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The Compton at war



Commissioned November 4 1944  
Decommissioned—September 27 1972

# Warwick Reunion 2017

This year we are returning to the Newport area by holding our reunion at the **Crowne Plaza Providence/Warwick** in Warwick, RI. Our 2010 reunion, at that hotel, was one of the largest in our history and those who attended know that the Crowne Plaza is a first class hotel. The room rate is **\$119** per night and includes a daily hot breakfast right in our hospitality room. The reduced rate is available three days prior and after the actual reunion. Coupons will be issued for breakfast in the restaurant on days when the Hospitality room is not open.

Our guided bus tour will be to Boston. We will see the historic sites such as the Old Church, Quincy Market and the Boston Navy Yard. The destroyer USS Cassin Young and the USS Constitution can be visited at the Navy Yard. Many of us who served on the Compton spent some time in Boston. We will have our group lunch at Maggiano’s restaurant.

The reunion will be held on **Friday April 21, Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23, 2017**. As usual our tour will be on Saturday and our meeting and banquet will be on Sunday. The banquet menu, agenda and registration forms can be found in this issue.

Shipmates must make their own hotel reservations; mention the **USS Compton** to get the reunion discounted rate. The block of rooms will be held until **March 20, 2017**, be sure to make your reservations early, cancellations can be made up to 24 hours prior to arrival.

Crowne Plaza Providence/Warwick  
801 Greenwich Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02886 **401-732-6000**



USS Constitution and  
USS Cassin Young DD793  
Charlestown Navy Shipyard



The “Compton Newsletter” is available in color—on our WEB site

### Compton Officers Wanted!

There is a move on to get Compton officers to attend the reunion in Warwick, RI. Although we have officers attend all of our events our biggest showing was at the last Warwick reunion, officers took up two tables at the tour lunch and banquet. If you are an officer who has never attended a reunion, or haven't been to one in a while, Warwick will be the place to be. Reunion info will be in our newsletters or you can contact **LTJG Joe Cataudella, at joecat13@cox.net.**

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: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ (@ \$50 per person)

Number taking tour \_\_\_\_\_ (@\$75per 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 and make hotel reservations by March 20.**

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#### 3 course plated dinner:

##### Garden Salad

**Sliced London Broil** with a Peppercorn sauce

or

**Boneless breast of chicken** with sage apple stuffing and merlot sauce.

( Vegetarian dish, Pasta Primavera, available with prior notice)

Both with potato, vegetable, rolls and butter and coffee or tea.

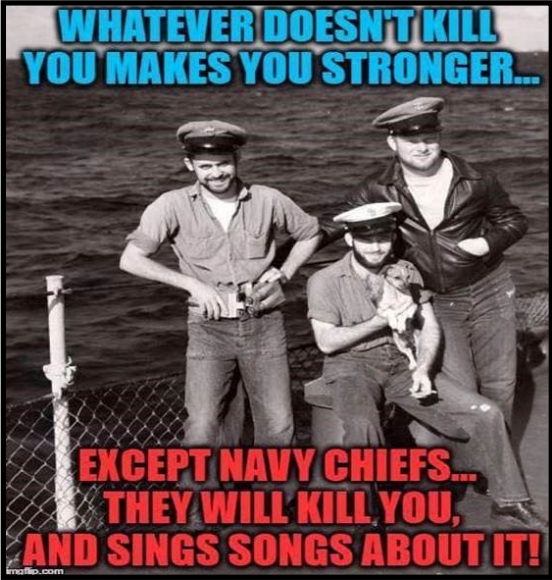
Dessert: New York Style Cheesecake

Banquet starts at 6:00pm so that we can take group pictures.

Meal will be served about 7:00pm.

Music will be provided by a DJ for dancing after the meal.

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They're cramming for their finals.



You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

The Department of the Navy is now assigning females to quarters on submarines.  
Addressing boat sailors at Groton, SUBLANT advised, "The female sleeping quarters will be out-of-bounds for all males.  
Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time."  
He continued, " Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$50.  
Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$100.  
Are there any questions?"  
At this point, a Master Chief stood up in the crowd and inquired: "How much for a season pass???"

BATON ROUGE REUNION



Kathleen and Fred Summerville with Chaplin Doc Eames—is this a counseling session ???



Rich Gentile and Ed Brimo Ed showing Rich how to find anything on line.



Tony Zagame and Joan Hennigan I hate it when they line up alphabetically!!



Vince and Barbara Degasperis looking spiffy as usual!!



Compton dancers Mike and Joyce Heider (forefront) doing the Chicago Cha-Cha.



More Compton sailors join Ed Brimo's class Just like in high school Moody is not paying attention.

We roll with the swells with pipe and bells  
To direct our daily routine  
Of watches we stand as we jockey this can  
To places yet to be seen  
As I strike for the rate of Boatswains Mate  
There are dues I'm expected to pay  
Decks and rails and brushes and pails  
Of red lead and Battleship gray

While I hammer the rust and wire brush  
The layers of blistered old paint  
The salt and spray that cause the decay  
Are cursed with tired complaint

Mid-rats and crackers, practical factors  
Boondocks and dungarees  
Mess cook and laundry, my life's in a quandary  
A tin can striker at sea

Finally today I can proudly say  
It was worth the work and wait  
For my Seaman's stripe, my shiny new pipe  
And insignia of Boatswains Mate

I do my best at studies and tests  
For my future I have to believe  
I'm determined concerning on-the-job learning  
And the crow I'll sew on my sleeve

Three months at sea, can it really be  
Another cruise is done  
As we steam through the night, we focus our sight  
On horizons for lights and home

I give a quick call to Mom, Dad and all  
And tell them my future is clear  
I've made a decision, not sure of the reason  
But I plan to re-up next year

As time has gone by, I've discovered that I  
Am proud to do what I do

Submitted by Ron Moody  
Author unknown



Actresses : Paula Prentiss (Upper L)  
Connie Francis (Lower L)

Cannes France—1962  
Starring in “Follow the Boys” about a group of  
ladies and their naval boyfriends.  
Compton was a part of a background shot, of  
our navy at sea, during the 1962 med cruise.  
Luther Carlisle SK2—behind Miss Francis

Photo by our “roving eye” and photographer  
Ron Moody



Ron Moody—at Boot Camp  
Young and fit...



Looks like a plot forming in Engineering



**Congratulations to:**  
Herb Sellers and  
Sandra De La Cruz  
On their recent marriage...

# Warwick 2017 Reunion Agenda

## Friday April 21

12:00 noon Hospitality room, TIVERTON, open, reunion registration.\*

## Saturday April 22

7:00am-8:30am Hot Buffet Breakfast in the Hospitality room  
8:00 am gather for group tour.

8:30am Busses leave the hotel for the driving tour of Boston and Navy Yard.

10:00am Hospitality room open for those not taking the tour.

1:00pm Tour lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant.

4:00pm Tour leaves the Boston Navy Yard for the return trip to the hotel.

## Sunday April 23

7:00am-8:30am Hot Buffet Breakfast in the Hospitality Room.

9:00am Hospitality room open.

10:00am General Meeting and Memorial Service in the BRISTOL room.

6:00pm Gather at the ROTUNDA banquet room for group photographs.  
The professional photographers will take our pictures and offer them for sale later in the evening.

7:00pm -11:00pm Banquet plated dinner in the ROTUNDA Room. (*Casual dress as always.*)

## Monday April 24

7:00am-8:30am Hot Buffet Breakfast in the Hospitality Room. Have a safe trip home.

\*Hospitality room open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

**I said to one of my younger Friends (over 70) that I read during sex you burn up as many calories as running 8 miles – He said who in the hell runs 8 miles in 45 seconds.**

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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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...



"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

**Obituary: USS Compton DD705**



**Joseph Diaz**, passed March 19, 2010, Asbury Park NJ, Joseph was a navy veteran during the Korean Conflict and was listed as serving on the USS Compton during that period. We have no other information on Mr Diaz as to rank or rating while serving on the Compton.

**David Marshall Sanders**, passed August 22, 2014 at 68 years old. After graduating from Skowhegan High School in Maine he joined the US Navy in 1964 and served on the destroyers USS Basilone, USS Compton and the USS Tills. A true Navy man David, a man of the sea working his way up to Tugboat Captain and eventually his own company Island Marine Construction.

**Roland "Rolly" Gooding**, passed June 25, 2016 at age 80 in Orange Beach, Missouri. Rolly was a BT2 serving on the Compton from 1954 to 1957. He was a past member of the Compton Association and attended the 2004 Nashville Reunion.

**Raymond Elsholz**, passed June 26, 2016 in Warren, PA. Raymond was 90 Years old and served on the USS Frankford DD497 USS Compton DD705 and USS English DD696 during WW2 from 1944 to 1946. He and his wife who passed before had requested they be buried at sea.

**Harold H Allen**, passed July 6, 2016 at 89 years, in Buffalo MO. Harold was born April 1, 1927. he joined the navy I 1943 and served on the Compton, the majority of his naval service. Harold was aboard the Compton during the Kamikaze attack near the end of the war. The plane was shot down but crashed near the Compton which spewed Shrapnel over the ship. A small piece of shrapnel lodged in Harold's shoulder which he carried the rest of his life.

**Robert W Barret**, passed July 15, 2016 at 89 years, in Sandusky OH. Robert was a USS Compton "Plank Owner". He was rated as a MM2 during his wartime service.