

USS CONY
DD/DDE 508 Newsletter
July 2021
Final Edition

If you would be interested in taking over the duties and responsibilities of generating the USS Cony Association Newsletter, please contact Cindy.

Good day everyone,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe, happy, and healthy. Please continue to take all the necessary precautions to get through this still trying time.

2021 Reunion!

As you all know by now, the 2021 Reunion in Baltimore has been cancelled. Those who sent in registration forms have received refunds.

I am so sorry we had to cancel but due to low response, I felt that this was the best decision.

Donations/Newsletter:

My heart is heavy but this will be the final Newsletter coming from the Michel household. If anyone wants to continue the tradition, I will be more than happy to forward the mailing list (both email and snail mail).

I have also planned on writing the final check from the USS Cony Association account to Tin Can Sailors as a donation from this wonderful organization and closing the account as of the end of the Fiscal year July 2021.

There was also a decrease in donations and overall interest in the ship store items which led me to that decision.

Taps:

I have a final TAPS list that I will attach to this newsletter. I have not heard of anymore of our shipmates passing so this is the most up to date information I have.

Ship Store:

The ship store has 15 Cony mugs and 5 Challenge coins left. I am not replenishing the stock but if anyone is interested, I would be more than happy to send one to you (no charge).

Just reach out to me via email or cell phone

Email: cam22469@yahoo.com

Phone – 352-275-8708

Cony Memorabilia:

I am also sending the remaining Cony Memorabilia to Ms. Jill Harrison. As posted in previous newsletters, she is organizing an exhibit at the Maine Maritime Museum. I feel that the memorabilia would be a wonderful addition to the exhibit.

If anyone has anything that they wish to donate, please see the following information.

“The Maine Maritime Museum will do an exhibit on the USS CONY and memorabilia of Joseph S. Cony, the ship’s namesake. Does anyone have a story to share? Please join Gary Slaughter, author of *Sea Stories*, and other USS 508 crewmembers to have your story told as part of this exhibit. You can have it read, printed, or we can film you telling your story. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your memories and make them a permanent part of history!

My cell phone # is 401 662 1167. Let’s arrange a time to speak!”

Final Thoughts:

It has been a true honor and privilege to get to know you over the last several years. You welcomed my father and me into the fold at the Jacksonville Reunion several years ago and it’s been a family ever since.

I wish that circumstances were different, and that life did not throw us the obstacles that it has over the last couple of years.

Please know that I will carry you all in my hearts and I think of you as my extended family.

That is all I have for now....

Fair winds and following seas!

Love to all.

Cindy

TAPS

Allen, Eugene – RD2 – 1943-1946

Briand, Maurice - TM3 – 1942-1944

Church, Robert -

Dunlap, Phil – FTA 2 – 1956-1959

Haskins, John (Jack) - MM3 – 1953-1955

Griffith, William M – 1962-1963

Knapp, James (Jim) – FT2 – 1961-1963

Mach, Jerry – MM3 – 1954-1957

Miller, John R – FN -

Mitich, Robert (Bob) - FG2 – 1961-1964

Peterson, Gayle “Whitey” - BT3 – 1953-1955

Peters, Charles - - 1956-1958

Serabian, Paul – SN – 1961-1962

Swezey, Louis – BTCM –

Symens, Charles -

Thompson, John – FN – 1943-1946

Winburn, O.P. – BT1 – 1963-1965

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