

## USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Spring 2023 Newsletter

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### President's Message Leo Waltsak



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Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

How are you all doing? I'm sending warm wishes to each and everyone of our Cabildo family. We don't see each other but once a year, and only for a few days. However, it's nice to know we think of each other, and sometimes we give or get a phone call or a text message to catch up, share good or bad news, and just know that we think of each other during the year we're apart. This was a good thing to bring military men, sailors, and their families together. Over the years friendships have formed, children and grandchildren have grown, and memories have been made. Just like us, this bond can't last forever, but while it does, we will do our best to make more memories together!!

Now, how about trying your darndest to join together in Louisville, KY this year. Remember, family and friends are always welcome, and we have more fun when there are more guests. Our own, Miss Becky Lyon has a fun-filled itinerary set up including a few games and contests in the works. Don't

forget to send a photo of “young” you to Becky or bring it with you to the reunion. It will be fun to see how we “old” folks looked like as pollywogs!

Hope to see you all in the near future. In the meantime, as always, I wish each and every one, “Fair Winds and Following Seas.”

### **Vice President’s Message Dale Bittle**



Over the past few months, I have received several questions regarding the status of Maureen’s health. First of all, I really appreciate all the concern and the prayers put forth on her behalf and I am very happy to let you know that she is doing very well and is tolerating her chemo very well. She is eating very well and is even gaining weight. In February we traveled to MD Anderson in Houston to consult with Dr’s there regarding herb illness. While there they did say that the cancer was not curable, but they are treating it as a chronic disease with both chemo and immunotherapy in an effort to provide her with the best quality of life possible. As I said, she is feeling good eating pretty much anything she wants and gaining weight. Hopefully, if things continue to go well, we will see you in September I n Louisville

Just to add a little tweak to the Bittle health saga I thought I would add a little fat to the fire. I have had aortic stenosis for years and in April it finally got to the point they decided that something needed to be done so on April 5<sup>th</sup> the replaced my aortic valve. I went through the procedure and am recovering well. I felt like I had been run over by a truck for a couple of weeks, but I am on the mend and am attending cardiac rehab 3 days a week and getting stronger every day.

That's the update on the Bittle clan so thank you to everyone for all the thoughts and prayers and we look forward to seeing you soon

## **2023 Reunion Louisville**

Becky Lyon



I want to remind everyone we wish to do a "Younger Days" picture board so that we can all guess at the identity of our fellow reunion attendees. Whoever gets the most right will win a prize. You can either bring a picture with you to the reunion or you can mail or e-mail your picture to Me. Do put your name on the pictures back or include it with your e-mail. My e-mail is [momalyon@aol.com](mailto:momalyon@aol.com) and mailing address is 122 E. Edgefield Dr., Summerville, SC 29483.

If there is anything special you would like to see on our snack table also let Becky know.

Clair would like to know if people would like to do Bingo or some other games at our reunion.

Our reunion will start on Oct. 8th., that is a Sunday at the Embassy Suites EAST with an opening reception at 6pm.

On Monday we will tour the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory and have lunch there. There is a Souvenir Shop there and we will return to our hotel by 1:30pm. We also plan to have our Memorial Service at 3:00pm Monday followed by our Annual Business Meeting. That evening we will also have a Zoom session at 7:00pm.

Tuesday we will go to Church Hill Downs and Tour the home of the Kentucky Derby. The Ladies may wish to take a hat making class and the men may wish to take the Mint Julip

making class. Then, after seeing the museum, touring the racetrack and optional classes we will return to our hotel by 1:30pm and have a free afternoon.

Wednesday will be a free day.

That evening our Banquet room will open at 5:45, we will take group Pictures at 6:15pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The choices are Chicken - (Mushroom Chicken with sauce) Beef (Pot Roast with potatoes and carrots in sauce) either with mashed potatoes, green beans and broccoli and Derby Pie for dessert. Our annual lottery will follow dinner.

The hotel is 12.5 miles from the airport which is The Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. There is Uber Service and cab services Allen Transportation & Taxi, zTrip and Green and Orange taxi of Louisville.

There is a lot to see in Louisville, more than I knew. Thomas Edison House, Zachary Taylors home, Colonel Sanders KFC Museum and much more. Someone had mentioned the Ark for anyone who ask about it, it is 98 miles from Louisville, I do not think anyone would be interested riding a bus for two hours each way.

For Gatherings Plus Website use this [LINK](#) for information and registration. Registration and full payment are due August 22. If you do not wish to take either the Hat Making or Mint Julip class call Gatherings Plus and ask them for a credit on the Kentucky Derby Day Excursion.

Becky's closing thought. This will be our 28th. reunion, we should make a goal of making it to 30 reunions. While we are together let's talk about how we can make that happen.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

## **Activity Schedule**

**Sunday, October 08, 2023**

6:00PM Welcome Reception | Hot & Cold Appetizers

**Monday, October 09, 2023**

10:00AM Louisville Slugger Day Excursion  
Museum Tour | Mini Souvenir Bat | Lunch at facility | Transportation

01:30PM Return to Hotel

03:30PM Memorial Service followed by the Annual Business Meeting

08:00PM ZOOM meeting to say Hello to those that couldn't make it

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

10:00AM Kentucky Derby Day Excursion  
Museum Tour | Hat Making Class or Mint Julep Making Class |  
Lunch at facility | Transportation

01:30PM Return to Hotel

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

***FREE DAY!!! | Explore & Enjoy Louisville!***

05:45PM Banquet room opens

06:15PM Group pictures

07:00PM Banquet Dinner served followed by our annual raffle

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Depart for Home! Safe Travels!

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**Cabildo Ladies Zoom Sessions**

**Sue Gwin**



We will have another Cabildo Ladies Zoom session at 1:00pm Pacific time Wednesday June 15th. We will let you know the details a week before. If you are interested in joining in let Warren know with an e-mail at this [link](#) so he can e-mail you the logon instructions.

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**Chaplain's Corner**  
**Ken Bredehoeft**



I've been very discouraged the past several years at the low interest of and attendance at our annual reunions. I know there's simply not that many of us left. I'm not sure how much longer we can continue to attract an events planner while barely meeting their minimum attendee requirements. The decision to end the reunions is above my paygrade. However, if it's the elephant in the room it must be addressed. It's been so special all these years spending time with old (sorry!) shipmates, their spouses and friends while exploring such diverse parts of the country. If you haven't made plans to attend Louisville, Kentucky please consider it. The clock's ticking.

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**Treasurer**  
**Warren Gammeter**



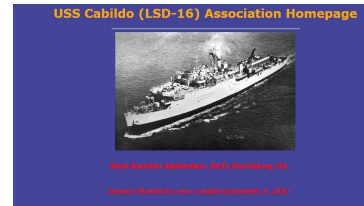
Our current association bank account balance is \$10,096.54

So far I have only received dues from 13 members. Our annual Dues are only \$25.00 and were due in January. To save the cost of postage I did not mail dues notices and membership cards again this year. Thanks to those who have already sent theirs in. If you haven't yet, mail your dues to me at 3227 Verdun Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. I am checking the mailing address on each and have corrected several.

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## Website and Newsletter

Warren Gammeter



The pictures from the Colorado Springs reunion are up on our website. If you were not able to join us and want to get a flavor of the excellent reunion you missed take a look. Here's the [link](#).

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