

# Fall 2016 Newsletter



## THE DRYDOCK DRIBBLE

The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

### Presidents Message

#### Walter Fulps

So, another great year nears the end. The end of 2016 sees us all a little older, and maybe a bit smarter.

Our reunion this year was in Pensacola, Florida and again, it was memorable. The hosts this year were Leo and Claire Waltsak. Thank you both for a fine job! We left with fond memories of the National Naval Aviation Museum, which were highlighted by our tour guide, a very knowledgeable Marine pilot. He made the old planes come to life with his vast knowledge and interesting presentation. I venture to say everyone enjoyed the visit. The boat trip was a lot of fun, and it always feels good to get on the water. We saw a few dolphins and enjoyed ourselves.

This year our memorial service was well planned and executed. We put to rest a close friend and shipmate, Paul Fleming. Paul and I served on the Cabildo from 1963-1966. I miss him



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Pensacola, Florida



Aviation Museum

already. Our Chaplain, Ken Bredehoeft, did a fine job with the service. The color guard were local sailors who joined us for lunch. Man they're young; were we ever that young?

Next year's reunion will be in Rapid City, South Dakota, hosted by Henry and Alyce Harich, September 14 - 18, 2017. Details and firm schedule to be published in our next newsletter.

It's my pleasure to serve as your president again. Debra and I are looking forward to this coming year. We hope you all have a blessed holiday season.

If you have any questions please email me at

[wfulps@comcast.net](mailto:wfulps@comcast.net).

## A letter from our outgoing President Dale Bittle

Well shipmates, 2016 is quickly coming to a close and I believe that we have had a very good year. I have been a member of this organization for over 17 years and I can tell you we have come a long way since my first reunion. I was extremely excited when I was planning to attend that first reunion and I am just as excited thinking about our reunion next year in South Dakota. We are, thankfully, still picking up a few new members and I couldn't be prouder of our core group who come year after year.

I want to thank Leo and Claire for



**Grand Hotel**



**Hospitality Room**



**Dolphin Cruise**



**Pensacola Beach**

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hosting a wonderful reunion in Pensacola this year, what a wonderful job they did. Who would have thought how fun it would be to play bingo. Great job Claire and Leo.

Those of you that know me well know that I live in fear that no one will bring a proposal for a reunion location for the next year. I truly believe that if we ever skip a reunion that we will never have another one and I just can't imagine that. I want to thank Henri and Alyce for stepping up and bringing a proposal for South Dakota for 2017 and they have put together a great itinerary for next year.

Sadly we loose crewmembers every year but this year seemed especially hard with the loss of Paul and Linda Fleming. Paul was a rock in our association and will be missed for a long time to come. I hope to see Patty, Scottie and the rest of the Fleming family at a reunion soon.

I want to thank everyone for your support during this year and wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you all next year.

Dale

2016 Business Meeting  
Warren Gammeter

In addition to selecting South Dakota for our next reunion we elected our officers for the next year:



**President:** Walter Fulps  
**Vice President:** Marshall Kendrick  
**Treasurer:** Bob Gwin  
**Chaplain:** Ken Bredehoeft  
**Web Master:** Warren Gammeter

The minutes of the annual business meeting are at this [link](#).

## **2015 Ship's Store**

**Bob Gwin**

2017 Dues will still be \$25.00, you can send your check anytime.

## **Website/Newsletter**

**Warren Gammeter**

I have all of the 2016 reunion events covered on the website. I will be adding a few more pictures here and there. If you were there, enjoy the memories. If you could not make it see what fun you missed.

Links to our website including the 2017 reunion information are in the right margin.