



USS Piedmont AD-17

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USS Piedmont Newsletter 15 June 2026

This will be the final newsletter prior to the reunion. I hope this newsletter finds you well and you, like many other members of the association, are wrapping up plans on attending our reunion in New Orleans. Things are complete for our scheduled reunion in New Orleans this will be a joint reunion again with the USS Dixie, joined by the USS Ajax so we can enjoy some exciting tales and share some sea stories. The dates are set for 13-19 September, and the host hotel will be the Double Tree 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Kenner LA. With a daily rate of \$125.00 a night, with tax would be \$143.44 which includes free breakfast for 2. The hotel offers free airport/hotel shuttle service and 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

Reunion cutoff date is August 19 2026 hotel reservations must be made by this date to ensure you receive our special daily rate.

Deaths to report since last newsletter

None to report

The American Legion and other VSOs have been providing military honors for deceased service members for decades, but a military detail is not a guarantee. Arranging for a military honor guard requires a DD-214 or other proof of honorable service. Some helpful information for arranging military funeral honors can be found on war.gov VA National Cemetery Administration.cem.va.gov. Military One Source (military one source.mil call 800-342-9647 for instructions on obtaining a DD-214 and information on resources for funeral honors and Directory and resources for funeral directors and planners.

Did you know that as a Veteran you are authorized to shop at military exchanges tax free; learn more at SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM/VETS

Again I must request that you keep your contact information current, when I send out 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.

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 maybe even meet up with some long-lost shipmates

Just to let everyone know there lots of restaurants nearby the hotel all are within walking distance; a list of all restaurants will be posted in the hospitality room or information can be obtained form the front desk; just to name a few McDonalds 0.1 3 min, Chick-fil-A 0.1 3min, Gendusa's Italian Eatery 0.24 Min, Harbor Seafood & Oyster Bar 0.6 12min .

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.

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.

Leaving you with a smile

A little boy was staring in wonder at the names on a plaque in an old church. The pastor noticed him and asked, "What are you looking at, my son?"

The boy replied, "All those names up there. Who are they?"

The pastor smiled and said, "Why, they are the names of people from this congregation who died in the service."

The little boy thought for a moment and then asked very quietly, "Which one? The 9:00 or the 11:00 service?"

The US Navy will start to equip all their subs with emotional support dogs. After a lot of study, they decided on Dachshunds.

They will be subma-weiners.

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

Member _____
Guest _____

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

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