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I pray that this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy during the pandemic. It has been a long time since we are able to get out and about and feel safe doing so, but things seem to be heading back to normal (somewhat) and the number of folks getting Covid-19 shots are increasing, though slow as of late.

I wish I had better news to pass on to you concerning our September Washington D.C. Reunion. All the ship's officer's felt that it was not safe to hold our reunion again this year and that we will pass on Washington and plan on Tucson AZ. for 2022. I know this will upset a few folks but as I have stated many times, your safety is our number one concern. Keeping that in mind the following information concerning Tucson is provided.

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, 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 877-777-4212. Daily room rate is \$115.00 +12.5% tax and \$2.00 Occupancy tax, which is a 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.

Costs of tours are not available at this time but a list of tours is as follows

Monday 26 September (choose one):

Arizona Desert Museum 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 is on your own. Box lunches (sandwich & salad) are available. Pickup time 0830, return 16-1700.

Monday 26 September

Trail Dust Town www.traildusttown.com: This western theme complex has been a Tucson landmark since 1961; the attractions include the C.P. Huntington narrow gauge railroad, the Museum of the Horse Soldier, the Fiesta del Presidio carousel, the Shootist arcade and Dragoon street, and Wild, Wild, West Stunt shows. Shopping and eateries are available. Pickup time 0830, return 16-1700.

Tuesday 27 September

Pima Air and Space Museum www.pimaair.org: There are over 350 Aircraft in 6 Hangers over 80 acres. Lunch on your own: Box lunches are available. Pickup 0830, return 1700.

Wednesday 28 September

Titan Missile Museum 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! Pickup 0930; after tour depart for Mission San Xavier del Bac.

Mission San Xavier del Bac www.sanxaviermission.org: Often referred to as The White Dove of the Desert. Pickup time 0900 after tour then depart for the Titan Missile Museum.

City of Tubac, Arizona www.tubacaz.com: After the Titan Missile Museum & Mission San Xavier del Bac the buses will depart for Tubac the Historic destination, Center for the Arts & Cultures, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum. Art shopping and various dining options (lunch on your own). Return time 1630-1700.

Thursday 29 September

Piedmont Business meeting 0900. Afterwards a free day. Evening Banquet.

Things you might want to visit on your free day:

USS Arizona Memorial at the University of Arizona; Free admission hours 1000-1700.

HF Coors: lead free dinnerware, made in Tucson; www.HFCoors.com; yes they ship.

For 2023 we are considering Nashville TN or Kansas City; if you have another city in mind and are willing to make a site visit please contact me and I can assist you.

In our last newsletter I requested that someone step up and assume a vacant Director position. This person is used as a sounding board and assists the President with another point of view or a idea. Sadly no one has come forward and I again request your help in filling this position. I have stated many times your officers cannot do a good job for you if you are not willing to help when asked.

No Deaths have been reported and no news has been received concerning Shipmates with news to share with association members.

Piedmont hats and Polo shirts are still available for purchase \$20.00 each with additional \$8.00 for postage. These items will be available for purchase in Tucson, but why wait? Get yours early and look sharp at check in. They make excellent gifts for your Piedmont sailor.

As always we request your contact information be kept current with address, contact number, and email address (if you have one). Keep your dues up to date.

Expect the next newsletter in October 2021. At that time we should have prices for tours. If you have any questions please let me know. Until then stay safe.