

# Winter 2020 Newsletter



## THE DRYDOCK DRIBBLE

The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

### President's Message

Leo A. Waltsak

Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

I thought about what subject I could comment on in this newsletter. Obviously, the Super Bowl! But what else? I quickly decided not to comment on Congress (or the members of), viruses, impeachment, caucuses, Super Tuesday, Prince Harry or Meghan! Continuing...

Congratulation to all our Kansas City fans. For those of you living in the Kansas City area, and for those who don't but are Chief fans anyway "Booyah to Ya". You waited 50 years for another Lombardi trophy, and we are happy for you, and celebrate with you. For our Cabildo family that are fans of the 49ers, were sorry.... maybe next year? The Super Bowl isn't as exciting as when your team is playing, or you're in a football pool and might win a few bucks. However, having visited Kansas City

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with our Cabildo family, we feel we have a reason to celebrate along with you.

The Chiefs last won the Superbowl on January 11, 1970. To bring back memories, I looked up a few facts from 1970. I found that the average income per year was \$9,400.; the average cost of a gallon of gas was 36 cents; and a 25-inch color TV cost on average \$740. In the world of sports, the Nebraska Cornhuskers were named AP National Champions; the UCLA Bruins won their 6<sup>th</sup> NCAA title in seven years; Willis Reed and the NY Knicks won the NBA Championship, Bobby Orr and the Boston Bruins won the Stanley Cup; and the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Cincinnati Reds 4-1 in the World Series. 1970 was the year the Ford Pinto was introduced and the AMC Gremlin cost \$1879.; the Kent State shootings shocked us; and 43 nations ratified the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Beatles released "Let It Be" and Paul McCartney announced their break-up. It was the year our First Lady, Melania Trump, was born. Simon & Garfunkel sang us "Bridge Over Water" from their last album together; and the Carpenters soothed us with "(They Long to Be) Close to You. This was the year of the Apollo 13 mission to the moon accident. For fun went to the movies to see M\*A\*S\*H, James Bond in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service", and Barbra Streisand in "Hello Dolly." On June 22, 1970 the US lowered the voting age to 18 from 21, and California became the first state to adopt a "No Fault" divorce law. The Concorde made its first supersonic flight (700 mph) and the first Jumbo Jet, the Boeing 747, went into service. A United States Postage stamp cost 6 cents, and a "Sports Illustrated" magazine cost you 15 cents. Looking back reminds me that everything changes, yet nothing changes... our world is better in many ways, and worse in many ways. Just thinking...



The Grand Plaza Hotel



The Keeler Center



Grand Country Buffet



The Clay Cooper Show

**My wife and I are looking forward to our next get together with you in Branson. I hope you will all try to come and bring your family and friends too. We have met so many nice family members over the years, and hope they'll join us again. The "more the merrier" as they say.**

**Farewell for now shipmates. Until we meet again, I wish you fair winds and following seas.**

**Vice President's Message  
Dale Bittle**

**Winter Reunion Update**

**Well shipmates spring is just around the corner and it's time to start seriously thinking about getting hotel reservations and reunion registrations submitted. I have reported in past newsletters that our reunion this year will be held in Branson, Missouri from September 18 - 22 and we will be staying at The Grand Plaza Hotel, phone 417-336-6646. Remember you must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. Room rates are \$89 per night plus tax and that includes a hot breakfast. These rates are available for 2 days before and after the reunion.**

**Reunion registrations can be made online at [gatheringsplus.com](http://gatheringsplus.com) or you can contact them at 417-338-4048. Cutoff date for reunion registrations is August 18 so don't wait to long to get your registrations submitted. We will add a copy of the registration form and itinerary to the newsletter. The password to access the Cabildo site through [gatheringsplus.com](http://gatheringsplus.com) is Cabildo2020.**

**We look forward to seeing all of you in September. If you have questions don't hesitate to call me or send me a email.**



**The Pickin' Porch Grill**

**USS Cabildo (LSD-16)  
Website Links**

[Home page](#)

[Over The Bar](#)

[2019 Reunion Pictures](#)

[2020 Reunion Plan](#)



## **An update on Walt Fulps**

**Ken Bredehoeft**



**Kathleen and I recently spent some time with Walt and Deb and their loyal watch dog Paco down on South Padre Island, Texas. Walt is doing well, enjoying the south Texas beach area and coastline. We walked along the beach and ate some great seafood. He and Deb are really looking forward to seeing everyone in Branson. While there I thought it would be interesting if Walt and I could strike a pose like the one we made over 50 years ago."**

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Bob Gwin**

**Membership notices have been mailed out. If you have not sent in your 2020 dues kindly remit them to the Treasurer, Thank you Bob Gwin**

**33496 Hickory Avenue  
Sioux City, IA 51108**

## **Website/Newsletter**

**Warren Gammeter**

As always the latest 2020 reunion information will be available from links on our website homepage. [Link:](#)

If you haven't checked out the pictures or our great Charleston reunion take the time to do so. We are still running without any "BOTS" corrupting our website. If you see anything that doesn't look or work right do let me know.

I received the following g from Fred Banholzer, EN2, USS Cabildo crew member 1967-1968, Shoreview, MN. I think it would be good to post on the USS Cabildo website and e-mailed to members. There may be members and or spouses that may not know that our ship is listed as being AO, (Agent Orange), exposure and they may be entitled for benefits. If the crew member has passed due to AO related illness the widow is eligible for survivor benefits (which I understand could be between \$1200 and \$1400 per month, tax free for both Federal and State).

This link will get you to the VA site with more information:

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5280>

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# USS CABILDO

## Branson, Missouri Reunion

### September 18-22, 2020

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check in at The Grand Plaza Hotel</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$89 per room plus tax, including Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOSPITALITY Room Opens 3:00 pm</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 pm Welcome Reception</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Buffet Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Morning Free</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 am Shopping and <u>Lunch on your own</u> in Old Downtown Branson</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 pm Dinner at Grand Country Buffet</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 pm Grand Jubilee Show</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Buffet Breakfast</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30 am Sunday Brunch at Keeter Center</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:00 pm Top of the Rock Nature Trail Tour</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Afternoon Free with <u>Dinner on your own</u></b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 pm Clay Cooper's Country Express Show</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Buffet Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00 am Memorial Service &amp; Business Meeting</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:00 pm Lunch at Pickin' Porch Grill</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 pm #1 Hits of the 60's Show</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:30 pm Group Photo</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 pm Final Evening Dinner Banquet</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Buffet Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Depart</b></p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTIVITY PACKAGE: \$379.00 per person</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INCLUDES</b> Welcome Packet Name Badges Welcome Reception Grand Country Buffet and Grand Jubilee Show Sunday Brunch at Keeter Center Tour at Top of the Rock Clay Cooper Show Pickin' Porch Lunch Hits of the 60's Show Banquet Dinner Transportation to Group Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Driver Gratuities Not Included</i></p>

**USS CABILDO**  
**Reunion Registration Form**  
**Branson, Missouri**  
**September 18-22, 2020**

Name (on name badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Wheelchair Access? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOST HOTEL: The Grand Plaza**  
**245 North Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616**

Call **417-336-6646** for room reservations and mention you are with the USS Cabildo Reunion. The room rate is \$89.00 per room per night plus tax and includes breakfast for two per room. Room rate available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by August 18, 2020 will be dropped from the group block.

**REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE:**  
**(Includes everything listed on the itinerary**

\_\_\_\_\_ of attendees x \$379.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

A 50% deposit is requested by July 18, 2020 with final payment due August 18, 2020. Refunds on cancellations after August 18 will be on a case by case basis.

**MAIL REGISTRATION & CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

GATHERINGS PLUS, 155 Industrial Park Drive, Hollister, MO 65672

417-338-4048    events@gatheringsplus.com

**TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD:**

I authorize Gatherings Plus to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card.

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A 4% processing fee will be added to all credit card payments.

*Visit your website home page at [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com) . Click on your logo or name. Passcode is Cabildo2020*