

USS POWER Ladies Auxiliary August Newsletter

USS Powerful Ladies Auxiliary: Once again we had a great reunion in Columbus, Ga. with the tours that John & Kay Pinto had planned for us. The Double Tree staffs were good and friendly and our 2 banquets there were tasty. Our first night "Welcome Aboard" dinner theme was camouflage night. It worked out good as the camo outfits were casual and after a long day of traveling everyone looked great. Kay Pinto & Benny Latino won the prizes for the best camo attire.

Our tour to the Fort Benning base to see the Rangers demonstrations was exciting with the water demos and bombs going off. The Rangers let us get up close to their weapons and afterwards there was a graduation ceremony. We ate lunch at the mess hall and what an operation they have there. Next was the National Infantry Museum which was quite moving.

Lunch at the Bulloch House Rest. in Warm Springs, Ga. was good with the fried chicken and southern cooking. Going to FDR'S little white house was a walk back in time, so calm and peaceful. Our entertainer was Jennifer Duncan who got people up dancing and singing. She volunteers her time as her whole family was in the service and she wants to give back. She had the guys doing a routine to the song "Under the Boardwalk" and the ladies did a routine to "Stop in the name of Love" At our last night dinner banquet was our 2 bell ceremony with Ed Chartrand and Mike Farrens. Bill Lilley was voted "Shipmate of the Year" for 2015 and Ed Chartrand was voted "Shipmate of the Year" for 2016.

The photo display "Wall of Honor" is getting bigger each year but we still need your photo. Mail the photo to me or bring it to the next reunion. Thanks go out to Jim Brocklebank and Don Lonteen for saving and recycling pop tops which I donate to the Ronald McDonald house. We had a good turn out for Bingo with prizes and money and we will do it again next year. Thanks to all who brought door prizes. Please make plans for our June 2018 reunion to Portland, Maine.

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