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PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER 01 July 2017

This will be the last newsletter prior to our joint reunion in San Diego 03-07 October, Time is quickly running out for you to make your reservations and other travel plans for you to enjoy what I believe will be a reunion full of memories of today and yesteryear and to check out changes in San Diego which many of the **Doc's** crew remember from years ago.

Day 1 Tours (Wednesday 04 Oct)

Tour of the USS Midway CVA 41, a WWII Aircraft Carrier that was in service until 1992. The ship houses an extensive collection of aircraft, many of which were built in southern California. We will have three hours to tour the ship and exhibits, assisted by headphones to enhance our tour. We will then muster on the pier and transit to a two hour tour of San Diego Harbor while enjoying a box lunch. After the tour we will return to the hotel and hospitality room activities.

Day 2 Tours (Thursday 05 Oct)

We will start with a city tour of our host city visiting areas that many remember from years past, a trip to Coronado including the beach area, we will travel through Balboa Park. We will stop at Seaport Village for about an hour to explore the many unique shops, purchase postcards, or enjoy some coffee, then onto the Bali Hai Restaurant for lunch overlooking the harbor and city skyline. After lunch we will proceed to Mount Soledad visiting Veterans Memorial and enjoying a 360 degree view of our beautiful host city. Afterward we will return to our hotel for our annual business meeting. afterwards enjoy hospitality room activities and raffles of gifts which each member is requested to bring.

A free day (**Friday 06 Oct**) is planned so folks who want can explore on their own and see sights that were not scheduled or just relax at hotel and enjoy some me-time before our final Banquet that evening at 1800 (6pm); dress is smart casual.

Our host hotel is the Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North at a rate of \$109.00 per night which includes free breakfast for two. **No hotel shuttle service is available for the airport.** Pick up or drop off . Cost to and from airport is approximately \$25.00 by taxi or less if using Uber/Lyft. Reservation can be made by calling 619-298-0511 or 800-676-6567, ask for USS Piedmont / USS Dixie rate of \$109.00 / night. Hotel offers free parking for cars and RV's. The hotel does offer shuttle service within several miles of hotel which includes various restaurants and large mall with food court which you might want to visit.

We again ask all members in an effort to keep costs down please keep us updated on your email address. Remember you can always view latest newsletter and happenings on our web page usspiedmont.org or on Facebook. I have found the Kids and Grandkids are very helpful for us less the tech savvy folks.

A plug for the members to think over The USS Yosemite AD-19 has invited us to join them in Dayton Ohio in 2019 we can discuss further at our business meeting in San Diego.

A few comments from your elected officers:

We need members to step up to leadership positions. I am willing if voted on to continue as your President but many of the other officer positions have been filled by the same shipmates and some have a desire to step down. If we are going to continue we must have members take part and help lead the organization, it is not a time consuming commitment but you must be a committed individual. At times it can be interesting especially the closer we get to our reunion so we want you to think about it and if asked take a role and help us help the association.

Remember this year is a little different, it runs Tuesday-Saturday instead of our usual Wednesday-Sunday so be aware when making travel arrangements. As always our hotel rate in good 3 days prior and 3 days after for those who want to arrive early and/or stay later. If you have questions call me #757-479-2733 or email griswold5@verizon.net.

Piedmont Ball caps and Polo shirts will be available for purchase in San Diego we have a limited supply so don't wait and be disappointed. The price is \$20.00 each. You can view on Facebook or on our web page.

News to share with members:

Bill Kastens has moved into a Adult care facility his phone and email remain the same. You can mail letters to his house and they will be forwarded. Drop him a line or give him a call and say Hi.

James Link has a new email address james.link109@gmail.com

Members will have lost since our last newsletter.

Ross Clyborne MM 68-69 passed 28 May 2017

Our next news letter will be out after our San Diego reunion 01 November with highlights and will post reunion pictures on Facebook and our web page. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and hope to see many of you in San Diego.

Registration form USS Piedmont AD-17 San Diego 2017



Name

Guest

Address

City State Zip

Email

Years served aboard Piedmont to Rate-rank

Registration Fee \$ 50.00

2017 dues if not paid

2018 dues \$ 15.00

Tour 1 USS Midway/Harbor cruise \$74.00 x number

Tour 2 City tour with lunch at Bali Hai \$79.00 x number

Final Banquet \$27.00 x number

If **only** attending final banquet and nothing else the cost is \$37.00 x number \$

Final Banquet check one: Salmon London Broil

Total \$

Reminder: reunion is 03-07 October (Tuesday-Saturday).

Hotel reservations call Handlery Hotel #800-676-6567 or 619-298-0511 ask for Piedmont/Dixie rate of \$109.00

News you would like to share with your Shipmates

Fill out this form and mail it with a check for the total to the Treasurer:

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