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Compton returns home to Newport

COMPTON CORNER

We just finished celebrating the 4th of July and all it means, and stands for. We are truly blessed and have so much to be grateful for. Reflecting on our Williamsburg reunion, it was wonderful, sharing time and American history with our Compton shipmates and their families. The time we spend together, will be cherished.

Looking forward to 2023, and our reunion in beautiful and historic Pensacola, Florida, it will be exciting and eventful.

The Hotel contract has been negotiated and signed. The Holiday Inn, Pensacola, will be our host and the dates are May 1- 5. 2023. We will keep the same agenda, Monday, registration, Tuesday, tour, Wednesday, business meeting and banquet.

In the coming weeks I will be working on our tour, which should included the National Naval Aviation Museum, Naval Air station Pensacola, and historic downtown Pensacola. We may get to watch the Navy’s Blue Angels practice, if they are in town. We will travel across Pensacola Bay to the best Beaches in the world, and have lunch at one of my favorite waterfront restaurants. Time permitting, we will visit the site of Spanish explorer Don Tristan DeLunas settlement, he arrive in Pensacola in 1559, Making this the oldest and first colony in the new world. You don’t want to miss this tour.

Here’s to America and Independence Day! I hope everyone is staying safe, cool, and enjoying time with family and friends.

God bless the Untied States of America.
Happy Birthday America.

Fraternally,
Bob DiMonte



The “Compton Newsletter” is available in color—on our below WEB site Webmaster, Phil Prekel has posted 54 past newsletters from February 2009 to the present on our below listed Internet Website...



Fred Gilbertson and Geneva Perry



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Bill Rader, Jim Gay and Becky Rizoli



L-R Bill and Carolyn Eames,
Al and Evelyn Haley
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DiMonte, Phil and Eileen Prekel



Joyce and Michael Heider



Diane and Happy Nehring



Joan Hennigan and Tony Zagame



Joe and Rose Napoli

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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New Compton Address

We have discontinued using Post Office Box 6621 as our official address. The cost of the Post Office box has increased over the years to a point where it is no longer financially practical for us. Dues envelopes, sent to members as required with a newsletter, will have the new address on them for your convenience. Future reunion registration forms will also display the new address as will our stationary.

Individual postal addresses for all board members and officers can be found on the first page of our newsletters. The new Compton address is Joe Napoli's home address.

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Compton Donations—May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022
Mike Heider, Carter Cincotta, Marion Hough, Bill Judge, Dal Trader, Duane Linden,
Ed Brimo, Dave Scott, Frederick Brown, Joe Nowakowski, Michael Flannery, Steve Bednarz

Internet Goodies



So.....you've been eating hotdogs and McChickens all your life, but don't want the vaccine, because, " you don't know what's in it"?



Just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car.

While using my phone as a flashlight.

HUSBAND:
I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.

WIFE:
Why does it say, "Do not resuscitate?"

The brain is the most outstanding organ. It works 24 hours, 365 days, right from birth until your first erection.

Annual USS Compton Association dues are \$20.00 per year. If you received an envelope with this newsletter - the dues are due now or will be due within a short period of time...look for the hand written date on your address label. This is the date when your membership has expired or will soon expire...



Obituaries: USS Compton DD705



Donald "Max" Sheldon, RD2 (1962-1965) passed on November 29, 2021 at the Ness County Hospital in Ness City, Kansas at 79 years of age. He was born on August 5, 1942. Max was a "Pipeline Gauger" and worked for Clear Creek and Oil Transportation for many years until his retirement, As an active member of the Compton Association, our memorial donation in his name was made to Tin Can Sailors.



Donald Lee Shockley, CS3 (1961-1964) and as the photo shows achieved the rank of E-7 as a Chief Petty Officer. Donald served the US Navy for 20 years and retired from the Seabees. He was born in Dagsboro DE on January 23, 1942 and passed on March 6, 2022 at the age of 80 years, Don was an accomplished technician in the Heating and Air Conditioning field . As an active Compton Association member, our memorial donation in his name was made to TCS .



Robert S Schaefer, SM3 (1961-1963) born on June 9, 1943 and passed sometime in October 2021. Information was received that Mr. Schaefer was deceased. We have no source information to confirm this report. The internet through obituary sites does not confirm any listing and all phone numbers are disconnected. If this information is valid. The USS Compton Association wish Mr. Schaefer to "Rest in Peace" - Amen. He was an active member of the association.



John "Jack" Valentine, DK2 (1953-1954) was born on November 8, 1926 and passed on May 25, 2022 at 95 years of age. Jack was an active Compton Association member and enjoyed reunions with his fellow Compton sailors. When at the Portland Reunion he had a bell maker create a replica Compton ship's bell which he eventually donated to our association. After a successful business career and not retiring he formed an accounting firm, still active today. A donation in Jack's name was made to Tin Can Sailors.

Departed Friend I am sad to announce that Birgit Pohl passed away recently. Those of us that attend reunions knew her. She was the wife of our honorary member Sigward Pohl. Sigward and Birgit planned vacations in America around our reunions. They travelled here from Munich Germany. Sigward is a retired officer from the German Navy. As a young midshipman he made the 1962 Mediterranean cruise aboard the Compton. They attended several reunions before health problems arose.



I know we all express our sympathy to Sigward.
Möge Gott Birgit segnen und in seinen Armen halten.
(May God bless Birgit and keep her in his arms.)