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Commissioned November 4 1944
Decommissioned—September 27 1972



Compton returns home to Newport

COMPTON CORNER

As we put 2021 and our Saratoga reunion in the rear view mirror, we have so much to look forward too. Fall is here and the Holidays are fast approaching It will be exciting to be with family and friends and get our lives back to “normal”.

Our Williamsburg Reunion is good to go, the Registration form and Agenda are included in this edition of our newsletter. The Double Tree hotel will be our host and the rate will be \$125 which includes breakfast for two.

The tour package includes a tour of Colonial Williamsburg, Lunch at Toby’s/ Carrot Tree and a guided tour of the Yorktown Battle Field. It should be fun and interesting.

As in Saratoga, we will have a DJ/ Karaoke entertainer. It’s time to get ready for a great evening of,” Compton has Talent”. I urge everyone to make your hotel reservations and send in your checks.

Our business meeting will include, Elections of Officers, 2022 reunion site, and the memorial service.

In closing, I pray that you have a wonder full and Blessed Holiday season. May the Lord, watch over you and our entire Compton family, and may He watch over and give peace to the families of those Marines and Sailors who were lost in Afghanistan, and may God protect those still serving in this very dangerous world.

Fraternally,

Bob DiMonte



The “Compton Newsletter” is available in color—on our below WEB site Webmaster, Phil Prekel has posted 52 past newsletters from February 2009 to the present on our below listed Internet Website...

WEB SITE: www.usscompton705.com

USS Compton DD705—2022 Reunion

Compton information

Members name Rank/Rate _____

Spouses /Guest name _____
Use back for additional Guests

Meal Selection: NY Strip steak___ Chicken___ Crab Cakes___ @ \$65 per person

Total _____

Roasted and sliced New York Strip Steak with Bordeaux Sauce
Chicken Piccata with Lemon Beurre Blanc
Jumbo Lump Crab Cake with Dijonnaise Cream Sauce

All entrees come with a Cranberry Walnut salad with red onions and mixed greens , roasted red potatoes, vegetable medley and New York Cheese Cake

Tour Registration

Number taking tour _____ @ \$85 per person Total \$ _____
Lunch is included

Grand Total amount \$ _____

Tour cut off date is April 4, 2022

Please mail above information and checks payable to: **USS Compton Association**
P.O. Box 6621
Monroe TWP., N.J. 08831-6621

Fellow Compton sailors: please send me your pictures from your days on our ship.
I promise to send them back the very next day, after I receive those special memories.

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Hotel Registration information

The Double Tree Hotel, 50 Kingsmill Rd, Williamsburg VA 23185, will be our host.
(800) 222-8733.

The hotel rate is \$125/night and includes daily breakfast for two.
This rate will be honored three days pre/post reunion.
Cutoff date to register—April 4, 2022

USS COMPTON DD-705

2022 Reunion Agenda
Williamsburg, Virginia

May 2-5, 2022

- Monday 1200 hospitality room opens, registration begins—rooms A&B
- Tuesday 0845 muster in the lobby for Colonial Williamsburg tour
0900 bus departs hotel
0930-1215 tour Colonial Williamsburg
1230 Lunch at Toby's/Carrot Tree
1330 Windshield Tour of the Yorktown battlefield
1630 return to hotel—Hospitality Room opens
- Wednesday 1000 Business meeting and Memorial Service—rooms 2&3
1800 cocktail hour, hospitality room will remain open
1845 hospitality room closes, muster in the banquet room for group picture
in room—Harrison
1900 Invocation and presentation of the Colors
- Dinner followed by entertainment and dancing—cash bar
- Thursday Breakfast

Have a safe trip home.

If you were born in the 1930s to 1945 , you are very special age group.
You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who
can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war
You are the last to remember ration books for everything
You saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans.
You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.
You can remember milk being delivered to your house
You are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of grieving
neighbors whose sons died in the War.
You saw the 'boys' home from the war, build their little houses.
You are the last generation who spent childhood without televi-
sion; instead, you imagined what you heard on the radio.
With no TV, you spent your childhood "playing outside"
On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave you newsreels sandwiched
in between westerns and cartoons.
Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines) and hung on
the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).
Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news
was broadcast on your radio in the evening by Paul Harvey.
The G.I. Bill gave returning Veterans the means to get an education,
VA loans fanned a housing boom.
Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans
opened many factories for work.
New highways would bring jobs and mobility.
The Veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.
The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.
You played outside until the street lights came on.
Polio was still acrippler.
You came of age in the 50s and 60s.
School children were ducking under desks for Air-Raid training.
Castro in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.
You are "The Last Ones." More than 99% of you are either retired or
deceased, and you feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!!!"

Internet Goodies

**Some o' y'all ain't
never had to push
your own car then
jump in and pop the
clutch and it shows**



**The leading cause
of injury in old
men is them
thinking they are
still young men.**

**You're not
fat! C'mon,
chin up.**

**No, the other
one...**

**Apparently, it's
only appropriate to
say "Look at you!
You got so big!"
to children.
Adults tend to get
offended.**

**IF A MAN SAYS HE
WILL FIX IT, HE
WILL. THERE IS NO
NEED TO REMIND
HIM EVERY SIX
MONTHS.**

Deceased Compton Association Members - Memorial Donations

Years ago, our elected officers decided that we would make a donation to the “Tin Can Sailors” in the amount of \$50, to honor our departed member shipmates. The reason for this was the fact that we had been purchasing flowers, or donating to the various charities, as requested in their obituaries. This practice became impractical, due to the cost of flowers and once we donated to one charity we became flooded with requests from other unrelated charities.

For years we have been donating the memorial tributes to the “Tin Can Sailors”. The funds were directed to assisting the museum ships on display so that our Naval history would be preserved for the future. A secondary advantage was that the “Tin Can Sailors” listed our departed shipmates in a memorial section in their quarterly newsletter.

Now, due to the increasing age of our shipmates, the \$50 donation is made more often and is becoming a strain on our finances. The first six months of this year has seen \$500 donated as tributes. As you can see, this rate of donations cannot be maintained. To correct this matter, your elected officers discussed the situation and agreed to reduce the memorial donations to \$25. That figure will still honor our departed members and will be affordable to our Association.

USS Compton (DD 705), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer was launched on 17 September 1944 by the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Kearny, New Jersey and commissioned on 4 November 1944. She was named for Lewis Compton, who served in active duty in the Navy during World War I and Assistant Secretary of the Navy from 9 February 1940 to 13 February 1941. During its activity, she carried a complement of 336 officers and enlisted on board and she made numerous deployments to the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Cuban Blockade and Guantanamo Bay. USS Compton served her country for 27 years, 10 months and 13 days of active, until decommissioned on 17 September 1972. She received one battle star for World War II service.



Official Compton Photo



Boston Shipyard circa 1962





Eternal Father, strong to save,
 Whose arm doth bond the restless
 wave,
 Who bids the mighty ocean deep
 Its own appointed limits keep;
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.
 Upon the terrace dark and rude,
 And bid its angry tumult cease,
 And give for wild confusion peace;
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.
 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
 Thy children shield in danger's hour;
 From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
 Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
 Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
 Glad hymns of praise from land and
 sea

Obituaries: USS Compton DD705



Charles Coale LtJg (special operations) on 1962 Med Cruise. Passed on February 13, 2021 in Blacksburg Va. He became second in command of the “ Beach Jumper “ unit out of Little Creek, VA. Joe Napoli will have an article in the near future on the “ Beach Jumper “ function and its relationship to the Compton. Mr Coale was a active member of our association and a donation, in his name, was made to Tin Can Sailors.

We only have listed Mr. Coale’s obituary in this newsletter. I am sure we have other Compton sailors who passed and we have no information. If you know of a fellow member, who may have passed send that info to any listed officer on the left side of page one.

As was listed in this current Compton Newsletter—The USS Compton Association gives a memorial donation for any passed member to “**Tin Can Sailors**” a quarterly newsletter dedicated to all destroyer sailors. This is a great source for many sea stories that also relate to our time in the navy. If you are interested in receiving “Tin Can Sailor” - Below is listed this info!

TIN CAN SAILORS/DESVETS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Your highest rank or rate: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
 E-Mail: _____

Name and Hull Number of your ship(s) and the years you served aboard (maximum of four).

USS _____	Hull #: _____	Dates Aboard: _____
USS _____	Hull #: _____	Dates Aboard: _____
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One Year Membership

_____ Current USN Active Duty: First year free then \$10 a year

_____ \$35

_____ \$40

_____ \$50

_____ \$100

To join over the phone using a credit card, call us at (508) 677-0515

The suggested minimum yearly contribution is \$35.00. But if you can afford to send more, you'll be helping Tin Can Sailors/DesVets with keeping destroyers and their accomplishments from being forgotten. So please consider a contribution of \$40 or even more. Confidentiality Notice: Tin Can Sailors/DesVets values member privacy. We do not give, sell, or lease member information but we may provide your name and contact information to other members with whom you served. You may choose not to allow this information to be released.

Mail this form to: **Tin Can Sailors, PO Box 100, Somerset, MA 02726**

Make your check payable to Tin Can Sailors or provide your Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____ Security Code: _____