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**THE JERSEYMAN**  
*Happy Thanksgiving...2002*

**Thanksgiving Day... 1968**

On Thanksgiving Day in 1968, Captain J. Edward Snyder, Jr., and his Public Affairs Officer (PAO) LTJG Scott Cheyne, reviewed the days events as they did every evening for recording in the ship's narrative. These are the recorded days preceding, and leading into Thanksgiving Day 1968...

*“On the 26th, Brigadier General H.H. Cooksey, Assistant Commander of the Americal Division, and Brigadier General Nguyen Van Toan, Commanding General, Second ARVN Division, came aboard to watch the firing. Nineteen more Viet Cong were killed, 66 structures and 22 bunkers were destroyed and 75 meters of trench line were torn up. One secondary battery mission that day utilized rocket assisted projectiles at a range of 23,000 yards. During the night Tuesday, the ship repositioned to Point Betsy near Hue to support the 101st Airborne (Airmobile) Division. Two main battery missions were fired for the 101st, Wednesday prior to departing station at 1600 to rearm from RAINIER.*

*Thanksgiving Day began with a main battery mission at 1000. NEW JERSEY commissarymen had a first opportunity to try their hand at a holiday meal. NEW JERSEYMEN were treated to a spread of traditional Thanksgiving dishes that overflowed the serving lines and necessitated the construction of two tables in the mess decks from which desserts were served. A handsome souvenir menu was printed by the print shop. Thirty NEW JERSEYMEN went ashore that day to spend the holiday with the men of the 101st. Thirty soldiers came out to the ship to have dinner with NEW JERSEYMEN and give everyone an opportunity to discover how the other half lives. The transfer was accomplished by a Chinook helicopter in one lift.”*



*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Beat Army!**

## WHAT IS A WARRIOR?

Veteran's Day -  
November 11th  
Anywhere USA...

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice was signed ending the "War to end all Wars." Arguably, that war was probably the most devastating to all parties in many respects. And, we now know that it really didn't end "all" the wars afterward. Originally, this day was set aside as "Remembrance Day," or "Armistice Day," depending on where you lived. Today, in the US we call it Veteran's Day to honor ALL veterans from all wars wherever and whenever they occurred.

### WHAT IS A WARRIOR?

He/She is a cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of gas.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown redneck frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times by four hours of exquisite valor and courage near the 38th parallel in the 1950's.

She is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep crying every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back at all.

He is the Parris Island drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is a parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

There are three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, whose very presence at Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of ALL anonymous heroes whose valor died unrecognized with them on the battlefield, in the ocean's sunless deep, or in the boundless skies above.

He is the boatswain's mate, who ties the knots and makes sure that the ship is safe for the rest of the crew.

He is that old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

They are ordinary and yet extraordinary human beings - persons who offered their life's most vital and productive years in the service of their country, and who sacrificed ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

They are a warrior, a savior, and a sword against the forces of darkness, and nothing less than the finest and greatest testimonies on behalf of the best humanity has to offer.

So, while in that "War to end all Wars" we are probably talking about men, since that time we know that WOMEN and MEN share the title of warrior on our behalf. Remember, each time you see someone, anyone, who has served your country, just walk over or lean over and say "Thank You." That's all most people will ever need, and in most cases it will mean much more than any medals or citations they could have been or were awarded. Two simple little words: THANK YOU.

It is the warrior, not the reporter, who purchased the freedom of the press for you.

It is the warrior, not the poet, who purchased the freedom of speech for you.

It is the warrior, not the clergy, who purchased the freedom of religious expression for you.

It is the warrior, not the campus organizer, who purchased the freedom to demonstrate peaceably for you.

And, it is the warrior who salutes the flag, who served others with respect for the flag, and whose coffin is draped with that flag, who gives the protester the right to burn the flag...

## Battleship Development...

### *USS Arizona (BB 39)*

Class - Pennsylvania  
 Displacement - 31,400 tons  
 Length - 608'  
 Beam - 97' 1"  
 Draft - 29' 10"  
 Speed - 21 Knots



**The anchor photo shown above, and used for our "Battleship Development" series, is the actual anchor raised from USS Arizona...**

*USS Arizona* (BB 39), was the third ship carrying that name. Launched on 19 June 1915 by New York Navy Yard, and commissioned 17 October 1916. On December 7, 1941 *USS Arizona* received hits from one torpedo and eight bombs, and one of the bombs penetrated the deck and into the magazine... a massive explosion followed causing the death of the ship. Arizona lost 1177 sailors and Marines including; Rear Admiral Issac C. Kidd  
 Captain F. Van Valkenburgh  
 and Lieutenant Commander S. G. Fuqua, senior surviving officer on board. All 3 were awarded the Medal of Honor. As we approach the 61st year commemorating the loss of *USS Arizona*, we offer this review in preparation for photos taken of *USS Arizona* as she rests in Pearl Harbor. These photos will be included in *The Jerseyman*, Issue #27 for December 2, 2002. *USS Arizona* (BB 39) received one battle star.  
 (Source: Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships)6

#### **From the Editor's desk...**

When ship's paper *The Jerseyman*, began publishing aboard *USS New Jersey* (BB 62) in 1943, technology at the time consisted of typewriters, carbon paper and mimeograph - "Ditto" machines — remember those? *The Jerseyman* as it was issued in 1944, was published aboard ship every week, and the staff assigned to produce 1944 editions included: A LCDR as Editor in Chief, a LCDR as Associate Editor, a LT as Technical Advisor—5 crewmen as Assistant Editors, 12 crewmen as Division Correspondents, 4 crewmen as Art Editors, and 5 crewmen to man the Print Shop. The problems of 58 years ago have now been taken care of with productivity and technology... and different types of technology problems...

So far, we have not had to produce *The Jerseyman* every week to be read by thousands, but it is possible to write and distribute to many thousands of email addresses with a fairly new computer, a modem, and a single click of the mouse. The primary technology problem we have though, is finding a balance between producing a professional looking newsletter worthy of *USS New Jersey*, and downloading to

hundreds of different computers with varying degrees of memory and capabilities. Sometimes not easy... as an example, *The Jerseyman* will probably never be able to help the folks at WebTV, and we are not designed to run on Apple operating systems, also some Netscape® operating systems may have issues with Adobe® Acrobat... and so it goes.

We do ask your patience through the coming new year of 2003, as we try to refine the way we produce *The Jerseyman*, and continue to reduce each issue to the lowest possible download sizes. You may see changes from month to month on our layout and design, or different ways that we try present photos, and hopefully a new feature or two to enhance our content. So, we want to sincerely thank All Hands for their patience in our stumbling first full year of *The Jerseyman*. We are going to finish out 2002 with more than 200 "shipmates" in our online database, and all of them are now just a single "click" away. We are also looking forward to maybe doubling that figure next year as more former crewmen come up the brow, and join the crew through *The Jerseyman*.

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

**"We can't change the winds, but we can adjust our sails..."**

## Spotlight on... Casualty Power Systems

### Casualty Power Systems...



The casualty power system are one of the most important shipboard damage control systems. Battleship New Jersey Docents may want to briefly point these terminals out as they proceed with visitor groups through in-board spaces... (Remembering the 3 minute rule...)

The photo on the left shows a **“Casualty Power Riser Terminal”** in Red, Black and White, that can be found on bulkheads and close to watertight doors throughout the ship.

An aboard ship casualty power system consists of:

- Bulkhead terminals (such as the above) for carrying the circuit through bulkheads and without breaking the watertight integrity of the ship.
- Close to the Riser Terminals, **Portable cables** can also be found stowed in racks throughout the ship. It is not enough to have these cables color coded for making proper connections in the dark. To do this, there are molded O rings for cable identification by touch...  
(Note photo with Red, Black and White cable coding. To identify these cables in the dark, there are 3 ridges for Red, 2 Ridges for White, and 1 Ridge for Black.) These cables are inserted in the top (curved) part of the riser, and secured by means of the wood handled knobs that are turned to lock connections. Casualty drills are practiced constantly to reduce the time required to make these connections (often blindfolded).
- Risers between decks
- Casualty power connections at the source of supply.



For more information, please ask shipmate Damage Controlman 2nd Class John Mills...

(The Jerseyman thanks John for the above information and for providing the source:  
**Damage Controlman 3 & 2 Class Training Manual 1986 Edition**)

### Naval History - November...

**Nov 13, 1942**  
**Battle of Guadalcanal - US Navy loses 6 ships, including USS Juneau with 5 Sullivan Brothers**

**Nov 27, 1950**  
**Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea**

**Nov 19, 1868**  
**SECNAV approves USMC Globe & Anchor emblem**

**Nov 29, 1890**  
**Navy wins the first Army-Navy football game**

**Family of USS New Jersey crewman asking for information...**

On August 24, 1943, when the *USS New Jersey* was engaged in exercises off the coast of Trinidad, a terrible accident occurred during the late afternoon in Turret #1. *USS New Jersey* crewman Irving S. (Jerry) Doremus sustained fatal injuries in an accident involving one of the guns, and he died the following morning. The family received a personal letter from the *USS New Jersey* Chaplain, P.W. Dickman, however many questions still remain unanswered, and the family is asking for help.

This past week, *The Jerseyman* received an email from the sailor's brother, Mr. Harry I. Doremus, Jr., of Eustis, Florida. Mr. Doremus would very much like to make contact with anyone that may have known his brother, or have more information on what happened on that day. Mr. Doremus was 5 years old at the time of the accident, and also does not know where his brother was buried. If anyone of the original 1943 crew has any information, or personal recollections of this incident that they would like to share with Mr. Doremus, please contact *The Jerseyman* at [THelvig@aol.com](mailto:THelvig@aol.com) to be put in direct contact with the family...

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With thanks to  
Mr. Scott Kodger, Battleship New Jersey Director of Curatorial Affairs,  
and Mr. Bob Walters, Archives Manager  
the following was found and taken from an archived issue of *The Jerseyman*...

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From *The Jerseyman*  
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- Bulletin -  
*BABY BORN TO DOREMUS WIDOW*

*All Hands will be glad to learn that a fine baby girl was born on 10 March to Mrs. Carrie Doremus, widow of our late shipmate, Irving Samuel Doremus, GM2c.*

*In a letter to Chaplain Dickman, Mrs. Doremus writes,*

*"This is to let you know that my baby, who is a little girl, was born on March 10.*

*I'm very happy and proud of her. — She looks exactly like Jerry —*

*I hope that wherever you are that it won't be too long before you return.*

*I shall never forget what you all have done for me and the baby.*

*Thank you all very, very much."*

*To Jerry's wife and daughter all Jerseymen say,  
"Good Luck and God be with you."*

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November 9, 2002

To the former crewmen of USS Intrepid;

On behalf of all our USS New Jersey volunteers, we want to thank All Hands for the great USS Intrepid hospitality we received aboard on Saturday, October 19th. As volunteer "ship's company" for two ships that fought in so many battles together, we share your pride - everyday.

We thought you might like to have a few copies from *The Jerseyman* for the period when we visited in October. We wanted to be prepared with a few facts on your fine ship before we made the trip, and USS Intrepid is mentioned in our Jerseyman Issues #23, and #25. Also enclosed is a photo print of USS New Jersey that we use on our masthead for *The Jerseyman*. We hope some day that the former crewmen of USS Intrepid will come on down to see us at USS New Jersey (BB 62), and let us return the favor. The gangway is open... the coffee pot is on.

Many thanks shipmates...

All Hands - USS New Jersey (BB 62)

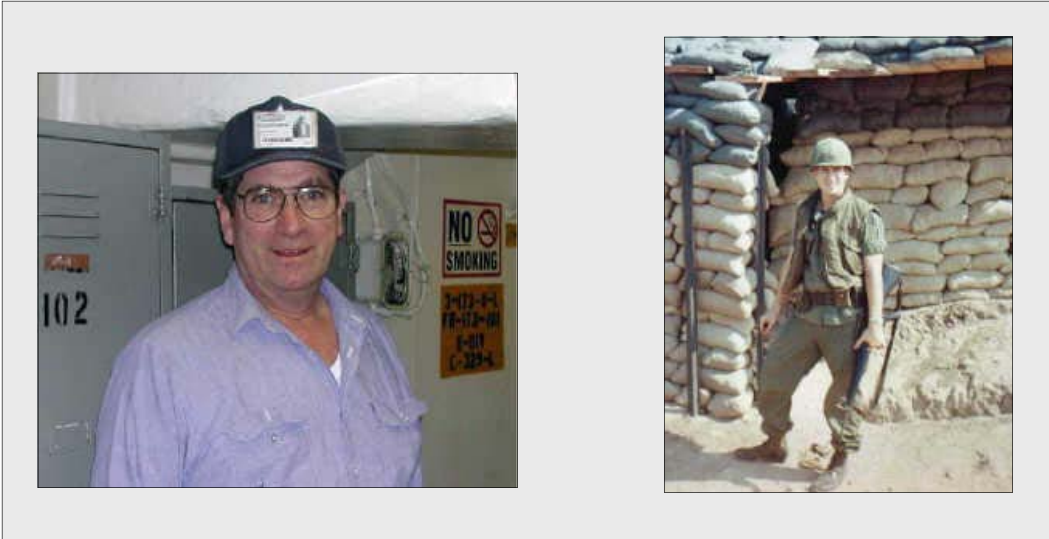


**The volunteer crew of *USS New Jersey*...**

**Volunteer  
Ricardo Arciniega  
Atlantic City, NJ**



**Volunteer US Army Captain  
Jim Maher  
Korea and Vietnam  
1965-1969**



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