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Commissioned November 4 1944
Decommissioned—September 27 1972

Compton returns home to Newport



COMPTON CORNER

With the cooler temperatures comes the Holidays and a new year, 2024 will bring us together in Memphis, Tn. The Crown Plaza, downtown will be our host Hotel. The tour will have something for everyone. We will have singing tour guides, on the bus, to entertain us, and tell us about the history of Memphis. We will visit the famous Peabody hotel and enjoy a BBQ buffet on Beal St.

The tour agenda:

- 0900 depart hotel for Mojo tour
 - 1045 Peabody Hotel for duck march
 - 1130 Lorraine hotel stop for photo opportunity
 - 1200 Central BBQ lunch buffet
 - 1330 Rock and soul museum
- You do not want to miss this tour.

At our business meeting we will have elections of Officers, discussion of 2025 reunion sites, our traditional memorial service, and many other important items. If you are interested in becoming an association Officer, please call or E-mail me . Plan on attending. Sadly our numbers have been dwindling and at some point we will have a discussion on joining with other similar groups. We are still strong, but that time will be coming. To all our members and their families that have been facing adversity and despair, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

In closing, I wish each of you a safe and happy Holiday season and am looking forward to sharing our time together in Memphis. We ask God to look after and protect those man and women who wear the uniform, and go in harms way.

Fraternally,
Bob DiMonte



The “Compton Newsletter” is available in color—on our below WEB site Webmaster, Phil Prekel has posted 60 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

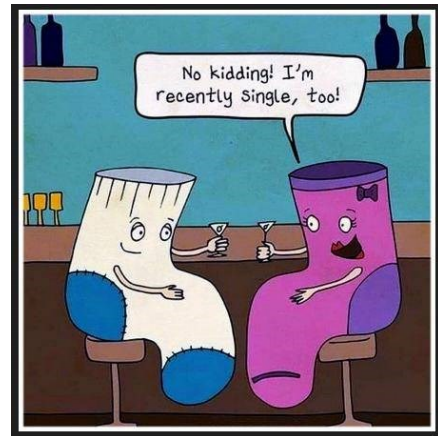
Deals for Seniors keep in mind that deals may vary at participating locations and can change without notice.

- **McDonald's:** discounts on coffee and beverages (55+) ■ **Whataburger:** free drink with purchase of a meal, depending on location (55+) ■ **Wendy's:** give free coffee or other discounts depending on location ■ **Piccadilly Cafeteria:** 10% discount with "Prime Time for Seniors" card ■ **IHOP:** 10% discount (55+) and a menu for people aged 55 and over at participating locations
- **Dairy Queen:** Receive a 10% discount or a small drink if you're 55 or older ■ **Golden Corral:** Senior discount varies by location ■ **Krispy Kreme Senior Discount:** 10% off (50+) (age and discount varies depending on location)
- **Perkins Restaurants:** Fifty-Five Plus menu Offers special deals (55+) ■ **Subway:** 10% off (60+) varies by location
- **The Old Spaghetti Factory:** Spaghetti Factory "Senior Menu" offers discounted list of menu items
- **Uno Pizzeria & Grill:** "Double Nickel Club" 25% off on Wednesday (55+) ■ **Sizzler:** Offers "Honored Guest Menu" (60+) varies by location ■ **Papa John's Senior Discount:** check with your local stores (no standard senior discount policy) ■ **Old Country Buffet:** Daily discounts for seniors (55+)
- **Friendly's Restaurants:** 10% off meal w/ free coffee at breakfast or free small sunday during non-breakfast hours
- **Fazoli's:** Join "Club 62" for special senior menu items (62+) ■ **KFC:** free small drink with any meal depending on location (55+) ■ **Country Kitchen:** Great Senior Menu (55+) ■ **Burger King:** 10% discount on purchase depending on location (60+)

Compton Donations—July 15, 2023 to October 1, 2023
Marion Hough, Joe Cataudella, Andy Kelly, Ed Capozziello,

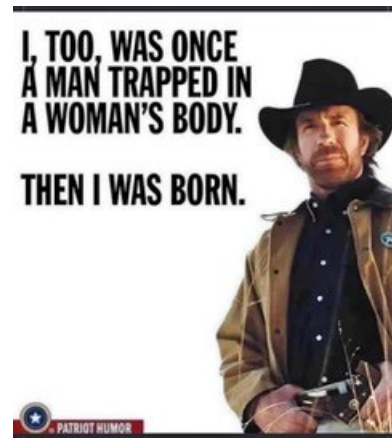
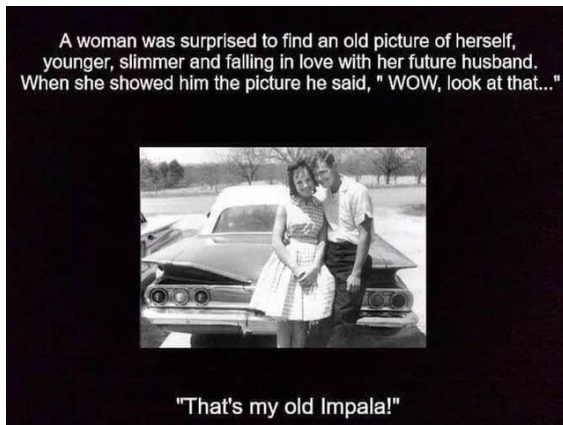
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I SPEND A LOT OF TIME
HOLDING THE REFRIGERATOR
DOOR OPEN LOOKING FOR
ANSWERS.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE A
GROWN UP WHEN YOU
ACTUALLY PICK UP THE ICE
CUBE INSTEAD OF KICKING
IT UNDER THE FRIDGE.

**Remember when
we used to line
up at a fair and
pay to see a fat
tattooed lady?
Now they're
everywhere!**



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...

Information from “The National Interest” article by Michael Peck

What ship holds the war record for “most submarines sunk”???

The world record for sinking submarines belongs, not to a destroyer or an aircraft carrier, but to one of our little brothers, a humble Destroyer Escort the USS England DE635, a Buckley class, Destroyer Escort.

Crew: 186
Weight: 1400 tons
Armament (3) 3inch guns. 12 anti-aircraft guns



The USS England sank six Japanese submarines in just 12 days during May 1944. She bristled with anti-submarine weapons including two depth charge racks at the ship’s stern, eight K-guns that shot depth charges out to 150 yards and a British designed, very deadly, 24 barrel Hedgehog anti-submarine mortar.

When the ship first entered the war zone it was under the command of LtCdr Walton Pendleton and also during the record sinking of those Japanese subs. However, a great amount of credit for the efficient attacks on those submarines must be given to the Executive Officer, LtCdr John Williamson, who ultimately became the ship’s Captain.

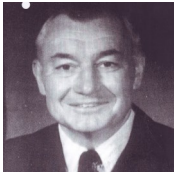
On the Internet Wikipedia site you can follow each of those individual sinkings of those enemy submarines.

The England was then struck by a suicide bomber which resulted in a loss of 37 officers and men. She was able to get back to a dry dock for repairs. However, WW2 ended and it was decided not to repair the ship.

DD635 was commissioned on December 12, 1943 and decommissioned on October 15, 1945. A very short life cycle for that amazing record.



Obituaries: USS Compton DD705



Marshall T Slayton, Captain USN (Ret) passed May 27, 2023 in Portsmouth, RI. Marshall was born in Manchester NH on May 1, 1931. He received a congressional appointment to the United States Navy Academy and graduated in 1955, Future Captain Slayton’s first assignment after graduating was to the USS Compton in Newport RI and assigned to the Engineering Department.



James H Maynard Jr., PN2 (1950-1951) born July 24, 1929 in Irvington, New Jersey. He passed in the Plainfield NJ area on September 10, 2023 after a brief illness at 94 years of age. After his Honorable Discharge, James obtained an Associate Business degree and spent the majority of his career as the Purchasing Manager for Muller Machinery Inc. He was extremely involved with his church, St Joseph, Plainfield NJ. As a Compton Association member. A donation, in his name, was made to TCS.



Frederick “Fred” Bowman (Circa 1958-1959) born July 31, 1933 in Battle Creek, Michigan and passed November 27, 2022. Fred was a fellow shipmate of recently deceased Compton member, Boyd Crannell. Very little is known of his time on the Compton, Fred was a Research and Development Scientist at the Kellogg Company and retired after 39 years of service. RIP Mr. Fred Bowman.

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