



THE DRYDOCK DRIBBLE

The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

Winter 2014 Newsletter

Presidents Message

Leo A. Waltsak

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Cabildo Families,

Here it is mid-winter 2014. The holidays are behind us, and the New Year has begun. I want to share an event that took place within our family. Mid-January our family traveled to the low country of South Carolina staying in Beaufort, a lovely moss draped southern town. We were there to attend our Grandson's graduation from the Marine Recruit Training Station, Parris Island. The first day is family orientation (you don't yet see your Marine). The second day during a brief ceremony before we got to visit with our Marine for a few hours, we witnessed ten recruits in a Naturalization Ceremony becoming citizens of the United States of America by swearing allegiance to and vowing to protect and defend our constitution and our flag. The third day is the actual Graduation Event. The Drill Sergeants voices are booming as the troops march onto the huge parade field in perfect symmetry. It was at times difficult to hold back the tears for the pride



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and love we feel for these young men, and wondering what the future holds for each of them. For many different reasons each voluntarily choose to give service to his country. As I view the hundreds of young men standing at attention before me, I realize we were them. The circumstances were different, but each of us, for different reasons, left all we knew for the unknown. We vowed to "protect and defend" our country and we did. We can give ourselves a pat on the back for we did what was asked of us, and some gave more.

So, let's raise our glasses together in San Diego, and toast ourselves and those who took the naval journey with us, before us, and the young men and women who come after us.

Now we look to the future, and for many of us, warm weather. Hopefully you have eluded the "Polar Vortex" which has created an arctic bubble over much of the nation allowing temperatures to plunge to record lows. Sadly, most of us have not which means we are dreaming of our next gathering in sunny southern California. As time passes I find myself whistling the song "California, Here I Come", and singing the lyrics "right back where I started from!"

Till we meet again in San Diego... stay safe, be well and be Happy Happy Happy!

2014 San Diego (Long Beach) Reunion

Warren Gammeter & Marshall Kenrick

We have an exciting plan for our 2014 Reunion worked out with Gatherings Plus. We will be staying in San Diego at Seaport Village right among several restaurants and lots of shops in the center of town.

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. On Saturday



USS Midway



USS Iowa



Seaport Village



**Queen Mary Long
Beach**

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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.

I am looking forward to seeing every one in San Diego. Our new Cabildo Jackets which were at our Seattle reunion are now available and on the website ships store. Have a good year.

Website

Warren Gammeter

We just learned that Luther B. Auguston association member and Cabildo plank owner passed away June 6, 2013. I added an "over the bar" page for him on the website..

The pictures of our 2013 reunion are all up on our website. If you weren't able to join us take a look at what you missed. Our 2014 reunion should be just as much fun so plan to join us.

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