


The Compton at war

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U.S.S. COMPTON DD-705

Welcome all Crewmembers, Families and Guests

Tampa Reunion—2019

We had a very successful reunion in Charleston and now we are getting ready to hold our 2019 event in Tampa Florida. The Tampa reunion will be our 30th since we formed our Association in 1989.

The **Crowne Plaza Tampa-Westshore** will host our event. It is located at 5303 West Kennedy Blvd., in Tampa. The hotel phone number is (813) 287-1050, **reservations (877) 834-3613** for reservations use the Compton block code **UCA**.

The reunion will be a three-day event held on **Friday April 26, Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28, 2019**. Our standard format will be used; registration on Friday, a tour on Saturday and our memorial service, general meeting and banquet on Sunday.

Our discounted group room rate will available three days prior and after the actual reunion. **The room rate is \$149 a night and breakfast is included each morning.**

Complimentary transportation will be provided to and from the airport and a 3-mile radius of the hotel. The phone number for the 24/7 shuttle service is **(813) 289-1950**.

The "Compton Newsletter" is available in color—on our below WEB site Webmaster, Phil Prekel has posted 38 past newsletters from February 2009 to the present on our below listed Internet Website...

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TAMPA FL REUNION TOUR

Our tour event will be held on Saturday April 27, 2019 the second day of the Tampa reunion.

We have booked a day long bus tour from the “**Cheers! Events**” production company which includes a riding tour of the Tampa area, included with tour guides. We will leave the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9:30am.

After that the group will be taken to the University of Tampa where we will then go on a guided interior tour of the beautiful and historic campus buildings. Then it’s on to tour **Historic Ybor City**.

After the morning events we will be driven to the Sarasota area for a fantastic barbeque lunch for shipmates and guests.

The food will be prepared outdoors and dining will be in a nicely decorated, air conditioned, hall.

The trip is being sponsored by shipmate Joe Brielmann who resides in the Sarasota. FL Area.

The barbeque, also provided by Joe, will be at a facility he owns.

Due to Joe Brielmann participation, the cost of the day’s events will be only be **\$60** per person.

Tampa Reunion Registration form

Member’s Name _____

Spouse/guest _____ Number in party _____

Rank/Rate _____ Years aboard _____ to _____

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

(Attach additional names if necessary.)

Banquet Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Beef _____ (**@ \$60 per person**) Includes cheese and crackers and wine at the tables.

Number taking tour _____ (**@\$60 per person, lunch included**) 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 Thursday April 11.

Ybor City is a historic neighborhood in Tampa, Florida, located just northeast of downtown. It was founded in the 1880s by Vicente Martinez-Ybor and other cigar manufacturers and was populated by thousands of immigrants, mainly from Cuba, Spain, and Italy.

Ybor City has been designated as a National Historic Landmark District, and several structures in the area are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2008, 7th Avenue, the main commercial thoroughfare in Ybor City, was recognized as one of the "10 Great Streets in America" by the American Planning Associations for the millions of cigars it made annually.

Tampa 2019 Reunion Agenda

Friday April 26

12:00 noon Hospitality room, "Coquina", open. Registration. Refreshments all day.

Saturday April 27

6:30am-10:00am Breakfast in the Mezzo restaurant. Hospitality room, "Coquina", open.

9:30am Busses will leave the hotel for the Tampa tour including the University of Tampa and Ybor City.

1:00pm Arrive at Joe Brielmann's facility in Bradenton for a Barbeque.

4:30pm Time approximately—Back at Hotel

Friday April 26

12:00 noon Hospitality room, "Coquina", open. Registration. Refreshments all day.

Sunday April 28

6:30am-10:00am Breakfast in the Mezzo restaurant.

10:00am - noon General Meeting and Memorial Service in the "Lido" room.

6:00pm – 11:00pm Banquet plated dinner and dancing. (Treasure Island East Room)

Monday April 29

6:30am-10:00am Breakfast in the Mezzo Restaurant. Have a safe trip home.

When I was young, many years ago.....
I joined the Navy, Why, I don't know.....
I served My time, with Honor, and Pride.....
For this young boy, it was quite a ride.....
I went to places, I'd never dreamed.....
Time went fast, so it seemed.....
I met People, I'll never forget.....
And some, I wish I'd never met....
But as I think back on those days gone by.....
My Ship, My shipmates, brings a tear to My eye.....
I didn't know it then, never gave it a thought.....
But My time in the Navy, could not have been bought...
I guess We all feel the same, after We're out.....
The Pride We feel, that's what it's about.....
Having served our Nation, keeping it free.....
Protecting our way of life, and our Liberty....
And the Friends I made, along the way.....
Would I do it again? Any day.....
And to all My Shipmates, Anchors. Aweigh.....

Reunion Dinner on Sunday—April 28, 2019

1st Course—Salad:

Classic Caesar Salad with crisp romaine, garlic croutons, and Caesar dressing

2nd Course—Guests to select one (1) of the following entrees:

-Chicken Francaise with lemon beurre blanc sauce

-Seared Beef Medallions with a mushroom demi glaze

Both Entrees to be Accompanied by:

Truffled Mashed Potatoes and Charbroiled Baby Carrots with Sage Maple Glaze

3rd Course—Dessert:

Cheesecake and Chocolate Cake (alternating by place setting)

Cost: \$60.00, per person and will include wine at your table and a varied cheese selection table

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2018 Reunion General Meeting
April 25, 2018
Charleston, SC

- I. President of USS Compton Association Jack Heidecker, introduced Officers of the Association.

Vice-President - Ed Capozziello
Treasurer - Joe Napoli
Secretary - Mike Taylor
Western Representative - Jerry Sample
Southern Representative - Bob Dimonte
Northern Representative - Phil Prekel
Chaplain - William "Doc" Eames

- II. President Heidecker explained there would be no need for an election of officers as long as no present member wanted to become one. We (The Association) would maintain the same staff until so.

- III. Reading of the minutes by Secretary Taylor for the 2017 Warwick meeting.

- IV. Introduction of first time member attending a reunion.

1. Joe Brielmann
2. Dave Wheat
3. Leroy Thompson
4. John Koos (Plank owner)

- V. Treasurer Joe Napoli reported on Association finances. He said the Association treasury is good. We maintain about \$6,000 in treasury. Joe said we spend our surplus on the members through "mementos" such as decals, patches, etc. The treasury also subsidizes the reunions. Donations are given to Tin Can Sailors in honor of member upon their passing.

Joe also answered the question "Would the USS Gainard like to have a co-reunion?" Joe said he spoke with a Gainard representative and he said "At this time the Gainard would like to remain solo".

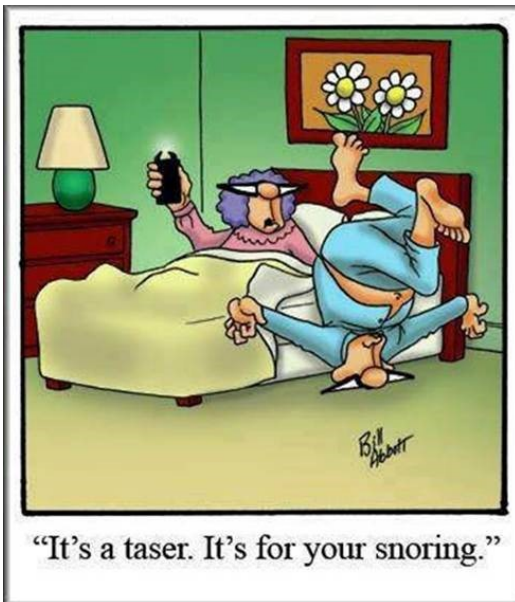
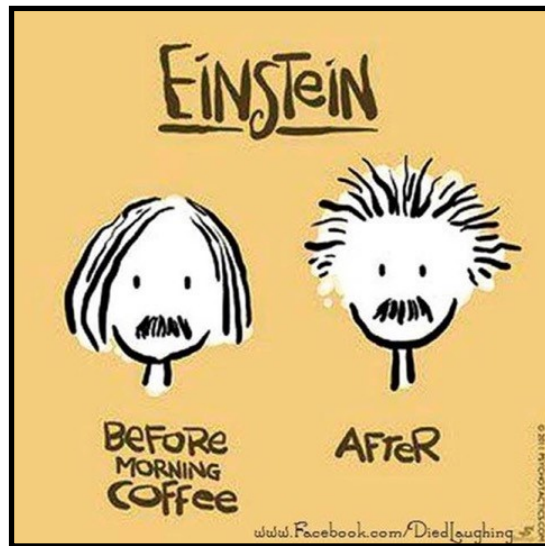
Joe reported that 93 people attended this year's reunion which is a good, strong group. Joe also commended the Crowne Plaza for being so good to us in the past as well as this year's reunion. Next year's reunion will be April 26-28, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Tampa, Fla.

- VI. Last remarks by President Jack Heidecker.

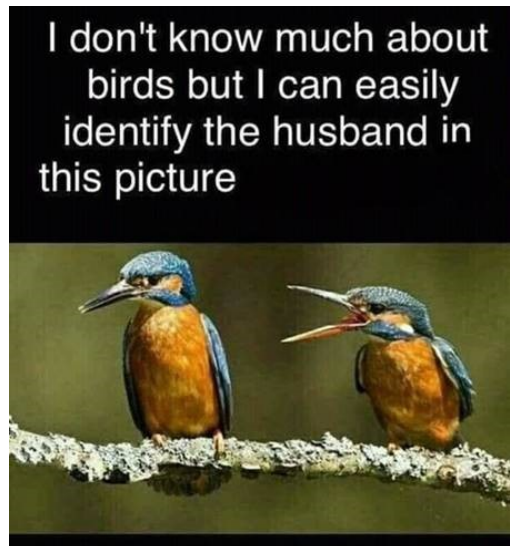
1. Send in your pictures from your days on the Compton for the newsletter.
2. Send obits. or any other news about The Compton.
3. Look at the website.
4. Reunion site for 2020 still undecided.
5. Adjournment.

Internet Goodies

I thought
growing old
would take
longer.



Why don't I have
any tattoos?
For the same reason
you don't put a
bumper sticker on a
Ferrari.



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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Charleston Reunion Pictures



Larry and Millie Farnham



Tony Zagame and Joan Hennigan



Rich Gentile and Joe Nowakowski
Rich excited that the Compton will be in his
Home Port of Tampa, Florida next year!!!



Connie and Ed Dagg
Cuddle for picture!!!

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...

Compton Donations—July 1 2018 to September 30 2018

Andy Kelly, Joseph Feeney, Joe Nowakowski,



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

Obituaries: USS Compton DD705



Maurice R Ouellette—MMC passed July 26 2018 in Milan NH. Maurice entered the navy when he was 17, during WW2, and served for 22 years until his retirement, he was assigned to the Compton from 7/1//1959 until 5/1/1961. Chief Ouellette was a past Compton Association Member. He was preceded in his passing by his wife Sylvia.



Stephen M Vermiglio—RM3, USS Compton 1951 to 1955, passed September 6, 2017 at 86 years of age in Hamden CT. Stephen was a early Association member attended the first two Compton Association reunions and was instrumental in setting up the third reunion in Newport RI. He enjoyed card trips to Atlantic City and was an active member of the Masonic Temple out of Wallingford CT.



George E Sawchuck—ET2, on the Compton 1951 to 1952, passed September 14, 2015 at his home in Auburn, New York. George was 86 years old when he passed. He attended an early Compton Reunion. George was born in Centralia PA, notorious for it's mine fire which made the city mostly inhabitable. George transferred to the Compton from our sister ship the USS Gainard DD706. He was employed by the General Electric Co until retirement.



Gary Eugene Anschutz, passed September 5, 2018 in Hays, Kansas. Gary was born June 13, 1940 in Hays. His rate or rank is unknown but, he is listed as serving in the U S Navy from 1962 until 1968 on the USS Compton and on the USS Arcadia, AD 23. Military Honors and a memorial will be accorded to him on September 29, 2018 by VFW Post 6240.