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Compton returns home to Newport

COMPTON CORNER

As we put our 2023, Pensacola reunion in our rear view mirror, we will have many great memories. We toured the Naval Aviation museum and watched the Blue Angels perform, we experience many exciting and memorable moments.

My family was thrilled to host lunch at the farm, and I believed everyone had a great time. NOTE the pigs had a liter (9) after we left. Our thanks to Ed and Nancy for again, hosting the hospitably room. My thanks to everyone that helped make this a terrific reunion.

We had many shipmates cancel their reunion plans, many for health reasons. We missed you, and wish you a speedy recovery, and hope to see you soon.

2024, will bring us to Memphis, Tennessee. All the information, costs and agenda is in this news letter. I tried to keep our costs down and get the biggest bang for our dollar. We will take a city tour with stops at the rock and roll museum, see Elvis and BB Kings homes and watch the ducks make their march thru the lobby of the famous Peabody Hotel. There will be many other interesting places. We will have a BBQ buffet lunch on famous Beal Street.

Our condolences to Past President, Jack Heidecker on the loss of his wife, Donna.

To all our Shipmates and their families that are experiencing health and hardships, please don't despair, you are in our thoughts and prays.

In closing we ask God to keep our men and women who continue to stand watch, Safe and well. Have a Great, Healthy, and Safe summer. See you in Memphis.

Fraternally
 Bob DiMonte



The “Compton Newsletter” is available in color—on our below WEB site Webmaster, Phil Prekel has posted 58 past newsletters from February 2009 to the present on our below listed Internet Website...

WEB SITE: www.usscompton705.com

USS COMPTON DD-705
May 6-9 2024 Annual Reunion Registration form

Crowne Plaza
Memphis Downtown
300 North 2nd St.
Memphis, Tn.
(901)525-1800 or(800) 2CROWNE

The Compton rate of \$139/night will be honored 3 days pre/post reunion
Please note: Call these numbers, only, for the proper rate

Members name Rate/Rank _____
Spouse/Guest name _____
Use back of form for additional guests

Meal selection: Salmon _____ Mahi Mahi _____ Chicken _____
@ \$60.00 per person Total _____

Number taking tour (Lunch included) Total _____
@\$75.00

Total amount _____

Cut Off date is April 6, 2024

Please mail checks to : USS Compton Association
129 Mallard Dr.
Monroe Twp. N.J. 08831

Blackened Mahi Mahi-
Mahi topped with garlic, cayenne pepper, paprika, onion salt and grilled.
Served with rice pilaf and broccoli, carrots and cauliflower medley.

Caribbean Breast of Chicken
Seasoned Breast of Chicken with jerk spice and fruit salad.
Served with garlic mashed potatoes and honey glazed carrots.

Fillet of Salmon
Seared Salmon topped with mango and pineapple salsa.
Served with rice pilaf and broccoli

Dinner comes with : Classic Caesar – Romaine, Parmesan, house made
croutons and creamy Caesar dressing.
Chocolate Mousse Cake
Rolls and butter, Freshly brewed Iced Tea.

USS COMPTON DD-705

Memphis, Tn.

REUNION AGENDA

May 6-9, 2024

Monday	1200	Hospitality Room opens	River room
Tuesday	0845	Meet in the Lobby	
	0900	Bus departs for tour of city	
	1200	Lunch, continue tour	
	TBD	Return to Hotel	Hospitality room opens
Wednesday	1000	Business meeting	River room
	1800	Cocktail Hour	River room
	1845	Group Picture	Tn. Room
	1900	Banquet	
		Invocation and presentation of the Colors	
		Music , Karoke and dancing	
Thursday		Breakfast and depart for home	
		Have a safe trip, see you next year	

Updates – USS Sullivan DD537

As we have heard, the Sullivan suffered a hull breach in late October 2022 and a team from the Buffalo Naval Park and the City of Buffalo worked to stabilize the ship and then evaluate its future.

After a thorough survey of the three based ships, including the Sullivan, at the naval yard. The best option for the Sullivan is now clear. However, the necessary funds needed for the proper repairs are still not available. The repair committee is working with political leaders and private funds to obtain that goal.

Getting the Sullivan to a proper repair facility is a bit more complex and the cost exceeds the expectations of those involved. Part of the plan involves releasing all the Naval Park ships outboard the Sullivan from the encapsulates river silt to free up the channel and then moving it to the repair facility.

When at the drydock, there will be other unknown cost that currently would be difficult to estimate.

Info: Save Our Ships Newsletter

Compton Donations—May 1, 2023 to July 15, 2023

Dal Trader, Wayne Brumagin, Happy Nehring, Bill Judge, James Griffith, Marion Hough, Donald Pillsbury, Joe Nowakowski, Raymond Greeley, Steve Bednarz, Dave Scott

Internet Goodies



We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.

Folgers got it wrong. The best part of waking up is going back to bed after you pee.

JOKE OF THE DAY-BUMPER STICKER ON A SENIOR'S CAR "I AM SPEEDING BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET THERE BEFORE I FORGET WHERE I AM GOING"

Life's short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on the Internet arguing with strangers about politics.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

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...

DEDICATED TO THE USS COMPTON DD705

A SHIP OF THE LINE WAS SHE

There She lies at rest long last
A ship of the line was She
Her many wakes in days now past
Lie lost in the ageless sea

Ne're more to sail seas calm or in rage
Horizons are no longer seen
Lay She now a victim of age
Surely She's Neptune's Queen

Her bell no longer tolls for man
In silence She rests far below
From seas and foes She never ran
But alas old time laid Her low

Down from this world of dark and light
To a world ever murky and cold
With Her bow held high She sank from sight
Ever proud but weary and old

Lie You now in the depths ebb and flow
For that's the way of the sea
A Sailor's grave and deservedly so
For a Ship Of The Line Was She

Author—unknown

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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Obituaries: USS Compton DD705



Rest in Peace

Page K Evans TM3 (1947—1948) passed on June 5, 2021 in Littlestown PA at 97 years of age. He was born in Havre De Grace, Maryland on December 9, 1923. He served on the USS Compton and the USS Tillmon in all three theaters of World War II, and was a Torpedo-man. After the war Page worked at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and on the Apollo 11 space mission. His advocacy after retirement was as a re-enactor for Civil War events.



Gerry Pierce SN (1946—1949) was born in Brockton MA on June 1, 1928 and when graduating from high school in 1946 immediately joined the US Navy. After his naval service he attended Becker Junior College and graduated with an Associated Degree in Accounting and Business Administration. General Electric recruited for their business training program. Gerry retired in April 1989 as the manager of Executive Compensation Administration.



William Olson IC3 (1963—1966) Born in Southbridge MA on November 11, 1943 and passed on Wednesday June 22, 2023 at the age of 79 years. Bill's time on the Compton was during the period of the Vietnam War. Upon his honorable discharged from the United States Navy he worked as an electrician for Gentex for many years until his retirement. He was predeceased by his wife Norma, three sons and a daughter. Bill's brother, Michael is also an active Compton Association member. Our memorial donation in his honor was made to Tin Can Sailors.

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