

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Summer 2021 Newsletter

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



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#### President's Message Leo A. Waltsak

Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours comfortable and well.

I have been spending my summer doing a little fishing and a little crabbing. I go fluke fishing often, but keepers must be minimum 18 inches, so most are thrown back. However, the blue claw crabs are plentiful this year which provides a lot of fun for the family. Every now and then my son throws a box type trap in the Manasquan River, which he checks every few days, but the real fun is using a drop line and pulling them in slowly. If they are not females with eggs and are over 4.5 inches, they are keepers. However, my Wife thinks the little ones should live to fight another day. This summer is going by so fast. Remember how long the summer seemed when you were a kid. And how the holidays from one year to the next seemed like forever. Now, I feel like I'm on the Autobahn of life, and wish time would slow down a little bit.

My one exception is that I can't wait, and am looking forward to our time together in Harrisburg this year. I am so happy to report that Pablo and Angie Garcia are joining us this year as is Bobbie Rodrigues and "the gals from Texas",

Frances and Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Ken's family. On the flip side, I am sad to say that some members that we hoped would come this year are understandably unable to. To those members and and/or auxiliary members we wish you well and hope we can get together next year.

According to our Gatherings Plus "Events" page, we have fifteen definites signed up for the reunion and we need 20. I think we have four more who will most probably sign up, and few maybes. So, if you're sitting on the fence, tottering which way to fall, please fall to Harrisburg in September. We need you, and more than that, we miss seeing you!! We don't want to see this "thing of ours" come to an end. It will eventually, but please not yet!! Bring a family member, bring a friend! All are welcome!

The cutoff date for registering for the events is 18 August 2021, and the "special" rate for the hotel is 7 September 2021. Please mark these dates on your calendar if you want to join the group this year.

So, until we meet again, I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Reunion update from Claire Waltsak 7/29;

We now have a copy of the menu for Isaac's Boxed Lunches. These lunches are for the day we visit Amish country, and are included in our activities costs. The menu is at this [LINK](#). Please note you need to make a selection and e-mail it to Leo or Claire.

Our Gatherings Plus representative is now Randi McCormick if you have need to contact them.

Claire questioned Randi whether General Pickett's Buffet would be open in September for our Gettysburg dinner. Randi responded that they also had concerns and found General Pickett's was not likely to be open, so their representative in Gettysburg made reservations for us at the Dobbins House Tavern. "Historic" Dobbins House is more expensive, but Gatherings Plus will absorb the additional cost. This is actually a step up for us as Dobbins House Tavern has a nicer atmosphere and Randi said we will have our own dining room.

Sincerely, Claire

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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 Plain & 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 were sorry to hear that Bob Gwin has a medical problem with a foot that kept me from Joining the July zoom and will most likely keep us from this year's reunion.**

**We were delighted to have Deb Fulps join us and hear how she is getting along. It was a good session and we did catch up on everyone's activities. We discussed our next zoom and decided that we will do two zoom sessions from the hospitality room at the Harrisburg reunion in September. Our goal is to give those, not able to join us in person, a chance to say hello and visit with those attending. We plan to continue our quarterly Ladies Zoom sessions after the reunion.**

**When we get closer to the reunion I will send out the schedule for the reunion zoom sessions and details on how to join in.**

**Please join us.**

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## **Chaplain's Message**

**Ken Bredehoeft**



**Kathleen and I attended our first reunion in St. Louis in '04. We haven't missed one since. She started a scrapbook of each reunion that year and hasn't missed a year either. We always brought several to the reunions over the years to look back through and enjoy.**

**Were you at the White House in '05? The Grand Old Opry in Nashville in '07? On the cruise down to Cabo San Lucas in '09? What memories! What great times! What friendships have been created and maintained.**

**It's difficult to imagine they may all be coming to an end. How many more reunions do we have in us? How many more chances to sit down with shipmates and reminisce about those days when we were young and left for liberty down the gangplank off our grand old ship like schoolchildren let out for recess?**

**There are new memories to be made in Pennsylvania. Let's all make every effort to be there.**

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## **Treasurer**

**Bob Gwin**

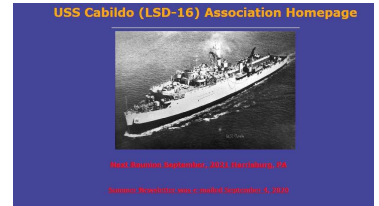


**Sue will be able to fill your Ship's Store orders while Bob has to stay off his foot.**

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## Website and Newsletter

Warren Gammeter



I found two interesting things on the Internet regarding the Cabildo this month. The first was the ship's restricted daily schedule for July 23, 1945. That just happened to be the third day the ship was in Okinawa preparing for the invasion of Japan. It was also the first day they were under kamikaze air raid attacks while there. I linked a copy of the schedule to the July 23, 1945 entry on the Ships Log. it's also at this [LINK](#).

Major General Dennis Kenneally USA Ret. sent me a New Year's poem his father, SCSF Frank Kenneally, wrote for the 1964-1965 New Year's eve Cabildo deck log. He said there is a tradition of writing poems for the New Year's log. It's at this [LINK](#).

I also came across a complete list of the ship's Commanding Officers. Many of our Commanding Officers were noted in the Ships Log section but not all. I added those that were missing noting when they assumed command and whom they relieved.

While adding the Commanding Officers I did notice that the details for some years are quite detailed and others are quite sparse. There are no entries at all for 1967. If you can provide some information on the ship's activities that year or additional information to other years please let me know.



### Cabildo Website Links

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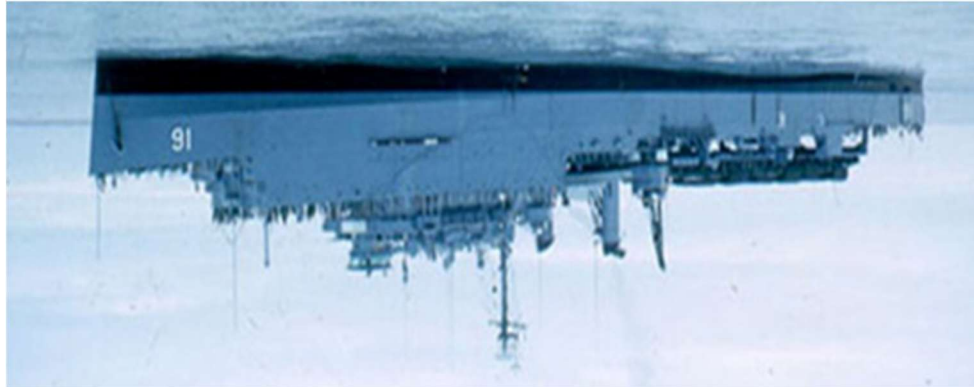
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