

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Winter 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Message Leo Waltsak



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### Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well or, at least, better than last week. And, if not, hopefully, next week will be better than this. Got that?

If you're going through an illness or some sort of life event that you need good thoughts, wishes and prayers, let one of your Cabildo Officers know so they can make our association members aware through this newsletter. We want to support each other however we can. As many of you know, our "Hat Man," Marshall Kendrick, is going through treatments and is having a rough time. He could use a prayer, a kind thought, and maybe a get-well card.

Have you noticed; spring is around the corner! According to Punxsutawney Phil, the forecasting groundhog of Gobbler's Knob, PA, an early spring is predicted this year. So watch out and be wary of Spring Fever!! According to Webster's Dictionary, as the days get longer and warmer, the affliction may be associated with "a lazy or restless feeling often associated with the onset of spring." We find ourselves yearning for warm sunshine, brightly colored flowers, trees

with leaves and the return of birds that deserted us for the cold months of winter! I'm not sure if a Burpee Seed Catalog helps or hinders how bad or how long your bout of Spring Fever lasts!! The upside of receiving a seed catalog is that you get to see the latest varieties of vegetables and flowers available this year. So get your tools sharpened and get ready to renew yourself with the coming of spring. Here is a poem written by Gerry Pere published in 2021 in Green Prints Issue #125 which captures the essence of spring...

I wanted the Spring for You, That time when the Earth is black with warmth,  
When your hand connects with the Dirt and you know it is time.  
That day when the rains are gone, And the sun is bright—  
So bright, it warms you and Heals you once again . . .  
Renews you, Empowers you,  
Shows you All that is good and takes its time to say,  
This is Your time, Your day . . .  
Your day to Till, Prune, Shovel, Rake and Grow your Life anew.  
Come, All is ready—  
Your shovel is honed, Your rake tines are straight, I oiled your shears,  
Your gloves are supple, and Your boots are by the door.  
Reach down, Touch the Earth.  
Smell the warm, Feel the Sun and Choose today to Plant your Life anew. ❖

## **2024 Reunion (Branson)**

**Vice President's Message**  
**Dale Bittle and Michelle Crisman**



We are considering the two hotels listed below. Both are for Sunday 10/6/24 with check out 10/10/24 in Branson MO, so save those dates. Both proposals are based upon a minimum of 15 people which are a safe number for our group. We are leaning toward the Stone Castle as their room rate is less and it also includes a breakfast. They are currently closed during the week during the winter off season and he and Michelle want to visit them before committing. It would be nice to

have our own hospitality room but the cost is an additional \$204 to \$218 per couple.

Gathering Plus can offer a list of different shows so that if anyone wants to attend, they can book with them in advance, and they can make the reservations and pick up the tickets for them.

Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center  
3050 Green Mountain Drive  
Branson, MO 65616

\$99.00 + tax per night per room - includes hot breakfast each morning of stay

You will call the hotel directly and make reservations on own

Hospitality Room Dates:

Check in: Sunday, 10.06.24

Check out: Wednesday, 10.09.24 by 10:00 PM

\$27.00 per person for the hospitality room

Hilton Convention Center  
200 East Main Street  
Branson, MO 65616

\$169.00 + tax per night per room

\$17.00 per person per morning for Breakfast

You will call the hotel directly and make reservation on own

Hospitality Room Dates:

Check in: Sunday, 10.06.24

Check out: Wednesday, 10.10.24

\$109.00 per person for the hospitality room

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## **Cabildo Zoom Sessions**

**Sue Gwin**



We will have our next Cabildo ZOOM session at 11:00am Pacific time April 17.

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## **Chaplain's Corner**

**Ken Bredehoeft**



Dale and Maureen Bittle, and family, wish to thank everyone for their prayers and support during Maureen's recent battle with cancer. They are happy to report she is in full remission. She will continue to receive immunotherapy once a month until she is able to dispense with that. Praise God and once again the power of prayer is so evident.

We continue to lift up Marshall Kendrick as he fights esophageal cancer. He is presently in a rehab center and has completed radiation treatments. He is undergoing therapy at the center while he and Linda discuss with doctors the next phase of treatment. We've seen and know the healing power of prayer so continue to keep Marshall, Linda and family in your prayers for complete healing for Marshall.

Two of the most powerful verses in the Bible are in the Gospel of John, Ch. 14, 13-14. "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." Praise God.

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## LSD's Today

Warren Gammeter



In 2017 I had a chance to go for a sail on the Alma, a historic scow schooner, on San Francisco Bay. We went out under the Golden Gate bridge and as we were coming back in under it, we were passed by two high speed Navy Patrol craft. I wasn't sure what they were but they had a stern ramp that looked to be for launching and recovering inflatables used by the navy seals. They turned out to be Mark VI Patrol Boats, the first two were delivered in 2015 and I think these were operating out of Mare Island, CA

In mid-January I saw a map of the Navy ships in the Mediterranean and noted the LSD Carter Hall was among them. I did some searching on YouTube and found that two LSD's Had been in operation on the Red Sea, LSD-50 the Carter Hall and LSD-45 the Comstock. Both were mother ships to two Mark VI high speed patrol boats. In addition, a few LPH's were also there mothering three Mark VIs each. Their job, as I understand it, is to keep small insurgent patrol boats from coming near our larger ships.



Here's the USS Comstock LSD-50 with a Mark VI patrol Boat entering her well deck. The radar mast folds down to clear the flight deck. The "New" Carter Hall is in the same class. One major improvement is the Flight Deck is the full width of the ship Making it much larger.



Here's a picture of pier 20 at Long Beach with the first Carter Hall, LSD-3, I remember it from our squadron Phibron 7. Many a night we were there with a cable to the mole and an anchor off our bow as the old pier was not strong enough to hold us in a good wind.

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## Treasurer

Warren Gammeter

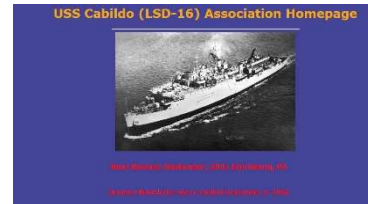


Our current association bank account balance is \$9,377.79 We have received 2024 dues form 8 members so far. Our 2024 dues are still \$25 were due in January, you can mail your dues to me at 3227 Verdun Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. I will continue to check everyone's mailing address as I have corrected several this last year.

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## Website and Newsletter

Warren Gammeter



I received an e-mail from Becky Lyon today saying that Glenn Stokem and family were very pleased to have the picture of the first Cabildo reunion that Becky enlarged and framed for the Louisville reunion.

The pictures from the Louisville reunion are up on our website. If you see any errors or if you have a picture we might add please e-mail them to me. If you were not able to join us and want to get a flavor of the excellent reunion you missed take a look. Do consider joining us in next year in Branson, MO.

Our website has been up and down for the last month. I am seriously considering moving it to another hosting service. Unfortunately, it renews in a few weeks and I can't select a service and move it that soon. Whenever you are unable to reach it let me know by e-mail.

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## **New Section Good Books by Warren and Ken**

Ken and Warren are both rather avid readers. We talked at Louisville about adding a column to the newsletters where we can share recommending good books and authors to each other. This sounded rather simple and easy at first but we both soon found we had way to much to share for one newsletter article. So, here's our thinking. Each newsletter will have a link to a good books menu on our website. Ken and I will add info about our favorite authors and books to that menu. We welcome other members to send their recommendations too. Check out this link [Good Books](#)



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