

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Summer 2022 Newsletter

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### President's Message Dale Bittle



### Presidents Message & Reunion Update

Hello Shipmates, I hope this finds all of you healthy and in good spirits. It's in the mid-90's here in Missouri with high humidity, hope it's better where you are. Now that it's July everyone needs to be thinking about getting registered for our upcoming Reunion in September. Please keep in mind that the Reunion Registration deadline is August 11, 2022. The Reunion dates are September 11 - 15, 2022 in Colorado Springs. The Hotel for the Reunion is the Embassy Suites Colorado Springs and the Room Rate is \$159 per night plus taxes. This rate includes breakfast.

Registration for the Reunion is \$250 per person and that includes all activities. Please remember that you must make you Hotel reservations directly with Embassy Suites at 719-599-9100

I want remind you that if you are flying you can fly directly into Colorado Springs. Please be advised that there is NO Hotel

Shuttle so you will be responsible for your transportation from the airport to the hotel.

As of this date we currently have 18 people registered so get signed up and join us for a good time. Please let me know if you need additional information. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## **Colorado Springs**

Dale Bittle

# USS CABILDO

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO | SEPT. 11 THRU SEPT. 15, 2022



**SUN**

03:00 PM Hospitality Room Opens  
06:00 PM Welcome Aboard Reception in Pike's Peak Room

*Welcome to  
Colorado  
Springs, CO!*

**MON**

Breakfast at hotel  
09:00 AM Depart for Airforce Academy with a tour of the Garden of the Gods with Lunch & Transportation included  
Hospitality Room open all day

**TUES**

Breakfast at hotel  
09:00 AM Depart for a Professional Guided City tour to include Lunch & Shopping with Transportation included  
Hospitality room open all day

**WED**

Breakfast at hotel -  
Morning Free  
06:30 PM Plated Banquet Dinner

**THURS**

After Hours Emergency  
Number: 417-332-5000  
call or text



*On your way  
home!*

\*times & locations may change or be substituted for reasons beyond our controls



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 Hollister, MO 65672 | (417) 338-4048

## REGISTRATION

### EVENT DETAILS:

EVENT DATE : AUG. 11-15, 2022  
 LOCATION: COLORADO SPRINGS, CO  
 HOST HOTEL: EMBASSY SUITES  
 7290 Commerce Center Dr. | Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
 Phone: 719-599-9100

### REUNION NAME: USS CABILDO

Reunion Planner: Lloyd Bittle  
 Planner Phone #: 417-581-1325  
 Planner Email: [ldbittle@gmail.com](mailto:ldbittle@gmail.com)

719-599-9100 for room reservations and mention you are with USS Cabildo. The room rate is \$159.00 per room per night plus tax and includes breakfast for two per room. Room rate will be available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by August 11, 2022 will be dropped from the group block.

<b>VETERAN NAME</b>	<b>GUEST NAME</b>	<b>GUEST NAME</b>	<b>GUEST NAME</b>
<b>First Name:</b>			
<b>Last Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>State &amp; Zip:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>		
<b>Dietary Restrictions:</b>	<b>Are you able to do steps on Motorcoach:</b> Y / N	<b>Wheelchair Access?</b> Yes / No	

# OF PPL ATTENDING	EVENT	PRICE PER PERSON	TOTAL
	<b>Reunion Package</b> Welcome Reception – Tour 1 – Tour 2 – Banquet Dinner	\$250.00	
	<b>09/14/2022 – Banquet Dinner ONLY</b>	\$69.00 Inclusive per person	
	<b>Chose 1 per person Banquet Dinner at Hotel:</b> __ Beef __ Chicken __ Vegetarian		
	<b>Cancellation Protection Plan</b> – Guest may cancel up to 72 hrs. prior to arrival date with out penalty. <i>I wish to pay by credit card payment &amp; authorize Gatherings Plus to charge my credit card in the amount listed below:</i>	\$19.95	
<b>Name on Card:</b> _____		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	
<b>Credit Card #:</b> _____		<b>SERVICE FEE</b>	
<b>Exp. Date:</b> ____/____/____ <b>3 or 4 Digit Code:</b> _____		<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*I understand that by choosing to pay by credit card that a 5% service fee will be added to my total.*

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mail all Registrations / Check payments to : Gatherings Plus | 155 Industrial Park Dr. | Hollister, MO 65672**  
 A minimum of 50% of your package total is due by May 02, 2022 and final payment by August 11, 2022.  
 All reservation changes or cancellations must be submitted to Gatherings Plus no later than August 11, 2022. Any changes or cancellations after August 11, 2022 are non-refundable. For any change or cancellation requiring a refund will be subject to a 10% processing fee.

You can now register online at [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com), click on Events, then Military Reunions, Scroll down to find your reunion logo and click on it.

## Vice President's Message

### Leo A. Waltsak



Shipmates, Families & Friends,

How do you celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Years ago, we celebrated as a big family including our children, our brothers and sisters with their children. We would picnic during the day with the usual hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, etc. As evening fell, we would pack the kids in the car with blankets and drive to whichever local town rumor had it would be the best “Big Bang” display that year. The children would sit on the car roof, hood or trunk depending on what model of car we had at the time. The littlest one would be scared by the loud “booms” and would cover their ears as they climbed on Mama’s lap for protection. There was always a vendor selling Cotton Candy and another with balloons and more. We would get their attention off the sweets and sticky’s and onto something that spun or lit up!! On the drive home, the kids sometimes fell asleep, and the “thing-a-ma-jigs” that were so important to them at the fireworks were soon forgotten.

Times have changed. Our children are grown and so are our grandchildren. We always got together on the fourth. It was a family holiday like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now, if they’re not giving a party, they’re going to one. Everybody has a friend or business buddy that invites them to their Barbeque on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There just isn’t enough time to celebrate one day as a family, albeit a bigger one, altogether anymore. I guess it’s a life cycle thing... Change is inevitable and where we each fit in the cycle changes like the seasons. Oh well, my time allotted for musing, figuring out the meaning of life and my part in it is over for today.

I want to remind all who plan to come to our next reunion in Colorado Springs to register before the deadline of 11 August 2022. Also, on the Gatherings Plus website at “My Event” there is a spot to connect to the Embassy Suites Hotel to make your reservation. As of this writing we have twenty “wonderful” people signed up. We are happy to see Sue, Deb, Pablo & Angie are coming too! If all you “wonderful” people want to bring your children, and grandchildren and friends that would be fine too! “The more the merrier.”

We all look forward to being together again for a few days of fun and camaraderie. So, until we meet in September, may we all have “fair winds and following seas.”



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## **Cabildo Ladies Zoom Sessions**

### **Sue Gwin**



We will have another Cabildo Ladies Zoom session from the reunion probably on Monday evening September 12th. We will let you know the details a few weeks before. If you are interested in joining in let Warren know with an e-mail at this [link](#).

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## **Chaplain's Message**

### **Ken Bredehoeft**



Ken didn't have anything this month to add to this newsletter but he did send this picture of him at work on the Cabildo. Ken said, "Remember, if you needed shots we got you down in the mess hall right before you got paid. Nobody escaped! What memories!" He's looking forward to our reunion. Editors note: They were also in the wardroom on payday too.



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## **Treasurer**

### **Warren Gammeter**



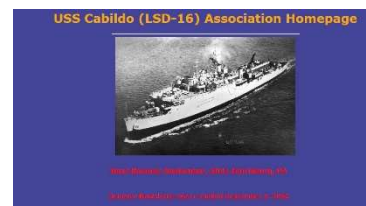
So far, I have received dues from 19 members. Dues are again be \$25 and were due in January. Just mail them to me, Warren Gammeter, 3227 Verdun Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403.

We have had only a few sales from our "Ships Store" this so far this year. I think we may elect to close the store at our annual meeting in September. With the approval of both the President and Vice-President I will reimburse myself \$359.40 for the cost of our website hosting and the Constant Contact software used for our newsletter.

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## Website and Newsletter

### Warren Gammeter



I bought two Cabildo items on eBay recently. One a Cachet postmarked on the ship April 8, 1964, the day after I received orders to leave the ship for my next assignment on the staff at the ETA school, Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA. It's a nice souvenir of my last month on the ship and the month I was promoted to LT(jg).



I also bought an official U S Navy photo of the Cabildo taken November 1, 1963. We were arriving in Subic Bay, Philippines after crossing the Pacific with stops in Hawaii, Kwajalein Island and Guam. From Subic Bay we went to Hong Kong to be "Station Ship". It's the only picture of the whole ship I have that was taken while I was aboard. I added the picture to our website under the link "Pictures of the Ship".

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## **Cabildo Website Links**

[USS Cabildo Home Page](#)

[Over the Bar](#)

