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## PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER—JUNE 2015

**Piedmont Member Annual Dues—I'm going to start this letter with a reminder that our annual dues have increased to \$15 per year. This has been effective for the last 18 months so please make a reminder note to that fact. Thank You.**

**Kent Thomas received this notice and even though he was not a registered member I will include this item in case someone knew him. Robert May Jr. of Wellsville, KS reports his father, Robert May Sr., died in 1999. He was aboard the Piedmont in the 1960's serving as a Shipfitter.**

**Now for promotion of our 2015 Reunion in Albany, NY Sept. 16-20.**

**We are at the Sovereign Best Western Hotel in Albany, NY. 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. Please see the Reunion Registration form for the costs of the meals and bus tours that are described below.**

**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".**

**All meals are at the Hotel. 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.**

**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.**

**Friday night dinner includes Apple Gorgonzola salad; baked Ziti; macaroni & cheese; chicken marsala; cheese cake & beverages.**

**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.**

**I have not received any member roster changes since those printed in the April 2015 Newsletter.**

**Remember to send your reunion registration form and money to Kent Thomas by Aug. 30, 2015. All this information is on the registration form.**

**Hope to see many of you in Albany, NY Sept. 16-20.**

**Bill Kastens, President  
USS Piedmont Reunion Assoc.**