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The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

Fall 2012 Newsletter

Presidents Message

Marshall Kendrick

Hello to all,

The first thing I want to do is give a **BIG THANK YOU** to Paul and Mary Ann Tsompanas for all their hard work in putting together a wonderful reunion in Virginia. My wife and I both had a great time. We were fortunate to have a good turn out.

I would like to thank all who attended. To all the new attendees, Don and Liz Friedlein, Bernard and Patricia Gutierrez, and Jon Senkpiel once you get started going you are hooked. There is nothing like getting together and sharing sea stories and renewing friendships.

I talked to Dale Bittler and his full staff ahead for Seattle. Sounds like he and Maureen have great plans for our next reunion. See his report in this newsletter. Mark your calendar for Sept. 5th 2013.



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Congratulations to Leo Waltsak for his election to vice President .

Until next time happy sailing .

Your President ,

Marshall

A Cabildo for the Cabildo

Warren Gammeter

We discussed the possibility of getting a ship model for the Cabildo Museum in New Orleans. There was no consensus that this would be a good expenditure for the group. Concerns ranged from how prominently a model might be displayed and whether future museum leadership would retain interest and continue to display a model.

While in Washington D C after the reunion we visited the Navy Memorial. They have very limited space and only have two ship models, a 8 foot aircraft carrier and a 30 inch destroyer. I was unable to speak to any staff about their possible interest but doubt that they could make space available.

Reunion 2013 Seattle Update

Dale Bittle

Well shipmates mark your calendar because the reunion plans for Seattle, September 5th - 9th 2013 are starting to come together. The hotel contract has been signed and is in place. We will be staying at the Double Tree Suites by Hilton, Seattle Airport/Southcenter 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, Washington. The hotel rates are \$105.00 per night plus tax. These rates are valid for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion dates. This rate does include a complimentary breakfast buffet each morning. The hotel also provides free shuttle service from the airport and within 2 miles of the hotel.

We have put together, what I think is, a pretty spectacular four days of entertainment. Thursday September the 5th, the day of our arrival, will consist of our usual hospitality room feast. Maureen and several of our ladies are working on

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putting this evening together.

Friday morning we will board a luxury coach for a narrated city tour of beautiful Seattle. We will soak up the Asian flavor of the International District, check out the quirky public art in Fremont, which is the self-proclaimed "Center of the Universe" and get a taste of Seattle's maritime culture as we drive past Fisherman's Terminal. At the Hiram Chittenden Locks, we will see the famous Fish Ladder. We will also enjoy other sites such as Pioneer Square, the Space Needle and other special sites. The city Tour will end in the famous Pike Place Market where there will be plenty of time for lunch on our own and browsing. The coach will return to the hotel at approximately 3:00 PM. This evening will be dinner on your own and of course the hospitality will open for all to enjoy.

Saturday will be a long, busy day so bring some good walking shoes. We will start with a "must see" tour of the birthplace of the greatest "birds in the air" at the unbelievably huge Boeing Aircraft Production Plant. This eye-opening tour reveals the inner workings of the manufacturing process for some of the world's largest planes. This assembly plant has the greatest cubic capacity of any building in the world. This is not a visitor center it's the real deal. We will also visit the Future of Flight Aviation Center, a 28,000 square foot Aviation Gallery that houses many displays and interactive exhibits. On the way back to the hotel we will stop for lunch in Mukiteo a colorful seaport town that offers several restaurant choices for lunch on your own.

Saturday evening starting at 6:00 PM will be our annual cocktail party followed by our banquet and raffle. Don't forget to bring something for the raffle.

Sunday will be a little slower pace as we will have our Memorial Service at 10:00 AM immediately followed by our annual business meeting. These events will take place in the hospitality room. After the memorial service and business meeting we will be on our own for lunch.

We will board our coach around 3:00 PM and depart for the historic Seattle waterfront where we will enjoy a unique Northwest dining experience aboard the luxurious Royal Argosy, beginning with a Champagne or cider greeting. We will enjoy sweeping views of Seattle's breathtaking skyline and scenery as we sail through Elliott Bay and the Puget Sound as we indulge in a selection of Northwest-inspired cuisine prepared fresh onboard. After dinner we will enjoy a stroll on the

beautiful decks; have a night cap and watch Seattle light up the evening skies. We should be back at 7:30.

Monday morning will be our checkout and goodbye's

I hope to have a link to the Military Reunion Planners website from the Cabildo website up by thanksgiving where we will be able to access registration and hotel information and see who has signed up to attend our reunion.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for September 5 - 9, 2013.

E-Mail Newsletter and Webmaster Update

Warren Gammeter

The first pages of our Norfolk reunion have already been put up on the website. I will add to them as I have time and as I receive pictures to use.

At our annual meeting we decided to continue with the e-mail newsletter. A copy of our newsletter will be mailed to those association members without e-mail. We will also post the newsletter on our website.

Treasurers Update

Bob Gwin

We started collecting 2013 dues at the reunion. Your reminder will be in the mail early in January. Please be sure that we have your current e-mail address so that we can send you are newsletter.

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