



USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

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The USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc. enthusiastically endorses the Homecoming 250 Navy Marine Corps organization and its efforts to bring the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps home to the City of Philadelphia and the shores of the Delaware River to celebrate their 250th birthday.

We are the official association of Navy and Marine Veterans who served on the USS New Jersey BB62. The USS New Jersey was the premier US Navy ship constructed and commissioned at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and is now a proud museum ship located on the Camden, NJ waterfront. Having the unmistakable profile of an Iowa class battleship, moored on the Delaware, will provide a dramatic centerpiece for this historic event and will rekindle thoughts of the Firepower for Freedom that NEW JERSEY expelled off the coasts of Okinawa, Kansong, Danang, Beruit, and many others.

We can think of no other location better suited for our Navy and Marine Corps to hold their Semiquincentennial. Philadelphia is the city of their founding and a key location for the establishment and development of the Continental Navy and Marine Corps.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Dingman, President
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.