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PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016

This will be the final announcement for the Savannah GA Reunion. We will meet at the Best Western Plus 115 O'Leary Road, Port Wentworth GA. Call hotel at 912-964-0840 and ask for the USS Piedmont rate of \$78.00 per night. (\$93.14 per night with tax), as always this rate is good 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion for those who want to arrive early or stay late. This will include free hot breakfast daily. There is a choice of double or king size beds. Transportation to and from hotel is your responsibility, approximately \$25.00 by taxi. Might want to try Uber to save even more.

Dinner will be available nightly for those who desire:

Wednesday - Blackened Chicken and Pulled Pork

Thursday - Chicken Marsala and Meat Lasagna

Friday - Tilapia in Lemon Butter and Herbed Pork Loin in Gravy

Saturday Banquet - Carved Beef Shoulder Tender with Au Jus and Horse Radish Sauce, Shrimp & Grits with Toppings, or Oven Roasted Chicken.

***Please see previous newsletter for detailed menu.**

Three Days of Tours are

Thursday - Tour of Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum with lunch at the museum.
Tour of Botanical Gardens and then return to hotel for Hospitality Room and dinner.

Friday - Tour of Historic Savannah including many of Savannah's town squares then lunch at Old Country Thyme Restaurant. After lunch continue tour as we head back to hotel, our Annual Business Meeting to elect new officers and select a location to host our 2017 reunion.

Saturday - Tour Charleston South Carolina with Tour of CSS Hunley a Civil War Confederate Submarine. After will enjoy a box lunch as we tour Historical areas of Charleston. Upon returning to Savannah freshen up for our Final Banquet. **Seats are limited for Charleston tour so reserve early.**

SOME MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

Bob Quandt received more heart surgery and will be unable to attend Savannah but is looking forward to 2017 and says hello to all.

George Means will be unable to attend but would like to see a reunion in San Diego.

Bob Dehart We are unable to attend, hope to make it next year.

Don Marino will be unable to attend. "We attended Granddaughters Graduation in Virginia."

David Engelbert will be unable to attend. "Finally became Grandparents and our middle daughter is getting married in October."

Dolton Duplechan will be unable to attend but wishes everyone a great time.

Richard Johnston ET2 form Morgantown had a stroke and is unable to travel.

Pete Souris will be unable to attend he celebrated 50th wedding anniversary and his doctor advised him to take it easy, his knees need to rest.

Nephew of Gene Kelly (Not a Piedmont Member) sent USS Piedmont Optical Shop game found in his Uncle's personal items, he would love it to go to a Piedmont Sailor. Gene passed away recently.

List of Deceased Shipmates

Shipmate Loran Lashbrook Radioman 46-48 passed away 09 March 2016

Shipmate John W. Bartholomeo Plankowner EM1 43-46 passed away 01 March 2016

Shipmate Edward Friesen SK1 46-49 passed away 23 March 2016

Shipmate William Sturm CS 51 passed away 18 May 2015

New Members Welcome Aboard

Johnson, Trenneth, Wife Joan YN3 59-61

Hoffman, John BM3 70-71

Zimmerman, Michael (Zip) PC3 73-75

Important Announcements and Dates

- **Please ensure the yearly dues are paid to ensure you maintain membership in good standing.** The dues are not just for shipmates attending the reunions but all shipmates dues are used to support administrative function, printing, mailing, postage as well as reunion down payments, etc.
- **Deadline for receiving payment for Savannah Reunion is 15 September 2016.** We must turn in final headcounts so tour company can reserve buses and ensure caterers and restaurants, so if you desire to attend Charleston tour seats are limited, first come first serve.
- Please remember to bring a small gift to raffle off, this helps to defray Hospitality Room expenses.

In closing I look forward to seeing everyone in Savannah, remember the date of **September 15, 2016 all registrations need to be received.** See you in Savannah. If more information or you have questions call Robert (Willie) Williams #757-479-2733

Dress for Final Banquet is Smart casual

For shipmates receiving this newsletter by mail if you now have a email address, please forward to me so we may update our records. This will save time and money for all concerned.

SAVANNAH GA REUNION REGISTRATION OCTOBER 5 - 9, 2016

Complete entire form with payment and send to Kent Thomas 7800 W 158th St, Overland Park KS 66223 by 15 September 2016. Make check payable to Piedmont Reunion Phone # 913-381-8934.

email kthomas82@kc.rr.com

Shipmates Name _____

Guests Name _____

Enclosed is \$15.00 Annual Association Dues \$ _____ \$15.00 _____

Enclosed is \$253.00 Per Person Attending 2016 Reunion.

No of people _____ x \$253.00 = _____

This cost includes three bus tours, Thurs, Fri, and Sat., Lunches and Dinners, including Wednesday Welcome Dinner.

If you cannot attend all functions then individual events may be purchased at the following rates.

Thursday Tour of 88th Air Force Museum & Garden \$55.00

Friday Tour of Savannah Historical Area \$ 55.00

Saturday Tour of Charleston SC, and CSS Hunley \$60.00

Wednesday Evening Best Western Plus Buffet Dinner \$17.00

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Saturday Evening Final Banquet \$32.00.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please verify phone number on Roster _____

Please verify e-mail address on Roster _____

Sailor news you would like to share with your shipmates.

