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PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2014

Piedmont Sailors—Here is what Willie Williams has lined up for us in the Black Hills of South Dakota Sept. 10-14, 2014. We will headquarter at the Rapid City Ramada Inn, 1902 N. Lacrosse St., Rapid City, SD 57701; phone number is 605-342-3322. Our daily rate is \$72 plus 8.5 % tax plus Misc. fee of \$4.17; total should be less than \$83.00. We will have a block of 40 rooms and this rate is good 3 days before Sept. 10 and 3 days after Sept. 14. There should be a selection of one King or 2 Queens for you to pick from. We will have Hotel meals Wed., Thurs. and Friday nights and the Sat. night Banquet will be at Mt. Rushmore. We have Bus tours on Thursday and Friday seeing Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Spearfish Canyon, Deadwood, Sturgis, Custer State Park, etc. There will be an optional tour to see the Badlands on Sat., Sept. 13, for about \$30 each. The sign up will be on "first come, first served" basis. For instance, if 25 sign up it will cost \$29 per person. We will have a reunion registration form showing all charges and menu selections for you to complete in June. The "freebie" gifts for each attendee will be a "Doc" Piedmont T-shirt in color and a Piedmont License Plate in color that may be displayed on the front of your car in States that have only one official License Plate.

US Navy Memorial Plaque:

Ruth Geraghty sent in our remaining \$2,500 making a total of \$3,000 for our commemorative Piedmont Plaque which will is now displayed on the Commemorative Plaque Wall at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. Willie Williams, V. ADM Ted Parker and a crewmember that served with Ted Parker on Piedmont were present at the ceremony January 14, 2014.

Here are changes in our Roster since the Seattle Reunion Sept. 25-29, 2013:

New Members—

Charles Brodie, 108 Oakwood Terr. North, Tonawanda, NY 14120 716-695-9907
BMCS(SW) Retired "Friend of Doc" E—charles.brodie@aol.com

Horace J. Brown, 1109 Teakwood Dr., Harvey, LA 70058 504-366-7574
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Benjamin & Gloria Buchanan, 905 Crystal Creek Dr., Austin, TX 78746
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Address changes—

Tom & Patricia Cahill, Lt. Jg. Supply E—tomcah19@yahoo.com

Robert & Eleanor Conrad, 50 Cherry Lane, Carlisle, PA 17015

Richard Forbes, 1213 Hart Blvd., #202, Monticello, MN 55362

Fred & Rita Terdan, 28460 Westside Village Dr., Apt. D113, Westlake, OH 44145

Russ Thalman, 35 Oakwood Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

Deletions—

Frank Colarco, College Point, NY PhM43-46 PLANK Deceased 11/24/13

Gary Eckhart, La Habra, CA Unknown

Donald Hamilton, Reno, NV Unknown

Lyle Keyes, Scottsdale, AZ Warrant Pay Clerk 1944 PLANK Deceased 10/31/13

Larry Miller, Albuquerque, NM MR 51-54 Too many health issues

Piedmont Gift Items:

I still have available hats, tire gauges, letter openers, and license rims.

The hats are \$10; all other items are \$1 each, postage paid.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Rapid City, SD Sept. 10-14, 2014

Bill Kastens, President

USS Piedmont Reunion Assoc.