of former crewmembers would never have been able to share this experience with their loved ones. You have made a lot of people very happy this weekend. Your tireless and selfless efforts are truly appreciated. For this and for all that you do for the volunteer program, we are grateful and offer you our heart-felt thanks.

The Office of Volunteer Affairs

S/Joseph Fillmyer, Harry Ruhle, George Gasper, Dan Farrell

Miss America contestants visit USS New Jersey

On Wednesday, September 18th, the crew of USS New Jersey was honored to host 17 of the Miss America contestants. For those that could not attend this event aboard ship, and for the past crewmen from each of the states represented here, *The Jerseyman* presents the photos of our Miss America visitors. From the past and present crews of USS New Jersey, we wish all of our Miss America 2003 contestants – Best wishes and Good Luck!



Jeanne Anne Schroeder
Miss Kansas



Janna Kerns
Miss West Virginia



Sarah Jo Willey
Miss Vermont



Melanie Correia
Miss Massachusetts



Camille Lewis
Miss Maryland



Peggy Willman
Miss Alaska



Lauren Davidson
Miss Arkansas



Teresa Benitez
Miss Nevada



Misty Clymer
Miss North Carolina



Rachel E. Wadsworth
Miss Maine



Stacey Thomas
Miss North Dakota



Beth Holland
Miss Wyoming



Scarlotte Deupree
Miss Alabama



Morgan O'Murray
Miss Colorado



Mary Morin
Miss New Hampshire



Jayme Dawicki
Miss Wisconsin



Natalie Johnson
Miss Utah



The Jerseyman – now available online:

On a temporary basis, and until our official Battleship New Jersey website is re-designed, all future and archival issues of *The Jerseyman* will be available to All Hands online at www.ussnewjersey.com. **We sincerely want to thank shipmate volunteer Rich Thrash for offering his fine website and technical assistance!** We ask all past and current crewmen to consider *The Jerseyman* online as their pipeline to current activities aboard Battleship New Jersey, and for a continuing look back at her proud half-century of naval history. As you download each issue in Adobe Acrobat, please notice the “Thumbnail” label on the left of your screen... if you click on this label, all pages will appear in miniature and each page can then be selected directly. More coming... stay tuned.

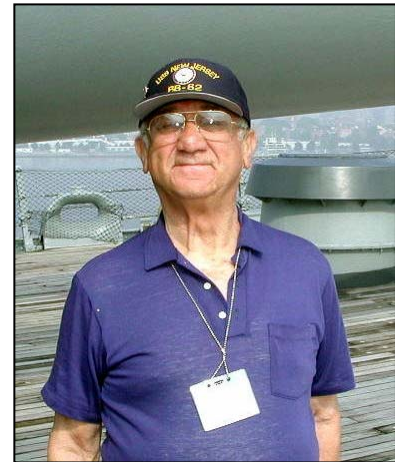




The crew of USS New Jersey:



**Volunteer
LCDR Aaron Levitsky
USS Bunker Hill (CV-17)
Pilot - F6F, F4U Corsair,
SBD Dauntless
USN 1942 - 1973**



**Volunteer Seaman
Bob Whomsley
USS South Dakota (BB-57)
GQ Station Turret #3
from March 1942 – June 1943
USS David W Taylor (DD 551) from
July 1943 – Nov 1945
USN 1942 - 1945**



**Volunteer FC3
(FireControlman 3rd Class)
Richard Silvers
USS South Dakota (BB 57)
GQ Station Mark 37 – “Sky 1”
from Aug 1943 – April 1945
USN 1942 - 1945**



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