



USS Piedmont AD-17

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Most of you know by now that our September 2020 reunion in Washington D.C. has been canceled, after consulting with the other officers and directors we were all in agreement that it was just too risky to have a reunion with the possibility of one of our members could be infected with the Covid-19 Virus. I made the decision to cancel and passed my concerns to the other ship's officers that were going to join us in Washington D.C. Other ship's quickly agreed and we are in the process of rescheduling the Washington D.C. reunion to 2021 the date of 16-20 September 2021 and we have moved the Tucson reunion to 25-29 September 2022. So save these dates and I will have more information to pass on in the next newsletter in October. The USS Sierra folks will try and get the same hotel rates and tours for 2021 but negotiations are ongoing with hotel and Tour Company.

We are still looking at Nashville Tn. or Kansas City for 2023. If you have another Midwest location that you want us to consider and are willing to conduct a site tour let me know and I will assist with what to look for and minimum standards that we must have.

Since we will not have a reunion this year and will not have a opportunity to vote for new Officers, I have contacted your officers and all have agreed to stay another year but if anyone has concerns that an elections must take place please contact me otherwise we will continue on until 2021 with our current officers.

In Piedmont news we have Polo shirts and ball caps available for sale \$20.00 each plus \$8.00 for postage they will make an excellent gift for Birthday, Father's Day or Holiday's.

Please pay your dues for 2020 and 2021 which is normally part of the registration process but since this will not take place please mail to Mike Morast and he will mail out membership card. Our expenses don't go away.

As always we request you keep your contact information up to date this includes address, phone number and Email if you have one. You never know when a shipmate may want to contact you.

In a more serious note, we make every effort to pass the word on Shipmates passing but sometimes family members fail to pass the word to us or fail to leave contact information if they do, this is normally after on file email and phone numbers have been disconnected or cancelled. We recently received a notification of a shipmate's passing 3 years after the death giving some members pause and asking what is going on. I know this is a difficult and delicate issue but we want honor all our shipmates in a respectful manner by putting information out in timely manner and with accurate information. Some want to give family's a phone call or send cards but if I don't have updated contact information I cannot pass on to members who contact me.

In closing me and others are very disappointed that no reunion will be held this year but I am sure we all agree that safety is always first and keeping members safe is a priority we take seriously. I will be sending out our next Newsletter in October and we should have a lot more information to share with you concerning Washington D.C. and Tucson until then stay safe.

