

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Fall 2022 Newsletter

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### President's Message Leo Waltsak



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Greetings Shipmates, Family & Friends

It's autumn and in many areas of the country this means the leaves have changed from green to red, yellow, and orange. The sky is as clear and blue as any time of the year. The air we breathe is no longer heavy with humidity, but fresh, light, and crisp... just like the apples we picked a short while ago. It's when we especially think of apple pie, apple dumplings, apple cider and we transition to preparations for Thanksgiving and pumpkin pie and family.

As veterans stationed on the USS Cabildo for a period in time, we came together to form a sort of family... a "band of brothers" if you will. We gather together once a year; we bring our spouses, children, grandchildren, and friends. And

they have gotten to know each other, and the Cabildo family grew. We learned to care for each other, and when we heard about a shipmate who was going through something bad, or a member of their family who was hurt in some way ... it hurt our hearts too. While we couldn't always help with material things, we could offer prayer, the most powerful tool in the universe.

I would like to ask each one who reads this newsletter to remember your Cabildo Brothers and Sisters in your prayers each day. Whether you are a prayerful person or not, send out positive thoughts and goodwill to our Maureen Bittle. She's fighting the good fight, and we want her to know we love and support her. We know that Dale and their children are doing everything in their power to give Maureen the determination and strength to get through this illness, and we wish her a full and speedy recovery. We sincerely hope and expect Maureen will join us in Louisville next October.

Also, I want to thank Dale for recommending and for hosting our reunion in Colorado this past September. Dale and Maureen have been visiting this area for many years as their son is a local Fire Chief. As much as Dale loves to get together with us, we understand his heart was with Maureen.

We had a wonderful time with our friends who were able to make the trip this year. Our Tour Guide, Glenda, and our Bus Driver, Abe, did a wonderful job leading us to and through the Air Force Academy, the Veteran's Monument and Old Colorado. We got to see Pike's Peak in the distance, and I believe, some of our group got to go to the peak on our free day. We visited the Garden of the Gods; 480 acres of beautiful and unique rock formations... where else could we see a natural formation called "kissing camels?" I recommend that you go to the USS Cabildo website and view wonderful photos of these majestic forms of nature and of all the sites we visited. How about the gliders above the Air Force Academy...was that neat or what?

We enjoyed our hotel time too! The hotel accommodated and surpassed our wants and needs. It was really nice to be able to sit together at "our" table and kibbitz about the day, the future and the past. What didn't we have this year? Claire enthusiastically encouraging you to participate in the game of the day. You can imagine she is looking forward and thinking ahead to next year!! Speaking of

next year, Becky Lyons has volunteered to host our reunion which will be in Louisville, KY. If you like Mint Juleps or want to try one, this is the trip for you! And, Ladies, if you have ever dreamed of designing your own hat, you can do it on this trip!

A special “Thank You” to our family and friends who continue to support our group. We look forward to seeing you each year... even if you can't come each year, we look forward to seeing you when you can!! As always, if you have a family member, we haven't met yet or a friend or good neighbor, bring them too!!

Finally, I offer a wish of peace and comfort to you and yours through the holidays and the new year.

Till we meet again.... fair winds and following seas for each and everyone.



## **2023 Reunion Louisville**

Becky Lyon



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. (Editor: We also plan to have our Memorial Service at 3:00pm Monday followed by our Annual Business Meeting. We will also have a Zoom session that evening at 7:00pm. I will ask Gatherings Plus to add both to the Itinerary.)

Tuesday we will go to Church Hill Downs and Tour the home of the Kentucky Derby. The Ladies may wish to take a hat prep class and the men may wish to take the Mint Julip making class. After seeing the museum, touring the racetrack we will return to our hotel by 1:30pm and have a free afternoon.

Wednesday will be a free day.

The hotel is 12.5 miles from the airport which is The Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. I am going to call around about Shuttle service from airport to hotel for those who might want that rather than renting a car.

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 is interested, it is 98 miles from Louisville, I do not think anyone would be interested riding a bus for two hours each way. We will have more about nearby places you may wish to visit in your free time in our Winter Newsletter.

The preliminary itinerary from Gathering Plus follows:

# ITINERARY

LOUISVILLE, KY

## Sunday, October 08, 2023

6:00 PM *Welcome Reception*  
Hot & Cold Appetizers

## Monday, October 09, 2023

10:00 AM *Louisville Slugger*  
Museum Tour | Mini Souvenir Bat for each guest | Lunch at facility  
Transportation Included

1:30 PM *Return to Hotel*

## Tuesday, October 10, 2023

10:00 AM *Kentucky Derby*  
Hat Making Class or Mint Julep Class | Derby History Tour | Lunch | Museum Access | Transportation Included

1:30 PM *Return to Hotel*

## Wednesday, October 11, 2023

*FREE DAY!*  
*Enjoy Louisville On Own*

6:00 PM *Final Banquet*  
Choice of Beef | Chicken or Vegetarian

### Reunion Package: \$105 per person

Welcome Reception | Registration | Meeting Space | Banquet Dinner | Tour Manager

### Louisville Slugger Day: \$95 per person

Museum Tour | Mini Souvenir Bat for each guest | Lunch at facility  
Transportation Included

### Kentucky Derby Day: \$142 per person

Hat Making Class or Mint Julep Class | Derby History Tour | Lunch | Museum Access | Transportation Included

*Each event requires a minimum of 25 paid guest | If counts are below 25 rates may be adjusted and some items may no longer be available.*





## **Cabildo Ladies Zoom Sessions**

**Sue Gwin**



We will have another Cabildo Ladies Zoom session on Wednesday December 14th. 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 so he can e-mail you the logon instructions.

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## **Chaplain's Message**

**Ken Bredehoeft**



It seems everywhere I turn these days I am confronted with Cabildo shipmates and their loved ones and my own family and relatives battling illnesses and disease. It is only natural to put yourselves or those you love in the best medical and professional hands you can find. Trust their skill, their judgement and their attitude to hopefully say to you or give the impression "We have this!" That is one faith. Another faith is to also turn to the great physician, the great healer and trust in His healing power and in the scriptures. Luke 17:9 reminds us "Your faith has made you well." and John 16:23 says "Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you." Know that I am keeping so many of you in my daily prayers.

### **Sick Call**

We want to add to our newsletter something new. Let's call it Sick Call. We're all familiar with that term no matter our duty stations. We're a small family now, but we want to keep up with you and do all we can to bring comfort when comfort is needed or sometimes just encouraging words. It's too easy to lose track of those of us left and maybe we can do a better job of showing how much we really care.

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## Treasurer

Warren Gammeter



Our current bank account balance is \$9,827.79. The Colorado Springs reunion costs were:

Opening Reception \$526.70  
Hospitality Room \$976:00  
Hospitality Room Supplies \$422.97  
Banquet Dinner \$839.00  
Raffle Sales \$-265.00  
Ships Store Sales \$-160.00  
Reunion Total Cost \$2,939.97

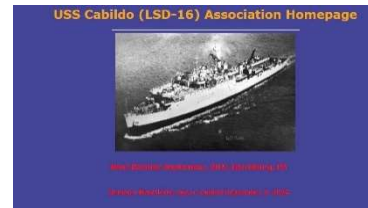
At the reunion we voted to close the ships store. Shipping expenses were almost as much as the sales and the volume of business was quite small. At the reunion we sold much of the remaining inventory at sale prices and donated the remainder of the inventory to Goodwill. Many thanks to both Jim Lyon and Bob Gwin for finding the many Cabildo items we have enjoyed for years. My favorite is my Cabildo jacket. I have gotten a veteran's military discount when wearing it many times and it's the only jacket I have that paid for itself.

Dues will again be \$25.00 due in January. To save the cost of postage I will not be mailing dues notices and membership cards again this year. Mail your dues to me at 3227 Verdun Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403.

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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.

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**Cabildo Website Links**  
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**Over the Bar**

