

\*\*\*\*\*

USS Compton Organization

Bob DiMonte – President  
1048 Meadson Circle  
Pensacola FL 32506  
850 492-3483  
bobdimo@cox.net

Ed Capozziello—Vice President  
1161 Laidlaw Ave,  
Franklin Square NY 11010  
516 458-0497  
ecap6407@optonline.net

Joe Napoli – GM/Treasurer  
129 Mallard Dr.  
Monroe Twp, NJ 08831  
609 409-7678  
jsnap29@comcast.net

Ed Brimo—Secretary  
9413 Hinson Drive  
Matthews NC 28105  
704 517-1427  
ebrimo@aol.com

Chaplain  
William “Doc” Eames  
149 Farmhouse Ct  
Manorville NY 11949  
631 878-7570  
kbkaptops@aol.com

Compton Board of Directors:

Phil Prekel—Northeast Region  
39 Perrin Drive  
Wayne NJ 07470  
973 598-5897  
philpprekel@optimum.net

Jerry Sample– Western Region  
8305 Angels Drive  
Apt # 2211  
Plano Tx 75024  
214 354-0862  
xsamplej@gmail.com

Andy Kelly—Southern Region  
308 Springwater Court  
Winston-Salem NC 27106  
336 768-3188  
akelly1@triad.rr.com

Jack Heidecker –Newsletter  
54 Mt Top Court,  
Hazle Township PA 18202  
570 450-5545  
jack555@ptd.net

All Newsletter, pictures and  
articles should be sent to:

Jack Heidecker  
“Compton Newsletter”



Commissioned November 4 1944  
Decommissioned—September 27 1972



Compton returns home to Newport

COMPTON CORNER

It’s fall and we are looking forward to cooler weather, Holidays with family and friends and our upcoming, reunion in beautiful Pensacola, Florida. The contracts have been negotiated and signed. The Holiday Inn University, will be our host. All the information, costs, and forms, are in this newsletter. We will kick off our reunion with a West Florida style BBQ buffet, with the association picking up the tab. Thanks to the generosity of our members and the stewardship of our Treasurer, our balance sheet is in an excellent position. The tour of Pensacola has something for everyone. A view of Pensacola Pass, from historic Fort Barrancas to the National Aviation Museum. Then onto Beautiful Pensacola Beach where we will have lunch, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. After lunch, we will visit Historic Pensacola Village. This tour has been customized for our group and I am sure you will enjoy and remember it. You don’t want to miss this. Our business meeting will be Wednesday morning, after the meeting my family will be hosting lunch at Rose Cottage Farm. It’s about a twenty minute drive from the hotel. The farm house is over 100 years old and a book and many articles have been written about the property. My daughter Maria will be our tour guide and introduce you to the farm and its critters. I am excited to show off Pensacola and all it has to offer. I wish each of you a safe , joyous, healthy holiday season. May God keep and Bless you and may He watch over those that still serve this great nation.

Fraternally,  
Bob DiMonte



The “Compton Newsletter” is available in color—on our below WEB site Webmaster, Phil Prekel has posted 56 past newsletters from February 2009 to the present on our below listed Internet Website...

WEB SITE: [www.usscompton705.com](http://www.usscompton705.com)

## USS Compton DD705—2023 Pensacola Reunion Agenda

Monday, May 1    1200 Hospitality room opens  
                         1800-1930 Welcome aboard  
   and complimentary buffet

Tuesday May2    0815 meet in the lobby for tour  
                         0830 bus departs for tour, returns at 1630

Wednesday May3 1000 Business meeting

Lunch at Rose Cottage Farm (hosted by the DiMonte family)  
Transportation is not provided

1800-1900 Cocktail hour  
1900 Group Picture

Invocation and Presentation of the colors  
Dinner and entertainment

Thursday    Breakfast and have a safe trip home

Be safe and healthy, See you next year.

For our **opening reception buffet** (hosted by the association) we will have:  
A West Florida style barbecue, Monday, May 1 at 1800-1930

BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Southern Fried Fish, tossed salad w/assorted dressings, marinated summer pasta salad, cole slaw, baked beans, corn on the cob, rolls, choice of desserts and ice tea.

**Compton Donations—July 15, 2022 to September 30, 2022**

Boyd Crannell, Andy Kelly, Raymond Greeley, Neil Franc, Fred Gilbertson, Bill Judge,  
Frank Manson, Joe Cataudella, Ed Capozziello,

**USS COMPTON DD-705**

**May 1-4, 2023 Annual Reunion Registration Form**  
**Holiday Inn, Pensacola University**  
**7813 N. Davis Hwy**  
**Pensacola, Florida 32514**  
**(850) 472-1400**

The Compton rate (\$154) will be honored 3 days pre/post reunion dates  
Breakfast is included

Hotel registration cut off date : April 1, 2023

Members name: Rank/Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse /Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Use back of sheet for additional guests

Number attending opening buffet dinner (complementary) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number attending Banquet @ \$55 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Number taking tour (lunch Included) @\$75 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check and this form to:

USS Compton Association  
Joe Napoli  
129 Mallard Dr.  
Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831

For our Banquet dinner we will have a **Florida style Luau Buffet.**

Fresh sliced displayed of fruits, garden salad, with assorted dressings, tropical seafood salad, with pasta, savory rice pilaf, sautéed medley of vegetables, rolls and butter.  
Chef's choice of dessert and iced tea.

Grilled Mahi Mahi, with mango salsa  
Marinated Island style Pork Loin, with tropical BBQ sauce.

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.

**Jack Heidecker**  
**54 Mt Top Ct**  
**Hazle Twp PA 18202**  
**570 450-5545**

Mrs Shirley Ormsbee wife of deceased member Bill Ormsbee SF2 recently sent to the "Compton Newsletter" a letter from Captain Lewis K Worthing, to Bill's family outlining the upcoming the 1962 Med cruise and what the Compton was scheduled to do during that six month period. (sixty years ago)

The ship left Newport in February 1962. About halfway into the mission, Commander Worthing then notified Bill's family what the Compton was scheduled for the balance of the year

Most interesting is looking at the below revised schedule and where the ship was to be in OCTOBER 1962 from October 5th to the 26th—The Boston Navy Shipyard.

On October 22, 1962, President John F Kennedy went on national television to declare Cuba was installing ballistic missiles and they were a direct threat to the security of the United States.

The USS Compton DD705 was sitting in drydock without any ammunition on board. We went on a defense condition schedule and to prepare the Compton for possible conflict.

Our drydock was flooded and the ship headed to New Jersey to reload its ammunition and head to Cuba.

We were in the middle of the boycott, I remember our ship patrolling directly outside Havana's Three mile territory limits. Compton was next ordered to our Navy base in Mayport, Florida.

At Mayport Naval Base there were multiple aircraft carriers and transport ships ready to load supplies and thousands of marines and prepare for the coming invasion.

Thank God, cooler heads prevailed and the conflict ended. Only the USS Compton got shafted as the official records never listed our participation in the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

#### 4. PLANNED SCHEDULE OF COMPTON FOR REST OF 1962

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
6 - 19 - 25 BRINDISI	8 - 2 - 10 CANNES	4 - 3 - 7 GENOA	2 - ARRIVE NPT (About)
6 - 26 - 1 FLT OPS	8 - 10 - 13 FLT OPS (Replenish)	3 - 7 - 10 FLT OPS (Replenish)	2 - 14 LEAVE/UP- KEEP
	3 - 13 - 16 CANNES	3 - 10 - 13 GOLF JUAN	14 - 5 TENDER
	5 - 16 - 21 FLT OPS	6 - 13 - 19 FLT OPS	
	6 - 21 - 27 NAPLES	19 - TURNOVER	
	6 - 27 - 3 FLT OPS	20 - 31 ENROUTE CONUS	
<u>OCTOBER</u>		<u>NOVEMBER &amp; DECEMBER</u>	
5 - 26 BOS NAV SHIPYARD		5 NOV - 31 DEC: Assigned	
26 - 5		to OP CONTROL OF COMASFORLANT (Hunter Killer Operations)	

# Internet Goodies



We are living in a generation that would unplug your life support, just to charge their cellphone. lol



AT MY AGE, A TRAIL OF CLOTHES LEADING TO THE BEDROOM MEANS I DROPPED THEM ON THE WAY FROM THE DRYER.

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong

**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**



**Rodney R Boyer BMSN (1960-1961)** passed in Colon, Michigan on November 12, 2021. He was born on April 10, 1941 in Sturgis, MI and was 80 years of age on his passing. Mr Boyer retired as a BM1 after completing 20 years of service in the United Navy. He then returned to the Sturgis area and started a new career with Grumman Olson Company where he spent thirty years of productive service until his second retirement. He married his wife Rose in 1962 in Newport RI on April 10, 1962 and was married for 59 years. Rodney was an active Compton Association member.



**John D Phelps MM2 (1961-1964)** passed in Largo, Florida on February 25, 2022. John was 79 years old when he passed. John was born in Camden New York and spent his civilian life as a Drafting Engineer and supervisor until his retirement. John and his wife, Jeannette, married 55 years, took the snowbird route and moved to Florida in 1994. He was very active in church ministries in any project which helped his fellow mankind. Mr. Phelps was a life time member of “Tin Can Sailors” where a donation in John’s name was made to that organization from our association.



**Ronald J Leib ET3 (1946-1947)** passed in Lititz, PA on February 6, 2021 at the age of 92 years. Ron graduated from high School in 1946 where he was an outstanding basketball player and captain of the York County championship team in 1946. He then enlisted in the US Navy and after boot camp was assigned to the USS Compton. Following his service—Ronald graduated from Gettysburg College with a BS degree in Chemistry and Mathematics. He then worked for 32 years at Armstrong World Industries and retired with four patents in his name. Survived by his loving wife Jeanne.



**Ronald V Erwin MM3 (1961-1963)** passed in Rochester, New York on September 12, 2022 at 80 years of age. Ron was a very active member of the Compton Association and attended many Compton reunions, The most recent being Saratoga NY. He was married to his wife Evelyn for 55 years and she accompanied her husband on his trips to our reunions. As an active member of the Compton Association—a donation was made to “Tin Can Sailors” in his name and memory,

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 power  
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