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JULY 2021

CHANGE OF VENUE

2021 Reunion of the USS Lexington CV16 Association September 27th - October 1st - Omaha

Due to unforeseeable circumstances, we had to make changes to our hotel accommodations for the 2021 Reunion in Omaha.

We will now be staying at the Omaha Marriott Regency

10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE / Phone: (402) 399-9000 -or- (888) 236-2427 The hotel is giving our group a \$99 nightly rate.

Cut-Off Date to make Hotel Reservations: September 6th Note: The Marriott Regency does NOT have Shuttle Service



Some changes have been made in regards to our original Itinerary and Cost of our City Tour & Lunch.

The Revised Reunion Registration Form is located on page 8 of this Newsletter and also available on our website. www.usslexingtoncv16.org



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23428 College Ave. Robertsdale, AL 36567 For electronic submissions, email me at:

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A Word from Lance Wagner:

If you know someone who served on the LEX, let me know and I'll send them information about our group. If you move, please

remember to send me your new address.

Membership Dues: \$20/year - Due by Dec. 31st. Make checks payable to: USS Lexington Association.

Send Dues to: Lance Wagner 71 - 21 73rd Place

Glendale, NY 11385

PAY ONLINE:

Association members can now pay their annual dues online. Just go to our website: usslexingtoncv16.org and press the "Dues and Donation" button.

We REALLY Could Use Your Help

Shipmates one and all, Here's the scoop. This newsletter fulfils many functions.

First and foremost, it is a platform to disseminate reunion information.

But there is more to it than that. We only meet once a year. So how can we share with each other when we're not together.

When we're at our reunions, it is easy and second nature to sit around swapping sea stories and memories from when we were aboard. Let's extend that.

PLEASE, this is EVERYONE'S newsletter. How about writing down some memories and passing them to us to put in the newsletter? Quarter page, half page, heck, even a serial feature in several issues. We've done them all. But we need more. I'm going to attempt going through archives of the newsletter and find some to repeat, but really, I think with all of the new members we've added over the years, we can get some new material (that's what my wife and kids say about my jokes... *Get some new material !!).*

Send them to the address above. And we'll get them into the newsletter. It's that simple. You don't need to be a fancy writer or author... we'll edit and correct any typos, etc we catch. Just give us the facts of the matter, and we'll make it shine if it doesn't already.

THANKS, Greg.



Barnes, Jim

03/22/2021 - Fountain, SC

Onboard: 1959

https://fletcherfuneralservice.com/tribute/details/932/James-

Barnes/obituary.html#tribute-start

Bengtson, Leslie

01/14/2021 - Nesconset, NY Onboard: 1958 - 1961

Babine, Harold

02/07/2021 - Longwood, FL Onboard: 1969 - 1975

https://www.newcomerorlando.com/Obituary/196023/Harold-

Babine/Orlando-FL

Bosserman, Clarence

05/12/2021 - York, PA

Onboard: 1945

https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/yorkdispatch/obituary.aspx?

n=clarence-l-bosserman-bos&pid=198985246

Ralston M. Pound, JR

10/05/2020 - Charlotte, NC Onboard: 1943 - 1944

https://www.kennethpoeservices.com/obituaries/935-ralston-

murphy-pound-jr

Redding, Scott

05/31/2021 - Littleton, CO Onboard: 1969 - 1973

https://www.horancares.com/obituary/RobertScott-Redding

Webb, Winfred

07/13/2019 - Modesto, CA Onboard: 1961 - 1962

https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/modestobee/obituary.aspx?n=winfred-webb-win&pid=193413198&fhid=24165

Guy J (Rocky) Graziano, SR

5/18/2021 - Whiting, NJ Onboard 1944-1946

https://manchestermemorial.net/tribute/details/2266/Guy-

Graziano-Sr/obituary.html

Help us keep our "TAPS" records up to date...

We need your help. Our only way of knowing our members have passed, is if someone tells us. We ask that you please notify us of any members who are no longer with us so we can update our records and honor our deceased shipmates in the Sunrise Press.

Email notifications to: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

Snail Mail to: Greg Plante, 23428 College Ave, Robertsdale, AL 36567

Special Recognition...

Over the past few months, two of our Association Past Presidents have died. Both of these shipmates and their wives served the Association well and our sincere thanks go to them for the time, effort and expertise they provided. To their families go our condolences and blessings.

Jim Barnes (3/22/2021) was President of the USS Lexington CV 16 Association in 2015 and 2016. A LTJG, he served on board the USS Lexington in 1959. He and Madeline planned and hosted the 2008 reunion in Charleston and have been regularly involved in the Association since becoming members. 2008 was a great reunion; the highlight being a tour of the USS Yorktown. Jim was a family man, and he and Madeline loved to travel. "Fair Winds and Following Seas", Jim.

Scott Redding (7/29/1951 – 5/31/2021) was President of the USS Lexington CV 16 Association for years 2008, 2009 and 2010. He served on board the USS Lexington 1969 to 1973; his entire naval enlistment. He and Missy joined the Association in 2003 and have been active within the Association since that time, and have been the focal point of the Association Scholarship Program for the last several years. Scott loved the outdoors and was in the landscaping business in Littleton CO for 30 some years. Our thoughts and prayers go to Missy and the family. "Fair Winds and Following Seas", Scott.

MURPHY'S LAW.....



Fellow USS Lexington CV 16 Association members. Ever heard of Murphy's Law, I am sure most of you have. Murphy's states that "if something can go wrong, it will" Well Murphy struck. We learned in early June that the Ramada Omaha had been sold and

they could no longer accommodate our reunion. If you try to make a reservation for the reunion at the Ramada you won't be able to. If you have already made a reservation at the Ramada they won't be able to cancel or issue a refund until the middle of July when their computer systems are converted to the new company.

However, now the good news. An experienced reunion planner from the Association jumped in and began working the details for the reunion. The new hotel will be the Omaha Marriott Regency. Details about the hotel and other events can be found in this edition of the Sunrise Press. Omaha is a self- proclaimed "veteran friendly city". It should be a great reunion. I encourage all who plan to attend the reunion to get their registration forms and payment to Lance Wagner sooner rather than later. Knowing how many Association members will be attending is a big help to those who take care of details such as the opening reception, hospitality room, banquet etc.

Until we meet in Omaha, have a great summer.











L CHAPLAINS CORNER



OUR CONSTANT

Hello my dear U.S.S. Lexington brothers and sisters, as we prepare for another year of celebration of America's Independence Day, I am reminded just how blessed we are as a country. As we often say "Freedom is not Free." We still have brothers and

sisters that are still ensuring that we are free in this country even if some take advantage of that freedom.

As your chaplain I often write attempting to uplift each of you, as a pastor I am always reminded that inside each of us there is a soul that has to be ministered to. I realize that sometimes we miss out on fellowship with our local churches and I am convinced some of my brothers and sisters have not stepped inside a sanctuary in years. So, today I want to slip a little bible into your life...

Lately, I have been avoiding something that I so missed while in Iraq and Afghanistan, that is the nightly news. I guess what has gotten me to this mindset is the reminder that just maybe the news I am listening to is not correct or has been doctored to get me stirred up. I don't know for sure, but the news was my constant comfort. As I have gotten older, I enjoyed listening to the nightly news while nursing a nice cup of coffee, to me that was my constant. We all have constants in our life whether we notice it, embrace it, or acknowledge it.

The other day I was ministering to a lady in the convalescent home and I was reading to her from the book of Hebrews the thirteenth chapter to be exact. The first verse directs us to "Let brotherly love continue." In other words, let care for our

fellow brothers and sisters abide. This concept is translated from the Greek word Phileo (brotherly love). Phileo is more of a bond than a feeling, like the bond between siblings. A constant in one's life. My sister retired and because we are getting older, we suggested she move to Odessa with me and build her a home next door. Even though life took each of us in different directions, the constant was she is and will always be my sister. So, it was not taking me out of my comfort zone for her to live with me while she establishes herself next door. We don't take God out of His comfort zone when we call on Him to reveal life clearer to each of us. We are His constant and vice/versa.

The eighth verse of the 13th chapter of Hebrews reads as such: Jesus Christ "the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

This verse forms a formula indicating that God was, is and will be, appearing in various sources. In other words, He is always revealing Himself to us. This passage also affirms Christ's constant faithfulness. Where I feel I lost my constant in my nightly news, I had to be reminded of my constant in the Word of God. Yesterday He was with our fathers and mothers; today he is with you and me; and He will be with our offspring (posterity) forevermore. He is our constant.

My brothers and sisters we have a constant in our life. Knowing this reminds us that yes we are free even to choose to call upon our constant when we need Him the most.

God Bless each of you and I will see you at the reunion...

Chaplain Hagger pastors All People Worship Center in Odessa, Texas .

He also overseas the operation at All People Hospice and Healthcare.

Contact: Address: 4745 N. Sierra Ave, Odessa, TX 79764 —— Phone: 432-258-7751 / FAX: 432-381-5272 / Cell: 832-312-0892

Chaplain Hagger can be reached anytime.....no matter what the time.



Memorial Service: Honoring our Shipmates who have passed away this past year. Tuesday, September 28th, 2:30pm - Freedom Park, Omaha



Freedom Park is an outdoor park and United States Naval Museum located along the Missouri River.





Major exhibits are a USS Marlin SST-2 and USS Hazard AM-240. The park also has a collection of jets, helicopters, rocket launchers, missiles, a Captain's Gig and more.

Wednesday is your Free-Day to go out and enjoy the city... Sightseeing, Shopping, Touring and More! Omaha offers a wide variety of Museums, Parks, Entertainment and Cuisine. https://www.visitomaha.com/

This park features more than 100 larger-than-life sized bronze sculptures that tell the story of the pioneer's westward journey.



PIONEER COURAGE PARK



https://www.firstnationalcampus.com/fnc/html/en/ sculpture_park/pioneer.html

Visitors can walk among wagons, oxen, horses and pioneers.

This unique art display stretches through six city blocks.



Omaha is filled with one-of-a-kind Boutiques, Art Galleries, offbeat Shops, expansive Malls and quaint Shopping Centers.

https://www.visitomaha.com/things-to-do/shopping/ The Old Market is located in downtown Omaha. The neighborhood features a collection of unique shops offering art, fashion, jewelry, and gifts. The area retains its brick paved streets from the turn of the century, horse-drawn carriages and covered sidewalks. It is not uncommon to see a variety of street performers, artists, and other vendors. https://oldmarket.com/



USS LEXINGTON CV 16 43rd ANNUAL REUNION

Omaha, Nebraska September 27th – October 1st 2021 ITINERARY

September 27th – Monday: Hotel Check-in/Reunion Registration

1200 Hospitality Room opens - Millard Room

1800 Opening Reception: Heavy Hors D'oeuvres & Cash Bar - Regency Room

September 28th - Tuesday: City Tour, Memorial Service & Lunch

0815 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Scheduled Tour

0830 Bus departs for the City Tour, Lunch, & Memorial Service

Lunch at Upstream Brewing Co.

Memorial Service at Freedom Park

TBA Hospitality Room Opens - Millard Room

September 29th - Wednesday: free day for Sight Seeing

1000 Hospitality Room Opens - Millard Room

September 30th – Thursday: Business Meeting and Banquet

1000 Business Meeting; All members and guests welcome - Dundee Room

1200 Hospitality Room Opens and will remain open during Cocktail Hour

1845 Gather in the Banquet Room for Group Picture - Regency Room

1900 Invocation and Presentation of the Colors

Dinner and Entertainment

October 1st – Friday

Checkout - Safe travels home.... Next Reunion- Gettysburg

REGISTRATION FORM

2021 REUNION OF THE USS LEXINGTON CV-16 ASSOCIATION, Omaha, Nebraska

Please Note: This form does not include your hotel reservation. Hotel reservations must be done separately by you.

Omaha Marriott Regency, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE

Phone: (402) 399-9000 or (888) 236-2427

Mention the Lexington Association - Group Rate (\$99/per night)

Hotel Reservations must be made before September 6, 2021

(Note: The hotel does not have shuttle service)

NAME	SPOUSE/GU	EST	
	ase list below and include in the		
ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL		
DATES ON BOARD	DIVISI	ON	
Additional Guests:			
Register me for the following	g:		
Reunion Registration Fee (not o	otional)Number of a	attendees x	\$45 each = \$
Tuesday, September 28th			
City Tour/Lunch/Memorial Service	eNumber of a	attendees x	\$90 each = \$
Thursday, September 30th			
Farewell Banquet Choice of Entrée:	Number of	attendees x	x \$65 each = \$
A.) Chicken Breast with Por	tobello & Wine Sauce		
B.) Prime Rib/Burgundy Au Ju	s with Yorkshire Pudding & Brocco d and Dessert and Starbucks Coffo		
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The Registration Form is available on our website, with the ability to pay using your Debit or Credit Card.

www.usslexingtoncv16.org

You can also fill out the registration form and send it to Lance Wagner

Mail Registration form and check payable to: USS Lexington CV 16 Association

Lance Wagner

Cut-off Date: August 27, 20201 71-21 73 Place, Glendale, New York 11385

A gift I received from the first student I got into the Naval Academy Submitted by: Shipmate Robert Cahillone



Have you read an interesting article or story recently? Or Maybe have some memorabilia from your time on the LEX? Share it with your shipmates! Just email them to us and we'll print them in the Sunrise Press. Email:editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

43rd Annual Reunion of the

USS Lexington CV16 Association

Sept 27 - Oct 1, 2021

Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Omaha, Nebraska



WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

Bird, Louis E

Onboard: 1979 - 1981

Navigation

Bisbano, John P

Onboard: 07/1979 - 10/1984

1st, 2nd, Barge Crew, Deck, Hab

Gatti, Joe

Onboard: 1981 - 1985

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USS Lexington CV16 Association: Membership

The Association welcomes all shipmates, navy, marines, Ships Company, air group personnel who served at some time on a USS Lexington CV 16 (all her designations) or on the USS Lexington CV 2.

Dues are \$20/year, and due at the end of each year.

Dues can be paid online at: www.usslexingtoncv16.org

Dues paid by mail: Make checks payable to :USS Lexington Association

Send your dues to: Lance Wagner, 71-21 73rd Place, Glendale, NY



SHIPMATES LOOKING FOR...

Looking for an old shipmate? Looking for a cruise book from a particular cruise? Maybe filling in the gaps of memory while writing some memoirs? Let us know what you're looking for and we'll include it in the newsletter.

er.

NAME: Robert Lindel EMAIL: ifga16@comcast.net

Subject: Crew Member Report

My Father-in-Law was Daniel Milligan who became a Shell Back on 18 Sept 1943. I and my wife wish to find anyone who remembers him. He passed away in 1976 in Great Barrington, MA.

To place a notice in the "Looking For" section of the newsletter, go to the website and click on "Contact CV 16" and fill out the form. Or send an email to editor@usslexingtoncv16.org
Written submissions can be sent to:

Greg Plante, 23428 College Ave, Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

USS Lexington Association Scholarship Winner's Essays

First place: Daniel Graziano \$1000

My Grandfather, Guy Graziano, SR. joined the Navy in 1943, at the height of the war. He and his brothers answered the call to defend our country and democracy in general. "Pop-Pop" served on the USS Lexington thru the remainder of the war. His job on CV-16 was to orchestrate take off's and Landings on the flight deck and he saw the majority of his "action" during the Battle of Leyte Gulf, which I know played an important part in securing the Pacific and defeating the Japanese.

There is no doubt that the US Navy is the most dominant sea power in the world - and the Lexington has one of the most storied histories in the fleet. The legacy of "The Blue I hope that the US Government continues to place an importance on funding the Navy and protecting the legacy of the USS Lexington.

As I finish my senior year and begin to prepare myself to enter the University of Delaware in the fall, I often reflect on how my grandfather has influenced my life and desire to study Economics & Finance. When he completed his service, he began studies in Accounting at Syracuse University and ultimately retired from the U S Treasury Department after 40 years. My father followed in his footsteps, working in the pharmaceutical industry for 26 years with the same company.

I have always been a good student and am

Ghost" is unique and will never be surpassed. proud that my efforts have been recognized by getting on the honor roll year after year. I think that drive to succeed is fueled by my grandfather's commitment to serve our country in the ways that he did and the way my father has remained loyal to his employ-

> I know it will be hard to replicate the longevity that these men have displayed, but I am not one to back down from a challenge, whether it's physical or intellectual. In closing, I am hopeful that you'll consider my application and essay for the scholarship I know that my grandfather would be very proud to know that after 75 years he has some type of connection to the Lexington again.

Thank you, Daniel Graziano

Second Place: Erin Holladay \$500

When asked about the Navy, the first thing that might pop into someone's head is war ships, but when researched, there is so much more to the Navy than just ships. Such as, there are more airplanes in the Navy than the Air Force. More specifically, the USS Lexington has more sleeping space than the largest hotel in the world. Crazy to think about life on a ship during the biggest war the world has experienced. The kind of anxiety those sailors must have endured.

My Great-Grandfather, William, "Bill" Wheatley, was a gunner on the USS Lexington during WWII. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 11 stars and the Philipine Liberation Ribbon with 2 stars.

I've been to the USS Lexington a handful of times and each time I am completely blown away by the fact that my Great-Grandfather lived there. Walking the halls, I feel so honored to say that my family was a part of the United States Navy and helped defend American citizen's freedom. I can't imagine what it was like working on the ship, sleeping in the tiny cabins, and trying to walk past somebody in those tiny little hallways. Not to mention the sea sickness.

Walking around the Lexington and looking at the pictures down the halls gives me a better picture of life during those time periods. Each picture shares a unique story and getting just a glimpse of those sailor's lives is astonishing.

The more I learn about the Navy, my respect for the sailors grows tremendously. I

am so beyond grateful for what they have done for me and this country. Although I never met Bill, walking around the ship and seeing where he lived and worked made me gain a connection with him. His and every sailor's duty during war is unimaginable and I am so honored to be a part of the Navy family.

I will be attending the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall of 2021 with plans of majoring in nursing. After obtaining my bachelor's degree, I plan on going back to school to get my Nurse Practitioner license. Helping kids is and has been my goal throughout my entire life and being able to save their life is beyond exciting. The end goal is to be able to have my own family practice where I can treat not just kids, but people of all age groups.

Third Place: Katelyn Meyer \$500

Growing up, I was surrounded by patriotism. Having a grandfather, great-uncle, and two great grandfathers in the military, my family has always had immense pride in our country. Every time someone thanked any of my veteran relatives for their service, they replied "it was an honor for me to serve." This gave me the perspective that it was a privilege to live in America, and an honor to serve the country in any way you are able.

My Great-Grandfather, Dominic Rivara, served on the USS Lexington as a Machinist's Mate. He boarded the Lexington 17March1943. After his time on Lexington, he served on USS New Jersey, USS Fremont, and USS Catamont. He ultimately earned 14 medals over the course of 6 years in the service. For these achievements, he was featured in the book "Men of the Blue Ghost", in which he relayed his experi-

ence on Lexington, saying, "My years on Lexington were a source of a lot of good memories which will be with me always."

Though not all memories are happy. Some of my great grandfather's closest friends died in the service. He often told me a story of a torpedo hitting Lexington, killing several men, including his supervisor.

Seeing these deaths caused my greatgrandfather lasting mental health issues. Seeing this and how much else he sacrificed for our country, gave me immeasurable respect for veterans and all they have done for us.

Being surrounded by veterans all my life and hearing the stories of others who are less fortunate than me, I hope to improve people's lives and conditions by shedding light on

I plan on attending University of Missouri-

Columbia (Mizzou) this fall. There, I hope to learn how to respectfully report on real world issues. I hope to research and report on issues veterans face, like PTSD and increased rates of homelessness. Every year around Christmas, I join my mom and Grandpa on a hike up a cliff on the side of the interstate. Here we decorate a tree to pay tribute to my great-grandfather, other veterans, and those currently serving in the military. We use red tinsel and ornaments representing the blood shed by many. The tree is then wrapped in caution tape for those still serving today. Atop the tree flies a flag big enough to be seen from far down the highway. Being raised to respect veteran has impacted how I see people every day. To me, veterans are real life heroes and I aim to honor them in any way I can.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT











BY: Jimmy Johnson





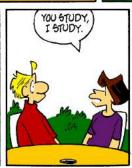












Online viewers, can't get enough of these characters? Click the Arlo and Janis logo, and it'll take you to the artists personal blog page.



Some sea stories should not be told.

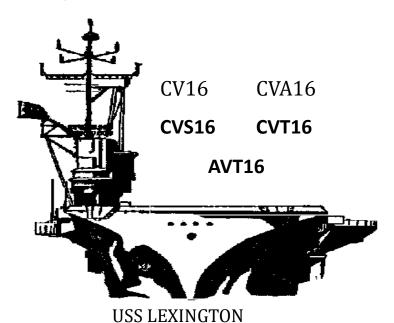


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