

USS Cabildo LSD-16 Association Minutes September 10, 2019

The annual meeting was called to order by President Ozzie Osborn at 9:06 a.m. on September 10, 2019. Ozzie led the pledge to the American flag. Chaplain Ken Bredehoeft gave the invocation.

Ozzie's wife Carol read a thank you note from Charlene Shirey for the gift from the association to Hospice, Russell Muray. It included her new address and telephone number.

The Memorial Ceremony to recognize shipmates from the last year followed. Chaplain Bredehoeft first read an essay that he wrote regarding patriotism and the recent practice of some of kneeling during the National Anthem. It emphasized the importance of the sacrifices that his father and other military men and women have made, especially during World War II to give those protestors the right to kneel, but that method was not an appropriate was to bring attention to injustice.

Then Ken recognized four shipmates and association members who have passed "Over the Bar" this past year.

*George A. Blade (served 1945-46 on the Cabildo), age 90, who was a plank owner, a career Navy man, and Association member for 12 years.

*George J. White (served 1952-56), age 85. He attended almost every reunion since 2002, and was extremely active in the association, being the official photographer for many years.

*Albert McDaniels (1950-51), age 91, was MM3 and was on board when the Cabildo participated in the atomic bomb test in the Pacific.

*Philip P. Shirey (1959-60), age 82, was a supply officer on the Cabildo and a very active member of the association attending many reunions.

Ken also recognized an Association spouse, Mary Ann Tsompanas, widow of Paul Tsampanas who passed away last year. She developed pancreatic cancer and succumbed on June 19, 2019. She and Paul hosted the reunion in Norfolk in 2012. She and Paul were very active for several years also.

Ken led in prayer for those lost members.

Ozzie resumed the business meeting, asking Leo Waltsak, Vice President, to conduct due to some physical difficulties of his.

Bob Gwin gave the Treasurer's Report.

Balance as of September 2018 \$11,965.12

Income:

Dues	\$1425.00
Interest	17.74
Small Stores	53.00
Reunion	244.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2739.74

Expenses

Hospitality Room	520.44
Website	359.40
Office	412.94
Memorials	275.00
Newsletter	260.12
President (Marshall)	121.46
Elite Credit Card	225.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2053.20

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

\$12,642.66

The report was approved.

Warren Gammeter gave a report on the website. The emphasis has been on the reunions. He would like to fill in the log of ship's activities over the years. If anyone has information about ship's activities, please send it to him. The newsletter is mailed to 36 who don't have email. It is also posted on the website. Warren has cleaned up the website of programs that were letting spammers in, also saving the association a good bit of money by doing it himself. The report was approved.

The minutes from last year were approved as written.

There was no unfinished business.

In new business, Leo Waltsak presented information about a possible reunion in Harrisburg PA, at the Red Lion, for \$129.00 per night including breakfast. Details are not complete, since Reunions Plus had not gotten back with a final plan. It might include a tour of Gettysburg, the Hershey factory in Hershey, and other sights. Then Dale Bittle presented a possibility of Branson, at the Grand Plaza Hotel, with 2 or three shows and a bus trip, for \$85.00 per night, and \$355.00 for the package. After discussion of both plans, Ken Bredehoeft made a motion to accept Dale's plan for 2020 in the third week of September, then the Harrisburg presentation for 2021. It was seconded by Marshall Kendrick and passed.

Leo and Ozzie recognized Becky Lyon and her family for the wonderful reunion this year. The group echoed their sentiments.

The election of officers followed. These were elected unanimously: Leo Waltsak, President; Dale Bittle, Vice President; Warren Gammeter, Webmaster; Bob Gwin, Treasurer; Ken Bredehoeft, Chaplain.

Health reports were given on Walt Fulps, who has had 6 weeks of chemotherapy, will have scans on the stomach tumor, and possibly surgery in the next few weeks; and

Chuck Gibson, who was to attend this year, but couldn't due to necr____ pancreatitis, and Bill Griffith, who fell and broke his shoulder recently and is in therapy.

Discussion on several topics followed. Dale and Ken voiced opinions that the men need to begin talking about the status and future of the association. Jon Senkpiel and Warren suggested the association think about including spouses in the voting members of the association. Another idea was about continuing to have the reunion in different places or meet in one place every year. The ideas will be brought up again next year.

Dale Bittle move to adjourn, seconded by Bob Gwin. It passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,