Spring 2015 Newsletter



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The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Pablo Garcia

Greetings Shipmates, we are here once again to inform everyone about our coming reunion in San Antonio Texas on October 8th, Thru October 12th, I am very excited about the reunion plan.

As we all know San Antonio <u>www.mysa.com</u> is a city that is very high in culture as well as a multitude of historic places and attractions which is going to be very hard to cover it all in the short time we are going to be here, but I think the program we have in store will be to everybody's satisfaction, the weather in San Antonio around that time of year is very pleasant, not



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San Antonio, Texas

cold or hot.

On our Cabildo website we have the details about where and when this is all going to take place, so make your plans early. I have contacted the hotel once again and the price they gave us at a discount for parking is still going to be \$10.00 a day for multiple parking, the garage is owned by the hotel and it is located just across the street, it is multilevel, covered and has access to the hotel by a corridor under the street serviced by an elevator. Vallet parking is available for \$28.00 daily.

Transportation from the airport to the hotel is serviced by an Airport shuttle operated by the city bus system, they use small, clean mini buses to service the down town area the cost is \$18.00 one way \$34.00 round trip. It operates from 07:30 to 1:30 AM daily the website www.goairportshuttle.com of is course Taxi service is available, all this ground transportation is available on the lower level of Terminal A, a short walking distance from Terminal B.

For those of you that are familiar with a website based private taxi service Uber and Amber, The City of



Riverwalk





LBJ Ranch

The Alamo



Admiral Nimitz Pacific War Museum San Antonio does not approve of this service because they do not comply with city regulations and passenger safety. At this time they are not to pick up passengers at the Airport or anywhere in the city limits, only in surrounding unincorporated communities. Please use caution.

The city has a free service trolley

called the e-circulator, it is free and it runs 1/2 a block from the hotel to all of downtown and back on a loop type route, the schedule is from 6 pm until Midnight. You can get off and on as many times as you want to sightsee, dine or just plain fun and the best part of it, it's FREE. <u>www.viainfo.net</u>. You will be able to board about 1/2 block from the hotel on St Mary's street. The River Center Mall is a must to visit and also the Tower of the Americas they are all on this route as well as a multitude of restaurants, theaters and the River Walk.

Websites that might be helpful are <u>www.virtualtourist.com</u>, the hotel is <u>www.wyndham.com</u>. Follow the path - Locations, United States, Texas and click on San Antonio. Then select the Wyndham Hotel Riverwalk. I hope we have a big turnout for this event, and I will see you there, if there is anything I can personally do for you in the meantime please call me or e mail me.

Here's a summary of the exciting reunion I have planned with Reunions Plus for our group.



Thursday 10/8

Check in Wyndham Hotel Riverwalk. Noon our hospitality room opens. 5:30 p.m. "Welcome aboard dinner"

Friday 10/9

9:30 a.m. Tour of the Alamo followed by shopping and lunch on your own at the Mexican Market.3:00 p.m. back at the hotel - free time - dinner on your own.

Saturday 10/10

8:00 a.m. LBJ Ranch Tour and visit to the Admiral Nimitz Pacific War Museum including lunch in Fredericksburg 5:00 p.m. back at the hotel - free time dinner on your own.

Sunday 10/11

10:00 a.m. Business MeetingLunch on your own - afternoon free6:30 p.m. Memorial Service and BanquetDinner

Monday 10/12 Breakfast and farewells

Note Deadlines:

Registration and 50% deposit by Aug. 8. 50% Balance due by Sept. 8. Rooms must be booked by Sept 8 for our group rate.

2015 Ship's Store

Bob Gwin

I have ordered more tee shirts in a different color. They aren't in yet but I will bring them to the reunion.

Website/Newsletter

Warren Gammeter

If you received a hard copy of this newsletter I did not receive confirmation that you opened our Winter e-mail newsletter. If you also received an e-mail copy and don't need a hard copy please let me know. If you have e-mail and did not receive an email copy please sent me your current email address.

I have just recovered my PC from a major virus. It was a ransomware virus that encrypted most data files and images. For a "ransom" fee an decryption routine was offered. No way would they ever see my credit card number!

I restored everything back to 12/31/14 and believe that all the Cabildo website updates on my PC have either been reentered or copied down from the web server. If, however, you see anything that looks wrong or suspicious do let me know.

The plan and registration links for our 2015 reunion are available from the website homepage.

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