



## **USS Piedmont AD-17**

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## **April 01, 2026**

The holidays are behind us, and we hope it was full of family love, joy and memories for everyone to remember for a lifetime. Things are quickly coming together for our scheduled reunion in New Orleans; this will be a joint reunion again with the USS Dixie this year, joined by the USS Ajax so we can enjoy some exciting tales and share some sea stories. The dates are set 13-19 September, and the host hotel will be the Double Tree 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd Kenrrt LA. With a daily rate of \$125.00 a night with tax which would be \$143.44 which includes free breakfast for 2. Hotel offers free hotel shuttle service our rate is good for 3 days before and after for shipmates who desire to arrive early or stay later. For reservations call # 800-222-8733. A breakdown day by day is as follows:

13 September Arrival Day, Hospitality room open Dinner on your own

14 September Breakfast, WWII Museum Lunch and Dinner on your own

15 September Breakfast, Creole Queen historical tour with lunch, Destrehan Plantation tour Dinner on your own

16 September Breakfast, Swamp tour followed by lunch at Segnette Landing, then tour of French Quarter, Garden District and Cemetery

17 September Breakfast Tour old US mint, Lunch at Court of two sisters, tour of Mardi Gras world museum

18 September Breakfast, Business meeting, free day, Final Banquet

19 September Reunion complete

## Deaths to report

Phelps, Gary TM 68-69 Passed 10 February 2026  
Hopkins, Warren (Hoppy) QM 56-59 passed 05 February 2026  
Rhine, Russell GM1 67-70 passed 29 Dec. 2024  
McKittrick, Robert LCDR (stores) 62.64 passed 01 Dec. 2025  
Chandler, (Doc) Dennis HM2 636-67 Passed 10 April 2024

In the last newsletter I forgot to thank Bruce MacAlister for all his work in updating our web page and Facebook page and helping me put together a professional newsletter for all to enjoy. So, a big thank you Bruce .

Again I must request that you keep your contact information current, when I send our email or mail out newsletters one or two seem to comeback as unable to deliver and if no one answers at phone # on file and letter is returned then the only alternative is delete from roster so do everyone a favor keep us informed of changes to email, address, phone numbers so we can keep you informed and part of the information loop. Another item to pass on to you is to keep your Dues up to date if you are not sure contact Joe Myers, our Secretary / Treasurer.

After New Orleans reunion is complete then we are scheduled to return to East Coast for 2027 some folks have mentioned Orlando Florida or return to Norfolk Va. Let us know what your feelings are or if you have other suggestions please share.

We are always encouraging former crew members to join us, those who have served on Doc and want to join our Association and become a member we welcome you and hope you will join us at our annual reunion; we meet yearly usually in the fall and rotate from West coast to Mid-west to East Coast encouraging members wherever they live to join us. Join us and share your memories and sea stories we would love to hear them and even meet up with some long-lost shipmates.

### Collective Military Hardships

One day an airman, an Army soldier, and a Marine were talking about the hardships they faced during their last deployment.

**Airman:** "The worst was when the air conditioner broke in our tent and it was 110 degrees outside!"

**Soldier:** "No way, you guys had air conditioners?!"

**Marine:** "Wait, stop. You had tents?"

### Army Football Team Goes on a Break

The Army coach gave his Army football team a few days off. Several decided to go down to Panama City Beach for fun and relaxation. Coach saw the players on the first day back at practice and asked about their vacation.

"Not good coach," said the players. "We never made it to the beach."

"Why not," the coach asked, "car trouble?"

"No," they replied, "every few miles down the interstate we saw signs that said, 'Exit, Clean Restrooms'. You have no idea how many restrooms we cleaned between West Point and Panama City."

**After completing registration form please mail it with payment to**

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You don't need to register for every tour; simply choose the ones you want.  
Select your preferred option and spend those days either relaxing at the hotel or choosing an activity.  
Using public transportation or renting a car you have lots of options.

**USS Piedmont AD-17 reunion in New Orleans 13-19 September 2026**

Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Number # \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

September 14 World War II Museum \$90.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

September 15 Creole Queen, Lunch, Destrehan Plantation tour  
\$128.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

September 16 Swamp Tour, Segnette Landing Buffet Lunch, New Orleans City Tour  
\$159.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

September 17 Old U.S. Mint tour, Lunch Court of Two Sisters, Mardi Gras World tour  
\$106.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Final Banquet Meal \$63.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Any Food Allergies or Special diet requirements please list

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Dues for 2027 \$15.00

Dues overdue Contact Joe Myers for amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet menu**

Beef Brisket, Braised in Red Wine Sauce, Root Vegetables  
New Orleans Blackened Gulf Fish, Pan Seared Gulf Fish in Cajon Seasoning  
Vegetable: Asparagus  
Accompaniment: Roasted Sweet Potatoes  
Specialty: Chicken & Sausage Pasta Jambalaya  
Soup: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo  
Salad: Strawberry Spinach Salad with Feta, Pecans, Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Desert: Bourbon Pecan Pie