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## PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER—AUGUST 2014

Piedmont Sailors—Here are some details of our 2014 Reunion in Rapid City, SD. The host Hotel is the Rapid City Ramada Inn at 1902 N. Lacrosse St., Rapid City, SD 57701; phone number is 605-342-3322; THE RESERVATION CUT-OFF IS AUGUST 15. We have a block of 40 rooms set aside for our group and we will be there from Wed. Sept. 10 to Sun. Sept. 14. Our room rate is \$72 per day but with their fees and taxes the total comes out to be \$82.29. There are choices of King and Queen bed rooms; the King rooms are more expensive, however. These rates are available three days before and three days after Sept. 10 and 14. Check in time is 3 PM and check out time is 11 AM. Reservations must be cancelled one week prior to arrival to avoid any charges. If anyone has to cancel at the last minute please ask for a cancellation number. We can bring in our own snacks, beer, liquor, and wine for our Hospitality Room and Hotel staff will do a daily "refresh" and supply ice at no charge. There will be two free one night room vouchers to be used for our raffle. AND, SPEAKING OF THE RAFFLE, BE SURE YOU BRING AN ITEM(S) THAT IS WORTH AT LEAST \$5; GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED.

We will have buffet dinners at 6 PM at the Hotel on Wed., Thurs., and Fri. nights. The Wed. menu is garden salad and dressings; buffalo tips with mushrooms and onions ragout; spinach stuffed chicken with smoked gouda sauce; roasted baby red potatoes; bacon and red pepper beans; dinner rolls; ice tea and coffee.

The Thurs. menu will be garden salad with dressings; eye of beef round medallions with balsamic bacon sauce; lemon pepper baked cod with lemon sauce; rice pilaf; baby glazed carrots; dinner rolls, assorted cakes, ice tea and coffee.

The Fri. evening menu is salads with dressings; boneless pork loin; chicken supreme; baked potato; chuck wagon corn; rolls, assorted pies, ice tea and coffee. See registration form for Sat. night banquet menu at Mt. Rushmore. The Mayor of Rapid City will be our dinner speaker.

There are three bus tours offered—Thursday we will do the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, and Crazy Horse Memorial with lunch at the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park; the Friday tour will cover Spearfish Canyon and Deadwood with lunch in Deadwood and then home through Sturgis, SD (famous for bikers in August); and Saturday we do the Badlands with on-your-own lunch at Wall Drug.

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

HERE ARE CHANGES TO OUR ROSTER SINCE THE JUNE NEWSLETTER.

AMUNDSON, Thomas; New Email tjamundson@invisimax.com

BULAT, John & Therese; New Email johnnyb66@cox.net

CARTER, Henry & Virginia; Buford, GA; DELETED, Unknown

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FERGUSON, Larry; PO Box 457; Geneva, OH 44041; 440-645-7682; MR1 65-68 & 73-74;

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FREYERMUTH, Charles; New phone number 402-660-0236

HATFIELD, Steven; New Email hatfieldsr@yahoo.com

HOLZ, John & Joanne; New Email jholz2@cox.net

KYLLO, Howard; New phone number & Email; 507-251-0458; E—sharonduden@live.com

LASKEY, Robert & Maxine; New Email mb2laskey@gmail.com

MARX, Ron & Bee; New phone number 719-850-0983

MORAST, Michael & Patsy; 150 Brown St.; Tecumseh, MI 49286; 517-673-7157

REZA, Joseph; Artesia, CA; SN 52-54; DECEASED July 14, 2014

SHOEMAKER, Roy & Gloria; New phone number & Email; 530-632-1987

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931-432-7075; EM2 58-62; E—th\_ma@charter.net

STEVENS, Wayne & Joyce; Hodgen, OK; Current phone number shown is Wayne's cell.

**Landline is 918-653-4424** 

## **PIEDMONT GIFT ITEMS:**

I have Piedmont hats, tire gauges, letter openers, and license rims.

The hats are \$10 each; all other items are \$1 each, postage paid.

The gifts for the 2014 Reunion at Rapid City, SD are Piedmont T-shirts and Piedmont License Plates.

PLEASE SEE THE RAPID CITY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND TO RUTH GERAGHTY WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO PIEDMONT REUNION ASSOC. THE REGISTRATION MUST BE TO RUTH BY August 20, 2014. The Ramada Hotel reservations need to be made by August 15, 2014. Call 605-342-3322.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN RAPID CITY, SD SEPT. 10-14, 2014.

Bill Kastens, President
USS Piedmont AD-17 Reunion Assoc.