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PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER—AUGUST 2013

SEA-TAC REUNION—SEPT. 25-29, 2013—LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS; DEADLINE IS SEPT. 4, 2013.

The host hotel is Comfort Inn & Suites at the Sea-Tac airport, 19333 International Blvd., SeaTac, WA 98188. There are two phone numbers; 206-878-1100 & 206-878-8678. Their email is GM.WA403@choicehotels.com We will be there Wed., Sept. 25 thru Sun. noon Sept. 29. The room rate is \$70 per night and that is a bargain for the NW cities!! Be sure and mention Piedmont Reunion when making reservations. There is a variety of king and double rooms in our block so ask for your choice. These rates are good before and after our four day period if you want to arrive early or leave later.

We will be offering Wed., Thurs. & Friday night meals at the Hotel provided by ACT 3 Catering Service. Wednesday night, Sept. 25, will be hot sandwiches, meatballs, hoagie roll, sliced cheese, chips, pasta or Caesar salad. Thursday night is a Taco bar, tortillas, taco shells, chips & salsa, salad & rice. Friday night is American Barbeque, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken breast, potato salad, fruit salad, and corn on the cob. The Saturday night banquet will be at a nearby Old Spaghetti Factory in our own private room and we will have a buffet of 3 entrees with salad, hot baked bread, coffee, tea, milk & water. Soft drinks and lemonade are available at a cost. Desserts include Spumoni ice cream, Mud Pie, & chocolate Mousse cake.

The Thursday, Sept. 26 Bus Tour will include a ferry ride to Bremerton, USS Turner Joy Museum, and Navy Museum. Friday's tour will be Museum of Flight, Pike Place Market and a guided tour of Seattle.

BE SURE AND SEE THE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL THE COSTS AND OPTIONS.

HERE ARE CHANGES TO OUR ROSTER SINCE THE JUNE NEWSLETTER:

NEW MEMBERS:

**AKERS, Gerald & Samantha, 115 W. Perry, PO Box 637, Mustang, OK 73064 405-376-3889
E4 57-59 Email geraldakers@att.net**

BABJAR, Stephen, 37441 Kgal Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355 541-259-3611

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Email maryanddanforever@charter.net

MURRAY, Ron, 3622 Saratoga St., Cheyenne, WY 82001 307-433-9387 PNSN 72-74

Email wytarheel@bresnan.net

DELETIONS:

DERBY, Terry; Harlan, IA 51537 TM2 66-69 (Deceased 7/15/13)

JONES, Donald; Ludlow, KY 41047 56-59 (No dues received)

PARRY, Don; Mediapolis, IA 52637 Commissary 50-54 (Deceased 11/14/12)

PATRICK, Earl; Broadway, NC 27505 SN 52-56 (Poor health)

DATA CHANGES:

CHURMS, Bill & Betty; 386-734-5133 Email wchurms@cfl.rr.com

OLSON, Jerry & Carolee; Box 388, 146 Old Hwy 93 S, Somers, MT 59932 509-869-1002

SUTHERLAND, Jim & Rita; Greenville, MS 38701 662-332-4443 SK3 64-65

HERE ARE SOME NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR MEMBERS:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Piedmont Sailors that emailed or sent USPS cards of sympathy and condolences for Monica's death on July 8, 2013. Thank you very much; these were very comforting. Also, Kent & Mary Thomas and Bob and Maxine Laskey from the Kansas City area were in attendance at the funeral services. Thank you. Bill Kastens.

Pete & Georgia Souris, Gilbert, AZ announced they were Great Grandparents with the birth of Christa Bellarain in Valdosta, GA on 7/2/13. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz and they will call her Christabell. CONGRATULATIONS.

Jim Link, Dumont, NJ, Coxswain 43-46 PLANK Sailor was driving through Pennsylvania with his family on July 20 and made a stop at a food mall. A man noticed Jim's Piedmont hat and told him he was aboard 1976-80 so I have sent Piedmont Reunion information to Mike Neville at Broad Top, PA. We hope he will join our Reunion Assoc.

PIEDMONT GIFT ITEMS:

I have been mailing out quite a few Piedmont hats, shirt patches, license rims, letter openers, Piedmont hat & lapel pins, and tire gauges. The hats and patches will be attendee gifts at Sea-Tac 2013 reunion this September but anyone wanting these items may write a check to Piedmont Reunion Assoc. and mail it to me with your order or if you order by email send the check directly to Ruth Geraghty. THE HATS ARE \$10 EACH AND THE PATCHES ARE \$3 EACH. Everything else is \$1 each, postage paid.

BE SURE TO BRING GIFTS TO BE RAFFLED AT FRIDAY NIGHT FUND RAISER.

FUTURE REUNION RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE HEARD AT THE FRIDAY BUSINESS MEETING.

See you in Seattle!!

BILL KASTENS, PRESIDENT

USS PIEDMONT AD-17 REUNION ASSOC.

SEA-TAC, WA, REUNION REGISTRATION

September 25-29, 2013

This entire form with payment and all blanks completed must be sent to:

Ruth Geraghty, 18 E. 37th St., Bayonne, NJ 07002-4812 by 9/4/2013

Make checks payable to Piedmont Reunion

Phone # 201-339-5155

E-Mail rwgeraghty@verizon.net

SHIPMATE NAME _____

GUEST NAMES _____

1. Enclosed is \$10.00 for annual Association dues: \$_____

2. Enclosed is \$150.00 for each person attending the 2013 reunion:

No. ___ X \$150=\$_____

This cost covers two bus tours; Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday dinners at Comfort Inn; & Saturday Banquet at Spaghetti Factory.

3. If you cannot attend all of these functions, then individual events may be purchased at the following rates:

Thursday bus tour to Bremerton, WA:

No. ___ X \$50.00=\$_____

Friday tour of Seattle, Museum of Flight & Pike Place Market:

No. ___ X \$50.00=\$_____

Wednesday evening Dinner: (Make Your Own Hot Sandwiches)

No. ___ X \$15.00=\$_____

Thursday evening Dinner: (Taco Bar)

No. ___ X \$15.00=\$_____

Friday evening Dinner: (All American BBQ)

No. ___ X \$16.00=\$_____

4. Saturday evening Banquet(CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE--Baked Lasagna;

Chicken Marsala; Meat Lovers Treat, includes meatballs, sausage, & spaghetti w/ meat sauce)

No. ___ X \$16.00=\$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____

PLEASE CHECK (X) IF DRIVING A CAR TO SEA-TAC REUNION _____ AND WILLING TO DRIVE TO SPAGHETTI FACTORY SATURADAY NIGHT, SEPT. 28.

5. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "PIEDMONT REUNION" AND SEND TO: Ruth Geraghty, 18 East 37th St., Bayonne, NJ 07002-4812 NO LATER THAN SEPT. 4, 2013.

6. Please verify or correct your PHONE number now shown on our Roster _____

7. Please verify or correct your EMAIL ADDRESS now shown on our Roster _____

8. SAILOR NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOUR SHIPMATES: