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PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER—APRIL 2015

PIEDMONT SAILORS—VP Robert "Willie" Williams is working on final menus for the hotel dinners we will have Sept. 16, 17, 18, & 19 at the Sovereign Best Western Hotel in Albany, NY. We do have the bus tours finalized so I will try to give a general summary of what will be offered at our Piedmont Reunion Sept. 16-20, 2015. The Hotel is located at 1228 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203; Ph. 518-489-2981. The daily room rate is \$76.00 plus taxes giving a total of \$86.64.

There will be bus tours Thurs., Friday, & Sat.; Sept. 17, 18, & 19. On Thursday, Sept. 17 we will visit the FDR home and Presidential Library & Museum with lunch "on your own"; and then the Vanderbilt Mansion. Each of these has a paid admission which will be included in the over all tour expense. We leave the Hotel at 9 AM and return at 5 PM.

Friday's tour loads at the Hotel at 7:30 AM and returns at 3:30 PM. There is a 2 hour historic tour of Albany from 8 to 10 AM. Next are options of other sites to see such as 1.5 to 2 hour tour of the USS Slater, a destroyer museum ship; or New York Sate Museum. We will then board a sightseeing cruise at 12:30 PM with cash bar and snack bar until 2:30 PM but there are boxed lunches included.

The Saturday tour, Sept. 19, 2015, will leave the Hotel at 7:00 AM but we will be back by 3:00 PM to prepare for the reunion banquet. There is but one stop and that is at the Baseball Hall of Fame which is free for active and retired military and \$13.50 each for all others. Lunch is "on your own".

The Wednesday night, Sept. 16, 2015, dinner menu includes mixed greens salad; Caesar salad; Penne San Remo (penne pasta with chicken breast, artichoke hearts, sun-dried tomatoes, peas in white wine cream sauce); Penne ala Vodka; and chicken parmigiana. Also, mini chocolate chip cannolis plus all the usual beverages. This will be about \$12.00 each based on 80 people present.

Thursday night dinner includes chopped antipasto salad; spaghetti with meat sauce; Penne Basilica (penne pasta with chicken breast, broccoli, and pesto cream sauce); Chicken Limone; cookies, brownies and beverages. This will cost about \$14.00 each based on 80 people present.

Friday night dinner includes Apple Gorgonzola salad; baked Ziti; macaroni & cheese; chicken marsala; cheese cake & beverages. Cost is about \$18.00 each based on 80 people present.

The Saturday night Banquet meal will be an Italian Buffet offering Pasta Fagoli; Caesar salad; baked Ziti with meatballs; Chicken Cacciatore; Broccoli Rabe sautéed with garlic and oil; garlic bread; drinks; and assorted Italian cookies. Cost will be \$25.00 per person.

A MESSAGE CONCERNING PAST PRESIDENT KEN WERTH; MARKESAN, WI; RM 46-47:

" Just an update to let you know that my dad, Ken Werth, and mom, Arlene, have moved to the Markesan Resident Home for the time being. We are praying for the best, but not knowing the outcome. Their home phone number and mailing address are intact for the time being. Dad so loved being a part of the Piedmont group and has so many fond memories....for someone who was not always the most social person...but so enjoyed to be busy and cared about his shipmates...it was a special part of occupying his retirement time. On behalf of my parents, siblings, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (we number 48), we continue to wish the Piedmont reunion group the best."

I am sure that Dad would enjoy continuing to get the Piedmont news.....

Becky Wierschem

HERE ARE CHANGES TO THE PIEDMONT ROSTER SINCE THE OCTOBER 2014 EDITION.

New Address:

Harold Henkel; 1217 Alliance Dr. Harbourway; # 246; Virginia Beach, VA 23454; 757-716-2126

Robert Humphrey; 9036 Ramsgate Dr.; New Port Richey, FL 34655

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Riley Presser; 1950 Cale Barcelona; Carlsbad, CA 92009; 760-704-6737; Email deleted

George Zeman; 521 Orange Ave.; Space 3; Chula Vista, CA 91911; 619-585-1399; Email gmzeman@gmail.com

Deletions:

Gerald Akers; E4 57-59; Mustang, OK; Died 3/31/2015

Vern (Andy) Anderson; SCH E7 58-60; Died 3/17/2015

Clark Beal; DC3 51-54; Omaha, NE

John Beattie; TM 59-63; Dewey, AZ;

Elmer Beem; MRC 71; Sutherland, NE

Charles Brock; FT2 51-52; Lynnwood, WA

Ken Brown; DKCS 76-77; Sandy Ridge, NC

John Glenn; GM 52-56; Tucson, AZ

Norm Grayson; CSI 47-51; Bogart, GA

Mike Grout; BRM 71-74; Chadbourn, NC

Harry James; Streetsboro, OH

Lamar Jarrard; Lt. Supply Corp 70-71; La Palma, CA; Died 3/9/2015

Al Lagen; EN 52-56; Roseville, MN Died 3/2014

John Lenk; Boiler Shop Repair 49-55; Vergennes, VT; Died 1/1/2015

Bob Lester; ENS Electronic Repair 45-46; Pasadena, CA; Died 10/20/14

George Malafarina; Garfield Hts., OH

Don McClintock; EN 66-68; North Ridgeville, OH

Hugh McDougall; Postal Clerk 62-64; Middleburg, FL

D. P. (Phil) McGillivray; Lt. Supply 60-62; Virginia Beach, VA

Bob Morse; SKC; Orange Park, FL

Gary Muzzulin; EM1 63-65; Colchester, CT

Ronald Norton; MR2 58-61; Midwest City, OK

Clarence Osborn; PhM 60-62; Littleton, CO

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Jerry Parker; Hershey, NE

Bill Thomas Peters; RM3 56-59; Salt Lake City, UT
Don Rice; MR 61-64; Danville, IL
Rick Rogers; ML2 74-76; Marion, IA
Jacob Strong; Radio Operator 46; Sun City Center, FL
Alex Supata; EM 47-49; Algonquin, IL
William "Ed" Swim; Des Moines, IA
William Szehner; DTC 53-56; Walnut Creek, CA
Roy Taylor; BM & Diver; Lawrence, KS
Charles Tempus; Radio Shack 46-47; Arroyo Grande, CA; Died 5/3/2014
Fred Terdan; ET 53-56; Westlake, OH
Bill Thomas; Scranton, PA
Harold Thomas; Deck SN 67-68; Sicklerville, NJ
Claire Veech; DC2 65-66, DP1 74-77; Gunnison, CO
Ronald Wilson; HMC 66-67; Manchester, MO; Died 11/14/2014
Bill Woodward; MM 59-60; Panama City, FL
Additions to our Piedmont Roster:
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Tom & Marilyn Stults; 19 Wood Land Rd.; Sheridan, WY 82801; 307-256-0092; TM3 52-55
Mike & Kathleen Wilcox; 13 Nolan Rd.; Ballston, NY 12019; 518-399-5149; BM3 76-79

NEW SEC/TREAS FOR THE PIEDMONT REUNION ASSOC.:

Faithful servant Ruth Geraghty asked to be relieved of her Sec./Treas. position as of the end of 2014. Thank you, Ruth, for all those many years of service. She and John Geraghty were the founders of our reunion association in 1989.

Kent Thomas; 7800W. 158th St.; Overland Park, KS 66223; 913-381-8934; YN 49-52; E—kthomasgolf@aol.com; has taken over those duties. Thank you, Kent.

I have Piedmont caps for \$10; Large and larger sizes of Piedmont T-shirts for \$9; letter openers for \$1; and Piedmont License plates (for states that have only one license plate) for \$7. These prices include postage costs. Make checks payable to Piedmont Reunion Assoc.

In June I will have a reunion registration form for you to fill out for attending the Albany, NY reunion Sept. 16-20, 2015.

Please let me or Kent Thomas know of any Piedmont changes or news items. Thank you.

Bill Kastens, President
USS Piedmont AD-17 Reunion Assoc.