



# THE DRYDOCK DRIBBLE

The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

## Spring 2014 Newsletter

### Presidents Message

Leo A. Waltsak

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Cabildo Families,

To quote Mark Twain, "It's spring fever.... You don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

After such a cold and miserable winter with more than a fair share of "polar vortexes" affecting most of our nation we can be happy with a quiet, soft, balmy spring day. The sort of days that bring forth the tender perennials that love the sunshine and gentle rain. The hardy Snow Crocus thwarts the snow and whispers that spring is around the corner bringing a display of Daffodils and Primrose, Forsythia and Bleeding Heart. Spring is representative of our own rebirth...of renewed energy and outlook, of hopes and dreams we may still have. Just yesterday the Ice Cream Truck drove by our house playing its happy tunes reminding the kid in me that old traditions continue, that life goes on, and I am only as old as I want to be.



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San Diego -Long Beach



USS Midway

Have you started making your travel plans for our San Diego Reunion? Our Past President, Marshal Kendrick, has put in many hours in setting up and planning a really fun weekend that we can all enjoy. The planned itinerary looks substantial, but not overtaxing. We will have a great time together again. So, if you can, please try to join your former shipmates in San Diego in September.

In closing this note, I would like to remind you that the USS Cabildo was declared a "Brown Water Ship" meaning it could have been contaminated with the chemical "Agent Orange." Remember how we made our drinking water. I contacted my American Legion Service Officer, and he helped me prepare and process the required Veterans Administration (VA) forms. I just recently went to the VA Hospital in my state and had hearing tests done. I am waiting for the results to come back. If the VA approves that my hearing loss is service related they may help towards the cost of my hearing aids which is substantial. So do yourself a favor, if you have an ailment that you believe could be service related, take a few minutes of your time, and fill out the forms the VA requires. Any service organization like the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars will help and guide you. So turn two and get it done. So, until we meet again, stay safe, stay healthy, Sincerely, Leo.

## 2014 San Diego (Long Beach) Reunion

Warren Gammeter & Marshall Kendrick

Brad Mongeau the diver who has been diving on the wreckage of the USS Cabildo for many years is planning on showing us some of his video. He had dived on the ship for years before learning its identity. Once he learned the identity he found our association via the website. A few years back I added the "the ship today" section.

Here's the exciting plan for our 2014 Reunion worked out with Gatherings Plus. We will be staying in San Diego at the Town and Country Resort, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 by the Mission Valley Conference Center which has five eateries, three pools and more.



USS Iowa



Seaport Village



Queen Mary Long Beach

USS Cabildo (LSD-16)  
Website Links

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**USS CABILDO**  
**San Diego Reunion**  
**September 11-15, 2014**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST/SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
YEARS ABOARD (e.g. 55-57) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Host Hotel: TOWN AND COUNTRY RESORT**

For hotel reservations call: 1-619-297-6006

Be sure and mention you are with the USS Cabildo reunion group to get the special group rate of \$115.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Rooms not reserved by August 10, 2014 will be released from the group block. You will pay for your room upon check-out.

**REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE: \$278.00 per person**  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$278.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Special dietary needs?? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
Need Wheelchair Accessibility?? \_\_\_\_\_

A 50% deposit is required by July 11 with final payment due by Aug. 11 on the activity package. No refunds on cancellations after September 1 on activity package.

**Mail Registration Form and Check Payable to:**

**GATHERINGS PLUS**

**P. O. BOX 1023, BRANSON WEST, MO. 65737**

**417-338-4048**

**Reunion Website:**

**[www.reunionpro.com](http://www.reunionpro.com), click on "reunions" link, type in USS Cabildo and "enter" then click on logo and that takes you to your site**

# USS CABILDO San Diego Reunion September 11-15, 2014

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<p><b>Check in at TOWN AND COUNTRY RESORT</b></p>  <p><b>\$115.00 per room per night plus tax, including breakfast</b></p> <p><b>12:00 Noon Hospitality Room Open</b></p>  <p><b>6:00 p.m. “WELCOME ABOARD” Reception at Resort</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. USS MIDWAY TOUR</b></p>  <p><b>And</b></p> <p><b>SEAPORT VILLAGE</b></p>  <p><b>And LUNCH</b></p> <p><b>Return to hotel by 2:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Evening Free</b></p> <p><b>Hospitality Room Open</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m. A DAY IN LONG BEACH at the</b></p>  <p><b>USS IOWA</b></p> <p><b>AND</b></p>  <p><b>THE QUEEN MARY with a Box Lunch Provided</b></p>  <p><b>Evening Free</b></p> <p><b>Hospitality Room Open</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>Morning Free</b></p> <p><b>2:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING</b></p>  <p><b>Afternoon Free</b></p>  <p><b>6:30 p.m. CASH BAR</b></p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m. FINAL EVENING BANQUET at Resort</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Depart</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>ACTIVITY PACKAGE:</b></p> <p><b>\$278.00 per person</b></p> <p><b>INCLUDES:</b>  <b>Hospitality Room</b>  <b>Welcome Reception</b>  <b>USS Midway Tour</b>  <b>Seaport Village and Lunch</b>  <b>USS Iowa Tour</b>  <b>Queen Mary Tour</b>  <b>Box Lunch</b>  <b>Final Evening Dinner</b>  <b>Transportation to Group Activities</b>  <b>Reunion Website</b></p>

Check in will be Thursday, September 11th. and our Hospitality room will open at noon. On Friday we will tour the USS Midway in San Diego and Seaport Village. On Saturday we will head up the coast to Long Beach and Tour both the USS Iowa and the Queen Mary. Hopefully, we will also see what has become of the Long Beach Naval Base and the many changes to Long Beach itself. On Sunday we will have our annual meeting in the morning and a relaxing day in San Diego. We'll wrap-up our reunion with our banquet that evening.

For more details about the reunion see our website which has links to both the itinerary and registration form. (Links are on the right)

## 2014 Association Dues

**Bob Gwin**

To date we have 71 association members paid for 2014. If you have not yet paid your 2014 dues mail them to me at 33496 Hickory Ave, Sioux City, IA 51108. Please remember to make them out to the USS Cabildo Association.

If there is something in our ships store you would like to pick-up at the reunion let me know and I'll be sure to bring it. See you in San Diego.

## Website/Newsletter

**Warren Gammeter**

We still have a few members who have not yet paid there 2014 dues. Our policy is that we will only mail hard copies of the newsletters to paid members. This issue anyone not paid since 2012 will be dropped from the hard copy list. If you think you should have received one and didn't let me know. The newsletter will also be posted on the website.



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