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## AUGUST 2011 PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER

**Piedmont Sailors, we have added some optional activities at the Norfolk Reunion that will not be covered in the reunion registration fee (See Registration form). Willie Williams has done another great job of securing all our services.**

**HOTEL DETAILS:** Our host hotel is the Holiday Inn Select, Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy., Norfolk, VA 23502; telephone is 757-213-2231; Website is [www.hiselect.com/norfolkva](http://www.hiselect.com/norfolkva) We have a room block of 40 rooms for the nights of Oct. 12, 13, 14 & 15, so it will pay to get your room reservations in early. The daily rate is \$79 + 13% tax which will be good prior and after the reunion dates if you want more time in the area. Specify you are with the Piedmont Reunion group. At time of reservation, there will be a one night advance hotel charge which is refundable if cancelled by 24 hours of check-in time. Any room cancelled on day of arrival will be charged one night's room and tax. Phone direct at 757-213-2231. There is complimentary breakfast buffet (2 vouchers per room) and free auto & RV parking. Also, there is complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport and to nearest Light Rail station which provides transportation to a wide area. **HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS SEPT. 15, 2011.** If you have special dietary needs or ADA needs, please specify at time of reservation.

**BUS TOURS:** The Thursday, Oct. 13, tour will be from 8 AM-5 PM (loading time is 15 minutes prior to start) and will visit the Shirley Plantation which was settled in 1613. There are 18<sup>th</sup> century brick buildings with Queen Ann architecture. This was the home of Anne Hill Carter, mother of General Robert E. Lee. Lunch is at Charles City Tavern, followed by a visit to the Yorktown Visitors Center (film of Battle at Yorktown-British surrendered to Gen. George Washington. Visit the Mariner's Museum, largest and most comprehensive maritime history museum in the world and now home of USS Monitor Exhibit.

The Friday, Oct. 14, tour will be from 8:30 AM-4 PM, allowing us time for our Business meeting in the Hospitality Room upon our return. This tour will include the Norfolk Naval Station (must have photo ID) homeport to 78 ships, largest Naval installation in the world. Then a riding tour of Virginia Beach. See lighthouses and the landing at Cape Henry where English colonies first came ashore in 1607. Lunch at Lynnhaven Fish House on Chesapeake Bay. Then the Military Aviation Museum at Virginia Beach Airport, one of the largest collections of WW II and Korean era airplanes. Finally, a stop at Doumars, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine, first used at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907. Abe Doumar created the first ice cream cone at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and their cones are still baked in this machine. You will be treated to an ice cream cone at this stop.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** We have exclusive use of Concourse A/B where registration will open at noon on Wed. Oct. 12 and all our meals and meetings will be in this room. There is seating for 100 at all times. There will be a dinner served here on Wed. evening from 5:30-10 PM and on Sat. night we will have the annual banquet. Jack and Marge Chesnick along with Willie and Aslaug Williams will see that we have a well stocked snack and drink counter. The Hotel staff will provide the wine, beer, and House brands for \$3 each, similar to the Atlanta situation. There will be space for Piedmont mementos as well as gifts to be raffled for our fund raiser.

NOW FOR SOME "SAILOR" NEWS that has come from Ruth Geraghty or was sent to me: Jack Chesnick has our Piedmont website up and running with some current information about reunion activity. You can access it in at least two ways----

Copy this URL, <http://www.theusspiedmont.org/> into your browser or just enter [www.theusspiedmont.org](http://www.theusspiedmont.org) Note the difference in this URL, the addition of the word "the". Eventually, the .com site will be active also. When you 'click' on REUNION in upper left corner you will bring in a notice of the Norfolk reunion, it actually runs into Sunday, October 16 when most sailors will check out. You will also find a notice of the March 2011 Newsletter which Jack has posted on the site. He will continue to add to this site in future days.

The Atlanta Reunion pictures taken by Dr. Van Vahle in October 2010 are now posted on a Facebook website, 439 in all. Anyone may access these photos by using the following URL's:

Album 1 (Part 1):

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.164928850237089.42741.164900016906639>

Album 2 (Part 2):

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.164904990239475.42726.164900016906639>

Album 3 (Part 3): <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.164943200235654.42743.164900016906639>

Tom Sayles, Las Vegas, NV, MR 57-59, says they will not be at Norfolk since they have a cruise booked and another reunion to attend in Sept.

Ray & Anne Hauck, Depew, NY, SH 52-56, will not be able to attend reunion due to medical problems. Ray is bothered with arthritis and Anne has Scleroderma disease.

William Newbauer, Refrigeration shop, 44-45 died May 9, 2011.

Bill Poland, Satellite Beach, FL, Elec. Repair 47-50, had hip surgery in May 2011 due to a fall and then pneumonia complications. Was in Rehab several weeks.

Frank Gaeta, Muskegon, MI, Baker/Coxswain 47-50, played baseball for Piedmont ship's team and made the China All Star team in 1948, winning all games played at various bases and ships in the Tsingtao, China area. They flew to San Diego in August 1948 to play in the All Navy Finals but lost to Hawaii Sub Pac 2 to 1.

Harrison Shedd, Warrant Off. 56-58, died in June 2009. His son, Chuck, remembers going aboard Piedmont when he was 12 years old (about 55 years ago) for Sunday dinners in the Warrant's Mess and while there first discovered "Playboy Magazine"!! He says the Piedmont was a great ship.

#### RECENT CHANGES TO OUR MEMBER ROSTER:

Dan Barlow, Plantation, FL, deceased 6/11/11

Charles Burch, Fairfax, VA, JO2 61, [msilva@gmu.edu](mailto:msilva@gmu.edu)

Mike Bosma, 206 Melrah HL, Peachtree City, GA 30269 404-432-8503 Rtd. Army Col.,  
Naples 74-76, [mbosma@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbosma@bellsouth.net)

John Burns, Alva, OK, 51-54, deceased 6/20/11

Bob Findly, Warrior, AL, Delete

Frank Gaeta, 3266 Hyde Park Rd., Muskegon, MI 49445 231-766-3183 Baker/Coxswain 47-50  
[usnavyman1941@aol.com](mailto:usnavyman1941@aol.com)

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Harry James, new e-mail [hjames10@neo.it.com](mailto:hjames10@neo.it.com)

Frank Kelliher, Cambridge, MA, Delete

Marion Maynard, Gas City, IN, deceased 5/12/11

Bob Minick, Thunderhead Retirement Resort, Apt. 1014, 5401 W. Dailey St., Glendale, AZ 85306

480-299-2839 QM 43-46 PLANK [E-rgminick@yahoo.com](mailto:E-rgminick@yahoo.com)

William & Rita Poland, new e-mail [ritamarie2@aol.com](mailto:ritamarie2@aol.com)

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Ronald L. Rouse, 17507 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Terr. South, Independence, MO 64055 816-820-2672 MM3 68-71

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David Shell, Diamond Springs, CA, Delete

J. S. Smith, Topeka, KS, IC3 Gyro Shop 49-52

Harold Thomas, 11 Donna Marie Ct., Sicklerville, NJ 08081 856-728-3415 Deck SN 67-68

Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, San Diego, CA, Delete

Kyle Waites, LaGrange, GA, new e-mail [kyle\\_waites@yahoo.com](mailto:kyle_waites@yahoo.com)

Mike Williams, Kinsley, KS, OptM 56-57 new e-mail [kaye888@hotmail.com](mailto:kaye888@hotmail.com)

**REUNION REGISTRATIONS:** Ruth Geraghty has 30 registered for reunion and 15 for the River Cruise on Friday evening Oct. 14. Several others have told her they are waiting to resolve health and family issues but are planning on being there. A year ago we had 39 paid up. As of Aug. 4, 2011, there are 41 registered at the Hotel in Norfolk. This does not count Willie & Aslaug Williams or Bill and Monica Kastens. **THE DINNER CRUISE FEE IS DUE SEPT. 5, 2011. NOW HERE ARE DETAILS FOR THE ELIZABETH RIVER DINNER CRUISE** that Willie Williams has looked into. Based on early responses there was sufficient interest to book a group party. In October they go out only on Friday and Saturday so we had to schedule it for Friday evening, Oct. 14. We will do the normal raffle gifts on Thursday evening so that after the Friday Business Meeting we can prepare to arrive at the loading dock by 7 PM. Willie is working on Hotel shuttle service for those not having a car. Departure time is 7:30, returning about 10:30 PM. The total package, at \$63.74 per person, includes buffet meals with many offerings, DJ and dancing, and coffee, tea, and iced tea. Casual attire but no t-shirts, jeans or tennis shoes. The only additional tipping would be for the bar drinks as you purchase them. Interior decks, there are 3 decks, are climate controlled. We need to make a final contract early in September so **ALL FEES ARE DUE BY SEPT. 5, 2011 TO RUTH GERAGHTY**. We will list this cost on the registration sheet. **SEE THEIR WEBSITE [www.entertainmentcruises.com](http://www.entertainmentcruises.com)** for ship pictures, etc. Click on Norfolk under select city, upper right hand.

Monica and I hope to see many of you in Norfolk in October.

Bill Kastens, President           USS Piedmont Reunion Association  
                                          NORFOLK, VA REUNION REGISTRATION  
                                          October 12-16, 2011

This entire form with payment and all blanks completed must be sent to:  
Ruth Geraghty, 18 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St., Bayonne, NJ 07002-4812 by 9/20/2011 unless you are paying  
for River Cruise—See that due date below.  
Make checks payable to Piedmont Reunion  
Phone # 201-339-5155  
E-Mail [rwgeraghty@verizon.net](mailto:rwgeraghty@verizon.net)

SHIPMATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. Enclosed is \$200.00 for each person attending the 2011 reunion: No. \_\_\_X  
\$200=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

This cost covers two bus tours, including lunch and admission fees; Wednesday evening  
Dinner; and Saturday Banquet.

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

Thursday tour to Shirley Plantation and Yorktown:	No. ___X
\$85.00=\$_____	
Friday tour to Norfolk Naval Station and Virginia Beach:	No. ___X \$75.00=\$_____
Wednesday evening Dinner:	No. ___X
\$20.00=\$_____	
Saturday evening Banquet:	No. ___X
\$35.00=\$_____	

4. TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_

5. Elizabeth River Dinner Cruise: No. \_\_\_X \$63.74=\$\_\_\_\_\_. THIS FEE WILL BE DUE TO RUTH GERAGHTY BY SEPT. 5, 2011 SO SHE CAN GET THE CHECK TO WILLIE WILLIAMS BY SEPT. 9, 2011.

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "PIEDMONT REUNION" AND SEND TO: Ruth Geraghty, 18 East 37<sup>th</sup> St., Bayonne, NJ 07002-4812.**

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

Please verify or correct your E-Mail address now shown on our Roster \_\_\_\_\_

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