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The Compton at war



Myrtle Beach Reunion Agenda

Friday— April 11

12:00 noon Hospitality room open. Reunion registration.

Saturday— April 12

9:00am Hospitality room open.
4:15pm Gather in lobby for tour.
4:30pm Busses leave the hotel for the Dinner at the Giant Crab and a premium show at the Alabama Theatre. (7:15 pre-show, 7:30pm show starts)
10:15pm Tour busses return to the hotel.

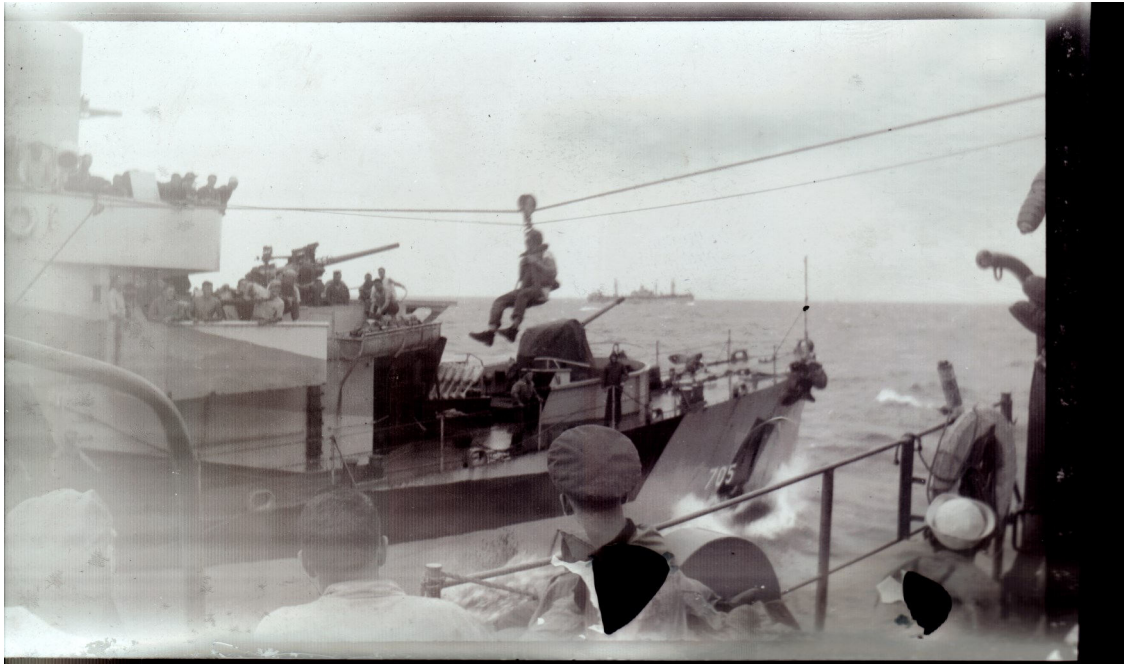
Sunday— April 13

9:00 am Hospitality room open.
10:00am General meeting and Memorial Service.
6:00pm -11:00PM Banquet. Please be on time, we will have pictures taken By the photographers who took our pictures at our past reunions. Pictures will be on display later in the evening for purchase.

Monday— April 14

Have a safe trip home or stay a few more days to see the sights.

Additional Information is also on pages 6 and 7



Picture purchased at an estate sale by a Mike McDaniel from California and he took the time to research the Compton Association and email it to us.
Now the mystery—this does not look like the Compton but, the hull number 705 is on the bow?
It is actually the USS Frybarger DE 705 with a duplicated hull number!!!



State of the Association

Our association is doing well. It's amazing considering that some destroyer groups are slowing down or even dissolving. Some have reduced reunions to one every few years. We are lucky that our ship served until 1972 and have shipmates of various ages ranging, I would estimate, from the 60's to the 80's in years of age. We now have 210 active dues paying members, a number that has remained consistent for the past, at least, 10 years. We lose a few shipmates a year and we pick up a few new members due to our website.

We also have some non-dues paying shipmates with us, some in nursing homes or ill on home care. Those shipmates enjoy reading our quarterly newsletters. We also send newsletters to widows and close relatives of our departed shipmates who have expressed a desire to get them. No shipmate is denied membership for financial reasons.

Our website, www.usscomptonassociation.com, has worked well for us. I am sure most of you have paid the site a visit. The website is very well done and updated very often. It contains reunion photographs, a memorial page, a ship's store to order hats and even a form to fill out for membership. If it was not for the website, created and managed by retired Navy man Barry Marple, we would have a declining membership.

We became a non-profit corporation. That also allowed us to register with the IRS so our financial dealings fall within all legal guidelines. Our treasury is stable and we are financially sound. All our transactions, every penny that goes out or comes in, is logged in a computerized Quicken Transactions program which allows us to provide financial information to our corporation lawyer for annual reports. Every month a Quicken Transactions report is printed out and sent to each of our regional officers. Since we only meet once a year, at the annual reunion, this allows our regional officers to have a better picture of the day to day operations of our Association.

Our reunions are fantastic. If you have never been to a reunion we urge you to try to attend one. We hold our events in April to get off-season hotel rates yet, hopefully, have nice weather. We try to have our reunions in locations that are convenient for members to attend. (The list of our past reunions can be found on our website.) We hold three day events that include a motor coach tour and a banquet. Our average reunions host about 120 people; shipmates, guests and relatives; we expect another large turnout at our next event at Myrtle Beach, SC.

We want our members to display their pride of serving on the USS Compton and keep her memory alive. We just distributed Compton decals to all shipmates with the last newsletter. Compton baseball caps, both white and blue, are custom made for our members. We sell them to our shipmates at our cost, \$15 if we have to mail them to you or \$10 at a reunion. The hats are not screen printed; they are embroidered and of high quality. We have an agreement with a vendor to provide Compton jackets at reasonable prices. We also try to get unique Compton logo items to give as reunion mementoes.

For those of you who are members of the "Tin Can Sailors" you know, from reading their newsletter, that our Association supports that group. We donate to them and also contribute to the museum ship fund to help Navy ships on display throughout our country. The Navy has progressed so much that we have to help preserve the "old Navy." When a member of our Association passes we make a donation to the "TCS" in his name as a memorial.

We have experienced leadership, mainly because no one else wants to run for office, and they all work well together to make the Compton Association as great as it is. That's not a hard job because the Compton was a great ship with a great crew!

Joe Napoli—Treasurer and GM



**August 17, 2013—mini-reunion
Emile Duchemin, Cappy, Grant Mauri and Doc Eames
The NY boys at Cappy's place...**



John MacDougall—at our memorial service

Secrets to a long happy marriage

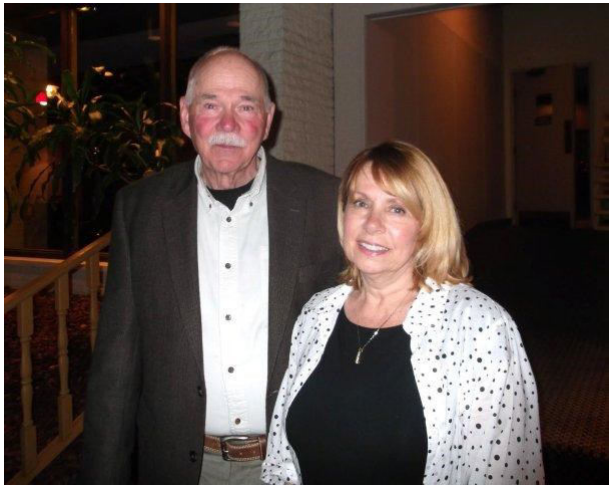


A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



**On left
Joyce and Michael Heider, Fred and Kathy Summerville**

**On right
Michael and Carolyn Seymour
(BT2- 1958-1963)
Buffalo was their first Compton reunion
Welcome aboard**





**L-R, Bob DiMonte, Phil Prekel, Jack O'Neil and guest Lance Wagner
Guarding their backs are the bosses!!!**



**Jack Hunold Collection—1950 to 1953
L—R,
John Goble, ?, Stingley, ?, Jack Hunold**



**Jack Hunold Collection—1950 to 1953
L—R,
Hersel Vestale, Bud Crinko, Jack Hunold,
Joe Parino & unknown**

New class of Navy Destroyers

USS ZUMWALT (DDG-1000)

CLASS - ZUMWALT Flight I As Built.

Displacement 14,164 Tons, Dimensions, 600' x 79.1' x 27' 6"

Armament 2 x 155mm Advanced Gun System, 80 - PVLS cells for

Tomahawk, Standard Missile & Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile.

Aircraft, 2 SH-60 LAMPS helicopters or 1 MH-60R helicopter, 3 RQ-8A Fire Scout VTUAV

Machinery, LM2500 & LM500 Gas Turbines, 2 Fixed Pitch Propellers,

Permanent Magnet In-Hull Motors.

Speed, 30+ Knots, Range 6000 NM, Crew 150.

Operational and Building Data

Contract awarded 14 February 2008.

Keel laid at Bath, ME on November 17 2011.

Launched October 28 2013 at Bath, ME.



2014 Annual Reunion Form; Myrtle Beach

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)

Meal Selection: Beef _____ Chicken _____ (@ \$50 per person)

Number taking tour/show _____ (@\$85 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 31.

Myrtle Beach Reunion Tour Info, Banquet Menu and Room Rates.

You will have a choice of beef or chicken for your banquet meal. The selections are; Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala. Both entrees are served with fresh garden salad, vegetable, potato or rice, rolls and butter, dessert and beverage. If you need a special diet meal please note it on the registration form

As always, we will have a cash bar to purchase drinks. The cost of the banquet is \$50 a person. The banquet starts at 6:00 pm. Note your choice of meal on the registration form.

Our tour, which will be an evening event, on the Saturday of the reunion, includes a stop at a local iconic restaurant, The Giant Crab, for a buffet meal. It is said that they have a large selection which includes sea food. The busses will leave the hotel at 4:30 pm and arrive at The Giant Crab for a scheduled 5:00 pm dinner.

After dinner we will board the busses and go to the Alabama Theatre; the pre-show event starts at 7:15 pm and the actual show starts at 7:30 pm. Normally we would see the regular variety show, the “New” show, which is presented throughout the year. But, as luck would have it, we will see a premium celebrity show that evening. As of press time the Alabama Theatre had not signed the contract for the performance so the name of the show is not available yet. I can assure you that whatever the show is it will be something special. The name of the show should be available for our next newsletter or you can check with the theater in the near future if need be.

The price of the tour, which includes the meal, show and transportation, is \$85 a person.

Room rates are very reasonable and quite a few options are available. The room rates are higher on the weekend days and lower during the week so be prepared for the price difference. An interior room starts at \$54 weekday and \$62 for weekend nights for example. Other rooms offered range from Oceanview \$64 weekday, Oceanfront \$74 weekday, Oceanfront Efficiencies \$76 weekday, and four types of executive suites from \$74 to \$86 a night. A \$7 a night resort fee is also applied.

If you go to www.landmarkresort.com you can see diagrams of all the rooms and executive suites offered.

The reservation deadline date is March 10, 2014.

The reservation phone number is 800-845-0658.

The dates of the reunion are Friday April 11, Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13. Reunion room rates will be available 3 days prior and after the event.

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...

Our Association thanks the generosity of fellow member Jack Henderson RMSN 1948-1949 whose donations sponsor The “in Memoriam” page of the Compton’s website.



New embroidered white Compton hats . We will have them at our next reunion or you can purchase one for \$15 (includes postage), send a check to the USS Compton Assn., PO Box 6621, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831-6621.



Obituary: USS Compton DD705

Kenneth Ray Costic MM3, June 1950 to July 1954, passed on April 21, 2011, He was a former Compton Association member attending four reunions.

James Dixon, BMSN 52-55, passed on March 20 2013. James was a fellow Compton Association member. His daughter Sue stated that two days before he passed he went back to his days in the navy.



Norbert W Snizek, passed on September 3 2013. he was a “plankowner” and was aboard the Compton from November 1944 to September 1945. Norbert was rated as a MM 2/C. He was 87 years old and lived in Lancaster PA.



Bob Ott, Compton’s Northern Region Officer passed on October 17 2013 @ 7 AM. Bob was very active in the USS Compton Association and, along with his wife Chris, sponsored our past Buffalo Reunion. Bob served on the Compton (51-54) and achieved the rate of MM2. I am sure he was assigned to the naval greeting desk in heaven as was his custom at our reunions. We will miss you Bob!!!