



THE DRYDOCK DRIBBLE

The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

November 2011 Newsletter

Presidents Message - Loren Krause

For those of you who didn't attend the reunion in New Orleans, you missed not only our annual get-together of shipmates, family and friends but also one of the most meaningful and emotional reunions held recently. Long realizing the significance of holding a reunion in the city housing the over 200 year old government building, the Cabildo, for which the USS Cabildo was named., USS Cabildo Association members were not disappointed this year.

On our first morning of activities, officials of the Louisiana Cabildo Museum held a reception for the fifty-three reunion attendees at the Cabildo. After welcoming speeches, Dale Bittle spoke movingly of the history of the USS Cabildo, and Bob Gwin, association treasurer, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to representatives of the "Friends of the



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Cabildo Museum Association." Cabildo tour guides afterwards conducted tours of the museum and the French Quarter. The reception was covered by three main television stations in New Orleans and interviews conducted with several shipmates extolling the proud history of our grand old ship were seen that evening on the local news telecasts.

As hard an act as that first morning was to follow, we also had sightseeing on Jackson Square and along Canal Street, the French Market, sitting down at the Cafe du Monde for beignets and cafe au lait, a dinner jazz cruise on the steamboat Natchez on the Mississippi River, a New Orleans City Tour. Our banquet again was a very enjoyable evening. Paul Fleming kept the raffle as fun as it was successful. Then we had an entire day at the WWII Museum with a wonderful Sunday Brunch and show and then touring the museum... well, the 2011 New Orleans Reunion was one not to be missed.

A great big thanks to Ken and Kathleen Bredehoeft for planning, organizing and hosting this year's reunion. The accommodations, food, and hospitality were all first rate. Growing up as a "Louisiana gal," Kathleen knew just how to set the right atmosphere with a Mardi Gras, New Orleans Saints, and just plain "down south" theme for the hospitality room. Kathleen sends a big "Thank You" to all who helped for hosting and setting up the hospitality room is never a one or two person endeavor.

If you missed New Orleans this year and you are ever in that historic old city, go to the Cabildo Museum on Jackson's Square. Tell them you were on the USS Cabildo. Hopefully after this year's reunion, a very meaningful bond now exists between the historical government building and one very hard to forget old naval vessel.

If you want to review the annual reports they are at these links; [treasurer's report](#), [the webmaster's report](#)



and the [minutes of the business meeting](#).

We are all delighted with the reunion proposal by Paul and Mary Ann Tsompanas adopted for September next year in Norfolk, Virginia. Go to this link for more details about the [2012 reunion](#).

In the next newsletter I'll mention a little about Fredericksburg, Texas, the museum of the Pacific War and the Admiral Nimitz Museum where we stopped on our way home.

Webmasters Update - Warren Gammeter

It was decided at our annual meeting in New Orleans to transition the Drydock Dribble newsletter from a snail mailed hard copy to an e-mail format. We feel that this method has three significant advantages over printing and mailing the newsletter.

1. Several newsletter contributors can each add their input by logging on to the server.
2. The annual cost of \$200 will be about 1/4 of what we now spend on printing and postage.
3. There is no limit to the number of e-mails we can send and between Newsletters can send news updates quickly and easily.

This newsletter will be sent to all members by both regular mail and by e-mail. If you receive a hard copy and don't receive an e-mail copy either we don't have your correct e-mail address or your e-mail service is blocking it as spam. Right now I only have e-mail addresses for about 2/3 of our association members and 10% of those are not current. Please e-mail me your current e-mail address to this [address](#).

Future newsletters will be sent only by e-mail to most recipients. If you are association member and do not have any access to e-mail we will mail a hard copy to you.



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Many of the pictures from our 2011 Reunion in New Orleans are up on the web site. Go to this [link](#) to see them.

Treasurer - Bob Gwinn

Your 2012 USS Cabildo Association Dues of \$25 will be due in January. I will send a dues reminder out in January. Be sure to include your e-mail address on the form so that Warren and Loren can get our newsletter to you.

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