

Spring 2020 Newsletter



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The USS Cabildo (LSD-16) Crewmembers Association Newsletter

President's Message

Leo A. Waltsak

Greetings Shipmates, Family & Friends,

I wondered under these unusual conditions what to write about in this message. I started and stopped and started again. I will not write about how bad things are here, there and everywhere. I'm going to give three cheers, a standing ovation and many hip, hip hoorays to the individuals, the groups, and all the people who represent the best of the American attitude, spirit and patriotism... the Doctors, Nurses, and all the support medical personnel who are on the front lines fighting everyday to save lives often without all the necessary equipment. All of us can take pride in our nation's Military contributions in this effort to cure America. We salute the Reservists, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Thank you to the US Navy Hospital Ships, Comfort and Mercy, and all those who staff and sail them. We are grateful to all our community Emergency Medical Technicians, Police and Firefighters who protect us and look after us. We wish them a loud Hoorah!! How about the Postal Workers? The grocery Store Clerks? Trucks and Truckers are our nations life blood. To all the Farmers, of any sort, from east to west, a thank-you isn't enough.

This COVID-19 has wreaked havoc and heartbreak across our country and the world. People of a certain age or those who have underlying health problem, which means us, need to self-quarantine. We can do

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that because all these wonderful people are out there providing for us, taking care of us and protecting us until a vaccine is created. You've heard it over and over that this will pass. The scientists will eventually find a vaccine, and our economy will recover in time. I will never take for granted how important everyone is in the performance of their job, no matter how high or low that job may seem. So, Shipmates, until we meet again, may God bless and protect each of us and shine a light upon this great experiment in democracy, the United States of America.

Vice President's Message

Dale Bittle

2020 Cabildo Reunion Update

At last Spring is here and that means it's time to get your Reunion Registrations submitted and Hotel Reservations made. A reunion itinerary and registrations form are at this [LINK](#).

Mark these important dates on your calendars:

Cabildo Reunion - September 18 - 22

Location - Branson, Missouri

Hotel - Grand Plaza Hotel

Room Rates - \$89.00 per day plus tax. Includes Hot Breakfast

You can register online at gatheringsplus.com or call them at 417-338-4048.

Registration cut-off date is August 18, 2020.

I know there is a lot of confusion regarding the corona virus, but we are proceeding right now as though everything will be good 6 months from now. We will notify you by the end of July if it looks like are reunion dates are at risk. FYI we already have 4 people registered.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September and if you have any questions don't hesitate to give me a call at 417-581-1325.

Chaplain

Ken Bredehoeft



The Grand Plaza Hotel



The Keeler Center



Grand Country Buffet



The Clay Cooper Show



The Pickin' Porch Grill

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

We all understand the difficult times we are going through. I know you are following the guidelines established by your local or state authorities to stay well and safe. Most of us are housebound and looking for something to do. Call a shipmate. Check on them. Our numbers are on the crew member list on the association website. I've already talked with many of you. If I haven't called you, you're next on my list. Unless you call me first.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Gwin

We currently have 56 paid members. If you have not sent in your 2020 dues kindly remit them to the Treasurer, Thank you Bob Gwin

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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:](#)

I recently received a kind offer of a 1965 Cruise Book from Dennis Kenneally son of Cabildo shipmate Frank Kenneally SFCS. Dennis is a retired Army Major General. I added to the website (ships log page) the detailed itinerary the book contained for 1965. I also located a xerox copy of the 1966 cruise book and added the wespac itinerary from it. I wish we had the some information for 1967 activities. If you can help me with that please let me know.

Recently I found an interesting video on YouTube video of the Cabildo doing mine sweeping operations in 1952. The video is at this [LINK](#). I am always amazed at how different our ship looks without the flight deck.

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USS CABILDO

Branson, Missouri Reunion

September 18-22, 2020

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

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? _____

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.

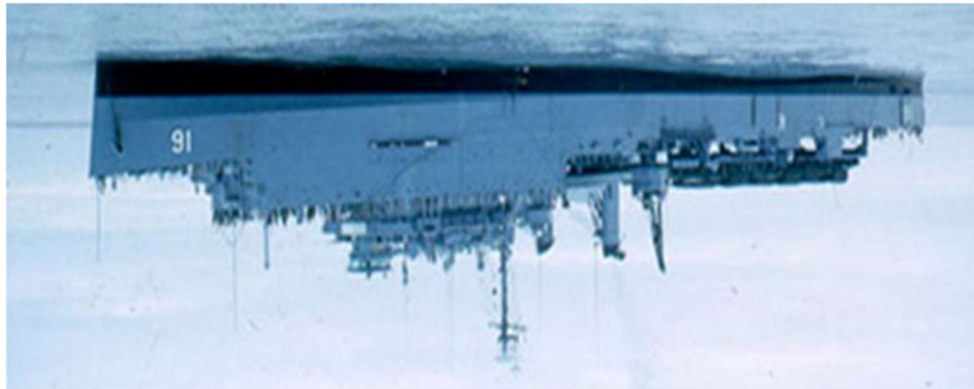
Name on card: _____

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 . Click on your logo or name. Passcode is Cabildo2020



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