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This is the final reminder of our 2015 Reunion in Albany, NY Sept. 16-20.

We are at the Sovereign Best Western Hotel in Albany, NY. The Hotel is located at 1228 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203; Ph. 518-489-2981. The daily room rate is \$76.00 plus taxes giving a total of \$86.64. Please see the Reunion Registration form for the costs of the meals and bus tours that are described below.

There will be bus tours Thurs., Friday, & Sat.; Sept. 17, 18, & 19. On Thursday, Sept. 17 we will visit the FDR home and Presidential Library & Museum with lunch "on your own"; and then the Vanderbilt Mansion. Each of these has a paid admission which will be included in the over all tour expense. We leave the Hotel at 9 AM and return at 5 PM.

Friday's tour loads at the Hotel at 7:30 AM and returns at 3:30 PM. There is a 2 hour historic tour of Albany from 8 to 10 AM. Next are options of other sites to see such as 1.5 to 2 hour tour of the USS Slater, a destroyer museum ship; or New York Sate Museum. We will then board a sightseeing cruise at 12:30 PM with cash bar and snack bar until 2:30 PM but there are boxed lunches included.

The Saturday tour, Sept. 19, 2015, will leave the Hotel at 7:00 AM but we will be back by 3:00 PM to prepare for the reunion banquet. There is but one stop and that is at the Baseball Hall of Fame which is free for active and retired military and \$13.50 each for all others. Lunch is "on your own".

All meals are at the Hotel. The Wednesday night, Sept. 16, 2015, dinner menu includes mixed greens salad; Caesar salad; Penne San Remo (penne pasta with chicken breast, artichoke hearts, sun-dried tomatoes, peas in white wine cream sauce); Penne ala Vodka; and chicken parmigiana. Also, mini chocolate chip cannolis plus all the usual beverages.

Thursday night dinner includes chopped antipasto salad; spaghetti with meat sauce; Penne Basilica (penne pasta with chicken breast, broccoli, and pesto cream sauce); Chicken Limone; cookies, brownies and beverages.

Friday night dinner includes Apple Gorgonzola salad; baked Ziti; macaroni & cheese; chicken marsala; cheese cake & beverages.

The Saturday night Banquet meal will be an Italian Buffet offering Pasta Fagoli; Caesar salad; baked Ziti with meatballs; Chicken Cacciatore; Broccoli Rabe sautéed with garlic and oil; garlic bread; drinks; and assorted Italian cookies.

PLEASE BRING YOUR RAFFLE GIFTS WITH YOU WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER ACTIVITIES.

Jack and Marge Chesnick; Raleigh, NC; will not be able to attend the reunion. Jack is receiving radiation treatments for prostate cancer and his last one is on Sept. 16, opening day of our reunion. They will be greatly missed managing the Hospitality Room and raffle items. We hope there will be some sailors who will help fill in for them. If you would like to talk about it call them at 919-803-6722. They would appreciate some substitute assistance.

Now for some Roster changes since the June 2015 Newsletter:

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DELETIONS:

Ed Dotto; Tuscarawas, OH Deceased

James McBride; Lower Burrell, PA; PLANK; PO could not deliver

WE HOPE TO HAVE A BIG TURNOUT FOR THE ALBANY REUNION.

YOUR REGISTRATION AND MONEY SHOULD GO TO KENT THOMAS BY AUGUST 30.

(Registration form is attached.)

Bill Kastens, President

USS Piedmont Reunion Assoc.