



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS (E-LETTERS) ARE NOW AVAILABLE

In the interest of saving money, I am now offering "The Mighty N" in electronic form. By being able to send the newsletter to interested shipmates and their families through email, we are able to save .39 a newsletter. While it still amazes me that you can send a letter anywhere in the country for .39, it does take a toll on the newsletter fund when you multiply that by 150 newsletters. Postage alone costs about \$60 a newsletter not to mention the envelopes and labels. By volunteering to receive the newsletter via email, you help to save money so that The Mighty N can continue for years to come. There are some real advantages to receiving the E-letter. The first is that you will get the Newsletter in color. There are a lot of vibrant pictures that I include that black and white copying just does not show. The other advantage is storage. Hard copy of the newsletter may be lost, or may begin to clutter a drawer or file etc. The third advantage is you can receive your newsletter wherever you are, be it Istanbul or Atlanta. For you snowbirds this is a great advantage. Wherever you have access to your email, you have the newsletter. Simply email me at jason@thenewcomb.org to volunteer for the E-letter list. Thanks.

A little Help?

This is MM/3c Joe LaValle. He was aboard the 586 from beginning to end and was wounded on April 6. I think he may have been in #3 gun loading the ammo hoist. If you recognize him or remember serving with him please contact me at jason@thenewcomb.org or 513-738-2709. Thanks



Princess Cruise Lines offers an incredible opportunity to return to the same waters once plied by the sleek bow of the 586 herself. Four ships -- Sapphire Princess, Island Princess, Tahitian Princess and Pacific Princess -- together offer a comprehensive program that includes a new port for Princess -- a WWII battle site, Chuuk (Truk) in Micronesia, added to the new Sydney to Osaka sailing of the line's popular "Islands of the Pacific Theater" cruise. Princess' full range of South Pacific itineraries features Australia & New Zealand, Hawaii, Tahiti and an extended Pacific crossing. For more information go to Princess.com.

Journey Back

CAN YOU SEE ME? I have always wondered about the 586's paint scheme. It always seemed like a dark ship, not the haze gray we have come to know warships as. So I looked it up. Turns out the Newcomb was supposed to have the Measure 32/1d paint scheme. This is the design that puts strange block shapes all over the sides so that it looks like a puzzle that needs put together. Instead, she was draped in all Navy Blue, a scheme called Measure 21. All exteriors were painted a dark navy blue while horizontal surfaces were deck blue. All shiny objects or, anything that would reflect sunlight or a spotlight, were to be dulled or painted. Makes you really appreciate the hardships the shipmates went through, a dark ship in the South Pacific. Could it have been hotter?

SPECIAL THANKS:

If you get a chance, please send a thank you note, letter, or email to Gary Carr of Buyoutfootage.com. He donated a very rare universal newsreel to me on behalf of the group. It is extremely rare footage of the Newcomb and the Leutze right after she was hit by the first plane, then while she was still smoking and sitting in Kerama Rhetto. This footage would have cost us about \$200! You can contact Gary via email at garycarr@buyouyfootage.com or by writing him at 5130 E La Palma Ave. Suite 106 Anaheim Hills, CA 92807. or call him at 714-693-1250. Please help me show him how appreciative we are.