



USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee

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We invite you to join us and participate in September events, as the navy introduces its next warship.

The USS New Jersey, a Virginia-class submarine, will be the third naval vessel named after the state of New Jersey and the first ever built which supports an integrated male and female crew. The name was announced in May 2015 and it was christened in November 2021. The commissioning ceremony is a sacred event in the life of every U.S. Navy ship and will mark the official entry of the USS New Jersey to the Navy's fleet. The commissioning is scheduled to be held on September 14, 2024 at NWS, Earle in Leonardo, NJ.

This will be an exciting time. Approximately 5,000 people will attend the commissioning event. Additionally, the crew of 140 young men and women will be visiting the area during the week prior, and many will have their families for a portion of time.

Our committee is soliciting support from local restaurants as they visit the area and spend time with their families. Our vision is to offer the crew a list of “coupons” from participating restaurants. These “coupons” can be your way of saying thank you to the brave men and women who serve our country and protect the freedoms that we enjoy.

Also - please note that we are in the initial planning stages for a “pub crawl,” currently scheduled for Thursday, September 12. Current thinking is that we'll have groups of 15 sailors rotating through a group of restaurants/bars in Red Bank, where they can eat, drink, and socialize with your customers.

If you are interested in supporting our sailors, and gaining recognition for your business please let us know. Initial contact can be made through Dave Rosenthal (732-687-8502) or Jamie Ferlanti (732-539-4795).

Thank you

The USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization established as a liaison between the ship and its namesake state. Its mission is to coordinate and fund activities leading up to the commissioning ceremony that will celebrate the crew, their families and the vessel. For more information on the USS New Jersey and the Commissioning Committee, visit <https://njcommissioning.org/>.

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