

## USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



Fall 2020 Newsletter

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President's Message

Leo Waltsak



Greetings Shipmates, Family and Friends:

Today is Veteran's Day 2020. A time to remember and reflect on the sacrifice so many men and women, past and present, have given for the love of our country. A time for each of you who served on the USS Cabildo, and other naval vessels to reflect on your own time in service. You interrupted your lives for a worthy cause, and you left loved ones behind to worry until you returned. This is the basis for our coming together as an association. We are proud of our military service, we are proud of our United States, we recognize the value of national service, and honor those who willingly give of themselves to keep our country strong and safe. So, as we salute others on this day, remember you are valued as well.

I hope this message finds you and you loved ones safe and well. It was announced two or three days ago that a Covid-19 vaccine might be available to front-line workers soon, and the rest of us down the line. Although it still must be approved by the Federal Drug Administration, it is a bright light that we really, really need. As of this writing, we are in a surge, the second wave, and the news is not good. We are being advised to not gather with anyone other than household members for Thanksgiving. This is so sad...we must break tradition to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Some families only get to see their children and grandchildren for a few days at Thanksgiving. Whatever you decide is best for yourselves, we hope you will follow as many of the safety precautions you can and have a blessed thanksgiving.

As you know each year at our reunion, we hold a Business Meeting where, in addition to other tasks, we elect officers for the next year. As we were unable to gather as a group in person, we held a Zoom meeting where it was decided to continue our current roster of officers for the next year including myself as President, and Dale Bittle as Vice President.

Speaking of our official Zoom Meeting, and our unofficial Ladies Zoom Meeting, I want to again thank our Webmaster, Warren Gammeter, for setting aside time to educate many of us in the power of ZOOM! It was Warren's idea to hold a virtual meeting since we could not be together physically. As usual we discussed old business, new business and voted on some issues, had a group chat that went so well that the Ladies thought to have their own Zoom get together. We are all learning together in this technical age... some of you are bringing the rest of us along. The ladies plan to have another Zoom chat in January 2020, and all are welcome to join in.

**ZOOM Reunion - Sept. 21 - 24th**

**Warren Gammeter**



Prior to our ZOOM 2020 reunion we had several "practice" sessions so that those not familiar with zoom could get set-up and familiar with it. On Monday after about 45 minutes of chat visiting we watched the 1965 video from the 8mm film taken by Frank

Kenneally, FSCS. His son Major General Bruce Kenneally, USA Ret. kindly offered our association 22 reels of 8 mm film his father had taken on the ships WESPAC deployments in 1965 and 1966.

On Tuesday we had time for more visiting and then viewed the 1966 video.

Wednesday Ken Bredehoeft led our annual memorial service. Following the memorial service, we held our annual meeting in which we:

1. Approved the minutes of the 2019 meeting
2. Approved the Treasurer's report
3. Approved the Webmaster's report
4. Elected the association officers for 2021
5. Selected Leo and Clare's Gettysburg proposal for the 2021 reunion.

On Thursday we had a short farewell and good by chat session.

Reunion 2021 Harrisburg, PA

Leo Waltsak



Gatherings Plus of Branson, MO has put together a great package for us. The itinerary begins with check-in on Saturday, 18 September 2021 and check-out on Wednesday, 22 September 2021. The room rate includes a made-to-order breakfast. However, and this is so important, we must have as many attendees as possible. We must meet a minimum of 30 guests, and 20 rooms to keep the costs as they are. If we cannot meet our minimum the costs of everything at the hotel will go up. We really do not want that to happen. If you have not attended in a few years, please think about joining us next September. Family and friends are welcome too! We love saying Hi to old friends and meeting new ones. I encourage you to look at the proposed itinerary and hopefully come to Harrisburg in September 2021. So, until we meet again, give thought now and then to your shipmates, and I wish you always, fair winds and following seas.



**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 Plan & 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



**LADIES, please join our Quarterly ZOOM sessions. If you weren't able to join the virtual ZOOM reunion, there was no opportunity for just the gals to chit chat. We will be setting up our meetings or session on the third Wednesday of the first month of each quarter. We will send announcements with the specific time and date and login information before each session. If you have not attended a reunion, this is the perfect opportunity for you to get to know us.**

**Please send your email address, and or cell phone number to Warren Gammeter. He is our Webmaster, his email is at this [link](#).**

## Chaplain's Message

Ken Bredehoeft



**Well, shipmates it's almost the end of 2020 and we're still not out of the woods. There's encouraging news about a Covid vaccine maybe early 2021. Let's hope and pray for that to happen. I'll be first in line when the vaccine is ready. Meanwhile, let me encourage ALL of you, spouses and your other loved ones, to get your flu shot if you haven't already. Lastly, I would love to be a prayer warrior for anyone who has special prayer requests. Let me know and I'll add any and all concerns to my daily prayer time. For now, stay well and be safe.**

**Treasurer**

**Bob Gwin**



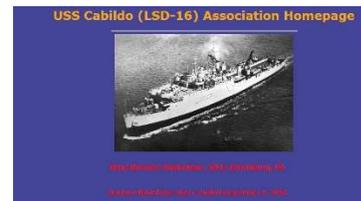
Baseball Caps - all styles \$9.00

Dues notices will be going out before Thanksgiving. Dues are payable by January 1, 2021. Per our by-laws you will be removed from active member status if your dues are not received by March 1, 2020. Your membership code will be changed from "M", active member, to "F", former member. Your prompt payment is appreciated.

Please visit our ship's store. Items available for Christmas giving, and we pay the postage. Here's a [link](#) to our store.

**Website and Newsletter**

**Warren Gammeter**



Major General Bruce Kenneally, son of Frank Kenneally, SCSF who served aboard the ship in 1965-66 kindly offered our association 22 reels of 8 mm film his father had taken on the ships WESPAC deployments in 1965 and 1966. I had the reels converted digital format and edited them into two videos, one each for 1965 and 1966. Both videos were shared and enjoyed during our Zoom reunion.

Website news. The most recent plan for our 2021 reunion is up on the website. A section on our 2020 Zoom reunion is also up. There are many still images from both the 1965 and 1966 deployments taken from the Kenneally videos.

Constant Contact, the software we use for our newsletters, recently released a new and much improved version. It was not possible to use our old format for this newsletter so it's taken some effort to design a new look for our volume 70 of the "Drydock Dribble".



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