

USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



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President's Message Leo Waltsak



Greetings Shipmates,

I Hope this newsletter finds you well and happy. We had a very nice time, although different, in Branson, MO. Claire and I spent some time with "these" friends and "those" friends, but except when we went to the Showboat and gathered in Dale & Maureen's hotel suite, not our "Group of Friends." What do you think? We talked about freestyle gathering, and now we've done it. I know our group is small, but I like it when we have planned activities together with a little free time. Some of us are working on a more structured gathering next year and we'll let you know as soon as possible as to the choices offered.

Our dear friends, Ken and Kathleen, love to spend time in New England. New England at any time of the year is wonderful, but especially during the crisp red and orange of autumn and the glistening glaze of a snowy winter

morning. They've chosen to forgo next year's reunion so they can enjoy one of their favorite places and pastimes. There may be others who would like to do something during our usual September/October timeframe. If so, let your officers know. It may be that another time of the year should be considered.

Here something else to think about. All of us are getting older and things go wrong or maybe we just hurt and don't have the energy to walk a block. If you get to a point that you think you want to gather again, but you're not sure you'll be able to plan a year ahead, it's OK. We're all in the same boat. Maybe it's a health issue or maybe traveling is becoming more difficult. Again, let Dale, Warren or Leo know how you feel.

Right now, Claire is working with Gatherings Plus to plan a possible trip to Grand Canyon via Grand Canyon Railroad out of Williams, AZ. Warren is working on a couple of possibilities including an Alaska cruise or a visit to the California Bay area to see the beauty of the Bay and the Blue Angels.

Whatever we do, we've forged friendships. Thanks to the early charter members of the USS Cabildo Association, we've enjoyed many years of gatherings, enjoyed so many laughs together, met so many dear family members, took part in so many activities too many to mention and best of all we have our precious memories with our shipmates past and present. In closing I wish all of you and your families, as always, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" till we meet again.

2024 Reunion (Branson)

Vice President's Message
Dale Bittle and Michelle Crisman



I wanted to thank everyone who attended our last reunion in Branson. While it was small I think everyone enjoyed themselves and it really worked out well. Maureen and I were happy to host the get together and look forward to seeing everyone some place next year. It was nice to see Alyce Heinrich and her sister Carolyn Schmitt and Wanda Owens' daughter Cindy Schaefer and her husband as well along with all the rest of you. We are a much smaller group now but we are still mighty!

Regardless of your politics I'm so happy the election is finally over and we can get back to some normal quiet times.

I know Warren has been working on some reunion locations for next year (editor: so has Claire Waltsak) and hopefully we will have some locations by the first of the year.

Everyone have a wonderful holiday season and we will talk again soon.

Cabildo Zoom Sessions **Sue Gwin and Warren Gammeter**



We will have our next Cabildo ZOOM session on December 18th. at 11:00am PST, 1:00pm CST and 2:pm EST. At that zoom meeting we will review three proposals for our 2025 reunion and either select one or decide not to have one. The proposals are at this [link](#). If you are a voting member and wish to join our zoom meeting email Warren at this [link](#) and he will email you the logon information.

For several reasons I was unable to a zoom from the Branson reunion. The only person I was sure planned to join us was Deb Fulps. I made a facetime call to her and passed my phone to all who wished to visit with her. This worked

really well and i would plan making a facetime call one at a time to all interested in the future.

Chaplain's Corner
Ken Bredehoeft



I find it ironic from the Chaplain's Corner I must somewhat play devil's advocate. Have we arrived at the end of the USS Cabildo reunions? There were four men in Branson who served on the Cabildo. Three shipmates and myself do not make a reunion. I have been disappointed at our inability over the past years to attract new reunion attending members to our association. Granted, traveling at our ages has become increasingly difficult. My wife and I have attended every reunion since 2004 except for the covid year. We hosted two reunions-Nashville and New Orleans. We leave with no regrets, only memories which are priceless.

Perhaps I am the lonely voice crying in the wilderness. If there are dissenting opinions, that is good. An element of conflict in any discussion is a very good thing. It shows everybody is taking part and nobody's left out. I will leave it at that.

Treasurer
Warren Gammeter

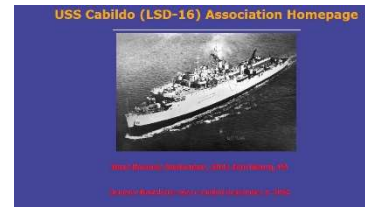


We welcome a new member, Carl P. Ivarson of Oxford, NY just joined the association. He was a MM2 aboard the ship from 1996 to 1999. Our current association bank account balance is \$7,536.78. Our 2024 reunion expenses were \$156.33 for hospitality room supplies and \$731.05 for the balance due to Gatherings Plus which with our \$500.00

deposit allowed the association to pay for the Branson Belle dinner cruise.

Website and Newsletter

Warren Gammeter



I have the first pictures up from the Branson reunion. Since we did not have many group events I don't have very many pictures. I would appreciate if anyone who has pictures we might add would to email them to me.

We had one more round of issues with eHost which was resolved when we bought a SSL security certificate from eHost. I plan to move the site to a better service after the first on the year.

Good Books

by Warren and Ken

Ken and Warren are both rather avid readers. Each newsletter will have the link to a good books menu on our website. Ken and I will add a page 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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