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# Spring 2016 Newsletter



## THE DRYDOCK DRIBBLE

The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

### Presidents Report May 2015

Well shipmates Spring is here and the time has come to mark y our calendars for our 2016 Cabi ldo Reuni on, w hich w ill be held October 13 - 17 in Pensac ola, Florida . Leo and Claire Waltsak have put to gether a great itinerary for us and it should be a great time for all. If yo u have an y questions regar ding the reunion please don't hesitate to contact me at 417-581-1325, Le o Waltsak at 732-922-9324 or Pam Brow n at Gatherings Plus at 417-338-4048.

Leo has i nformed me that he has received calls from crew members that saw the reunion listing in the Legion magazine. Please, if yo u know of a crew member that might be interested in attending our reunion, please get in touch with them.



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Regarding the reunion, don't forget the raffle that we have after our banquet, and bring a raffle gift. The money raised by the raffle is what pays for our hospitality room that we all enjoy so much.

Enjoy your summer and don't hesitate to call me if there is anything I can do to help you.

Dale

## 2016 Pensacola, FL Reunion

Leo and Claire Waltsak

Fair winds are blowing as we prepare for our upcoming USS Cabildo reunion in Pensacola, FL. Claire & I look forward to seeing all of you again. Pam Brown (Gatherings Plus) set up our venue with the hotel, daily activities and such, and we are adding some spice to the "Cabildo Cassoulet." We thought it would be fun to have Bingo one night. If anyone has an idea or special talent or skill they want to share, let me know. For a better idea of our stay in Pensacola, go to the Beach Bum Trolley website owned and operated by Mr. Tom McKean. Tom is a retired Navy vet who works with Pam Brown to give us the very best of Pensacola's hospitality.

I made our reservations for the (Crown Plaza) Pensacola Grand Hotel this morning. I double checked that they DO provide a complimentary airport shuttle that runs from 6 AM thru 10 PM each day. I plan to be in Pensacola a day early to double check our arrangements, and take care of any last minute details. If there is any service I can provide, or item(s) you may need during your stay that you don't or can't bring on the airplane, please let me know. I will

## 2106 Reunion Pensacola, Florida

NAS Museum



Corsair



F4 Phantom

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do my best to make this a comfortable and enjoyable vacation for you. Also, sometimes, flights are delayed because of weather and such. If you wish, let me know your flight schedule beforehand, and I will make sure the shuttle will be there to pick you up at the airport.

I placed an ad about our upcoming reunion in several service magazines. Unfortunately, my email address in at least one of the magazines was incorrect. For the record here is my correct telephone number: (H) 1-732-922-9324; (C) 1-848-469-1603; and my two email addresses: [leo.waltsak@yahoo.com](mailto:leo.waltsak@yahoo.com) or [leowaltsak@gmail.com](mailto:leowaltsak@gmail.com).

Remember!! A 50% deposit for the events package is due to Gatherings Plus by 13 Aug 16, with the remainder due by 13 Sep 16. AND, your special room rate of \$119 at the (Crown Plaza) Pensacola Grand Hotel expires 13 Sep 16. That rate is good for three days before and after the reunion.

We are happy to be hosting this reunion for you. My wife and I are doing our best to give you a few days of fun and fellowship. We are open to any suggestions or ideas that can add to your comfort and enjoyment during our few days together. Until we meet again, stay well; stay safe.  
Leo Waltsak

The [Itinerary](#) and [Registration](#) Form for our upcoming reunion are available from the Gatherings Plus website at these links and also on their website. There is a link to their website on our home page.



Claire Waltsak has put together a very detailed schedule of all our planned events. A copy of her three page document is available at this [link](#) .

## Membership & Ship's Store

### Bob Gwin

As of now we have 72 members paid through 2016 including 4 paid through 2017. We still have 6 members who paid in 2015 who have not yet paid their 2016 dues. Mail your \$25.00 to me at:

33496 Hickory Ave.  
Souix City, Iowa 51108

### Website/Newsletter

#### Warren Gammeter

I have been unable to find an American Ride episode with the Alamo. The only show I found was an old one with footage from an old movie, not of the day we were at the Alamo. I'll keep looking

and let you know if and when it comes up In the mean time enjoy his excellent american history programs.

I am thinking of creating a new section on our website for recent crew member contacts. Something like "who has found us" The old guest book format, without the do it your self posting, has generated very few entries. Let me know what you think about the idea.

USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Assoc.

webmaster @usscabildo.org

# USS CABILDO LSD16

## Pensacola Reunion

### October 13-17, 2016

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL Pensacola</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 p.m. "WELCOME ABOARD" RECEPTION In Hospitality Room</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 a.m. NAS MUSEUM,</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">IMAX</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">and LUNCH at Cubi Bar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back to the hotel by 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality Room Open</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 a.m. PENSACOLA CITY TOUR and</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH at Maguires Irish Pub</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL SERVICE at Veterans Memorial Park</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back to hotel by 2:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality Room Open</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 a.m. DOLPHIN CRUISE and</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">PICNIC LUNCH at Marina</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back to hotel by 2:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. FINAL EVENING BANQUET At Hotel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Depart</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Activity Package: Includes: Name Badges Welcome Reception NAS Museum IMAX Lunch at Cubi Bar City Tour Lunch at Maguires Memorial Service Dolphin Cruise Lunch at Marina Banquet Dinner All Taxes and Most Gratuities Reunion Website</p>

**USS CABILDO  
Pensacola Reunion  
October 13-17, 2016**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Any Physical Disabilities? \_\_\_\_\_  
Any Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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**CROWNE PLAZA PENSACOLA GRAND HOTEL**

For hotel reservations call direct to: 1-850-433-3336

Be sure and mention you are with the USS Cabildo reunion group to get the special rate of \$119.00 plus tax. That rate is good 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion, based on hotel availability. Rooms not reserved by September 13 will be released from the group block.

**PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Activity Package Total \_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$265.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Banquet Meal Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp Alfredo \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala

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

A 50% deposit is requested by August 13 with final payment due by Sept. 13. No refunds will be issued on activity package after October 1, 2015.

**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 click on "apply" then click on logo to take you to the website. You can order tickets to additional shows and attractions on the website, too.