



## USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.

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To all Members,

We are all being affected, in one way or another, by the COVID19 virus outbreak. I hope all of you and your family are healthy and following the safe practices that have been outlined by our local, state and federal governments. We are sailing in uncharted seas, but common sense will get us all through this.

I want to update everyone on the status of our 2020 reunion. We currently have no plans to cancel or postpone the reunion. The reunion is still scheduled for September 16-20. I have been in contact with the hotel, the tour company, the bus company and the Battleship New Jersey. They have all established protocols to address the issues caused by the virus. As you can imagine, their current concerns are with their guests and groups that are scheduled for the next month or two. I will remain in constant contact with the hotel and others as the situation changes and as our reunion dates get closer.

Unbridled American ingenuity will conquer this virus and life will return to normal. My advice is to maintain caution and take a pause. Let things develop and make informed decisions based on scientific evidence and the advice of medical experts. While the safety and well-being of our members must clearly be the Board of Directors top concern, if our nation's medical leaders determine that we are safe to travel then please consider supporting our economy and the hard workers in the hospitality industry who have faithfully served our organization year after year.

The Reunion Committee and the Board will do everything we can to make our 2020 reunion happen, but it won't be a success if our members don't attend. If government regulations force a cancellation, we will be able to get all deposits returned, but if we cancel due to low attendance, we will most likely have to pay liquidated damages to the hotel. This could cause a substantial financial hardship to the organization. Please plan on attending if the situation normalizes by September.

Sincerely,

Bob Dingman, President  
USS New Jersey Veterans, Inc.