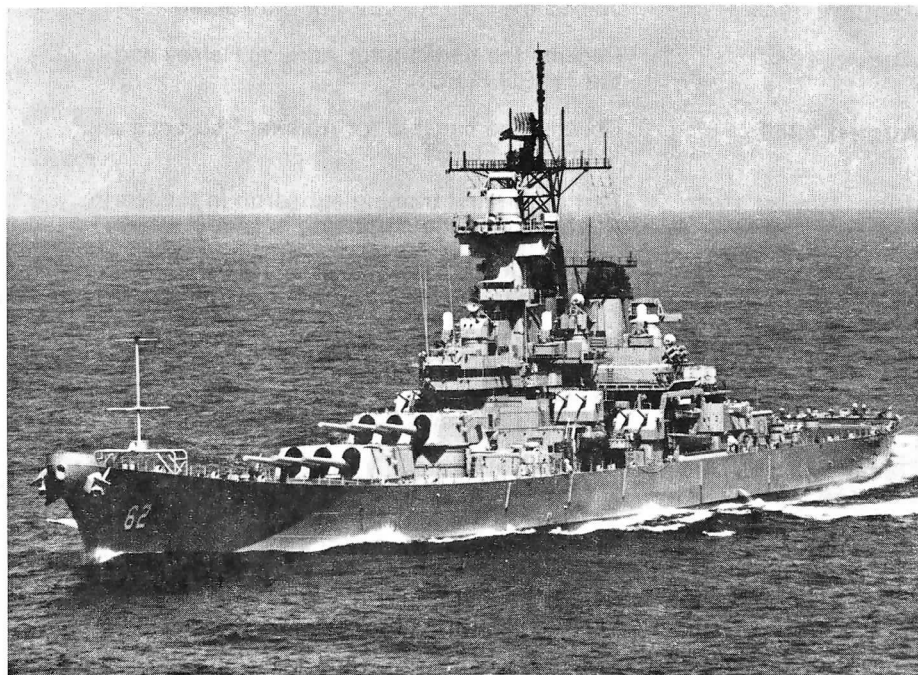


WELCOME ABOARD USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62)



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| Launched | 7 December 1942 |
| First Commissioning | 23 May 1943 |
| Second Commissioning | 21 November 1950 |
| Third Commissioning | 6 April 1968 |
| Fourth Commissioning | 28 December 1982 |



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A CHRONOLOGY

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| September 1940 | Keel laid |
| July 1942 | Launched |
| May 1943 | Commissioned at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard |
| January 1944 | Joined the FIFTH FLEET in the Pacific |
| August 1944 | Became the flagship for Admiral Halsey and the THIRD FLEET |
| August 1945 | Became the flagship for Admiral Spruance and the FIFTH FLEET |
| June-August 1947 | Part of the first training squadron in the North Atlantic since the beginning of World War II |
| June 1948 | Decommissioned at Bayonne, New Jersey and assigned to the New York group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet |
| November 1950 | Recommissioned at Bayonne, New Jersey |
| May 1951 | Joined the SEVENTH FLEET off Korea; served as flagship for Fleet Commander |
| December 1951- June 1952 | Overhaul at Norfolk, Virginia |
| April 1953 | Rejoined the SEVENTH FLEET off Korea as flagship for Fleet Commander |
| September 1955- January 1956 | On duty with the SIXTH FLEET in the Mediterranean |
| August 1957 | Decommissioned at Bayonne, New Jersey |
| April 1968 | Recommissioned at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard |
| June 1968 | Homeported in Long Beach, California |
| September 1968 | First tour of gunfire support off the coast of Vietnam |
| April 1969 | Awarded Navy Unit Commendation |
| December 1969 | Decommissioned at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington |
| August 1981 | Towed to Long Beach Naval Shipyard for refit |
| December 1982 | Recommissioned by President Reagan at Long Beach, California |
| June 1983- May 1984 | Deployed to the Western Pacific, Central America and to duty with the SIXTH FLEET in the Eastern Mediterranean in support of the U.S. Marine contingent of the Multinational Force in Beirut, Lebanon. |
| May 1984 | Awarded second Navy Unit Commendation. |
| April 1985 | Awarded Battle Efficiency "E" |

VITAL STATISTICS

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| Class | IOWA-class battleship |
| Length | 887 feet |
| Beam | 108 feet |
| Draft | 38 feet |
| Displacement | 58,000 tons |
| Boilers | Eight 600 PSI Babcock & Wilcox |
| Main Engines | Four geared Westinghouse turbines |
| Horsepower | 212,000 shaft horsepower (total all four shafts) |
| Propellers | Two five-bladed 17'5" (inboard) Two four-bladed 18'3" (outboard) |
| Rudders | Two |
| Speed | In excess of 30 knots |
| Cruising Range | 15,000 miles at 15 knots |
| Tank Capacity | 2,402,922 gallons of fuel oil (F-76) 64,966 gallons of diesel oil 209,076 gallons of fresh water 32,644 gallons of aviation fuel (JP-5) 132,133 gallons of feed water |
| Anchors | Two anchors, port and starboard bow, each weighing 30,000 pounds. Each anchor chain is 12 shots or 1,080 feet long and each link weighs about 127 pounds. |
| Armor | The main armor belt of the hull is 12.1" tapering 19-degrees vertically to 1.62". Aft to protect the propeller and shafts, the armor is 13.5" thick. Other armor thicknesses are: Turret faces...17" Turret tops...7.25" Turret backs...12" Second deck armor...6" Conning tower sides...17.3" |
| Personnel | Navy: 73 officers and 1,404 enlisted Marine Corps: 2 officers and 38 enlisted |
| Note | In one day, enough bread, milk and potatoes are consumed by the New Jersey crew to feed an average American family of four for one year. |

MISSIONS OF THE BATTLESHIP

- Operate offensively with carrier battle groups in highest threat areas.
- With appropriate escort, operate independent of carriers in lesser threat areas.
- Operate offensively to support amphibious operations.
- Conduct offensive operations against surface and shore targets.
- Provide self-defense against missiles and aircraft at short ranges.
- Provide naval gunfire support and shore strikes.
- Operate and refuel naval helicopters.
- Control aircraft
- Refuel escorts.
- Establish a naval presence anywhere in the world.

ARMAMENT

MAIN GUN BATTERY

Nine 16"/50 cal. guns in three gun turrets, range 23-plus miles.

Projectiles: Armor piercing 2,700 lbs.
High capacity 1,900 lbs.

Powder: Standard load 6 - 110 lb. bags

SECONDARY GUN BATTERY

Twelve 5"/38 cal. guns in six twin mounts, range 9 miles.

AIR DEFENSE

Four Phalanx Close-in Weapons Systems capable of firing 20mm ammunition at a rate of 3,000 rounds per minute for self defense against missiles and aircraft.

MISSILES

Tomahawk: 32 cruise missiles in eight armored box launchers

Harpoon: 16 anti-ship cruise missiles in cannister mounts