

Fall 2018 Newsletter



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The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

President's Message

Darrell "Ozzie" Osborn

Greetings from the smoky mountains of northern California.... Namely the "Camp Fire". Forbestown (population 340) is just southeast of Paradise about 30 minutes drive. The fire is close, but we are protected by Last year's "Ponderosa Fire" burnt area... that came within a mile of my house...Praise God.

As I start my second term as president of the association, I will try to do as I did last time, raising past crew members awareness to the association.

Each of you may have knowledge of shipmates that don't appear on our registry, as I often do.... If nothing else, make Warren or myself aware of their names, at least. As we dwell in our senior moments, share the knowledge.

My thanks to Becky Lyon, for her stepping up to the plate and developing the next reunion. Sacramento was a bust for me.

We are blessed, to have the "Old guard" of faithful members as officers of the Association again. They are the foundation of our organization. I appreciate

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each and every shipmate. We are a variety, but we are one.

Vice President's Message

Leo Waltsak

My wife and I want to thank our 2018 hosts, Dale and Maureen, for providing our group with such a nice venue. I think it was one of the nicest reunions I've attended. The weather was beautiful during our stay. Never having been to Kansas City before, I was impressed with the city itself; its history, its energy, and the beauty of the old and the new. Most importantly, it was the comradery we feel when together, and I believe, when we're not. We were all concerned for Walt to be better, and for Deb who kept us informed of his condition. To have Walt, Deb and their family and friends attend our Banquet was a fitting and uplifting conclusion to our 2018 reunion.

I look forward to each "next" year, not solely because of the location, but to see and catch up with the only other guys in my world who know and can relate to my experience on the "Cabildo". I also want to thank all the "Group", the girls & guys, who work together preparing, managing, organizing, and directing so that the Hospitality Room is functional, and a pleasant place to be.

A special Thanks goes out to Becky Lyon for stepping up to host next year's reunion in Charleston. Finally, I encourage any and all to start thinking now about hosting our 2020 reunion. Whether you've hosted before or not, make it your own by doing it your way. Have a little sightseeing or no sightseeing. Maybe more activities or less. Think out of the box and have fun with it. As always, I wish all "Fair Winds and Following Seas"

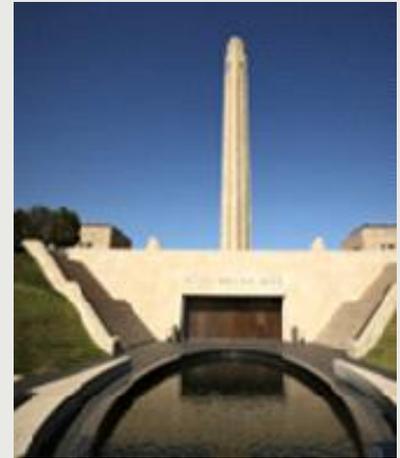
Chaplin's Report

By: Ken Bredehoeft

George White has been in the hospital for 10 days with a serious intestinal infection. I talked to Dorothy Thursday and though George remains in the hospital



Kansas City



National WW I Museum



Charleston, SC



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it is hoped he will be well enough to be home for Thanksgiving Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers. (As we go to press I just heard from Dorothy that George passed away this morning, Sunday 11/11/2018. I added an "over the bar" page for George and will post his obituary there as soon as I get a copy. Warren)

I talked also with Pablo Garcia. Angie is doing well, recovering from the knee surgery 3 weeks ago. She injured a knee aboard a cruise ship right before the reunion and that's why they had to cancel. Pablo said they will see everyone in Charleston and "that's for sure."

All of us extend our sympathy to Walt Fulps. His older brother in California passed away last week.

Kansas City Reunion Recap

By: Dale Bittle

I want to thank everyone who attended our 2018 Reunion in Kansas City. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Our itinerary was good but not too busy and provided time to visit with our shipmates.

The City Tour was very impressive and gave everyone a good insight and perspective of the Kansas City History. The Steamboat Arabia Museum and the WWI Memorial were both enlightening and eye opening. As always, we didn't skimp on the food with Q39 and Jack Stack BBQ. I have to give my vote to Jack Stacks although Q39 was very tasty.

We were lucky this year to have a new crewmember attend our reunion. Doug Heydenburg and his guests Steve Heydenburg and his wife Melinda from Michigan joined with us on some of our events. It was very nice of Steve and Melinda to drive Doug so he could attend his first reunion.

Barry Mapes also brought a guest, Trisha Thomas who is a good plus 1 for Barry and fit in very well with our group.

The big bonus of the reunion was that Walt Fulps, who had been very ill and hospitalized during the week, was able to attend the banquet. Walt also



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Charleston Dinner Cruise

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brought two of his daughters and his neighbors as guests. One of Walt's daughters, Vicki, is a photographer and volunteered to take our pictures during the banquet. Thank You Vicki.

Maureen and I are looking forward to our next year's Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina hosted by Becky Lyon. Can't wait.

See ya next year.

Charleston Reunion 2019

By: Becky Lyon

Here's an outline of our planned reunion events.

Monday Sept. 9

Hospitality room will open and a reception buffet dinner will be held there.

Tuesday Sept. 10

Morning bus tour of Charleston with lunch on your own and we will return to our hotel about 3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. We will depart for an evening dinner cruise on the Carolina Queen.

Wednesday Sept. 11

10:00 a.m. Board our bus for a tour of the Naval Weapons Station which will include lunch. While there we will also have our memorial service. Next we will visit Boone Hall, an active producing plantation which grows vegetables, peaches and pecans. We will get back to our hotel about 5:00 p.m.

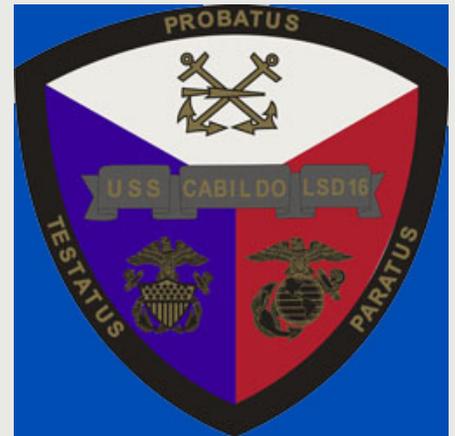
Dinner will be on your own. There are several restaurants in walking distance of our hotel.

Thursday Sept. 12

9:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting and the remainder of the day will be free time.

6:30 p.m. No host bar will open

7:30 p.m. Banquet dinner followed by our Cabildo Association Raffle



Friday Sept 13

Breakfast and farewells.

Note: We will be staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites Charleston Airport. Daily breakfast and the airport shuttle are complementary and the shuttle will take us anywhere within 5 miles.

The hotel also said they had a medical supply place with scooters and so on if anyone needed anything, that it could be delivered to and picked back up from the hotel.

Treasurers Report

Bob Gwin

Your 2019 dues notice will arrive soon. Please fill out the "contact information form" and return it with your dues.

Website/Newsletter

Warren Gammeter

We had a few malware problems with the website which I just resolved Thursday (11/15/18). Henry Pierce let me know when he saw the crewmember list page was not working. The link from the home page took one to a Canada Goose Parka website page. This was a "bot" created problem I was able to resolve working with e-host technical support. We may want to add some malware protection to our website.

If you missed the Kansas City reunion check out the good time you missed on our website. If you were there and have some pictures we could use a few more pictures.

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