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## **USS Piedmont Newsletter October 15, 2020**

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and that you are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic. We have some news to share with you so you can start reserving dates and making plans on attending the 2021 Piedmont reunion in Washington D.C. the dates are 16-20 September 2021. Our host hotel is the Hilton Washington Dulles. The contact number is 1-800-445-8667 ask for Dixie class tender rate \$109.00 per night (\$122.08 with tax.). This rate will include free breakfast and free hotel parking. We will joined the other Dixie class tenders USS Dixie, USS Prairie, USS Sierra and USS Yosemite. I am sure that a fun time will be had by all who attend and you will make new friends and be able to catch-up with old friends. Hotel reservations can be made after the New Year.

The Department of Defense is now authorizing all veterans to shop at Exchange and Commissary to check your eligibility and to register go to [www.shopmyexchange.com/veterans](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/veterans)

We have lost the following shipmates since our last newsletter.

Charles Stark BM1 73-78 passed 07 August 2020 reported by his wife Shirley

### **Dixie Class Destroyer Tender Reunion Tour Information**

No tour information is available at this time plans are still being worked on, we should have tours with prices available in our March 2021 newsletter

### **In Piedmont news:**

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 Washington D.C. but why wait get yours early and look sharp at check in. It also makes excellent Christmas or Birthday presents

Dates for 2022 Tucson AZ are set for 25-29 September so you can put that on your calendar for those members who like to plan ahead.

We have a request from a member for Piedmont Unit Identification Patches. This is the small blue patch worn at top of sleeve. If you have any please mail them to me and I will ensure they are forwarded.

We again request the contact information be kept current including address, contact number and email. You never know when an old shipmate wants to make contact with you.

As always keep your dues current even though there was no reunion this year we still have expenses, news letter, web page and postage just to name a few.

For 2023 we are looking at Kansas City Mo. or Nashville TN. If you have another location and are willing to make site tour contact me, selection for 2023 will be made at Washington reunion.

Your officers and I know that we are going thru some interesting times to say the least; we need you all to stay safe and wear your masks and wash those hands and maintain social distancing, Know that we will monitor the situation and keep you informed of plans and happenings.

In closing your Officers and I want to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas and a New Year full of peace and love. Last but not least don't forget to Vote.

Update Ron Orzag (Vice President) has a new number 321-423-6418 if you have any other number please discard. The information on this newsletter Header will be updated before sending out March 2021 newsletter.

