

## **Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station**

Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting of February 19, 2001

- ✓ The meeting was conducted at the Camden County Communications Center in Lindenwold, NJ.
- ✓ At 7:20 PM Peter Greene, N2LVI and Joseph Cramer, N2XYZ opened the meeting with remarks on the purpose of the meeting and introductions of the persons in attendance. Peter Greene reported on the BNJARS display made at the BB62 exhibit conducted at the Echelon Mall, 16-18 February. See BNJARS web site for details.
- ✓ Interior Voice Communications System (IVCS) status– Repair of the power amplifiers is nearing completion. At least one of the six power amplifiers is beyond recovery and will most likely be used as a source of usable parts. Repair the Control and Alarm Panel is progressing quite well. Nearly all of the diodes in the relay matrix have been replaced. The "standby" (University 100W amplifier) 1MC located in the DC office continues in operation. The IVCS manual and drawings are in the process of being copied. Work has begun on repair of the other IVCS components, 21MC, etc. Work on the 1JV sound powered phone system is complete.
- ✓ Ship access procedures and safety protocols were discussed. Ship access and safety procedures are posted on the BNJARS web site. Wes Sammis, W2YRW, was nominated to be the BNJARS safety officer.
- ✓ Committee Updates:

Bylaws – The proposed Constitution and Bylaws were read and discussed. Several changes were discussed and it was agreed to provide a revision (19 February 2001) and present the revision at the next meeting, 19 March.

Equipment Survey – Equipment survey continues. Vacuum tubes have been cataloged and many antenna cable runs have been identified. See BNJARS web site for details.

Ship Spaces Survey – Nearly all of the spaces have been identified and located. A list of these spaces can be found on the BNJARS web site.

Station Configuration – The following equipment was donated by Rosemary Decker, KB2CIK, on behalf of and as a memorial to her late husband, Thomas Decker, WB2OZI, SK: CDE Antenna Rotor, Model MN-4 Matching Network, Heathkit SB-634, Kenwood TS-420S with power supply and speaker, Kenwood TN-2550A, Heathkit Electronic Keyer, Model PT Preamplifier and Drake Microphone.

Equipment Donations – See Station Configuration report.

HPA/Naval Architect – The firm of Gibbs and Cox has been named by the HPA to reinstall the HF antennas.

Station Call – No report.

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Web/Newsletter – The BNJARS web site is up and running. Publication of a Newsletter was discussed.

E-mail – Work in progress.

- ✓ Election of first year officers – tabled until Constitution and Bylaws are approved.
- ✓ Preparation of a Logo for BNJARS was discussed.
- ✓ Introduced Harold Vickery, WA2ZMU, a former BB-62 sailor and new BNJARS member.
- ✓ Program: Scott Kodger, HPA curator of the Battleship New Jersey Museum, told of his work with US Navy Curator and described the plans for the overall development of the museum. He spoke of the BNJARS role in this effort and thanks us for all our work thus far. Also, he said that he would assist us obtaining any equipment that may be needed for the restoration of the ship. It is still the intent of the HPA to open the museum to the public on Labor Day 2001.
  
- ✓ The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 PM.
- ✓ The next meeting is a general meeting tentatively scheduled for 9 April 2001 onboard.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary, John Goheen, KB2ADL