



Arrival of New Jersey

ARRIVAL OF NEW JERSEY (BB-62)

Historical Background

New Jersey was built at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and first commissioned there in May 1943. During World War II, New Jersey saw action with the Third and Fifth Fleets in the Pacific before being decommissioned at Bayonne, New Jersey, in June 1948.

In November 1950, New Jersey was recommissioned and saw action in the Seventh Fleet during the Korean conflict. After Korea, New Jersey returned to the Atlantic Coast to serve in the Second and Sixth Fleets. New Jersey was decommissioned for a second time at Bayonne, New Jersey, in August 1957.

New Jersey was commissioned for the third time at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in April 1968 and homeported at Long Beach Naval Station on 11 June 1968.

New Jersey saw action in the South China Sea during the Vietnam conflict. On September 1969 New Jersey was decommissioned for a third time at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington.

Long Beach Naval Shipyard has been assigned the task of preparing the New Jersey for commissioning for a fourth time. The ship has been in the inactive ship facility at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington since its decommissioning in September 1969. New Jersey was hermetically sealed during deactivation and numerous of its systems layed up with preservatives; in addition, the interior of the ship has had dehumidified air circulating throughout. This system of preservation has proven to be extremely effective and has kept the interior of the New Jersey in excellent condition. The activation of New Jersey by Long Beach Naval Shipyard will consist of removing all preservatives, reactivating/testing all engineering weapons and communication systems, and installation of updated weapon systems. This task is scheduled to commence on 1 October 1981 and complete 31 December 1982.

New Jersey has been awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for Vietnam Service. Other awards include nine Battle Stars for World War II, four Battle Stars for the Korean Conflict, and two Battle Stars for the Vietnam Conflict.

New Jersey overall length is approximately 887 ft. Full load displacement is 56,962 long tons. New Jersey will have a total manning of 1,562, that includes 62 Commissioned Officers, 60 Chief Petty Officers and 1440 enlisted crew members.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. FOGARTY, USN

Captain Fogarty is the Prospective Commanding Officer of New Jersey upon recommissioning. Captain Fogarty is a native of Des Moines, Iowa and entered the Navy via NROTC at Iowa State University of Science and Technology in 1958. He first served aboard USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-6) as Navigator, and later as Chief Engineer. His next duty was as Executive Officer of USS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY (LST-1073). In 1962 Captain Fogarty was the Chief Engineer and later became the Weapons Officer on USS LOFBERG (DD-759). He then served as Anti-Submarine Tactical Officer and later as Aide and Flag Lieutenant on the Staff of Commander Cruise-Destroyer Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. Captain Fogarty served as Executive Officer of USS ROWAN (DD-782) in 1967. In 1968, he took command of USS HOOPER (FF-1026). In 1971, Captain Fogarty took command of USS WASP (CVS-18), and in 1972 as a member of the Commissioning Crew he took command of USS JEFFE L. BROWN (FF-1089).

Captain Fogarty is a 1971 graduate of the German Command and Staff College, Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany. He obtained a Masters Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University while attending the National War College in Washington, D.C. in 1975.

Between 1976 and the present, Captain Fogarty's assignments have included: Military Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and later Executive Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy. He took command of Destroyer Squadron 26 in July 1979 and shortly thereafter made a five month extended deployment in the Mediteranean Sea as part of the Sixth Fleet. He assumed command of Readiness Destroyer Squadron 10 in August 1980. Captain Fogarty has been awarded the National Defense and Vietnamese Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, The Navy Legion of Merit with Gold Star in lieu of second award and the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star in lieu of second award and Combat "V."

Captain Fogarty and his wife Dawn, have four children; Michael (21), Kevin (18), Brian (16), and John Patrick (12).