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We have completed another reunion and have made many memories that we will share with family and friends. We have chosen New Orleans to host our 2026 reunion and again we will join forces with the USS Dixie folks who will take the lead on planning and organizing 2026. The three days of tours were exciting and informative. Although the number of shipmates were less than expected it brings up the questions, was the place selected (Portland) not a good selection or were their other causes that kept folks away, please share your thoughts or concerns with your officers. Speaking of officer's we have reelected our President and Vice President and will be saying goodbye to our Secretary-Treasurer Mike Morast, he has decided to hang up his checkbook after all these years and to Mike, I say thank you for a job well done. Our new Secretary-Treasurer Joseph Myers was aboard in 70-72 as a TM2, we welcome him and look forward to his service.

Death of Shipmates

Gary Harris PN3 52-56. Passed 05 April 2025 age 93

James R. Davidson GMSN 55-56 Passed 16 May 2025 Age 87

Merrill Mensor LT. 56-58 Passed 26 September 2025 Age 96

As those that attended the Portland reunion noticed that my wife and I were not in attendance, I had a Knee replacement and on Doctor's orders I was not allowed to fly but I knew everyone was in good hands with Ron and Mike ensuring the reunion was running smoothly so my personal thanks to Ron and Mike.

With the holidays fast approaching you might want to give your love ones a Piedmont Hat or a Piedmont Polo shirt and let them show off to family and friends that Navy pride. Hats or shirts are just \$25.00 plus \$8.00 shipping send funds to our new secretary-treasurer Joe Myers his contact information is found on the header of this newsletter.

I mention this in every newsletter so here I go again

- 1. Keep your dues up to date if you are not sure, give Joe Myers a call and he can update you on your dues.**
- 2. Keep us updated on changes to your address, email, and phone number you never know when a shipmate might want to contact you so keep us informed of any changes to contact information.**
- 3. If you have information you would like to share with our group, send it to us so we can post in newsletter.**

Our next newsletter will be out in March 2026 and will have dates of our 2026 reunion in New Orleans and some information on tours and what to see and do.

Until our next newsletter we the Officers and Directors want to wish everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving and a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas with family and friends. We hope that the upcoming year of 2026 is full of love and friendship. We will post if necessary, any information that needs immediate dissemination via email and post on our web page and Facebook. So, until we meet again stay safe, stay in contact, and have the greatest of holidays.

Leaving you with a smile

This punker gets on a bus and takes a seat.

His hair's all green, he's got brightly colored tattoos covering his arms and piercings all over his face. Feathers hang from each earlobe. Across the aisle sits an old man who proceeds to stare at him for the next fifteen miles. Eventually, the punker gets pretty unnerved and blurts out:

"Hey man, didn't you do anything crazy when you were young?"

Without missing a beat, the old man replies, "Yeah, when I was in the Navy, I got drunk one night in Singapore and had sex with a Bird of Paradise. I was just wondering if you were my son."

A navy chief rolls onto base and sees two marines, one is digging a hole, and the other marine is filling in a hole behind him. He doesn't think much of it until lunch when he goes for a walk and sees the two still at and a whole line of freshly dug and filled holes.

He walks up to them.

Chief: Boys, you must have messed up big time for them to have you out here digging holes.

Marine: We didn't mess up chief, this is just a part of the base beautification project.

Chief: What in the?! How does a line of holes make this base any nicer!

Marine: Yeah, it probably would look nicer if the guy whose job it was to plant the trees didn't call in sick today.

