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The Compton at war



My Uncle, a Chicago resident was a staunch
conservative and voted straight line Republican
until the day he died.
Now he votes Democrat!!!

2013 US Compton Reunion—Buffalo, New York
Dates: April 23 (Tuesday) to April 25 (Thursday) - room rate \$94.00 + tax

Millennium Hotel
2040 Walden Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14225
Phone # 1 716 681-2400 or 1 716 681-8067

All American Tour—\$80.00 per person

Reunion sponsors: Bob and Chris Ott

Note: Tour is in USA—Canadian trips are personal and entry will require a passport or super ID state license...

free onsite Parking—including RV's
The hotel provides free courtesy transportation if arriving via plane or train

716 681-2400—provide your name or confirmation number
courtesy phones are only available at the airport

Note of interest—One of the largest malls in this region is located within
a short walking distance of the hotel!!!

2013 Annual Reunion Form; Buffalo, New York

Member's Name _____

Spouse/guest _____

Rank/Rate _____ Years aboard _____ to _____

Please enter above info as you would want it on your name tag.

Number in Party _____ (Print additional names on rear of form if necessary.)

Meal Selection: Roast Pork Loin _____ Chicken Breast Marcela _____ (@ \$50 per person)

Number taking tour _____ (@\$80 per person) Total Amount enclosed _____

Mail form and check to: USS Compton Assn., PO Box 6621, Monroe Twp., NJ, 08831-6621.

Make check out to USS Compton Assn. Please respond by March 23rd.

Print any additional names of your guest (s) on a separate piece of paper when returning this form.

A U.S. Navy captain was about to start the morning briefing to his staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the captain decided to pose a question to all assembled.

He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep. He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?" A commander chimed in with 75-25% in favor of work. A lieutenant said it was 50-50%. An ensign responded with 25-75% in favor of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation, at the time. There being no consensus, the captain turned to the seaman who was in charge of making the coffee.

What was HIS opinion? Without any hesitation, the young seaman responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The captain was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why?"

Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them. "The room fell silent. God bless the enlisted man."



Compton crew members from the fifties!!!



L-R, Jim Evans, John MacDougall, Judith MacDougall, John Cupp and Daryl Servey at the MacArthur Memorial...



**Luther Carlisle, Mike Taylor and Ed Capozziello
Many years ago, we would have been suspicious of what they were plotting!**



Entrance and Pledge of Allegiance at our annual meeting—Virginia Beach
Posting of Colors...
L-R, Ron Erwin, Emile Duchemin and Jerry Sample

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take a laxative today.

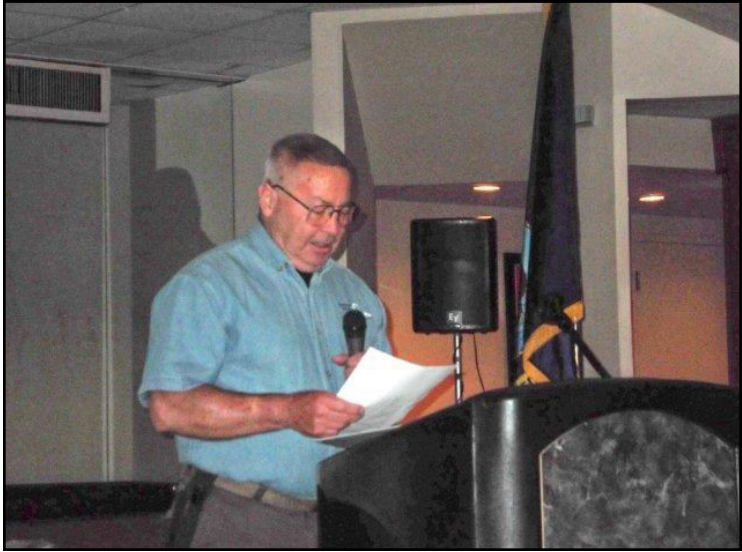
'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot..

An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

You're not sure if these are facts or jokes.



Chaplain Charlie Jakob opens the memorial service and Compton Secretary, Mike Taylor is in the background.



Associate chaplain Jon Cupp reading the names of those Compton members who are deceased.



Lou Rainone also reading a section of deceased members at the memorial service...



It is not Quasimodo—it is Rich Gentile honoring our Compton sailors during the Virginia Beach Memorial service. That is our Compton replica bell donated by Jack and Pam Valentine...

Buffalo New York—Reunion Adgenda

Tuesday, April 23

12:00 noon, arrival and check-in. Hospitality Room will be open.

Wednesday, April 24

All American Adventure bus tour 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tour includes Niagara Falls State Park, Goat Island, Luna Island, Whirlpool State Park and Terrapin Point. A guided tour through the Power Vista and a stop at the Three Sisters Trading Post for souvenirs.

Lunch will be at Como Restaurant with an Italian Buffet.

Per Person tour rate is \$80.00—includes transportation, guide service, buffet lunch and gratuities.

Bus Tour is on the American side only—a passport or a super state license is required to go into Canada.

Thursday, April 25

Annual Compton meeting (room to be determined) 10:00 AM.

The Memorial Service will immediate follow our meeting.

Hospitality room will be open after meeting.

Dinner Dance: ballroom and time will be announced at the meeting.

Pictures: 6:00 PM—Dinner and cash bar 6:30 PM

Friday, April 26

Have a safe trip home—stay healthy and fit

Our Compton Association, thanks Mrs. William Ormsbee (Shirley) for her memorabilia donations in memory of Bill. On the left is a Compton ashtray (never used) and a pendant from the Great Lakes Training Center. Bill served on the Compton in the early 1960's and is listed in our website's Memorial section.



Compton Association dues are \$20.00 per year—if you received an envelope with this newsletter—they are due now or due within a short period... Look for the hand written date, on your address label... That date is when your membership expired or will expire...

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Robert “Bob” DiMonte, Compton, Southern Regional Officer
On his election as president of the USS Lexington CV16 Association—a giant responsibility for a great ship!!!
They grabbed him before he was promoted on the Compton.**

**A special thank you to Compton Association member, Charles McDonald from Reading, MA. Charles is extremely knowledgeable on the USS Constitution and its history. Information from the Internet, sometimes have flawed facts. The previous article on the USS Constitution may not have been wrong but, also may not have been 100 percent correct. Charles, also sent me two books, first one was “ A Most Fortunate Ship”, a history of Old Ironsides by Tyrone Martin and “Kamikazes, Corsairs, and Picket Ships” Okinawa, 1945 by Robin Rielly.
Two books from two different periods, that chronicle the development and heroism of our navy...**

Letter from shipmate Leslie T Ellis IC3, 1955 to 1958.

First, I would like to say, I enjoy reading the Compton Newsletter. I am not a book critic, but I do read quite a few books on the 2nd World War, especially the Pacific Theater. I just finished reading a book about tin cans on picket duty off Okinawa in 1945. Of interest to all who served on the Compton and especially to the men onboard at that time. This book tells in great detail about all the destroyers and other ships as well as planes that were involved in picket duty. The Compton was given credit on pages 323 and 356. The title of the book is “Kamikazes, Corsairs and Picket Ships, Okinawa 1945” by Robin Rielly. I think it would be an interesting read for any tin can sailor who is interested in WW2 and just how dangerous this area was for Tin Can sailors.

Note: the above similar recommendation from Charles McDonald.

Obituaries: USS Compton

Warren Francis, passed on October 3, 2012 in Providence, Road Island. Dr Warren as a LCDR– MC, Reserve Fleet served aboard the USS Compton in the early 1950’s. Dr Warren was a long time member of the Compton Association. A donation in his honor was made to “Tin Can Sailors” in support of its mission to preserve retired fleets.

Lawrence Prescott Perry, passed October 21, 2010. Lawrence served on the Compton during the Okinawa campaign during World War II. He was a life member of Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234, OceanView, Delaware. This information was supplied by Compton Plank owner George Ritchie and life member of the same lodge.

Lee McAdams RD2, 11/1961 to 2/1964 passed September 2012. Lee was a past member of the Compton Association and attended the 2001, Portland Maine reunion. This information was provide to Maurice Rickard from Lee’s wife Nancy. Condolence may be sent to Nancy at 931-294-2352

Duane Whaley, passed on October 19, 2012. He was 72 years old and resided in Bangor, Michigan. Duane served on the Compton 1958 to 1960.