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Well another reunion is in the books and I will summarize the highlights. A total of 50 attendee's which included both Dixie and Piedmont sailors and family. Once folks arrived they were issued their plague and other reunion goodies, at around 1730 we enjoyed pizza and wings and some meat balls and everyone enjoyed meeting old shipmates and telling a few sea stories; we were then briefed on the bus trip and the time to be in hotel lobby. The next morning after breakfast we started off at RCA studio and toured where many legendary records were recorded, Rock n Roll, Country, and Gospel, then on to the Tennessee state museum where we learned state history from the beginning until today, then lunch at the Germantown café. After everyone finished lunch we went on a city tour of Nashville learning interesting facts about the city. We returned to the hotel for dinner and more socializing and raffle ticket sales. The following day after breakfast we started off a little rough; our bus was 2 hours late due to communication issues with bus company and driver but after that was sorted out on to The Hermitage, but we were unable to tour Andrew Jackson mansion due to missing our assigned time. We did tour the grounds and gift shop then, back on the bus and a change of schedule, we arrived at the Country Music Hall of Fame for lunch and tour of the Hall, afterward back on the bus and we toured the Parthenon. We did encounter some delay when the bus got stuck and

had to be towed off the curb but everyone made the best of it and once we returned to hotel we then enjoyed some Spaghetti and Chicken Alfredo. We then had our raffles for table items brought by members and 50-50. The next morning breakfast and a quick business meeting where we voted to keep all officer's for another year, as well as a review of our treasurer's report. We selected Washington DC to host our next reunion in 2024 and choose Reno Nevada to host in 2025 with Las Vegas as a backup if necessary. The last item on the agenda was the raffle for 2 free hotel rooms, then members enjoyed a free day exploring on their own. That evening we enjoyed the hospitality of the local VFW and honored our missing shipmates. After the meal, it was time to say goodbye until next year. A few members took advantage of staying a extra day or two to visit family or to further explore our beautiful host city Nashville.

Deaths to report since last newsletter

David Chapman EM3 69-72

David Dancha Striker 55-57

Kenneth Mattes Plankowner 44-46

A comment was made concerning forwarding photos so we can post on our new web page we would love for you to share photos you might have and would like to share.

In closing I just want to thank all the Officers and Directors for all the support and help this past year and a big shout out to Bruce MacAlister for his hard work in creating our new web page which, with your help we will continue to make it better, so logon to our new web page and give us your thoughts and continue sending in those photos to webpiedmont@gmail.com.

Everyone who attended our Nashville reunion, if you have pictures please forward to Bruce MacAlister so we can use them on our web page or Facebook. Send them to webpiedmont@gmail.com or b.macalister@ieee.org. (Security means you can't put them directly on the website or Facebook.)

Remember we still have ball caps and polo shirts for sale and they make excellent Christmas presents Just \$25.00 each, please add \$8.00 for postage, and of course please keep your dues up to date if not sure just give Michael Morast a call at 517-673-7157.

A special thanks to the ladies who sold our raffle tickets and ensured that everything went smoothly we couldn't do it without you ladies.

"THE FIVE MOST DANGEROUS THINGS IN THE US NAVY"

A Seaman saying, "I learned this in Boot Camp..."

A Petty Officer saying, "Trust me, sir..."

A Lieutenant JG saying, "Based on my experience..."

A Lieutenant saying, "I was just thinking..."

A Chief chuckling, "Watch this shit..."

A crusty old Chief found himself at a gala event downtown, hosted by a local (strictly women's) liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young, idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Chief for conversation.

She said, "Excuse me, sir, but you seem to be a very serious man. Are you this way all the time, or is something bothering you?"

"No," the Chief said, "just serious by nature."

The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."

The Chief's short reply was, "Yep, a lot of action."

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, "You know, you should lighten up a little - relax and enjoy yourself."

The Chief just stared at her in his serious manner.

Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?"

The chief continued to stare at her and replied, "1955."

She said, "Well, there you go; you really need to chill out and quit taking everything so seriously - I mean, no sex since 1955, isn't that a little extreme?"

The Chief, glancing at his watch, said in his matter-of-fact voice, "Oh, I don't know. It's only 2130 now!"