

USS CABILDO (LSD-16) ASSOCIATION RULES, BYLAWS AND ARTICLES

ARTICLE I: NAME

Paragraph (A) The name of the group shall be the USS CABILDO (LSD-16) ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Paragraph (A) The purpose of the USS CABILDO ASSOCIATION is to maintain camaraderie among shipmates, including Marines, Army and any other Navy personnel who served aboard the ship and wishes to communicate with other crewmembers.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Paragraph (A) A minimum of one (1) annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION shall be held on the date and in the city designated and voted on by the members present and in good standing at the business meeting held the previous year. Business meetings are held at the annual reunion and are a necessity of the reunion itself. However, at any time during the year the President, at his discretion, may call a meeting when deemed needed.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Paragraph (A) Officers of this ASSOCIATION shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Webmaster and Chaplain. Officers shall be elected or reconfirmed by majority vote of members in good standing and only from the regular ship's company rosters. No member aboard ship under T.A.D. shall be eligible for an office.

Section (A) In order to have a continuation of experience, the Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2) year term.

Section (B) The duties of the President shall be to preside at the annual business meeting, protect the general welfare of the association and render any direction and assistance to other officers as may be required. In addition, the President shall respond to or refer correspondence to other officers, maintain an updated roster of all former crewmembers, maintain a quarterly newsletter to all association members in good standing and other printed matters that the association may require.

- Section (C) The duties of the Vice President are to assist the President, assume the responsibilities of the President should he to become unable to fulfill his duties, and preside over the annual meeting at the President's request. *The Vice President shall also accurately record all proceedings of Association and shall assist the President in other correspondence as necessary. (Note: The duties of the Recording Secretary have been merged into the Vice President's responsibilities at the 2008 annual meeting.)*
- Section (D) The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all money of the Association, maintain the checking account in accordance as directed by the membership and pay all authorized debts. He shall also present a full financial report at each annual meeting, including debts, expenditures and accounts receivable.
- Section (E) The duties of the Assistant Treasurer shall be to assist the Treasurer in his responsibilities. He shall have access to all the association's accounts and be able to assume the Treasurers functions should the Treasurer be unable to fulfill his responsibilities. *(This position was created at the annual meeting 2008.)*
- Section (F) *The duties of the Webmaster shall be, to the best of his ability, to create and maintain a historical record of the USS Cabildo (LSD-16). He shall maintain and enhance the www.usscabildo.org website for the purpose of sharing this history our ship and promoting the fellowship of our ASSOCIATION. Develop and maintain a data base of crew members and ASSOCIATION members to support both the website and the association's mailings. (The Webmaster's position was officially created and the Historian function merged into it at the 2008 annual meeting.)*
- Section (G) The duties of the Chaplain shall be to provide an opening invocation, pray for all departed shipmates, and to offer a benediction. *He shall send out notes of condolence to families of departed shipmates.*

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

- Paragraph (A) Membership in the USS CABILDO (LSD-16) ASSOCIATION shall be primarily for, but not restricted to, men who served aboard the ship at any time it was in commission. A membership as an Associate Member and/or Honorary Member may be granted to widows and family members of shipmates. Associate and Honorary members shall not be permitted to hold any elected office in the Association, yet Associate Members shall be allowed to sit in at regular business meeting(s) and have a democratic voice in complaints, suggestion(s), discussions and be allowed a vote, and assist the officers and committees. *Neither Associate nor Honorary members are required to pay dues. (Annual Meeting 2008)*
- Section (A) Active or “Members in Good Standing” are those who have paid their yearly dues.
- Section (B) Active members who have failed to pay their dues by March 1st of any calendar year *may* be dropped from the Active Members Roster. Inactive Members may be reinstated as Active Members by reapplying for membership and paying the current year’s dues.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

- Section (A) The annual dues of the Association shall be as set by the membership. The “Year” is defined as from January 1st to December 31st of any year. Dues are payable directly to the Treasurer of the ASSOCIATION. Annual dues shall keep a member in “good standing” and eligible to receive all correspondence (Financial Reports, Newsletters, and all other items pertaining to the Association) without additional cost to the member.
- Section (B) No part of income of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the organization shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization’s assets on dissolution of the organization.

ARTICLE VII: FINIS

- Paragraph (A) When the time comes that the members of this ASSOCIATION shall decide not to exist as an organization and to continue is no longer practical, the following rules shall apply.
- Section (A) The decision to disband must be voted on by a majority vote of members in good standing at any annual business meeting.
- Section (B) All members, both active and inactive, shall be notified of these intentions to discontinue the annual meetings (Reunions) by mail before a vote is called. If it is impossible to gather a quorum, then the matter shall be handled by letter by the officers of that time.
- Section (C) All money and property belonging to the ASSOCIATION shall be donated to a Veteran organization, another ship association or associations as deemed worthy at the time.
- Section (D) A final financial statement and record of disbursement shall be mailed to all surviving members, both active and inactive.

The above Bylaws for the USS CABILDO (LSD-16) ASSOCIATION were amended and adopted on September 26, 1997, at the Surfside Motel, Lake George, New York.

The above Bylaws were further amended and adopted on November 6, 1998, at Punto Gordo, Florida.

The above Bylaws were further amended and adopted on September 18, 1999, at Branson, Missouri.

The above Bylaws were amended and adopted at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Newport Rhode, Island. These changes are in Italics.