

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Spring 2021 Newsletter

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### President's Message and the 2021 Harrisburg Reunion Leo Waltsak



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Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

There is an illness that has been documented by poets for centuries. Its symptoms include a flushed face, increased heart rate, appetite loss, restlessness, and daydreaming. We all know it as "Spring Fever." I find that my spell of Spring Fever does just the opposite... I have more energy to get outside. It is a season to rejoice in the beauty and color of the apple and cherry blossoms, the daffodils and forsythia. I want to plant seeds and bulbs, take deep breaths of the fresh spring air, and remember to thank the Lord that I survived this past year.

As I sit here writing this bit of newsletter, I remember that some of you have suffered hardship and loss along with your loved ones since we last got together. Please know that your Cabildo family does care, and you are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Regarding our 2021 Reunion in Harrisburg, PA, I have asked our Gatherings Plus Representative, Stephanie Lindner, if the Website could be fixed to allow guests registering on that site to pay 50% the deposit on

Credit/Debit Card by 18 June, and 50% by 18 Aug rather than the total amount as it stands currently. This is her response,

“Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to get the 50% off working on the website, if they want to just make a deposit they need to call into our office, and we will have to manually sign them up.”

The alternative is for you to go to their website [gatheringsplus.com](http://gatheringsplus.com) print out the registration form and mail it in using your credit card or your check. The registration form allows you to put 50% down now, and 50% later. Gatherings Plus’s phone number is 417-338-4048 (5% processing fee on credit card orders).

I hope this glitch doesn’t prevent you from signing up one way or another and joining us in Harrisburg. We really need to fill ten rooms and have at least twenty guests so please bring your family and friends and for those who don’t know, tell them we are a fun and interesting group!!

Claire and I spent this past weekend at the Red Lion Inn to check it out. The area has restaurants and shopping areas nearby, however, walking to the shopping center or restaurants requires crossing busy roadways. Think Uber to get around. We had a steak dinner at the Off Seasons bar (located off the Lobby), and it was very good. We were told because of Covid the hotel is not allowed at this time to have a 24-hour coffee or tea station. At this time there wasn’t a “made to order” breakfast offered. It was typical “grab and go” style. One of the reasons we chose this hotel was because of the “made to order breakfast included”, and the “airport shuttle service”. The hotel is big. There are several ballrooms, and many meeting rooms including an Amphitheater. The indoor pool and outdoor hot tub were in use. The outdoor pool is huge. There is a large wooden deck between the building and the pool where they put out patio tables. There are two wings of rooms that extend back from the main building on each side of the pool area. These rooms each have a balcony or patio. Behind the hotel is a large grassy area belonging to the hotel. We didn’t walk back there, but I am told there is a Barbeque Grill area.

Let’s hope that by September the trips and tours we scheduled are up and running and the food venues are open to us. We all want to have a safe and fun get together so we can mix and mingle, and really enjoy ourselves.

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## 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  
03:15 PM Return to Hotel  
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)**

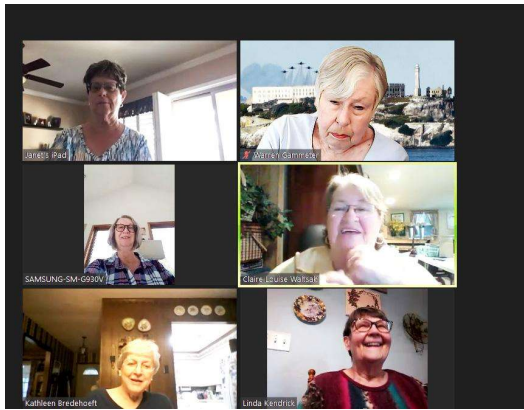
**Hotel: Red Lion Hotels Harrisburg**

**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





**We had a fun Ladies Chat on April 14th. It was nice to hear how everyone was doing.**

**Please join our next Ladies Zoom, July 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun way to get to know us. We catch up on new things going on, and chit chat about the old ones.**

**Send your email to Warren, and he will add you to the list. You will receive the time, along with the Identification and passcode to join. You can use your computer, I Pad, or cell phone. Please join us.**

**Sue Gwin**

## **Chaplain's Message**

### **Ken Bredehoeft**



**Kathleen and I went to Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Walt Fulp's funeral in Kansas City. Deb graciously allowed me several minutes to speak in which I read verses from the Gospel of John, Ch. 14 and told of his influence as a mentoring hospital corpsman aboard the Cabildo for our time together. A private graveside service was held for family only at a later time at Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas, with full military honors conducted by The United States Naval Honor Guard.**

**Let's not forget Deb Fulps and family in our thoughts and prayers in the months ahead. And Deb, we hope to see you and any family at any of our future reunions. As I write this, only about 40% of our country has received the vaccination for Covid. What was once very difficult to schedule is now readily accessible in almost all areas of the country. I know, shipmates, you will make the decision for you and your family you feel to be right. The quicker we can get this pandemic behind us, the quicker we'll all get back to what we remember as "normal." Let's all stay well, stay safe and make Harrisburg, PA the first of many memorable reunions to come.**

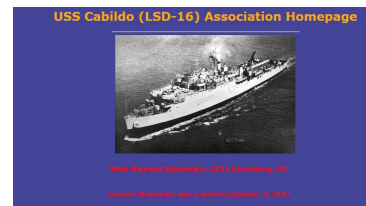
**Treasurer  
Bob Gwin**



**I will send a second notice to the few members who have not renewed their membership for 2021. Please visit our ship's store. Here's a [link](#) to our store.**

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**Website and Newsletter  
Warren Gammeter**



**Not much to report this month. I did see I forgot to upload the Winter Newsletter to the website. As I was adding the Spring Newsletter to the menu I realized that the last version of the menu with the Winter link was not uploaded. I usually add them to the website shortly after the e-mail version is sent out.**

**I make a habit of checking to see what cabildo items are for sale on e-Bay. I just added James T. McDermott SFC to the crew list as there is a certificate for sale stating he participated in the 1962 Atomic Test Series. If anyone knows other years he was aboard please let me know. There recently was an interesting Japan occupation envelope from right after WWII. Also, there currently is a copy of the 1963 - 1964 Cabildo WESPAC cruise book for sale. It's in Mint condition with dust jacket but rather pricey at \$221.25, now 25% off the first asking price of \$295.00. I bought my ship's crest plaque there years ago.**

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