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USS Piedmont AD-17 Newsletter July 15 2022

This will be the last newsletter prior to the Tucson reunion if you still have questions call me or Mike Morast and we will gladly answer any question you might have. Don't forget to bring a small gift that we can place on the raffle table to help reduce the cost of hospitality room.

We will follow CDC guidelines in Tucson. All attendee's should be vaccinated and have face masks available. We want everyone to feel safe and enjoy this reunion.

Deaths to report since last newsletter

Wayne Pitmon passed 11-22-21 LTjg 53-57

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, Refer to USS Dixie and USS Piedmont reunion 2022 room block.

Reservations must be made by August 26 2022. Room availability and special rate may not be available after this day.

Sunday, 25 September: arrive and check-in at 3 PM on the 4th floor. The Hospitality room will be open for drinks and snacks on the South Tower, away from the Casino! We can bring our own food and drinks (soda, beer, wine, etc.) into the hotel; drinks only on the 4th floor!

Tucson, AZ - Dixie Class Reunion Bus Tours: Monday, Day 1, there are 2 different tours to choose from: Titan Missile Museum or the Mission San Xavier del Bac with the City of Tubac. Please review your choices! Monday, Day 1: 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! Docent tours: (1) hour guided tours; no elevators, 55 steps We will have different times going to the Titan Museum throughout the day depending on interests. Museum cost \$15 Shuttle Cost: **\$5 cash to Driver** First shuttle is listed below and will accommodate 20: Shuttle loading time: 9 AM, Departing 9:15 AM, Arriving 9:45 AM Shuttle loading time: 10:15 AM, Departing 10:30 AM, Arriving 11:15 AM Shuttle loading time: 12:00 PM, Departing 12:15 PM, Arriving 12:45 PM Shuttle loading time: 1:15 PM, Departing 1:30 PM, Arriving 2:15 PM

The Mission San Xavier del Bac and City of Tubac is a joint tour! Monday, Day 1: Mission San Xavier del Bac (www.sanxaviermission.org) Often referred to as 'The White Dove of the Desert' Docent tours; (1) hour guided tours; donations accepted Monday, Day 1: City of Tubac, Arizona (www.tubacaz.com) After the Mission San Xavier del Bac tours, the busses will depart for Tubac. Tubac, the Historic destination, Centers of the Arts & Cultures, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park; Tumacacori National Historical Park; Art Shopping & Various Dining options (Lunch on Your Own). Bus loading time: 8:30 AM, Departing 8:45 AM, Arriving 9 AM at the Mission then the tour, the depart for Tubac: 10:15 AM Bus loading time Tubac: 3:45 PM, Departing 4 PM, Arriving Hotel: 4:45 PM Bus Cost: \$30

Tuesday, Day 2: Pima Air & Space Museum (www.pimaair.org) There are over 350 Aircraft - 6 Hangars, over 80 acres Lunch on own: Box Lunch Sandwiches are available and must be pre-ordered! Sandwich selections: Turkey Club, Ham & Swiss, Homestyle Chicken Salad or Vegetarian; includes chips and an iced tea, bottle water or a fountain drink. Lunch needs to be ordered when registering for the reunion!! Shuttle loading time: 8:30 AM, Arriving 9 AM; Return time: 3–3:30 PM Shuttles will do round trips, picking up from the hotel and returning every 30 minutes! Museum Cost: \$19; Shuttle Cost: \$5 cash to Driver

Wednesday, **Day 3 there is two different tours to choose from**: Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum or Tombstone, Arizona. Please review your choices! Wednesday, Day 3: Arizona-Sonoran 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 on own: Box Lunches are available and need to be preordered when registering for the reunion (Sandwich &

Salad selections w/chocolate chip cookie, whole fruit or Kettle chips & Pepsi: Selections: Grilled Vegetable & Pepper jack on Baguette, Italian-Style Grinder on Baguette, Southwest Chopped Salad (w/w/out Chicken), Egg Salad Sandwich, Turkey or Ham w/Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Cilantro Pesto Tuna Salad Sandwich. Shuttle loading time: 7:45 AM, Departing: 8AM; Arriving at Museum 8:30-8:45 Return time: 2:30-3 PM Shuttles will do round trips, picking up from the hotel and returning every 45 minutes! Museum Cost: \$19; Shuttle Cost: \$5 cash to Driver Wednesday, Day 3: or Tombstone, Arizona

(<https://discovertombstone.com>) You can choose from a variety of museums to peruse, visit the original silver mine under the streets of Tombstone, enjoy the sway of a stagecoach as it meanders through the historic district, hop a trolley towards Boot Hill, seek out the “other side” with paranormal experiences or be entertained with legendary stories retold through action and reaction of the Colt .45! There are various tours (over 12) you can sign up for when you arrive. Lunch on your own. Pick up time: 8:30 AM, Return time: 4:30-5 PM Bus Cost: \$35

Thursday, Day 4: Piedmont Business meeting in the morning. Afternoon is open for you! Evening is our Banquet and here are the choices: Three-Course Plated Dinner includes: Salad, Entrée and Dessert (Cheesecake), Baked Rolls and Butter, Seasonal Vegetables, Iced Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee. Spinach Salad: Baby Spinach, Strawberry, Almonds, Red Onions, Croutons & Assorted Dressings Dinner choice # 1, \$33: Old Pueblo Chicken (8 oz) – Grilled Cilantro Lime Marinated Chicken Breast with Roasted Green Chilies, and Melted cheese with Ancho Crema, Spanish Arroz Con Elote and Seasonal Vegetables Dinner choice # 2, \$35: Herb Roasted Salmon (8 oz) – Butter Braised Brussel Sprouts, Baby Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Served with Lemon-Wine Butter Sauce.

Other options if time permits: USS Arizona Mall Memorial at the University of Arizona (www.ussarizonamallmemorial.org): Free admission; hours: 10AM-5PM. HF Coors: lead free dinnerware, made in Tucson! (www.HFCoors.com)

Box Lunches (Sandwich & Salad selections w/chocolate chip cookie, whole fruit or Kettle chips & Pepsi: Selections: Grilled Vegetable & Pepper jack on Baguette, Italian-Style Grinder on Baguette, Southwest Chopped Salad (w/w/out Chicken), Egg Salad Sandwich, Turkey or Ham w/Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Cilantro Pesto Tuna Salad Sandwich

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As of today we have no one who have step forward to assume the vacant director position, as stated earlier this is not a time consuming position but necessary. So please consider stepping up.

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.

As I have stated in earlier newsletters that for members that getting up in years and finding it more difficult to attend reunions you might want to bring children and or grandkids along, some members have done this in past reunions and everyone seemed to have a great time and yes they leave with a better understanding of what it was like to serve on Doc and share some sea stories.

Dress for the Banquet is smart causal nice slacks and shirt tie is optional. No blue jeans please.

Last minute update

Ron Orszag new address and phone # 321-290-2572 7064 Bismarck Rd. Cocoa Fl. 32927. Please make a note of it.

Registration Form USS Piedmont reunion Tucson 2022

Name _____ Guest(s) Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ Phone# _____ Cell# _____

Email _____ Years aboard 19__ to 19__ Div/Dept _____

Rank/Rate _____ Number attending reunion _____ 2023 Dues \$15.00

Monday: Titan Missile Museum (Pay Driver-\$5.00) \$15.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

Monday: The Mission San Xavier del Bac and City tour of Tubac \$30.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

Tuesday: Pima Air and Space Museum \$19.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

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Box lunch desired and drink _____ \$15.75 x _____ Total \$ _____

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Wednesday: Tombstone Arizona \$35.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

Banquet Dinner Old Pueblo Chicken \$33.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

Herb Roasted Salmon \$35.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

Mail your check with Selections form to Michael Morast Grand Total \$ _____

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If you are not sure if dues are up to date contact Michael at 517-673-7157 and he will let you know if you need to pay delinquent dues. Make checks out to USS Piedmont reunion association

