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Well I hope that everyone had a good Holiday Season and were able to spend time with family and friends. I know that in some cases this might not be possible due to Covid-19 but I am sure everyone made the best of it considering the circumstances.

If you desire to contact me by phone please note I have disconnected my house phone (Telemarketers are a pain) so use my cell phone 757-729-0972 and leave a voice mail and I will get back with you.

Remember to keep your contact information current. I was recently contacted by a member and I noticed that the telephone number was different than what was on the roster, I asked him what number was correct and he stated that he had changed phones and his number change, since I had him on the phone I asked him to verify his address and email sure enough his address changed also but email was accurate. So just in case you have changed contact information keep us in the loop so we can keep in contact and ensure you are getting the information we are posting.

We have lost the following shipmates;

Robert Dehart SO2 47-49 passed 2/28/2022. Bob and his wife Nancy were regular reunion attendee's until Nancy passing in August 2019.

Ronald Norton MR2 58-60 passed 10-12-2021

I hope everyone who plans on attending our reunion in Tucson has received the Covid-19 shots and booster. This is an important issue and I am sure no one wants to be responsible for spreading to other reunion attendee's. We will follow CDC recommendations for a safe reunion.

The following reunion information is passed to you for your information and action.

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 520-342-3012 or 520-342-3100, Daily room rate is \$115.00 +12.5% tax and \$2.00 Occupancy tax, which is 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. Reservations are made by calling 520-342-3012.

Sunday 25 September Check In

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) Pickup time 0830 return 16-1700.

OR on 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, 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 then 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 busses 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 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.

Friday 30 September reunion complete

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

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. You can expect a price increase for hats and shirts in the near future but we will keep prices the same until after the Tucson reunion.

Before I close this is a good time to remind everyone to keep their dues current, we still have expenses even though we have not had a reunion in two years and I like many of you are looking forward to meeting up and sharing good times as well as not so good.

This sailor walks into this bar in Colorado, and asks the bartender, Do you have any grog? No, I dont have any grog, says the bartender. o.k., says the sailor. He then leaves. Now on the second day, the sailor walks into the bar and asks the bartender, Do you have any grog? Again, the bartender says to the sailor, No we don't have any grog. So sailor leaves. On the third day, the sailor walks into the bar and asks the bartender, Do you have any grog? Where upon the bartender says to the sailor, Listen, Bub! You have been coming in here every afternoon asking about grog, and every afternoon, I have been telling you We have no grog!. Now---if you come in here--one more time and ask about grog... I am going to nail your lips to this bar! Have you got that he said, Yes, said the sailor. Several days go by... and then the sailor shows up at the bar again. Do you have any nails, asks the sailor. No, we don't have any nails said the bartender. Then, do you have any grog?

A sailor tells a joke to two Marines

A sailor in a bar leans over to the guy next to him and asks, "Hey, do you want to hear a Marine joke?" The guy responds, "Well, before you tell that joke, you should know that I'm 6-foot tall, I weigh 200 pounds, and I'm a Marine."

"The guy sitting next to me," he continues, "is 6' 2", weighs 250 pounds, and he's also a Marine. Now, you still wanna tell me that joke?"

The sailor says, "Nah, I don't want to have to explain it more than twice."

I am as frustrated as you but pricing for tours and banquet are not yet available from the powers that be. So I will send out newsletter without pricing and send out another newsletter in May with pricing and follow up with another newsletter in July with final information concerning Tucson reunion.