



THE JERSEYMAN
USS Intrepid visit... October 19, 2002

We sincerely want to thank the former crewmembers of *USS Intrepid* for the fine hospitality shown to our *USS New Jersey* volunteers during our recent visit.
Bravo Zulu!

Although *USS Intrepid* and her sister carriers endured heavy combat, many casualties, and extremely heavy damage, it is a proud commentary that
No Essex Class Carrier was ever sunk by enemy action!

Of the 24 Essex Class carriers laid down, only 4 survive today as museum ships. *USS Intrepid* (CV-11) in New York City, *USS Yorktown* (CV-10) in Charleston, S.C., *USS Lexington* (CV-16) in corpus Christi, Texas, and *USS Hornet* (CV-12) in Alameda, Ca.

The *USS New Jersey* is proud to join the United States Naval Museum fleet with these ships and their fine volunteer crews. We sincerely hope to return the hospitality (and great “Sea Stories”) shared by the former crewmembers of *USS Intrepid* 1943—1974... our thanks to All Hands!



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**Nov 10, 1775
 US Marine Corps
 Birthday
 “Semper Fi”**



FROM THE BRIDGE...

Rear Admiral Joseph Edward Snyder, Junior United States Navy, Retired

In recent discussions with RADM Snyder, he said that just before the transit of *USS New Jersey* to Westpac and Vietnam in 1968, he had the hull draft markings on *USS New Jersey* repainted to show a 41 foot mark. This was done to reflect the added fuel he planned to bring aboard. We asked if he would offer some background information on this hull marking change, to begin "From The Bridge" feature articles for *The Jerseyman*. The 1968 and 1969 ship narratives prepared during this period by Captain Snyder, and his former PAO (Public Affairs Officer) LTJG Scott Cheyne were also used for reference. We thank Admiral Snyder for his response, and hope to include more "From The Bridge," in future issues of *The Jerseyman*. RADM Snyder was 13th Commanding Officer of the *USS New Jersey (BB 62)* from April 6, 1968 to August 27, 1969.

"When they removed the 20mm and 40mm guns for the deployment, there was so much excess stability that I saw no problem in adding more fuel capacity to the ship. I had done this once before on a 2250 long hull destroyer, and with this added capacity, the ship was going to exceed 60,000 tons displacement. It is mostly the fuel that significantly affects displacement – not the ammunition, or anything else. My whole purpose in this fuel capacity increase was to avoid having to take on additional fuel during the deployment. We were there for bombardment—period. What I had not counted on at the time, was the many tankers that wanted to claim bragging rights of having filled up the "World's only active Battleship" (at that time,) so we did actually take on fuel a number of times. When the ship was fully loaded with this increased fuel, she was another 2' higher at the bow than at the stern... a 41' draft aft, and 39' forward.

Another record of interest was the full power run shakedown on March 27th off the Virginia capes. Our Pit logs read 35.2 knots speed sustained for 6 hours, and I followed this by taking all ahead flank directly to all-back emergency. It took 2 miles for the ship to go dead, and start to make sternway... The whole operation went without a hitch. It was a fine ship and a fine crew.

Another unexpected change to fuel requirements was during the shoot-down incident of the Navy EC-121 in April of 1969, but we can talk about that another time..."



From the Editor's desk:

It was described in the ship's 1968 narrative, that Captain Snyder had 1,556 enlisted men and 70 officers to assist in welcoming visitors to the ship as she prepared for her deployment to Vietnam in early 1968. *The Jerseyman* thought it would be interesting to see how many visitor's streamed aboard in mid-1968... Following are some of these recorded visitor totals:

May 24/25, 1968 Norfolk Naval Base weekend almost 32,000 guests.

June 15/16, 1968 Long Beach weekend had over 45,000 guests.

June 22/23, 1968 San Diego weekend topped 46,000 guests.

**In the 5 month period - April of 1968 to Labor day,
USS New Jersey hosted approximately 250,000 visitors...**

The Jerseyman ...NEW publication schedule:

Beginning on December 2, 2002 (Volume 1, Issue #27,) *The Jerseyman* will be reducing publication to once per month. Volume 2, Issue #1 of *The Jerseyman* will be published by Monday, January 6, 2003 and published thereafter on the first Monday of each month. This change is necessary because of the increasing time required to verify and ensure the accuracy of expanding content for *The Jerseyman*, and distribution for an online database (and hardcopies) now numbering over 200 and climbing. We are pleased to report that many past USS New Jersey crewmen from all over the country, have been asking to be included in our *Jerseyman* distribution list... Welcome Aboard shipmates!

To ensure that you receive online notification of new issues as they are published, please remember to send your email addresses (and any email address changes or corrections) to:

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Thanks...

Master Chief Tom Helvig, USN (Ret.)
Writer/Editor *The Jerseyman*

2002 Stand Down... Bravo Zulu!

The 2002 Stand Down, Inc., organization was founded nine years ago by the late Lieutenant Colonel Wolfing . This effort was originated to help our homeless veterans receive some basic services, including medical tests, counseling, meals and clothing. It has been held once a year, but was cancelled last year due to the tragic events of "9/11".

This year's event was held on Friday, September 20 at the Consistory in Collingswood, and over 160 homeless veterans from throughout the state received basic services and the recognition from a grateful Delaware Valley that people really do care. The ship's own Harry Ruhle, has been the chairman of this organization for quite some time, and he has put in much time and effort to make the scheduled events successful. Many from the battleship volunteer force have also volunteered to assist, and they personally escorted each homeless veteran to the stations. Station visits took about one and a half hours to complete for each veteran. Everyone who volunteered at this worth event felt richly rewarded, and satisfied that he/she were able to help those in need of basic services

Many homeless veterans lack even the basic "comforts of home" and receive very little thanks for their time in the military. Stand Down tries to aid these veterans and provide the medical help, etc. to make them feel appreciated. It is a wonderful organization.

Those from the ship who signed-in and worked included these shipmates:

Harry Ruhle -Chairman, Carl Arzillo, Bob Catando, Joe Donnelly, Mayer Falk, Louis Fantacone, Dan Farrell, Ed Kolbe, Jane McCorkell, Tom McCorkell, Bernardette Mennal Jim Moorel Ed Rosenheiml Charles Weiss Carl Williams, and John Yurkow.

If any names have been omitted for volunteers that did not sign in, or who may have left early – **many thanks** to all of our participating shipmates.

Photo of Stand Down 2002 volunteers from
USS New Jersey...

Rear Left to right: Ed Kolbe, Bob Catando,
Bernardette Menna, Dave Boone, Charlie Weiss
Front: Harry Ruhle



Shipmate on the Binnacle list...

On Thursday, October 31st., our shipmate Fred Cassentino had major surgery.
We wish Fred a quick recovery and a speedy return to the ship!
 To send a card, the family asks that mail please be sent to:

Fred Cassentino
 8129 Leon Street
 Philadelphia. Pa. 19136

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



RED, GREEN AND BLUE PILLS...

A man goes to the doctor and tells him that he hasn't been feeling well.

The doctor examines him, leaves the room and comes back with
 three different bottles of pills.

The doctor says, "Take the green pill with a big glass of water when you get up.
 Take the blue pill with a big glass of water after lunch. Then just before going to bed,
 take the red pill with another big glass of water.

"Startled to be put on so much medicine the man stammers,

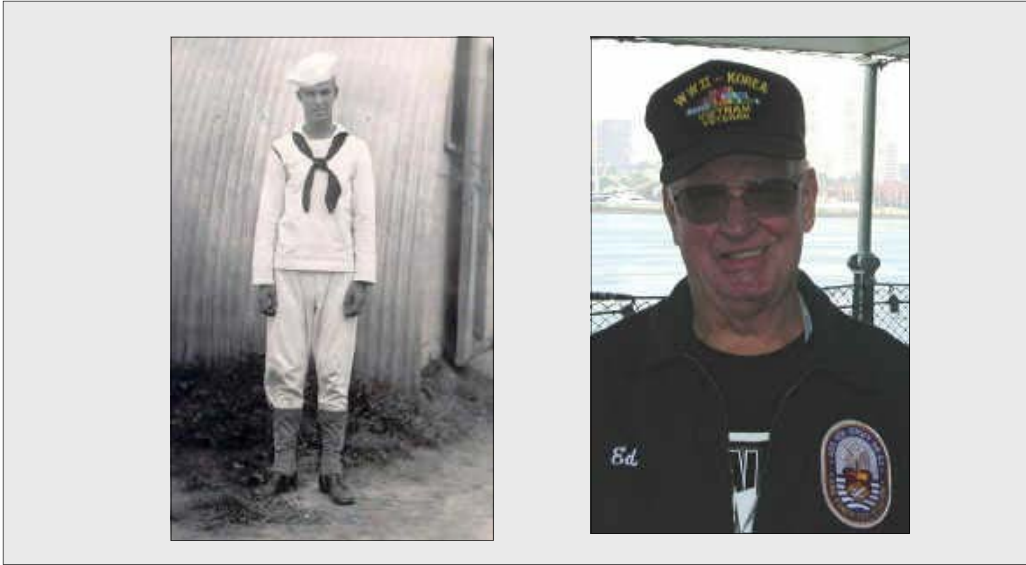
"Jeez doc, exactly what's my problem?"

Doctor says, "You're not drinking enough water."

The volunteer crew of *USS New Jersey*..



Coxswain Ed Miller
USS Cowie DD632 July 1942—April 1948
US Air Force - SMSGT
Oct 1949—August 1972



Volunteer Cpl.
John Hoban
4th Inf. Div.
46th AAA (Mobile), US Army
1954 - 1956

