

USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



Winter 2025 Newsletter

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President's Message **Leo Waltsak**



Greetings Shipmates and all Cabildo Family,

This year we Cabildo members and our families find ourselves in a different and a little bit difficult situation. For good reasons we are unable to gather this year. How do we go forward? Will we get together ever again? Maybe or maybe not. That does not mean the group is disbanded. It means we need to keep together in other ways. Our seasonal newsletter will continue as long as Warren feels he wants to do it, and Ken will continue to inform and inspire if he himself can. Our man from Missouri, Dale, will continue to offer his advice and recommendations. Our Zoom meetings will continue if Sue and Warren chair them and we can keep up with the technology. Sometimes we can hear each other but can't see or we see and can't hear! Is it the tech or us?

Many of us have formed closer bonds and friendships outside of and because of our USS Cabildo Association. This coming together of shipmates from all across our country and meeting each year at different places within our nation has been fulfilling and all good!

Till we meet again here or there, I wish each of you fair winds and following seas and always a "Red Sky at Night."

2025

**2025 Proposal Coordinator
Warren Gammeter**



Despite reviewing three Fall 2025 proposals in November and two Spring proposals in December we were unable to get enough members interested and able to come to any one of the proposals. As of now we will not have a 2025 reunion this year.

Our first reunion was in 1997 and was intended to be just a onetime event for the WWII plankowners. It was enjoyed by all who came to Kentucky so much that they thought they should do it again in 1998. At the same time many former crewmembers found the association's website started by LT(jg) John White and it was decided to open the group to all Cabildo Crewmembers.

Last year we had only 4 crewmembers, their wives, four widows and three guests. Fifteen in all, a long way from the 60 to 75 we had in the past. There may not be enough of us left to do it again but it sure was an annual highlight for many years.

Cabildo Zoom Sessions

Sue Gwin and Warren Gammeter



We should have a Zoom in early April. I have resolved the problems we had in January. wg

Chaplain's Corner

Ken Bredehoeft



I want to briefly propose an idea for all shipmates reading the newsletter. With age taking its toll on all of us and the reunions on hold, perhaps permanently, there is one way we can keep the Cabildo alive. We can share our memories. What stories we told around the tables in the hospitality room. Remember? Let's print in each newsletter one or two short articles recalling those days when we were young and almost ran down the gangplank in foreign ports like kids in school let out for recess. Keep it clean. What were your first days aboard the Cabildo like? Who was an interesting shipmate you served with? An interesting incident aboard worth telling. Remember, done our time. Can't court-martial us now. I will begin. Let's call it "Cabildo Memories."

I reported aboard the Cabildo late '65. I would stay aboard until early '68. That's touching four different years. My first duty station was the Naval Hospital on Adak, Alaska. Worked in OR. Very interesting, but did not train me at all to help conduct sick call or help take care of over 300 men on a Naval ship. After that first week onboard, I actually thought of going AWOL. Canada was the destination back in those days, remember? I was replacing HM3 Cobb, a good corpsman and the man to see if you wanted to borrow money. Oops! Walt Fulps, good old Walt, saw the panic in my eyes. Told me just watch and observe. But

that wasn't Walt. Walt was a teacher. Along with low key Chief Ginther, I had excellent instruction on becoming a hospital corpsman in the Navy. I never became the corpsman Walt was. The bar was too high. I like to think I came close. RIP Walt!

Treasurer

Warren Gammeter

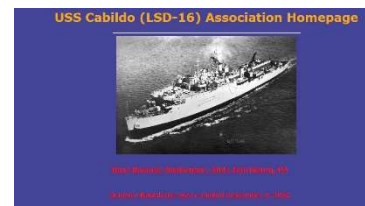


The association offices decided that we will not charge annual dues this year as we have more money in the treasury than we expect we will ever need. If you want to join the association, just send me an email. I will shred any 2025 dues checks I receive.

Our current treasury balance is 7,545.87

Website and Newsletter

Warren Gammeter



With the passing of my wife Carol, I did not have time to move the website to a different web hosting service in January as I had planned. However, the site has not had any interruptions for the last four months and it looks like the current owners of eHost may have their act together at last. Our site has just renewed for another year and let's hope all goes well. We can still move it but since we paid for a year let's see how it goes.

Good Books **by Warren and Ken**

Ken and Warren are both rather avid readers. Each newsletter will have the link to a good book's 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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