

USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



Summer 2023 Newsletter

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President's Message Leo Waltsak



Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

This summer has been a dandy one for books. For days it was so hot that we were advised not to venture out unless we had to. Then, we suffered through the thick Canadian wildfire smoke. All summer long we have had advisories ticking across the bottom of our TV screen warning and advising! The south, west and midwest are baking, and now we have destructive wildfires in Hawaii... has anyone seen the locusts?

Just as COVID sprung upon us without warning, these weather events seem to be more severe and more often in locations never before affected by extreme weather. Prepare a plan for you and your family as best you can as to what to do in the event you have to hunker down in place. Keep a supply of dry staples, canned foods, bottled water, etc. In the case that you have to evacuate your home, take what you need including your medications and your important legal documents. The

bottom line is to be as prepared as you can be for whatever comes down the pike.

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to Louisville, KY in October. According to the "Gatherings Plus" website, we have sixteen guests signed up and we need a minimum of 25 to qualify for our group discount. So don't delay, sign up as soon as you can, but no later than 8 September 2023 as that is the cutoff date. Our own dear Miss Becky has put together a fun itinerary for us. Who wouldn't want to see a Louisville Slugger in the making? And bring home your very own miniature. Want to learn to make a "proper" Mint Julip or design and make a hat suitable for High Tea with your friends? Well you can do all this and more if you join your crewmates, family, and friends in Kentucky between 8 – 12 October 2023!

This is an important year for us as we are all older and almost every one of us has a health issue or two so I ask all who can, let's gather together to "remember long-standing friendships", celebrate those who are near and dear to us, and hope our children and our grandchildren set the world right again!

So, folks, until we meet again, I wish you fair winds and following seas!!

Vice President's Message Dale Bittle



All is good with the Bittle's, Maureen is doing well taking nourishment and getting her chemo every two weeks and thankfully she has had no bad side effects from the chemo. I had a defibrillator implanted on July 20 and all is well on that front. I go tomorrow and have my staples removed so that should clear me up regarding that project.

We are all signed up for the Reunion and look forward to seeing everyone next month. Our oldest daughter Michelle and her husband Rick are driving us to Louisville and we should get there on the 7th. That's it for now, we are all in one piece, see you on the 7th.

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 mommalyon@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!

Cabildo Ladies Zoom Sessions

Sue Gwin



We will have our next Cabildo ZOOM session at 8:00pm Central time October 9th. from the hospitality room of our 2023 reunion in Louisville. We hope those who are unable to join us will drop in and say hello. 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.

Chaplain's Corner

Ken Bredehoeft



The mystery writer Dashiell Hammett (The Maltese Falcon, The Thin Man) and I share a common bond. We were both stationed on Adak Island in the Aleutians at one point in our military career. Different wars. In one of his stories he writes of a man almost killed when a falling beam narrowly missed him as he walked on a sidewalk. The man adjusted his life to beams falling, and then no more of them fell, and he adjusted himself to their not falling. A large part of a tree recently fell on our house and did damage. Following Hammett somewhat, I've adjusted myself to no trees falling but allowing for the possibility of a tree falling. I will also rely on some of my favorite biblical scriptures and get on with my life. If you have beams falling in your life (or trees) I pray you are able to find a way to adjust to it all. P.S. I've also had a couple of trees cut down.

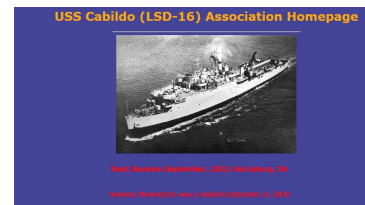
Treasurer
Warren Gammeter



Our current association bank account balance is \$10,086.84

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.

Website and Newsletter
Warren Gammeter



The pictures from the Colorado Springs reunion 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. Do consider joining us in Louisville. Here's the [link](#).



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