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**THE JERSEYMAN
SPECIAL ISSUE...
USS NEW JERSEY
REUNION 2002**



USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62) CREWMEN - WELCOME HOME!
September 13th and 14th, 2002

As "All Hands" are piped, the 1st USS NEW JERSEY 2002 reunion ends... With the crewmen and their families now on their way home, reflections on the pleasant memories, and many renewed friendships will surely remain for a long time. Permanently located on the 2nd deck, now resides the 1st ship's reunion signboard with hundreds of newly added crewmen names. They represent World War 2, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War... all four of the commissioning periods were represented aboard ship for the first time this week with the men that were there when the country needed them. They boarded once again to swap stories, take pictures, and to show their families what life aboard the "Big J" was all about. These crewmen have now left the ship with renewed pride in their service to America, the United States Navy, and specifically to their ship - USS New Jersey (BB 62). On behalf of the Home Port Alliance, the Staff, and Volunteer Crew of Battleship New Jersey, **BRAVO ZULU** USS New Jersey crewmen!

We wish you all - Fair winds and following seas...





Rear Admiral and Mrs. J. Edward Snyder, Jr., USN (Ret.), at the opening ceremonies of USS New Jersey - Reunion 2002. Admiral Snyder was the 13th Commanding Officer of USS New Jersey's third commissioning period during the Vietnam war from (April 6, 1968 – August 27, 1969.) An opening ceremony reading by Richard Esser, President of the USS New Jersey Veteran's organization, was taken from Captain Robert T. Peniston's remarks at decommissioning (Commanding Officer August 27, 1969 – December 17, 1969):

“Rest well, yet sleep lightly; and hear the call, if sounded again, to provide firepower for freedom. She will hear the call and, thanks to her magnificent crew, she is ready.”



Crewman/Plankowner/Volunteer RM3 Bob Westcott.

It was Bob that copied the April 1945 message aboard USS New Jersey that announced the death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt... at the time, the ship was in waters off of Okinawa. The message is on display at the portside entrance to the maindeck radio room...



Volunteer honors for USS New Jersey crewmen and their families...



Ensign/LTJG Bill Lynch
USS New Jersey 1953 – 1956

Bill points at *The Jerseyman* issue dated 5 September 1953 and the headline reads: “Baby Girl Rescued From Sea By 2 New Jersey Men”...

”I watched this happen when the sampan capsized and a little 18 month old girl almost drowned... two New Jersey sailors jumped in and saved the girl...” Bill was assigned to C, Q, and EX Divisions during his time aboard USS New Jersey.

RADM Tom Seigenthaler, USN (Ret.)
greeting crewmen and their families...





**Korean War veterans...
Revisiting their GQ Station
USS New Jersey Turret #1**



In commemoration, on September 11, 2002 at 8:46 a.m., the first Navy Jack was hoisted on all US Navy ships including USS New Jersey (BB 62). On September 13, 2002, the crewmen from all the conflicts that USS New Jersey participated in, returned to their ship...

“United We Stand”

