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Happy New Year!

USS CONY

DD/DDE 508 Newsletter

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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.

Next year's Reunion!

Ok...We're back in business – the place Baltimore, the dates Sept 8th thru 11th.

I have rebooked the hotel and am working on the other aspects as we speak.

I will have official registration forms as soon as all my contacts get back to me!

We have some fun and special things planned so I am hoping to make this a reunion that you will all enjoy! I know I missed not seeing all of you and I hope that with the progress of vaccines and protocols, we can enjoy being together again!

More news to follow so....

Please, respond either to my email: cam22469@yahoo.com or my work email michelc@vystarcu.org or my cell phone 352-275-8708 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Donations/Newsletter:

The annual donations are still \$15 and if you would like mailed newsletters \$20. Some of you have already contributed and that is greatly appreciated.

Usually, we collect those at the reunions so if you haven't sent yours in yet, you can send them to the address below:

Make checks payable to

USS CONY Association

Address: 134 SW 62nd Street Apt 611

Gainesville, Florida 32607

Also, I am in need of information to include in the newsletter, what's going on in your lives, how have you spent the last year, what you would like others to know, news of those who have passed, information about your time on the Cony or whatever you think would make interesting reading.

Taps:

I have received word of the passing of John L. Thompson on October 6, 2020. His daughter reached out to me and I will add her letter and photos to the email.

To see the letters, click on the numbers below.

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Ship Store:

I still have some inventory for the Ship Store if anyone is interested. If you are, the form is on the Cony Website: www.usscony.com

The inventory is not large but can be replenished if needed.

A note from a shipmate:

David Dean writes:

“Cony was my first ship. I was on the Cony from 1961 to 1964. I began as First Lieutenant and worked my way up to Weapons Officer.

I made many good friends on the Cony. She gave me a good grounding for a career that lasted some 24 years; most of them on or around destroyers. DD-508 was home to many great sailors.

At the risk of overlooking many of the shipmates I served with, I will mention just a few that were of special support in helping a raw ensign get a good start on a 25-year career.

They were BM1/BMC Shankle, BM2 Stillwell, BM2 Logan, and BM2 Peterson.

When I was transferred to become 2nd Division Officer, I was lucky to have the Stokes brothers. BM1 Knowles, GM3 Oswald. Splendid sailors all of them! (On a great ship!) You asked for it!

I had a full career in the Navy, retiring in 1986. For several years I taught and coached high schoolers. Now I have time to keep up with old shipmates!”

If you have a note of remembrance or anything you would like to share, please let me know.

My email is cam22469@yahoo.com – please send me information, memories, photos, or whatever you feel comfortable sharing for content in upcoming newsletters.

That is all I have for now....

I look forward to hearing from you!

Love to all

Cindy