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USS Piedmont AD-17 Newsletter

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Well we are in a brand New Year and we all hope and pray that it will bring lots of Love, Joy and Happiness to all. The plans for Nashville are complete and I believe we have a good time planned for all who attend. This is the first reunion we have organized using a reunion planner in hopes that we could receive more bang for our buck and I believe we have done just that. When reviewing the pricing don't be shocked and remember it includes hotel costs, transportation around Nashville, admission to all venues we will visit and two lunches all breakfasts and two dinners at the hospitality room and the final banquet. Keeping that in mind and remembering that Nashville has very high hotel costs sit back and add up the savings that we have obtained.

The dates are 28 September-02 October 2023 and we have arranged to have hotel rates (\$162.00) good 3 days before and 3 days after for those members who want more time before or after the reunion and yes that includes free breakfast.

Thursday September 28 2023

Check in Four Points Nashville Airport (call 615-884-9777) for free airport shuttle. Hospitality room opens at 1500 and at 1730 the USS Piedmont will sponsor a pizza/ wings/ and meatballs dinner. Then relax and catch up with old shipmates and friends and we will update you on plans for Nashville.

Friday September 29 2023

Bus pickup at hotel and first stop is RCA studio tour (studioB.org) this is where the icons of country/gospel music recorded sound tracks. Then on to the Tennessee State Museum (tnmuseum.org) with various exhibits halls from very beginnings of Tennessee to present day. Next we will all have lunch at Pucketts restaurant and afterwards you will enjoys bus tour of Nashville with tour guide explaining the good and the not so good of Nashville. Upon return to hotel Dinner will be on your own and of course the hospitality room will be open for socializing.

Saturday September 30 2023

Bus pickup at hotel and then we tour back stage at the Grand ole Opry (opry.com) get to look at dressing rooms and private entrance used by the stars and go on stage. When back on the bus we will visit the Parthenon (nashvilleparthenon.com). Next is lunch and tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame. (countrymusichalloffame.org). The museums extensive collection includes nearly 500 musical instruments and more than 1900 items on stage wear from microphones to automobiles. At 1730 the USS Dixie will host Spaghetti/Meatball/Alfredo and salad dinner. Our first raffle for gifts will be held after dinner.

Sunday October 01 2023 Business Meeting, election of Officer's, and selection of location of 2024 reunion, we will hold raffle drawing for free hotel nights. Free day for you to explore Nashville on your own. Hospitality room will be open until 1500. Banquet will be held at VFW starting at 1730.

Deaths to report since last newsletter

Harold Hall BM 54-58 Passed (No date reported) age 90 reported by his wife Anna

Richard Shimek ME 52-55 Passed in August 2022 (No date reported)

Cletus Holden MUS 43-46 **Plankowner** passed 31 August 2022 reported by his Daughter Sue.

Bill Evans GM3 43-47 **Plankowner** passed 04 January 2023 age 96 reported by his Wife Carole

Maxwell Ames ET2 50-53 passed 04 February 2023 reported by his Daughter Tina

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A reminder to keep your dues current and your contact information up to date you never know when someone might want to contact you and out of date contact information may prevent this.

Some important dates to remember for the upcoming reunion reservations and minimum deposit (\$50.00) must be made by 01 May and final payment (in full) is due NLT 10 August.

We will have 2 raffles, one for gifts brought by Piedmont members and the drawing held Saturday in hospitality room. Second for Free hotel night (2 chances) it also includes a 50/50 drawing held at business meeting on Sunday.

Our final banquet will be a buffet and a cash bar is available at the VFW

Hats and Polo shirts are available for sale for \$20.00 plus \$8.00 postage for those who want to purchase prior to the Nashville reunion and yes they will be available at the reunion. But these prices may increase once new orders are received.

"Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, 'I served in the United States Navy,'" wrote President John F. Kennedy in August 1963.

Time

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines Flight, it is 3 o'clock... If it is an Air Force, it is 1500 hours... If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells... If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3... and if it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon.

In closing mail registration form to address on form not to our treasurer. If you have any questions give me a call. Those Shipmates attending Nashville will receive a special gift made just for Piedmont crewmembers.

