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## PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER—JUNE 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; Jen Rogers is the Director of Sales(at least she was when I signed contracts). 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. 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.**

**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.**

**There are three bus tours offered—Thurs. do Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, and Crazy Horse Memorial with lunch at State Game Lodge in Custer State Park; Fri. Spearfish Canyon and Deadwood with lunch in Deadwood and then home through Sturgis, SD(famous for bikers in August); and Sat. 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 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.**

**Kenneth Allen; Colo. Springs, CO Deleted, no contact possible.**

**Jim Byrne PLANK; Waukesha, WI; MM 1943-46 Deceased December 7, 2013.**

**Robert Dewey; Orlando, FL; ME 1948-52 Deceased March 2014.**

**Gladys Francisco; wife of Theodore Francisco; Mt. Vernon, MO Deceased Sept. 12, 2013.**

**Carol Hall; wife of Harold (Hal) Hall; Southwest Harbor, ME Deceased April 1, 2014.**

**Ruth Kirby; wife of Floyd Kirby; Lithia Springs, GA Deceased April 12, 2014.**

**James & Jane McBride (PLANK); Logan Place # 128; 139 Craigdell Rd.; Lower Burrell, PA 15068.**

**Larry Miller; Albuquerque, NM; MR 1951-54; Deceased April 29, 2014.**

**Ron Murray; PNSN 1972-74; 1543 Adams Ave.; Cheyenne, WY 82001.**

**Don Running; MM 1943-45 PLANK; Des Moines, IA; Deceased Sept. 7, 2013.**

**Al & Marie Sarracino; Diver MM 1943-46 PLANK; Wood Ridge, NJ; New Email  
sarracinoam@gmail.com**

**Donald Scholl; Fairbury, NE; SN 1951-54; Deceased May 20, 2014.**

**Wayne Stevens; FTG2 1963-64; 54430 US Hwy. 59; Hodgen, OK 74939 715-403-1813.**

**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.**

**PLEASE SEE THE RAPID CITY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND TO RUTH GERAGHTY WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO PIEDMONT REUNION ASSOC.**

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

**Bill Kastens, President**

**USS Piedmont AD-17 Reunion Assoc.**