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## **USS Piedmont Newsletter May 15 2022**

Well we finally received the information and pricing on all the tours for Tucson some adjustments were needed for tours due to closers but these changes were minimal and we still get to see everything just on different days that were originally planned.

The following reunion information is passed to you for your information and action.

Dates are Sunday 25 September – Friday 30 September the USS Dixie folks are hosting us and they are working hard to ensure everyone attending will have a great time. Our host hotel is the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel.

[www.ddcaz.com/tucson](http://www.ddcaz.com/tucson) 7350 S Nogales Hwy. Tucson AZ., we will be in the south tower away from the casino. If you fly into Tucson the hotel has a free shuttle service just call 520-342-3012 or 520-342-3100, Daily room rate is \$115.00 +12.5% tax and \$2.00 Occupancy tax, which is total of \$131.37 per day. Parking is free of charge and the hotel will issue a \$10.00 food credit for each guest up to 2. Room rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after for those who choose to arrive early or stay longer. Reservations are made by calling 520-342-3012, Refer to USS Dixie and USS Piedmont reunion 2022 room block.

**Reservations must be made by August 26 2022. Room availability and special rate may not be available after this day.**

Sunday, 25 September: arrive and check-in at 3 PM on the 4th floor. The Hospitality room will be open for drinks and snacks on the South Tower, away from the Casino! We can bring our own food and drinks (soda, beer, wine, etc.) into the hotel; drinks only on the 4th floor!

**Tucson, AZ - Dixie Class Reunion Bus Tours: Monday, Day 1, there are 2 different tours** to choose from: Titan Missile Museum or the Mission San Xavier del Bac with the City of Tubac. Please review your choices! Monday, Day 1: Titan Missile Museum ([www.titanmissilemuseum.org](http://www.titanmissilemuseum.org)) See the last of 54 Titan II missile sites, visitors receive a rare look at the technology used by the United States to deter nuclear war! Docent tours: (1) hour guided tours; no elevators, 55 steps We will have different times going to the Titan Museum throughout the day depending on interests. Museum cost \$15 Shuttle Cost: **\$5 cash to Driver** First shuttle is listed below and will accommodate 20: Shuttle loading time: 9 AM, Departing 9:15 AM, Arriving 9:45 AM Shuttle loading time: 10:15 AM, Departing 10:30 AM, Arriving 11:15 AM Shuttle loading time: 12:00 PM, Departing 12:15 PM, Arriving 12:45 PM Shuttle loading time: 1:15 PM, Departing 1:30 PM, Arriving 2:15 PM

The Mission San Xavier del Bac and City of Tubac is a joint tour! Monday, Day 1: Mission San Xavier del Bac ([www.sanxaviermission.org](http://www.sanxaviermission.org)) Often referred to as 'The White Dove of the Desert' Docent tours; (1) hour guided tours; donations accepted Monday, Day 1: City of Tubac, Arizona ([www.tubacaz.com](http://www.tubacaz.com)) After the Mission San Xavier del Bac tours, the busses will depart for Tubac. Tubac, the Historic destination, Centers of the Arts & Cultures, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park; Tumacacori National Historical Park; Art Shopping & Various Dining options (Lunch on Your Own). Bus loading time: 8:30 AM, Departing 8:45 AM, Arriving 9 AM at the Mission then the tour, the depart for Tubac: 10:15 AM Bus loading time Tubac: 3:45 PM, Departing 4 PM, Arriving Hotel: 4:45 PM Bus Cost: \$30

Tuesday, Day 2: Pima Air & Space Museum ([www.pimaair.org](http://www.pimaair.org)) There are over 350 Aircraft - 6 Hangars, over 80 acres Lunch on own: Box Lunch Sandwiches are available and must be pre-ordered! Sandwich selections: Turkey Club, Ham & Swiss, Homestyle Chicken Salad or Vegetarian; includes chips and an iced tea, bottle water or a fountain drink. Lunch needs to be ordered when registering for the reunion!! Shuttle loading time: 8:30 AM, Arriving 9 AM; Return time: 3-3:30 PM Shuttles will do round trips, picking up from the hotel and returning every 30 minutes! Museum Cost: \$19; Shuttle Cost: \$5 cash to Driver

Wednesday, **Day 3 there is two different tours to choose from**: Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum or Tombstone, Arizona. Please review your choices! Wednesday, Day 3: Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum ([www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org)) Nestled within the lushest desert on Earth, explore the Sonoran Desert world; Zoo, Botanical Garden, Aquarium, Natural History Museum, Art Gallery and more. Lunch on own: Box Lunches are available and need to be preordered when registering for the reunion (Sandwich & Salad selections w/chocolate chip cookie, whole fruit or Kettle chips & Pepsi: Selections: Grilled Vegetable & Pepper jack on Baguette, Italian-Style Grinder on Baguette, Southwest Chopped Salad (w/w/out Chicken), Egg Salad Sandwich, Turkey or Ham w/Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Cilantro Pesto Tuna Salad Sandwich. Shuttle loading time: 7:45 AM, Departing: 8AM; Arriving at Museum 8:30-8:45 Return time: 2:30-3 PM Shuttles will do round trips, picking up from the hotel and returning every 45 minutes! Museum Cost: \$19; **Shuttle Cost: \$5 cash to Driver** Wednesday, Day 3: or Tombstone, Arizona

(<https://discovertombstone.com>) You can choose from a variety of museums to peruse, visit the original silver mine under the streets of Tombstone, enjoy the sway of a stagecoach as it meanders through the historic district, hop a trolley towards Boot Hill, seek out the “other side” with paranormal experiences or be entertained with legendary stories retold through action and reaction of the Colt .45! There are various tours (over 12) you can sign up for when you arrive. Lunch on your own. Pick up time: 8:30 AM, Return time: 4:30-5 PM Bus Cost: \$35

Thursday, Day 4: Piedmont Business meeting in the morning. Afternoon is open for you! Evening is our Banquet and here are the choices: Three-Course Plated Dinner includes: Salad, Entrée and Dessert (Cheesecake), Baked Rolls and Butter, Seasonal Vegetables, Iced Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee. Spinach Salad: Baby Spinach, Strawberry, Almonds, Red Onions, Croutons & Assorted Dressings Dinner choice # 1, \$33: Old Pueblo Chicken (8 oz) – Grilled Cilantro Lime Marinated Chicken Breast with Roasted Green Chilies, and Melted cheese with Ancho Crema, Spanish Arroz Con Elote and Seasonal Vegetables Dinner choice # 2, \$35: Herb Roasted Salmon (8 oz) – Butter Braised Brussel Sprouts, Baby Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Served with Lemon-Wine Butter Sauce.

Other options if time permits: USS Arizona Mall Memorial at the University of Arizona ([www.ussarizonamallmemorial.org](http://www.ussarizonamallmemorial.org)): Free admission; hours: 10AM-5PM. HF Coors: lead free dinnerware, made in Tucson! ([www.HFCoors.com](http://www.HFCoors.com))

No Deaths to report this Newsletter

**It happened again, A member sent a check to me made out in my name with no explanation for what the check was for, I looked him up on the roster and called the number listed but message stated that number was no longer in service. So I mailed the check back to the address I had listed requesting what check was for and that he please provide updated contact number. Reminder all funds should be mailed to the Sec/Trea. and checks made out to USS Piedmont reunion Assoc. So again I ask that contact information be kept updated which included address, and telephone number and E-mail.**

**Request your help. Jack Chesnick no longer can fulfill the responsibilities of a Director and I am requesting a member step forward and assume a Director position. In this position you will act as a sounding board and advisor to the President and other elected officers this will not be time consuming position but it is important in ensuring the smooth operation of the association. So if you are interested please send me a email or call me if you have questions.**

**I would at this time express my thanks and the association to Jack and Marge Chesnick, They were involved long before I was even part of the association. Jack held many offices and was instrumental in setting up memorial services for our deceased members and Marge was busy purchasing supplies for the hospitality room as well as setting it up and both helped with raffles and organizing the raffle tables. They were in no small part made many reunions very successful and made my job a lot easier allowing us to concentrate on others matters. So well done and thank you to both Jack and Marge.**

**Registration Form USS Piedmont reunion Tucson 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Years aboard 19\_\_ to 19\_\_ Div/Dept \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending reunion \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 Dues \$15.00

Monday: Titan Missile Museum (Pay Driver-\$5.00) \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monday: The Mission San Xavier del Bac and City tour of Tubac \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday: Pima Air and Space Museum \$19.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Box lunch Sandwich selections: Turkey Club, Ham & Swiss, Homestyle Chicken Salad or Vegetarian; includes chips and an iced tea, bottle water or a fountain drink.

Box lunch desired and drink \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.75 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday: Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum (Pay Driver \$5.00) Museum \$19.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Box Lunches (Sandwich & Salad selections w/chocolate chip cookie, whole fruit or Kettle chips & Pepsi: Selections: Grilled Vegetable & Pepper jack on Baguette, Italian-Style Grinder on Baguette, Southwest Chopped Salad (w/w/out Chicken), Egg Salad Sandwich, Turkey or Ham w/Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Cilantro Pesto Tuna Salad Sandwich

Box lunch desired and drink \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.75 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday: Tombstone Arizona \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Dinner Old Pueblo Chicken \$33.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Herb Roasted Salmon \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check with Selections form to Michael Morast Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are not sure if dues are up to date contact Michael at 517-673-7157 and he will let you know if you need to pay delinquent dues. Make checks out to USS Piedmont reunion association

