

USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



Winter 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message Leo Waltsak



Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

This is the week after Super Bowl 50. Last year, after Super Bowl 49, this is what I wrote to all our Chief fans...

"Congratulation to all our Kansas City fans. For those of you living in the Kansas City area, and for those who don't but are Chief fans anyway "Booyah to Ya". You waited 50 years for another Lombardi trophy, and we are happy for you, and celebrate with you."

So, this year, I want to congratulate our Tampa Bay and/or Tom Brady fans. I suspect next year may be a repeat of this year... what do you think?

To anyone within our Cabildo family who has suffered the Corona Virus, we wish you a speedy and complete recovery. 2020 has been the most difficult year for all of us in so many ways... we have lost loved ones, become sick, worried about getting sick, worried about our loved ones

getting sick!! Worried whether our kid's jobs were secure, can they work from home, etc.?

We heard over and over about our food chain, and about whether it was safe to go to the Dr. or hospital if we were ill from something other than Corona? And, God forbid, if we or any of our family got the Corona, a stay in the hospital was almost a death sentence for a time. So now we have vaccines and variants, and choices. Whether or not to get the vaccine shot? Claire and I chose to be vaccinated when we had the opportunity. I will tell you neither of us had any side effects or issues, but we will see how the second shot goes? The authorities tell us the sooner all of us are vaccinated, the sooner we reach herd immunity and stop the spread. Yes, 2020 was a year that we were happy to see go by. We look forward to 2021 as being a year to heal... our families, our communities, and our country.

Gatherings Plus Representative, Stephanie Lindner, tells us that the web page for our 2021 reunion in Harrisburg, PA will be posted on the Gatherings Plus website any day now. Claire is looking every day for the debut as she is planning for food and games and hopefully a lot of fun. She knows that the Cabildo ladies are incredibly supportive and will help us however they can. We really hope for a good turnout this year

I want to mention and thank our Webmaster, Warren Gammeter, for setting up and coordinating our Zoom meetings. I believe the Ladies will be having another Zoom meeting on 7 April 2021. All Ladies, past and present, are welcome to join in; just drop a note to Warren that you would like to be included and he will guide you on the particulars.

Before saying goodbye, I want to extend an invitation to all the wives, friends, and families of our "over the bar" members to join us at our reunion or Zoom gatherings held throughout the year. You are always welcome, and family to us.

Farewell for now shipmates. Until we meet again, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Reunion 2021 Harrisburg, PA

Leo Waltsak



Gatherings Plus of Branson, MO has put together a great package for us. The itinerary begins with check-in on Saturday, 18 September 2021 and check-out on Wednesday, 22 September 2021. The room rate includes a made-to-order breakfast. However, and this is so important, we must have as many attendees as possible. We must meet a minimum

of 30 guests, and 20 rooms to keep the costs as they are. We must meet a minimum of 20 paying guests and 10 rooms to keep the costs as they are in the proposal. If we cannot meet our minimum the costs of everything at the hotel will go up. We really do not want that to happen. If you have not attended in a few years, please think about joining us next September. Family and friends are welcome too! We love saying Hi to old friends and meeting new ones. I encourage you to look at the proposed itinerary and hopefully come to Harrisburg in September 2021. So, until we meet again, give thought now and then to your shipmates, and I wish you always, fair winds and following seas.



**USS Cabildo – Harrisburg, PA
September 18-22, 2021**

Day 1:

Check in at Hotel
6:00 PM Welcome Reception at Hotel with appetizers

Day 2:

Breakfast served at Hotel
09:00 AM Depart hotel for Gettysburg Battlefield
10:00 AM Arrive at Gettysburg Battlefield
10:15 AM Film / Cyclorama & Museum
11:45 AM Lunch on Own
12:30 PM 3 Hour Guided Battlefield Bus Tour
04:00 PM Depart for Dinner
04:30 PM Dinner at General Pickett's Buffet
05:30 PM Return to Hotel
Hospitality room open from 7:00pm to 11:00pm

Day 3:

Breakfast Served at the hotel
09:00 AM Depart Hotel for Amish/Lancaster
10:00 AM Arrive Plan & Fancy Farm Amish Experience
10:45 AM Amish Country Homestead
12:00 PM Amish Experience Theater
12:40 PM Lunch – Boxed Lunch from Isaacs
01:30 PM Amish Farmland Tour w/Step on Guides
04:00 PM Depart for Dinner
04:30 PM Smorgasbord @ Shady Maple
06:00 PM Return to Hotel
Hospitality room open from 7:00pm to 11:00pm

Day 4:

Breakfast Served at Hotel
09:45 AM Depart Hotel for Hershey PA
10:00 AM Arrive at Chocolate World
10:15 AM Hershey Unwrapped
4D Chocolate Movie
Chocolate Tour
Lunch – Voucher included in Package
Hershey Trolley Works
Create your Own Candy Bar
Return to Hotel
03:15 PM
05:30 PM Group Photo and Cocktail Hour
06:30 PM Farewell Dinner Banquet at Hotel

Day 5:

Breakfast Served at Hotel
11:00 AM Depart Hotel

Package Price: \$427.16 (Includes: Website, Lanyards, Hospitality Room, Transportation and complete Itinerary Above)

**Hotel: Red Lion Hotels Harrisburg
Room Rate: \$129 + tax w Breakfast**

*All Prices above are estimated and are not guaranteed until we issue a contract and that is signed.

Cabildo Ladies Zoom Sessions Sue Gwin



LADIES, please join our Quarterly ZOOM sessions. At our 2020 virtual ZOOM reunion, there was no opportunity for just the gals to chit chat. We will be setting up our meetings or session on the third Wednesday of the first month of each quarter. Our next one will be April 7th. We will send announcements with the specific time and date and login information before each session. If you have not attended a reunion, this is the perfect opportunity for you to get to know us.

We had a successful second try of our February session on February 10th. We had nine crew member wives and there also were two who wanted to join us and were not available to do so.

Chaplain's Message Ken Bredehoeft



I remember Phil Shirey telling me once when I called him, "Charlene and I see a lot of people these days and they all have Dr. in front of their names." We miss Phil, don't we? It seems like so many of us are seeing doctors these days. I want to encourage each of you to call, check on a shipmate. There is nothing like knowing someone cares enough to take the time to call. Most of our phone numbers are on the crew members' list on the association website. Lately I have so many of you in my prayers. If special prayers are needed, don't hesitate to call me. 281-385-5154 or 713-569-6377. Stay well. Stay safe. And get vaccinated for COVI as soon as it becomes available to you.

Treasurer Bob Gwin



Happy New Year to all. Those of us in the upper Midwest are enjoying winter's below normal temps.

A reminder, if you haven't paid your 2021 dues of \$25, now is a good time. Please remit to Bob Gwin, Treasurer at 33496 Hickory Ave. Sioux City, IA 51108.

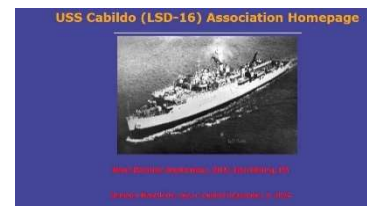
Please visit our ships store, we have added another white hat \$9, and a 16 oz insulated mug \$8.

We have 2 items that are on sale, and will be discontinued when inventory is depleted. They are the gray pocket golf shirt, was \$25, now \$15, limited sizes, 2xl, extra large, large, small and the Long sleeve gray t shirt \$17. Now 10, limited sizes of 2xl, 3xl.

ASKING, do you have suggestions for items you would like to see in the store? Also if we have enough interest, we could order a new patch, 3"x5", cost of \$5.00, designed by our own Walt Fulps, HM1, 1963-1966. See the picture in the header, upper right. Any interest in a 19 oz double-wall vacuum stainless steel tumbler with handle, \$15.00.

Please visit our ship's store. Here's a [link](#) to our store.

Website and Newsletter Warren Gammeter



I received one request for a copy of the Kenneally videos from a former crewmember as a result of my article in the last newsletter. I sent him a copy. I will look into converting a copy of the highlights video to a format that can be added to our website.

The website has been pretty stable. The crew list was down twice for a few days each time, once the fault of the hosting service and once that was my error. I found it and with a little help from the hosting service

got it back up. Do e-mail if you ever see anything that not working right so I can correct it.

I spotted third article which will be of interest to all shipmates

The Navy Plans Ship-Killer Missiles On Amphibious Ships WASHINGTON: After years of discussion, the Navy and Marine Corps are getting ready to see if they can fit long-range anti-ship missiles aboard amphibious ships, expected to play a bigger role in challenging Chinese claims in the Pacific. Placing the Naval Strike Missile on these smaller flattops would be in keeping with the push to add more punch to the US fleet, as China and Russia push their own long-range weapons out to sea. "We have these magnificent 600-foot-long, highly survivable, highly LPD 17s," Marine Maj. Gen. Tracy King, the Navy's director of expeditionary warfare, told reporters. "The LPDs need the ability to reach out and defend themselves and sink another ship. It's not from the aspect of using them as a strike platform; it will drastically increase their survivability if the enemy has to honor that threat." (1/11/21) breakingdefense.com, navy plans ship killer missiles on amphibious ships.



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