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## Newsletter 01 March 2019

Well it is time again to say HELLO to everyone I hope the holidays treated you and your family well. I want pass on to you all information concerning our **23-27 September 2019** reunion in Dayton Ohio. The USS Sierra has already setup all the tours and hotel and this year 3 Dixie Class Tenders will hold a joint reunion, USS Dixie, USS Piedmont and USS Sierra and we are making plans for all 5 Dixie Class Tenders to meet in Washington D.C. in 2020.

Our host hotel is the Crowne Plaza 33 E. Fifth St. Dayton OH. You can choose King or Double Queen room at a daily rate of \$116.00 (\$131.66 with tax) which includes Breakfast. The hotel offers a free shuttle service to and from Dayton international airport, it will also shuttle you to local areas within 5 mile radius of hotel. To make room reservations call 1-800-689-5586 and ask for Dixie Class Destroyer Tender rate of \$116.00 (\$131.66 with tax)

Monday 23 September is check in and registration with Presidents welcome at 1700 in hospitality room.

Tuesday 24 September Breakfast, tour of Carillon Park followed by memorial service a Deeds Tower then lunch at Carillon Brewing Company after the tour completion then back to hotel to enjoy Hospitality room (Dinner is on your own).

Wednesday 25 September Breakfast, tour of National Museum the US Air Force (lunch is on your own) at 1500 we will conduct our annual business meeting in the hospitality room. Dinner will be at The Spaghetti Warehouse.

Thursday 26 September Breakfast. Free day for exploring Dayton. A Group Photo will be taken in hotel lobby prior to Final banquet.

Friday 27 September Breakfast and room checkout as in years past your hotel rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after for those who choose to arrive early or stay later. Now I would like to go more in-depth on our 2 days of tours

**Carillon Historical Park** Is 65 acre park and museum in Dayton which contains historic buildings and exhibits concerning the history of technology and the history of Dayton one of the more interesting of these is the Wright Brothers Aviation Center which houses Wright Flyer III the world's first practical airplane for more information go to [www.carillonpark.org](http://www.carillonpark.org)

**National Museum of the US Air Force** its galleries present military aviation history boasting many rare and one of a kind planes, missiles and engines. One of the more interesting items is the Presidential Gallery which displays aircraft that were used by President's Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy. You can look at the lift built for Roosevelt so he could enter his aircraft in his wheel chair and walk thru SAM 26000 the same plane that took Kennedy to Dallas and returned his body to Washington on 22 November 1963. For more information go to [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil)

**America's Packard Museum** On your free day you might consider visiting the Packard Museum in Dayton it is a site of a Packard car dealership which is now a museum with over 50 cars on display open 12 noon to 5pm. Another place you might consider is **The Dayton Art Institute** is one of the region's premier fine arts Museum. In addition to exhibiting outstanding special exhibitions and impressive collections of art from throughout the world. 456 Belmonte Park N. Dayton OH. #1-937-223-4278 allow 2-3 Hours

In other news we have resupplied our stocks of Hats and Polo shirts (with Pockets) the price remains the same \$20.00 each add \$6.00 for postage. We have smaller sizes in gray no pockets these items will be available for purchase at the reunion when checking in.

An item that I must mention that may or may not affect you, we have been removing members who have become more the 2 years delinquent on dues from our membership roster and will no longer receive a mailed newsletter, this was necessary to keep costs down and keeping our dues at \$15.00 annually.

Plans for our 2020 reunion in Washington D.C. (17-21 September) are progressing and will give you more details as they become available and of course full details at our business meeting in Dayton OH.

A special item has been purchased especially for this year's reunion each crew member who attends Dayton will receive a laser woodcut plaque of "DOC" ready for mounting a sure thing of pride that you will enjoy hanging on you wall.

We have been informed that the USS Independence CV-62 has scheduled there reunion at our hotel and that some dates will overlap our dates possibly causing shortage of rooms or a sold out situation so everyone is encouraged to make reservations early to avoid issues/disappointment.

**Dixie Class Destroyer Tender Reunion Registration**

Registration Due Date    Mail registration form    Michael Morast    Questions  
**15 August 2019**    and payment to    150 Brown St.    Willie Williams  
          Tecumseh Mi.    757-479-2733  
          49286

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Guest Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The total registration fee is \$105.00 per person which includes Hospitality room, Wednesday night Spaghetti Warehouse dinner and final Banquet also both tours which includes transportation, entry fees and lunch at Carillon Park Brewing Company.

Registration \$105.00 x \_\_\_ number attending    Total \_\_\_\_\_  
2019 Dues if not paid \$15.00    \_\_\_\_\_  
2020 Dues    \$15.00  
Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet meal choice Rosemary Lemon Chicken# \_\_\_\_\_ or Roast Pork Loin# \_\_\_\_\_

If you (or guest) have special dietary needs or other issues please list so we may accommodate you. \_\_\_\_\_

If this is your first reunion years served aboard from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Those attending the final banquet only the cost is \$50.00 per person indicate meal choices above.

Emergency contact person in case of emergency # \_\_\_\_\_

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