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Commissioned November 4 1944
Decommissioned—September 27 1972

Compton returns home to Newport



COMPTON CORNER

January 2024

2024, another year has passed, a lot has happened, some good, some not so good.

We are saddened by the losses of our shipmates and their family members, but we still have each other and the great memories of our times together. We had a very successful reunion in Pensacola, and we look forward to having another in Memphis.

Now is the time to make your hotel reservation and complete the registration form.

This reunion is going to be special, from singing tour guides to the parade of ducks walking through the lobby of the Peabody hotel. We will enjoy a BBQ buffet lunch on famous Beal St. and visit many other interesting sites.

This reunion will be my last as the Association President, it’s time to step down and allow others to bring fresh ideas to our association. I have enjoyed being your president and am honored you placed your trust in me.

I am endorsing Jerry Sample, for President, he has been on the executive board for many years and he has worked on many reunions. A big plus, is Jerrys bride Sally, she will keep him pointing in the right direction.

The Compton association will face many challenges in the future, but, we are strong financially and have over 100 dues paying members. We should be able to continue for many years.

May God keep you safe and healthy,

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



Pick up your new Compton pen at the Memphis reunion.
designed for your right hand, if left handed—reverse page.

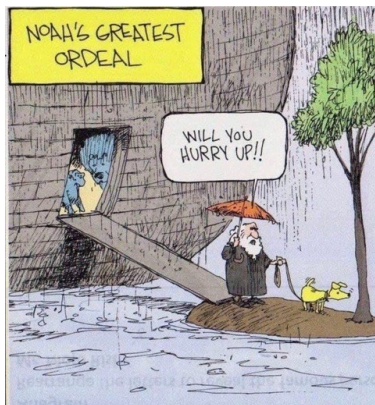
Compton Donations—October 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024
Ed Pasi, Paul Meyer, Gary Radwick, David Wheat, Al Haley, Harold Richardson,

Internet Goodies

MY DOCTOR IS CONCERNED ABOUT MY HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. I TOLD HIM, WELL NEXT TIME DON'T LEAVE ME SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR TWO HOURS.

When I offer to wash your back in the shower, all you have to say is yes or no.

Not all this "who are you and how did you get in here?" nonsense.



I just switched my "20 year Home Mortgage" to a "Student Loan."

Follow me for more financial advice.

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF THE HOLY WATER SIZZLES WHEN IT HITS YOUR SKIN?
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**

IRISH POST

Every few days it would be smart to put your jeans on to make sure they still fit

Pajamas and sweats will have you believe all is 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...

How did a disgraced Army General help give rise to today's powerful US Navy ???

General Billy Mitchell, was a popular and efficient leader in army aviation during WW1 and after the war appointed Deputy Director of Army Aviation—. He was a strong advocate for increased investment in military airpower and it would be a revolution in modern warfare.

His claim that airplanes could sink large size ships That rankled the armchair battleship admirals during the nineteen twenties. They claimed that it was impossible.

Mitchell proved them wrong, and his planes then sank a destroyer, cruiser and (as the admirals claimed) an unsinkable captured battleship.

Sinking all three ships and proving that his theory was practical, but, it did not change their minds.

General Mitchell was lowered in rank to Colonel. However, his constant criticism of his superiors and his remarks to the press on other irresponsible aviation leadership failures lead to his court martial in 1925.

The trial was considered national news and was widely covered by newspapers.

Colonel Mitchell was found guilty and suspended from duty for 5 years.

He then resigned from the United States Army and continued his advocacy of military aviation as a civilian. Apparently, Japan and Germany were paying close attention to his theories.

When the United States finally realized the importance of military aviation, they also realized that Mitchell was correct in his theories of the importance of aviation as a weapon in war.

The Mitchell – B25 bomber was named after Colonel Mitchell. They were able fly off the USS Wasp and bomb Japan as a partial retaliation for Pearl Harbor.

Military Aviation in both the US Navy and US Air Force can thank Billy Mitchell for his tireless theories that led to the super aircraft carriers and stealth bombers in our current defense arsenal today.

In 1956, Mitchell's son petitioned the Air Force to overturn the court martial of Colonel Mitchell – which they did!



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



Obituaries: USS Compton DD705



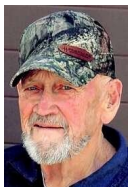
Leonard “Butch” Ashline, SFP3 (1959-1963) 82 of Valparaiso, IN passed on September 3, 2023. His fellow Compton crewmen would remember his nickname “Leo” during his service on the ship. Len was a true outdoors man. He was a dedicated golfer, hunter and fisherman and spent many hours at his summer home at Pelican Lake, MN. An active Compton member we donated a tribute to “Tin Can Sailors”.



Barry Marple CPO born Trenton New Jersey, February 8, 1942 and passed in Virginia Beach , November 16, 2018. Although, Barry was not a member of the Compton Crew, he was considered an associated member of our ship. Chief Marple was instrumental in helping to set up our original Compton website and go on line. Our website and newsletter is the glue that helps keep our organization active.



Russell G Welch, MM2 (1959-1962) passed on November 16, 2023 in Akron Ohio. Russell was born in Shakopee, MN on September 10, 1939. He is listed as dedicated to bowling, wood working, fishing and the equipment manager for the Firestone Pee Wee football program. Also Russell was involved with the Firestone Park VFW 3383, An active member of the Compton Association, our memorial donation was made to TCS in his name.

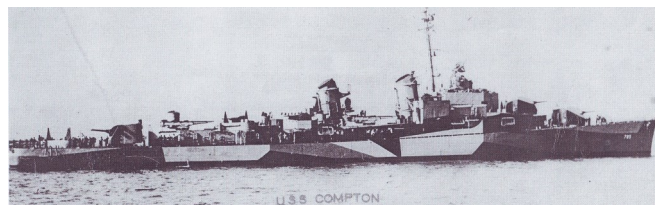


Fred Summerville, SN (1961-1964) born May 6, 1943 in Elfinwad, PA and passed at home in Butler, PA on December 7, 2023. Fred was a regular attendee at the Compton annual reunions. He was very active in his community. A member of the American Legion and the VFW, loved hunting and was a dedicated golfer. As an active Compton Member a donation was made, in his name, to “Tin Can Sailors”.

Picture of Compton sailor Howard Lee Wayland in 1948.
 His daughter Marjorie requested that in the “slim chance”
 a fellow Compton sailor served with and remembered her
 father, please contact he at:
mwayland@peabodyenergy.com



Howard Lee Wayland February 1948



DD705 in 1948—still dressed for war