



USS Piedmont AD-17

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I hope the holidays were enjoyable for everyone and 2024 is treating everyone well even though we all are getting older and hopefully wiser. Our reunion plans in Washington DC are complete and I think we have put together something everyone can enjoy. This year it will be a bit different because Washington has so much to see and do and it offers excellent transportation options so you will not even need a car to see almost anything. So the dates are 18-23 September 2024 and our host hotel is the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport with a daily rate of \$139.00 (157.07 with tax) which includes breakfast for to 2. To make reservations call 800-445-8667 and ask for USS Dixie/USS Piedmont rate. Remember rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after for those who want to arrive early or stay later. I suggest you make reservations early to ensure availability.

Deaths to report since last newsletter

Raymond, Scott MM3 1977 passed 28 January 2024

North, Wesley FT 59-62 Passed 16 October 2018

Tours

18 September, if flying into Dulles call hotel for free shuttle pickup at 703-478-2900 then join us in the hospitality room; it opens at 1500 for snacks and refreshments but most importantly catch up on old friendships and make new ones.

Now for our tours, 19 September; we start with visiting Mount Vernon home and final resting place of our first president, George Washington. For more information visit www.mountvernon.org. Next we will enjoy lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn, afterwards we will visit The Lincoln memorial, The Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Wall Memorial all within easy walking from bus drop off point. Afterwards we will visit the World War II Memorial and then return to our hotel for some quality hospitality room fun time.

20 September We start off visiting the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and then on to the Navy Memorial (www.navymemorial.org). We will have lunch at Hill Country BBQ a short walking distance from the Navy Memorial and then onto the White House, Capital, and the Supreme Court for Photo ops. We will close the day visiting The Holocaust Memorial (ushmm.org), and then return to the Hotel for fun and socializing.

September 21 as mentioned earlier Washington has an excellent transportation system so enjoy touring of Washington DC on your own. Some suggestions would be Arlington National Cemetery, Air and Space Museum and its annex very close to hotel; the shuttle can take you there if schedule permits, Visit the Capital Building for information on tours. (visitthecapitol.gov), or maybe purchase tickets for the "hop-on and hop-off bus." Dozens of museums and sights are at your finger tips.

September 22 Business Meeting; selection of new officers and selection of 2025 reunion location on the West Coast, (Portland OR or Reno NV or San Diego CA are in the running) and raffle of

free hotel nights. Afterwards tours on your own. Our Final Banquet at the hotel is at 1730 (5:30pm for you civilians).

September 23 Reunion complete see you next year.

For the good of the Association

All honorably discharged veterans can shop tax free at shopmyexchange.com

I have mentioned this before but I feel must say it again please keep us updated on changes to any contact information such a phone, address, or email. It seems every time I send out a email I get kick backs from invalid emails; when this happens I try calling telephone number listed and if this does not work then I will mail a letter to the address. If no reply I have no choice but to remove from roster. So please do your part so we can do ours.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that maybe it would benefit members to have children or grandchildren accompany you to the reunion just to assist you as well to share memories as well sharing family history and learning what it was like during your military career making more family moments lasting a lifetime - which are priceless. In the past everyone both old and young had a great time.

Don't forget to bring a raffle item this helps to reduce our cost of the hospitality room expenses.

Leaving you with a smile

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain

"What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir," the student replied.

"What would you do if another storm sprang up after?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do then?" asked the captain.

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"Hold on," said the captain. "Where are you getting all those anchors from?"

"From the same place, you're getting your storms, sir."

The crusty Navy Master Chief noticed a new face and barked at him, "Get over here! What's your name, sailor?"

"John," the new seaman replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy crap they're teaching sailors in boot camp these days, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my sailors by their last names only; Smith, Jones, Baker, Jackson, whatever. And you are to refer to me as 'Master Chief.' Do I make myself clear?"

"Aye, Aye, Master Chief!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

The seaman sighed. "Darling, My name is John Darling, Master Chief."

"Okay, John, here's what I want you to do"

Registration Form USS Dixie/USS Piedmont 18-23 September 2024

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____

Years served onboard Piedmont _____ Rate/Rank _____

Contact number _____ Emergency

Contact _____

2024 Dues _____ \$15.00

Past dues not paid (if not sure call Mike) _____ \$15.00 X _____

Tour #1 Mount Vernon with Lunch _____ \$ 110.00 X _____

Tour #2 Navy Memorial with Lunch _____ \$ 110.00 X _____

Final Banquet (Buffet) Menu listed below _____ \$ 66.00 X _____

Total _____

Mail check Payable to USS Piedmont Reunion Association to Michael Morast
150 Brown St. Tecumseh MI. 49286 his Telephone is 517-673-7157

For any questions or concerns call Mike or Willie my number is 757-729-0972

Hotel is Hilton Washington Dulles Airport 13869 Park Center Road Herndon
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Daily rate of \$139.00 (\$157.07 with tax) with free breakfast for 2 To make reservations call

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(Buffet items are Salad, assorted rolls, Roast Pork, Baked Tilapia, Beef Tips, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Assorted desserts, Coffee, Ice Tea) A cash bar will also be available

Please register early to ensure we have ample buses reserved. Full refunds will be honored until 15 September 2024.