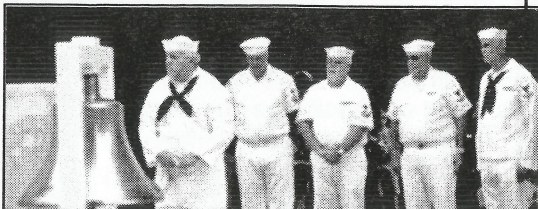


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2010 Reunion Albany, NY/ Bennington, VT



Another great reunion under our belt; or, as I describe it to my friends, "Going on vacation with 200 friends for a week". I also tell my friends, 40 + years ago I traveled the world with these guys, and now we are travelling the USA together.

This was a special "Homecoming Reunion"; we all came home to our town of Bennington, Vermont. In 1995 we had our first reunion here, and ever since the town has been asking us to come back. The last few years some of us have gone to Bennington in August; holding our memorial service at the ship's bell and walking in the Battle Day parade. As we would walk down Main St. the people stand and applaud and I wanted to share this experience with the rest of you. Now we have.

As with every reunion, there were many unsung heroes, many volunteers behind the scenes, and out in front, pitching in to help at the registration table, as a bus Captain, or just picking up around the hospitality room. Dotty and I thank everyone for helping us make this reunion a success.

As some good friends of ours have said - "See y'all in Texas".

Bill and Dotty Copeland

Few people understand the real meaning of the word Shipmate, but we do, don't we?

