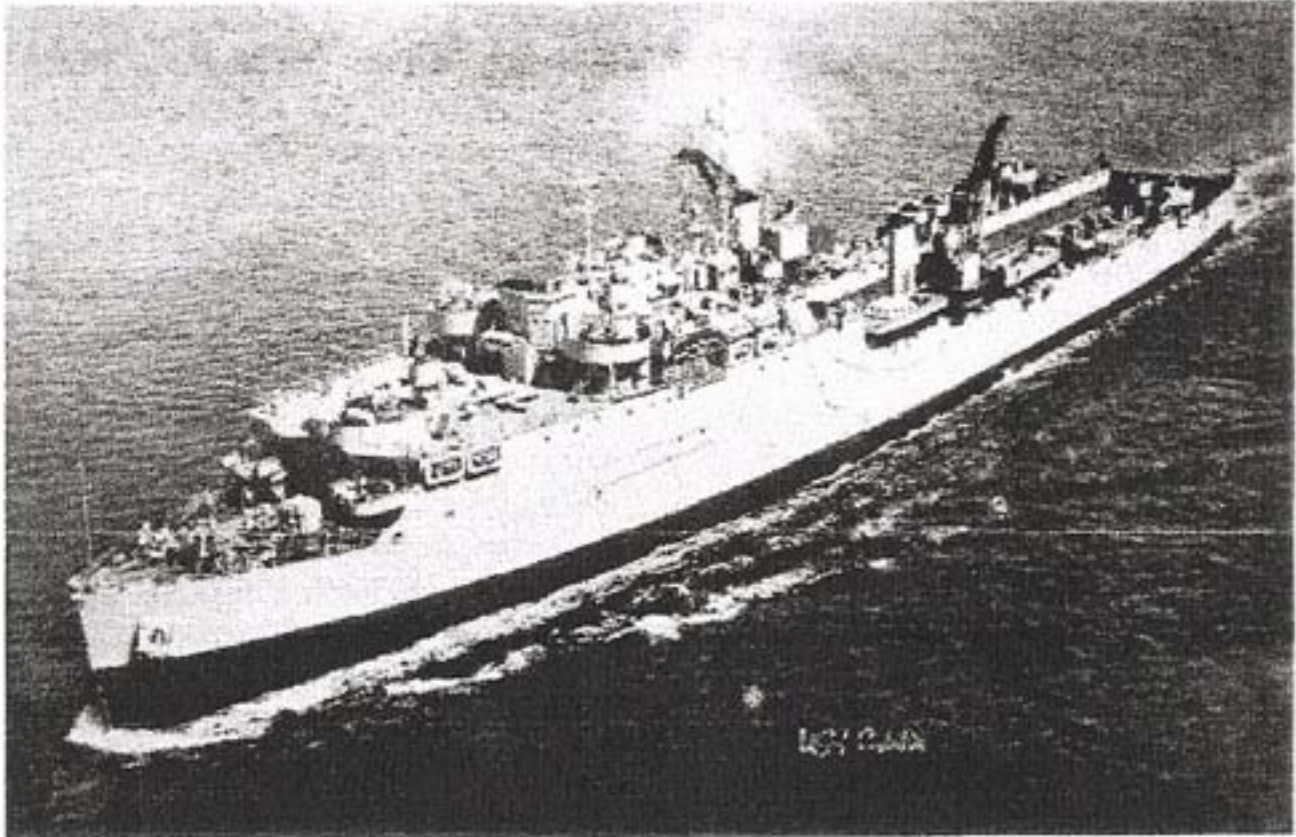


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**USS Cabildo LSD-16**

## **Association Officers**

Dale Bittle, President (Newsletter)  
Warren Gammeter, Vice President (Webmaster)  
Jim Lyon, Treasurer (Ships Stores)  
Charles Carroll, Chaplain  
Jim & Rebecca Lyon 2002 Reunion Coordinators

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### *Words from the President*

Well shipmates another year has managed to slip by as we prepare to enter the holiday season and I want to thank each of you for your support and contributions during this past year. As in the past we have managed to pick up several new members and there have been a few who elected not to stay with our Association.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support by re-electing me as your President for the year 2002. I will certainly work hard to see to it that the business of our association is carefully taken care of so we can continue to move forward.

Maureen and I both want to wish each of you a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Dale Bittle, President  
USS Cabildo LSD-16 Association

### *2001 Reunion Highlights*

We cannot give enough thanks to George Stokem and Franz Brill for the excellent job they did in putting together our reunion this past September 23 - 26, 2001 in Lake George, NY.

Those of you who were unable to attend missed a wonderful event as well as the beautiful scenery of up state New York at the beginning of the fall foliage season. One can only imagine the beauty in the following weeks after the reunion.

There were 32 crewmembers along with 33 spouses, other family members and friends who attended the reunion and I'm sure that each of them would verify that a good time was had by all. The following is a list of reunion participants who signed the reunion registration book. Franz & Janet Brill, George & Marion Stokem, Leland & Gladys Trospen, Robert & Beverly Bowman with guest Lois Szcypantowski, Harry & Gerry McNally, George & Dorothy White, Archie & Jerri Archibald, George & Harriet Conroy, Herb & Rose Loske, John & Rachel Burris, William Strubing & Dorothy Warenkos, Jack & Carol Webber, Bob & Dot Scanlan, John & Jan Beebe, William Naples Sr. & Elsie, William Naples Jr. & Donna, Hank & Irene Seibel, Norge & Therese Santin, Anthony & Sylvia Marandola, Ickie Kisner & Joan Fountain, James & Esther Thompson, John Thatcher, Gene & Barbara Foster, Leo Waltsak, Dale & Maureen Bittle, Jim & Becky Lyon, Orlis Pike, Emmit & Becky Price, George & Bill Verhelst, Leonard & Carolyn Campbell, Neil Scarpelli & Marie Pesce, Warren & Carol Gammeter, and James Montesarchio.

I am sure that many of you had the opportunity and experience to serve aboard the Cabildo with John Thatcher and James Thomson. After being at two reunions with these fellows I cannot even imagine what these goof balls were like when they were 18 or 19 years old. Based on the outcome of the raffle at the banquet this year we might have to conduct an internal investigation of these two.

**2001 Reunion Highlights cont.**

The dinner show was outstanding and my stomach still hurts from laughing. I'm not sure who made me laugh more the show or Tonnie Trosper. I was afraid she was going to need CPR from laughing so hard.



The lunch cruise on Lake George provided everyone with a wonderful lunch buffet and two hours of beautiful Lake George scenery. It also allowed us to witness the coming out of the Cabildo Associations dance king, "Leo Waltsak". What a show Leo! Keep up the good work.



*Again, thanks to George, Marion, Franz and Janet for being great hosts and providing a great facility for our reunion.*

**Sick Call**

It has been brought to our attention that Bollie Brewer (1950-1954) has been ill and that Tom Marchesai (Plank Owner) and Dalores Carroll (wife of our Chaplain) are both successfully recovering from by-pass heart surgery. We want to wish all of you a speedy recovery.

**Recognition's**

George Stokem, Franz Brill, and Willie Wilson (absent) were presented plaques, by Association President and Vice President Dale Bittle and Warren Gammeter, in recognition of the tremendous amount of work they provided while forming the Cabildo Association and getting the association to the point it is today.

## **Membership**

Treasurer Jim Lyon reports that as of November 30, 2001 the Association has a total of 126 members who have paid their 2001 annual dues.

## **2002 Reunion**

At our annual business meeting in Lake George three proposals were discussed as potential sites for our 2002 Reunion. Warren Gammeter presented a proposal for the San Francisco, California area, Dale Bittle presented a proposal for a four night and three day cruise out of Port Canaveral, Florida, and Becky Lyon presented a proposal for the Charleston SC./Patriot's Point area. After discussing the pro's and con's of each proposal the members voted and selected the *Charleston, SC./Patriot's Point area as the site for the 2002 Reunion.*

Jim and Becky Lyon, our 2002 Reunion Coordinators, are putting together a package, at this time, with a late September 2002 date in mind. As the package comes together we will get specific dates and costs to you. Mark you calendars for next years reunion now.

## **USS Cabildo Website Update**

**By Warren Gammeter**

The relocation of our Cabildo Website from John White's personal AOL account is Complete. [www.uscabildo.org](http://www.uscabildo.org) is now located on a server operated by Verio, a web hosting service. Now that this job is completed I can focus my

efforts on expanding in improving our Website.

We decided at the September reunion to merge the Association members file with the known crew members file and again make it into a single crew member list. Association members will be highlighted and those known to be deceased will also be noted. Our primary objective is to locate all potential association members, all living former crew members and hope that they will join and support our association. We shout NOT spend our efforts to list all who served aboard the USS Cabildo until we are sure we have found all of our potential association members. I will add names of non living crew members as the come to my attention but that will not be a priority.

George White sent over 100 photos from the Lake George reunion. I had quickly posted a few pictures my wife took before I received the pictures from George White. There are so many good ones that I plan to restructure the 2001 reunion with it's own sub menu so that the downloads don't take forever.

At the last reunion Jim Lyon provided me with a copy of the 1966 cruise book which as many good pictures most of which are not yet up on the site. Darrell Osboren has also e-mailed me a number of pictures that will also be good additions. Some of his pictures were included in our last newsletter. Fortunately we can grow 10 time our current size in our new home.

*Website update cont.*

In closing I would like to again express my gratitude to John White and all who helped him start this wonderful history of our ship. It make me thin back to the night I walked out on pier 20 in Long Beach, looked up at the USS Cabildo and said to myself "this is home for the next year and a half". It was surely a home and a source of many life long friendships which, thanks to our association, are still increasing in number.

**2001 Reunion Photos**



*Serious discussions in the hospitality Suite*



*Dale Bittle presentinng John Thatcher a certificate for a free nights lodging at the banquet.*



*Crew Members from the 50's*



*Stars of the Dinner Show*



*At the Dinner Show*

**USS Cabildo LSD-16**

**Ship's Store Items:**

Cabildo White Caps \$15.50

Cabildo Blue Caps \$18.00

Cabildo T-shirts \$12.00

Cabildo Golf Shirts \$18.00

Cabildo Sweat Shirts \$27.00

Golf, Sweat Shirts Ash Color

Sizes M - LG - XLG - XXLG

*Cabildo Coffee Mugs Coming Soon*

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**2002 Reunion**

**Mark These Dates**

**Late September 2002**

**Charleston, SC.**

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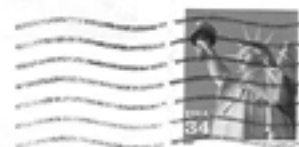
**Patriots Point**

**See You There!**

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