

# Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

## Meeting minutes, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1000.

The members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website for all to see. The minutes were approved as posted.

### Treasurer's Report:

- There is \$1991.96 in the treasury

### QSL Report:

- Total from previous period: 53330
- October 2025 1
- November 2025 42
- December 2025 40
- January 2026 12
- Subtotal 95
- Total QSO's to date 53425
- Money on hand prev balance: \$47.00
- Donations: \$15.00
- Postage \$0.00
- Balance as of 31 Jan 2025 \$62.00

### Chief Engineer's Report:

- Someone from the ship staff put a speaker playing steam noise in the Transmitter room. It has been removed
- Dave placed a sound system in there with a looping CW recording he got from the internet
- WWII radio will provide a realistic CW sequence to be played there
- Margaret is working on getting the new telephone system on line
- Jeff has accumulated excess items in message handling to be disposed of . We have received money for the previous lot of scrap items.
- Dave said that someone had donated a set of three solar panels and an inverter for use with the radios. The club does not plan to use them so they are available if anyone wants them.

### WWII Radio:

- Not much going on for the past 5 weeks
- Planning on replacing some tubes in a receiver and doing some rewiring
- Plan to fix the antenna patch panel in the near future
- There is a non functional transformer on the floor by the entry that needs to be removed
- Jeff stated that he will be at the ship next weekend and can help out in WWII radio

#### Scouting Report:

- The scouting program has slowed down for the winter.
- We have three more dates booked: two troops on Sunday 22 February, one on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and one in May
- Jeff suggested that we get an antenna feed out to message handling so we can have two scouts operating simultaneously. Dave stated that there already is a HAM-1 feed out there. Jeff said he had a “go pack” which could be used for that purpose.

#### Old Business:

- Jeff said the TTY in message handling is very popular on the tour
- He plans to get the tape punch/reader operational
- Ron D said the video in message handling is corrupt. The original works well. Libby is planning to produce a new segment for the display
- There is gray box with a toggle switch below the screen to mute the sound on the display in order to have a discussion with tour groups
- Ron D said that the 49 radar project is making progress. He will be looking for members to help when the weather improves
- Joe got the interconnect on the transmitters worked out. He will be able to try them once the HV supply is powered
- Dave said he can adopt up to three of the URT23's for that use
- The proposed change to the bylaws were presented for final approval of the membership changing the quarterly meetings from Saturday 1000 to Mondays 1900 on Zoom. There was some discussion of generalizing the statement to “an online meeting service” but it was decided to leave it as Zoom. They were accepted unanimously

#### New Business:

- Ron D suggested that we invite members of local Ham clubs for an open house at the ship. Jeff stated that he has flyers in message handling describing the club for people on tour to pick up. We can distribute some of them to local clubs. We will need to find out blackout dates before we have any open houses, and we must make it clear that the visitors can only come to the radio shack and not take tours of the ship without buying a ticket. It was suggested that we coordinate open house on the afternoon days we have scouts in the morning since we will already have members there. The secretary will draft a letter for the clubs to invite them to an open house.

Ron moved to adjourn, Harry seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1101 .

Total members present: 15.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES