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JUNE 2019

MCPON URGES CHIEFS TO TEACH THROUGH SEA STORIES

By Mark D. Faram mfaram@navytimes.com

To the Navy's top enlisted sailor, the greatest challenge facing the Navy's enlisted workforce is simply keeping sailors focused on preparing for "blue water" warfare.

Speaking as a part of a senior enlisted panel at the Navy League's Sea-Air-Space confab on May 7, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Russ Smith called on fellow members of the Goat Locker to work hard to train their sailors for warfare on the high seas against peer rivals.

And they can begin by telling sea stories, which he sees as engaging "eyeball to eyeball" discussions between leaders and their sailors that will make junior enlisted personnel "understand that there is something coming that they need to get ready for, that war will come most likely in their generation and they need to be prepared to fight."

Chiefs must help them balance and manage their careers but their bedrock duty is to make sure that sailors know their ratings and what they're expected to do, especially in combat.

Smith believes that a key teaching tool is sharing "stories that some of us older folks have with our experiences and really painting it in a realistic fashion."

MCPON painted a grisly picture of war at sea, with a "first missile hit that's going to take out three or 400 sailors on a carrier."

"Will it be painful? Yes. Will there be lessons learned? Yes. Will some fail? Yes. And will others rise that you did not expect? Absolutely," Smith told the audience.

Smith said that the Navy must explain to sailors how they fit into their mission as they travel across a complicated world.

"We need to better inform and not assume that a culinary specialist who's working down in the galley on your carrier doesn't need to know what's going on in the world around them," he said. "I think that as a Navy, we can do far better at keeping all of our sailors informed as to the why so that they understand."

Smith recalled a recent all hands call: "We had an aircraft mech who said, 'I do corrosion control. What the hell do I do in contributing to this great power competition?'" It's a question MCPON often

hears and he has an answer ready: "Everything we do in the Navy contributes in one way or another to lethality. We do not have the time, the resources or anything else to waste. Every resource, everything we have goes to lethality in one way or another."

The sailor fighting corrosion "keeps that jet airborne, which gives that pilot time and proficiency in the cockpit,

which contributes to their readiness" so that "they're ready to fight."

"Everyone plays a role and without everyone on the team functioning, the team can't win," Smith said. "And every rating leads to lethality in one way or another."

Since 2001, the armed forces were engaged in a vast counterinsurgency struggle in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and other global hot spots, Smith said, and the Navy's skills at waging war at sea began to atrophy.

"The war of the future is not going to look like what we fought for the last 17 years," he said. "And we know that. And we're not where we were 30 years ago when it comes to damage control readiness and firefighting readiness, so we're making the adjustments we need to."



Back to basics

A simulated class alpha fire burns during a drill on board the aircraft carrier George Washington on March 26. The crew conducted the exercise with the Newport News Shipyard fire department because the carrier is undergoing a refueling complex overhaul there.

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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 and phone number.

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

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71 - 21 73rd Place
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A Note from the Editor:

If anyone has articles they'd like to include in the newsletter, please send them to me and I'll put them in, space permitting, including a byline to credit you with the submission.

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George "Bill" Moulder, USN Retired
 March 11, 2019 - Pensacola, FL
 Onboard: 1975

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pensacola-fl/george-moulder-8204528>

Byron Sizemore, USN Retired
 May 13, 2019—Pensacole, FL
 Onboard: 1980-1984

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pensacolanejournal/obituary.aspx?n=byron-sizemore&pid=192894876>

William L. Stephens

April 29, 2019 - Pensacola, FL
 Onboard: 1980 (*Served as Lexington Chief Engineer in 1980*)

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pensacolanejournal/obituary.aspx?n=william-l-stephens&pid=192747268&fhid=6174>

Samuel L. Summers, USN Retired
 March 19, 2019 - Pensacola, FL

https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/samuel-sommers-iii?lud=AF8256786E4456C380082198644B43B3&fh_id=11174&fbclid=IwAR2gspa_k-n9mXCc1cVqUst54Uq0PkFnDSdVU2aDkly_rnuUqi1VBt1Jys

Daisy Morgan, USN Retired
 June 6, 2019 - Temple Hills, MD
 Onboard: 1980-1983


WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

Walter C. Abram III

Onboard: 1981-1984
 V2 CATS

Jimmie R. Mills

Onboard: 03/1970-03/1972
 Personnel

DL Stiger

Onboard: 10/1976-11/1979
 VT-26

Pamela J. Cubeta-Rogers

Onboard: 1987-1991
 V1

Ivy K. Pinkston

Onboard: 07/1981-05/1985
 COD Crew

June M. Taylor

Onboard: 1980-1981
 MS

David H. Duffala

Onboard: 12/1965-10/1968
 M DIV - Main Engine Room

James M. Pitts

Onboard: 1972-1973
 R - Door & Hatch Shop

James F. Tuccinardi

Onboard: 09/1969-07/1973
 B #2&4 Fireroom

Rich E. Maguire

Onboard: 01/1988-10/1991
 Safety Dept

Charles E. Prete

Onboard: 04/1970-04/1972
 BT

Paul M. Younker

Onboard: 1966-10/1969
 E DIV

Jere F. McCoy

Onboard: 11/1959-08/1962
 Admin

Robert F. Singleton

Onboard: 09/1969-09/1971
 Electrical

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. Make checks payable to :USS Lexington Association

Please send your dues to: Lance Wagner, 71-21 73rd Place , Glendale, NY 11385



Fellow shipmates and USS Lexington CV 16 Association members. As you read this edition of the Sunrise Press we are just three months from the 42nd USS Lexington Association annual reunion. We are anticipating a large turnout in Corpus Christi for the reunion so

if you have not yet registered and booked the reunion hotel I would advise you to do so soon. Personally, I can't wait to go aboard the Lady Lex again. It will be my third visit to the ship since she has become the museum in Corpus. From what I have read on the internet (so it must be true) the museum has continued to evolve with more to see and do aboard. Not to mention us shipmates trying to find our compartments and work spaces. Some easy, some not to easy.


At the Sunday opening reception and at the Wednesday banquet we will have a special guest and his wife in attendance. Capt. Steve Banta USN (Ret) the museum Executive Director will be attending both events at our invitation. It will be a great chance for association members to "meet

and greet" Capt. Banta.

Monday of the reunion will be a special day starting with the city tour of the Corpus Christi area followed by the memorial service and lunch in the hanger bay of the ship. Then free time to roam the ship. There will be special recognition of two departed shipmates who were both WW II veterans and who had a significant role in our association. The memorial service is always an emotional experience for me and for the first time I will be honored to read the names of our departed shipmates since the last reunion in San Diego.


Great news! As you hopefully read in the April edition of the Sunrise Press we have raised enough money for the USS Lexington plaque to be placed at the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in San Diego. Lloyd Friedli has been working with the Veterans Memorial and the officers of the association have approved the design. Check out the plaque in this edition of the Press. *(see picture below)* I think it is a great design and one our shipmates will be proud of. When the plaque will be installed at the memorial is TBD but hopefully soon.

That's all for this edition of the Sunrise Press. Have a great summer and I am personally looking forward to seeing many of you in October.





USS LEXINGTON

CV16 / CVA16 / CVS16 / CVT16 / AVT16




February 1943 – April 1947
The World War II "Blue Ghost"
11 Battle Stars
☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
The Philippine Liberation Medal
and
Presidential Unit Citation





August 1955 – November 1991

The post World War II
"Lady Lex" served with
distinction in both the Pacific
and Atlantic oceans and served as
the Fleet Training Carrier for
22 years.



In honor of the proud and courageous men and women who served aboard this great ship.

USS Lexington CV16 Association

Design for the USS Lexington CV16 Association—Mt. Soledad Plaque

The Loss of a Friend...



THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

THIS MORNING I RECEIVED NEWS THAT MY DEAR FRIEND, MY SISTER WHOM I LOVE DEARLY DAISY MORGAN PASSED INTO ETERNITY. DAISY WAS MORE THAN JUST A FRIEND; SHE WAS AND WILL ALWAYS BE THE BLUEPRINT OF A SAILOR IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

SISTER DAISY MORGAN JOINED THE NAVY IN OCTOBER OF 1971, SHE STATED

THAT SHE NOTICED THE UNIFORM THAT THE NAVY RECRUITER WAS WEARING AND SHE SAW A SIGN THAT SAID 'SEE THE WORLD;' SHE THEN SAID "I WAS SOLD." THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A MILITARY CAREER THAT INCLUDED 20 YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY AND ANOTHER 18 YEARS AS A NAVAL ROTC INSTRUCTOR.

HER FIRST EIGHT YEARS SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO AN ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON WHERE SHE HAD ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES. DURING THAT TIME IN AMERICA'S HISTORY WOMEN WERE PROHIBITED FROM COMBAT DUTY SO BY LAW THEY HAD DESK JOBS. SHE VOLUNTEERED FOR EXTRA DUTY BY FLYING WITH CREWS ON THE NAVY'S CARGO PLANES.

SISTER DAISY WAS DIAGNOSED WITH HOSKINS LYMPHOMA WHILE SERVING AND COULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT ON A MEDICAL DISCHARGE HOWEVER, SHE DECIDED TO STAY AND RE-ENLISTED AFTER EIGHT YEARS. AFTER RE-ENLISTING SHE WAS GIVEN THE CHOICE TO WORK AT BOOT CAMP FOR NEW RECRUITS OR GO TO AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER BECAUSE WOMEN WERE JUST BEING ACCEPTED. SHE CHOOSE THE LATTER. THIS IS WHERE I MET MY SISTER, MY FRIEND.

SO, IN JULY OF 1980 SISTER DAISY ARRIVED AT PENSACOLA NAVAL AIR STATION, AND THERE PARKED AT THE PIER WAS HER NEW FLOATING HOME. SHE WAS ONE OF 50 WOMEN TO GO ABOARD LADY LEX. LADY LEX ASSIGNMENT WAS TO TRAIN THOUSANDS OF NAVAL OFFICERS HOW TO LAND ON A SHIP, THIS WAS CRITICAL TO THE NAVY'S WAR EFFORT.

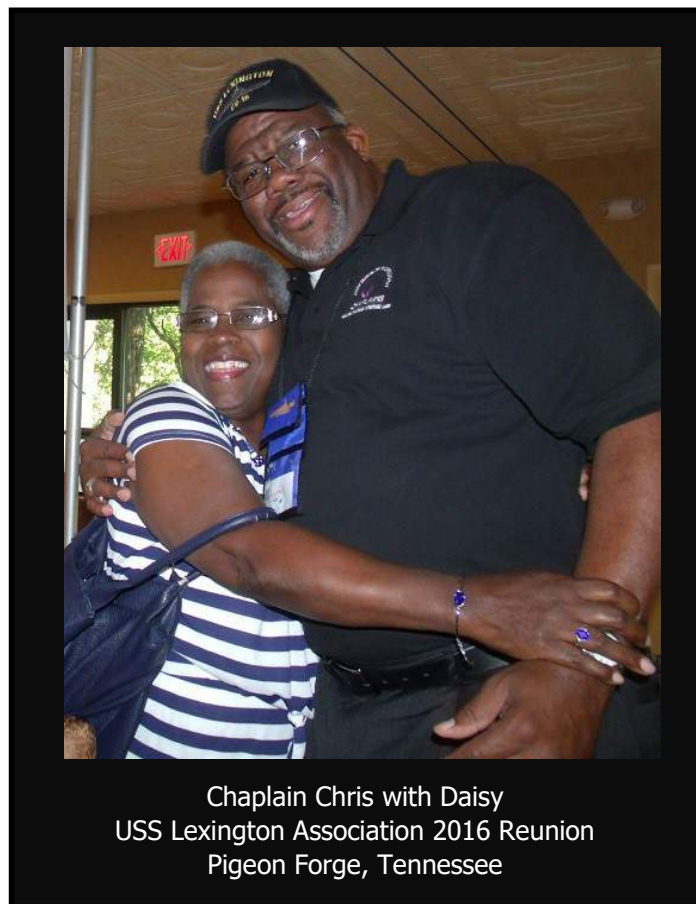
BEING ONE OF THE FIRST FEMALES ABOARD THE LEXINGTON SHE MET RESISTANCE FROM DAY ONE. SHE WAS GRILLED ON THE SHIPS TERMINOLOGY WHILE BYSTANDERS MADE NEGATIVE COMMENTS AND CRUDE GESTURES. THE MALE SAILORS WERE MEAN SPIRITED AND ABUSIVE. EXAMPLES ARE VERBAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL ABUSE AS WELL AS INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING. BUT THROUGH IT ALL SISTER DAISY STAYED WITHIN THE FOOTPRINTS OF HER ROOTS. AFTER ALL SHE GREW UP WITH 12 BROTHERS AND 5 SISTERS ALL FROM THE SAME PARENTS WHO WERE GOD FEARING. MRS. ANNIE MORGAN WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN. A ROLE MODEL, AS WELL AS A TEACHER OF GOD'S WORD. MR. WALTER MORGAN BEING A MINISTER PREACHED WHAT GOD'S WORD SAID, AND WALKED WHAT HE

PREACHED. IT WAS A WONDERFUL FAMILY SHE CAME OUT OF. WHILE ON THE LEXINGTON FOR THREE YEARS SHE WAS PROMOTED TO PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS WHERE SHE ASSISTED WOMEN MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM CIVILIAN LIFE TO WORKING ON AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. HER CAREER SPANNED 20 YEARS IN THE NAVY, SHE RETIRED AS CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. AFTER HER ACTIVE DUTY CAREER SISTER DAISY BECAME AN ROTC INSTRUCTOR AT NORTH-WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL IN HYATTSVILLE FROM 1993 UNTIL 2011; THERE SHE TAUGHT YOUNG PEOPLE HOW TO WEAR THE UNIFORM, DRILL, MILITARY HISTORY AND OTHER CEREMONIAL DUTIES. SHE HAS A PLAQUE ON THE WALL OF THE PENTAGON IN HER NAME (SIDE NOTE).

SHE ALSO HAS MANY LETTERS AND AWARDS TO SHOW FOR HER TENURE AND HER LOVE FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

I AM SADDENED; SISTER DAISY MORGAN WAS A REMARKABLE WOMAN. I INTRODUCED HER TO MY SON WHO IS ALSO IN THE NAVY. IT IS A GREAT LOSS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE USS LEXINGTON ASSOCIATION. SHE WAS ALWAYS PRESENT AT REUNIONS, AND ACTIVE IN EACH.

GOD SPEED SISTER DAISY MORGAN....WE SHALL SEE YOU AGAIN ON DISTANT SHORES.



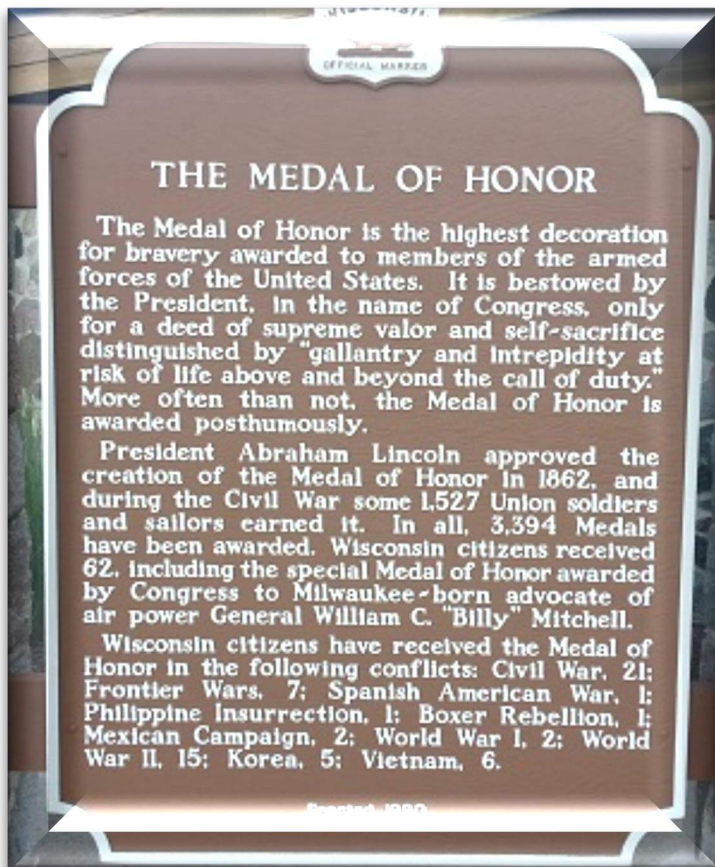
Chaplain Chris with Daisy
USS Lexington Association 2016 Reunion
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Chaplain Hagger pastors All People Worship Center in Odessa, Texas He also overseas the operation at All People Hospice and Healthcare.

Contact Information: 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.

Medal of Honor Wall: Beloit, Wisconsin Submitted by Shipmate Greg Plante



Medals of Honor Received - Wisconsin

Civil War - 21	Frontier Wars - 7
Spanish American War - 1	Philippine Insurrection - 1
Boxer Rebellion - 1	Mexican Campaign - 2
WWI - 2	WWII - 15
Korea - 5	Vietnam - 6

While traveling around the country in my semi, I have many opportunities to stop at rest areas. Every now and then I come across a Veteran's Memorial for the local area. This one was located near Beloit, Wisconsin. If you're ever northbound on I-90, stop at the rest area/ welcome center and take it all in.. The pictures here were just taken with my old cell phone and don't do justice to the beautiful job they did.

I have a special place in my heart for CMOH recipients. They don't give them out like candy. If you merited one, you earned it, and I stood in awe this day at how many great American patriots the state of Wisconsin produced. It was just a rest area, but it felt like hallowed ground.

Veteran's Memorial Feature:

We want to showcase Veteran's Memorials from all across the United States. Send photos and information of your local Memorials or those you come across while traveling. We'll share them in the Sunrise Press.

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

Or email to: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

2019 Reunion: October 6th - 10th, Corpus Christi Omni Hotel
Corpus Christi, Texas: Home of the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay

The Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi will be the venue for our Reunion. Located in the downtown Marina District, the hotel offers luxurious guestrooms with spectacular views of the Corpus Christi Bay. A few of the hotel amenities include an Outdoor heated Pool, Indoor Racquetball Courts, a Fitness Center, and 24 hour dining. The hotel is giving us a special rate of \$125 per night. Hotel reservations can be made online at the link below which will take you directly to the USS Lexington Reunion special rate page. *Hotel Reservations must be made before September 6, 2019*

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi/meetings/uss-lexington-vs-16-assn>



Omni Hotel
900 N Shoreline Blvd
Corpus Christi,
Texas 78401
Phone:
(361) 887-1600



Tuesday, October 8th
FREE DAY!!

****Explore the City****

****Visit the Sights****

****Go Shopping****

Enjoy your Day!!



Nearby Area Attractions:

USS Lexington Museum

Texas State Aquarium

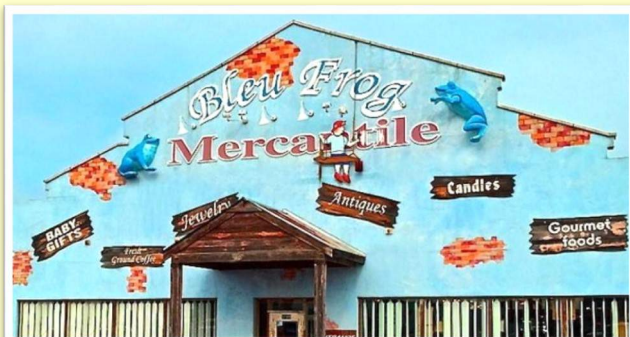
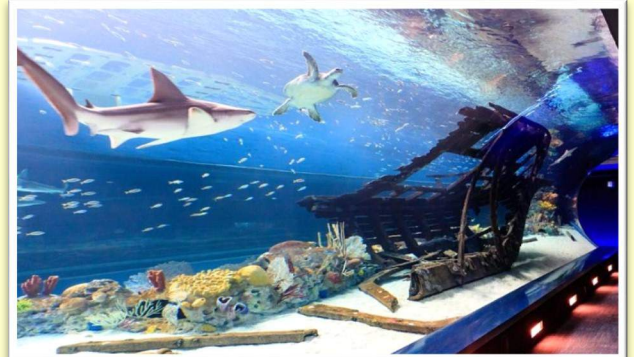
Art Museum of South Texas

Shopping:

Water Street District

Blue Frog Mercantile

La Palmera Mall
Codi's Crafts & Collectibles
and MORE!



Let's get together on the LEX!!!

42nd Annual Reunion of the USS Lexington CV16 Association

**Lots to Do
and a Ship-full of
spaces to explore!**

The Flight Deck

Escape Room

3D Mega Theater

Virtual Battle Stations

Pearl Harbor Exhibit

Flight Simulator

And So Much More!

We have invited Capt. Steve Banta to join us at our Opening Reception, our memorial service after our tour, and also the Wednesday evening Banquet. Before you get to know him then, here's a little to get to know him now.

Steve is the New Executive Director of the USS Lexington Museum. He served 26 years in the Navy, Finishing his career as the Commander of NAS Corpus Christi, and upon retiring, started his current position.

Steve, 49, was appointed when his predecessor, Rocco Montesano retired after 20 years, and is responsible for ensuring the ship and it's contents are preserved correctly.

The board felt that Mr Banta has a personality similar to Rocco's, and would fill those shoes well. Banta says that Montesano inspired him to be a good leader, and notes that the reason the Lexington is so successful is because of that leadership.

According to Banta, "This is a 75 year old ship. There's challenges every day making sure that we keep it in the right condition for the community and the visitors that come on board. We have very dedicated crew and employees and volunteers. They are keeping the ship going to preserve history. We just love doing it. I'm very honored to be a part of this now. It was an honor to be chosen, but I can't do it without the great staff of crew members and volunteers."

USS LEXINGTON
Museum On The Bay

USS LEXINGTON CV 16 42nd ANNUAL REUNION



Corpus Christi, Texas October 6th - 10th, 2019

ITINERARY

October 6th - Sunday: *Hotel Check-in/Reunion Registration*

- 1200 Hospitality Suite opens for check in - *Bayview Suite*
- 1600 Hospitality Suite Closes for Reception
- 1700 Opening Reception: Finger Foods & Cash Bar - *Bayview Suite*

October 7th - Monday: *City Tour, Memorial Service & Lunch*

- 0815 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Scheduled Tour
- 0830 Bus departs for the City Tour of historical Corpus Christi
 - Memorial Service and Lunch on the Hanger Bay/USS Lexington
 - Free time to explore the Ship
- 1500 Bus leaves USS LEX to return to the Omni Hotel
- 1600 Hospitality Suite Opens
- 1800 Hospitality Suite Closes

October 8th - Tuesday: *Free Day for Sight Seeing, Shopping, and Sea Stories*

- 1300 Hospitality Suite Opens
- 1800 Hospitality Suite Closes

October 9th - Wednesday: *Business Meeting and Banquet*

- 1000 Business Meeting; All members and guests welcome
- 1200 Hospitality Suite Opens
- 1600 Hospitality Suite Closes
- 1800 Banquet
 - Social Hour (Doors will open at 1800) Cash Bar
 - Group Picture (Coat and Tie suggested)
 - Presentation of Colors / Dinner Served / Entertainment

October 10th - Thursday

Checkout — Safe travels home..... Next stop Omaha

REGISTRATION FORM
2019 REUNION OF THE USS LEXINGTON CV-16 ASSOCIATION
October 6th - 10th, Corpus Christi Texas

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____
(Additional guests - please list on back and include in the final numbers below.)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATES ON BOARD _____ DIVISION _____

Host Hotel: Corpus Christi Omni Hotel

900 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 - Phone: (361) 887-1600

Online Reservations: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi/meetings/uss-lexington-vs-16-assn>

The group rate is \$125/night and is good three days pre and post reunion.

Hotel Reservations must be made before September 6, 2019

Register me for the following:

Reunion Registration Fee (not optional).....Number of attendees' _____ x \$40 each = \$ _____

Monday, October 7th

City Tour/Memorial Service/Lunch.....Number of attendees' _____ x \$60 each = \$ _____

Wednesday, October 9th

Farewell Banquet.....Number of attendees' _____ x \$55 each = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée:

A.) Cast Iron Grilled Filet Mignon _____

B.) Chicken Romana topped with a Seasoned Tomato & Red Onion Relish _____

C.) Salmon with Pecan Butter _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Mail Registration form and check payable to:

Cut-off Date: September 15, 2019

USS Lexington CV 16 Association

Lance Wagner

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Looking for..... What?

This is your newsletter. From the Associations point of view, this newsletter is to promulgate information concerning our reunions, and that remains its primary task. But there is room for much more than that, and that's for you. 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 "Looking for" section of this newsletter.

Name: Ron Cogswell **Email:** ronaldcogswell@aol.com

Subject: Looking for Shipmates

Message: V-50 DIVISION 1957 / 1958 AVIATION ORDNANCE SHIRLEY RAY BEARD, RETIRED, CHIEF BOB-BY LEE BELCHER, RETIRED, CHIEF GEORGE EDWARD COLLINS, RETIRED.

Name: Joe Bryant **Email:** joebryant1950@gmail.com

Subject: Death on Catapult 1970 or 1971

Message: During these years I was station on the Lexington as Hook Runner. I am seeking the name of sailor that was killed on the catapult, I can't remember his name but I know we carried his body to Galveston Tx. Hope you can help me. Thanks

Name: John B. Hagler Jr **Email:** shelhagler@aol.com

Subject: Crew List 1968 to 1971

Message: Trying to find former administrative officer "Murphy"

Name: Markus Landon Penzel **Email:** markpenzel@yahoo.com

Subject: Looking for information about Shipmate Newbold R. Landon

Message: Newbold was my uncle, an Avenger pilot who flew off the Lex and was killed over Guam in 1944. It's a long shot, but I was wondering if there might be anyone still alive who remembers him.



Picture: Newbold onboard the USS Lexington

Newby Landon (in T-shirt) was killed later over Guam. Paul Dana (on right) was killed over Saipan.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION:

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

From Navy Times 5-27-19

By Iain D. Boyd

Russia and China have recently touted their progress in developing hypersonic vehicles, which fly much faster than the speed of sound.

Hypersonic missiles are rocket-boosted to high altitude and may be launched from land, sea or air.

They fly far faster than any other weapons — more than 3,000 mph and potentially up to 10,000 mph — which makes them difficult to identify, avoid or shoot down.

After leading the development of this technology area for decades, the U.S. finds itself behind and investing heavily in the technology to try to keep up.

One of my primary research areas is in the development of computational models to help design hypersonic vehicles. The research is funded by the government and private industry. I have led studies on hypersonics for the government.

Over the past 60 years, U.S. interest in hypersonic vehicles has waxed and waned. An early success was the X-15, a hypersonic test aircraft with a maximum speed of 4,500 mph that was flown from 1959 to 1968.

The X-15 flew 199 times and experienced two failures, one resulting in the death of the pilot. It set the stage for the development of the space shuttle, which flew from 1981 to 2011.

The next ramp-up in hypersonic activity was the National Aero-Space Plane Program, from 1986 to 1993, which never built a prototype.

A recent success was the X-51A, from 2005 to 2013, which set a world endurance record for sustained flight of a hypersonic vehicle powered by a high-speed propulsion engine called a scramjet. There were only four flights, and two of those were not fully successful. In addition, there were no plans in place for any follow-on at the end of the X-51A program.

Now it seems the U.S. is back in the hypersonic effort in a serious way.

The Pentagon has declared hypersonics to be its number one research and development technical priority. The president's recent budget request proposes allocating almost \$3 billion to develop hypersonic weapons and defense systems against potential adversaries' hypersonic weapons.

China and Russia have become increasingly interested in hypersonic weapons in recent years.



Since 2005, China has published more research papers at a key hypersonics conference than any other country or international group. The Chinese have invested in a number of new and impressive hypersonic test facilities. And China has conducted more hypersonic flight tests recently than the U.S.

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently claimed that his country's military will begin deploying a hypersonic weapon called the Avangard sometime in 2019.

It's not yet clear when those countries will be able to deploy hypersonic weapons in any significant numbers, which is why the U.S. has seized upon this moment to step up its efforts.

The recent presidential funding requests for weapons development signal efforts to figure out how to deploy hypersonic weapons from air, sea and land.

Most of the U.S. spending appears to be aimed at developing new weapons — but that risks ignoring the key priority of defense. To counter Chinese and Russian development efforts, the Pentagon will need to invest in ways to detect, track and disable or destroy incoming hypersonic weapons.

It is not clear if the types of interceptors that have been developed for defense against slower weapons will be effective against hypersonic missiles. Entirely novel approaches may be needed to defeat this new threat. Examples include high-power lasers and beams of electromagnetic energy.

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Memories of a V2 Division Crewman

As I remember it was a rather chilly day in February 1965 as I awaited the arrival of the Lady Lex at NAS Pensacola pending its return from Bayonne, NJ. The fog was very thick and I had a very nervous feeling developing in my stomach as the ship's horn sounded and the tugs responded. It seemed like forever for the Gray Ghost to breach the fog and reveal what was to be my duty station for the next nineteen months. The closest I had been to a carrier was at the north athletic area at USNTC San Diego in November 1963, the day President Kennedy was assassinated. There were three ships in the harbor and before dusk they had vanished.

From boot camp I spent about 6 months at "A" school in Memphis, TN before I discovered the Fleet Entrance Exam to the Naval Academy. I was extremely fortunate in growing up in a small town on the central gulf coast in Florida and lettering in three varsity sports at Venice High School. To make a long story short, I passed the oral examination of the review panel and was on my way to the Academy Prep School at Bainbridge, MD. Unfortunately my 165 lb frame did not match up well with the array of HS Americans that had been assembled from the Naval Reserves and I lacked the academic prowess to compete with the rest, so it wasn't long before I was opting out.

When I filled out my dream sheet I selected a CVA as my sea billet but the next morning I realized that I should have selected a CVS to potentially reconnect with my AT career and Anti Submarine Warfare. And that is how I drew the USS Lexington rather than the USS Ranger (in the Gulf of Tonkin) which a buddy from "A" school in Memphis had drawn. Well, as you all know, at that time CVS for the Lexington meant Civilian Visiting Ship and a lot of hard work for the V2 Division of which I became a member.

I think it was about 30 days or so before we resumed normal operations and before long we were underway to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on a shakedown cruise. Finally I was in the real Navy. We had maneuvers with the USS Tweedy DE-532, ship-to-ship refueling, boat-swain chair rigging, GQ, fire in the hanger bay, etc.

This was nothing compared to the tension of finding out there were a few Russian ships in the area. I'll never forget the Liberty Launch ride to and from Fleet Landing at Gitmo!!!! It was there we practiced rigging the barricade - unsuccessfully. Three broken ankles in five attempts. During the next eighteen months thank God there was never a requirement for this drill. I was trained as a hook runner but occasionally I got to go up the cats and was on bridle and holdback hookup. The hot summer days tested us as most of our division worked an hour on and hour off. It seemed sometimes that we secured from fight quarters, took a shower and in a matter of hours it all started again. It's been so long ago I can't remember exactly but we sometimes had 400 traps a day. I know we set the fleet record for a single day's operation.

Our routine was one week of day operations at Pensacola with T-28s and T2s. Then mixed day and night ops primarily with fleet aircraft A4 and S2s followed by a trip to Corpus Christie with F9 and S2s. After the Thursday's operations ended we did a 180 and streamed back to Pensacola in time for Friday liberty. We had the next week in port, taking on supplies and black oil setting up for the next round. While I was in ship's company we celebrated the 180,000th arrested landings and I had the thrill of catching the first A6 Intruder to land on the Lex. There was an unbelievable safety record as far as I'm concerned, a nominal number of nose strut collapses and only two pilot fatalities off the cats.

Sometimes on early morning fishing trips into the Gulf of Mexico I recall a squadron of planes breaking out of formation, turning down wind, the sun just popping its orange circle above the blue waters of the deep Gulf and the Air Boss's command "Standby to recover aircraft" or out of nowhere I hear a bos'n pipe and then over the 1MC "Lexington Departing".

*Submitted by: Shipmate Jim Christman, Hookrunner
V2 Division Feb 1965-Oct 1966*

Share your LEX stories!

Do you have special memories or sea stories from your days on the LEX. Feel free to share them with us. Just send an email (or snail mail) with your stories and/or pictures so we can include them in the next issue of the Sunrise Press.

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MEMORIES FROM THE LEX

Submitted by Shipmate Greg Plante

One of my favorite memories from my time on the LEX was when they filmed a Bob Hope TV special on the deck. In fact, one of the items I donated to the Lexington museum was one of my dixie cups with most of the stars autographs n the inside edge of the cup. My wife came to the ship and met me as I was getting off watch and we enjoyed the filming together. I got the chance to have actual conversations with many of them when they weren't taping (they were staging themselves in Operations spaces, after all.) And I found those that I talked with to be WONDERFUL PEOPLE. Especially Mr Jonathon Winters, Mr Mac Davis and Ms Barbara Mandrell.

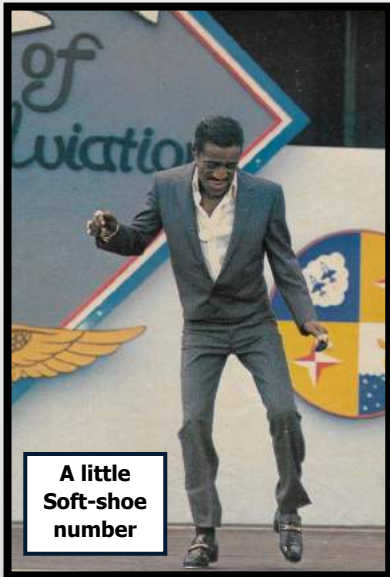
Bob Hope's High-Flying Birthday aboard the USS Lexington

Aired: May 26, 1986 on NBC

A birthday bash in honor of Bob Hope's 83rd birthday and the 75th anniversary of Naval Aviation.

Taped aboard the USS Lexington on the coast of Florida at the Pensacola Naval Aviation Station.

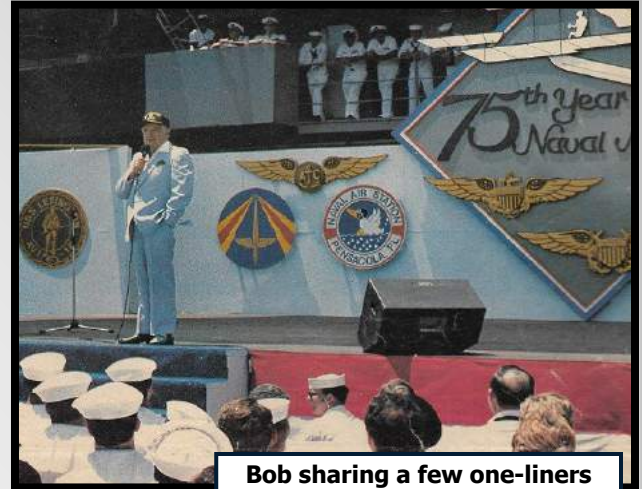
Staring Bob Hope, with guest stars Sammy Davis Jr, Jonathan Winters, Elizabeth Taylor, Barbara Mandell, Brook Shields, Phylcia Rashad, Mac Davis, Don Johnson, Patty Andrews, and Dolores Hope.



A little Soft-shoe number



Birthday Cake



Bob sharing a few one-liners



A Kiss from Brook



Patty Andrews



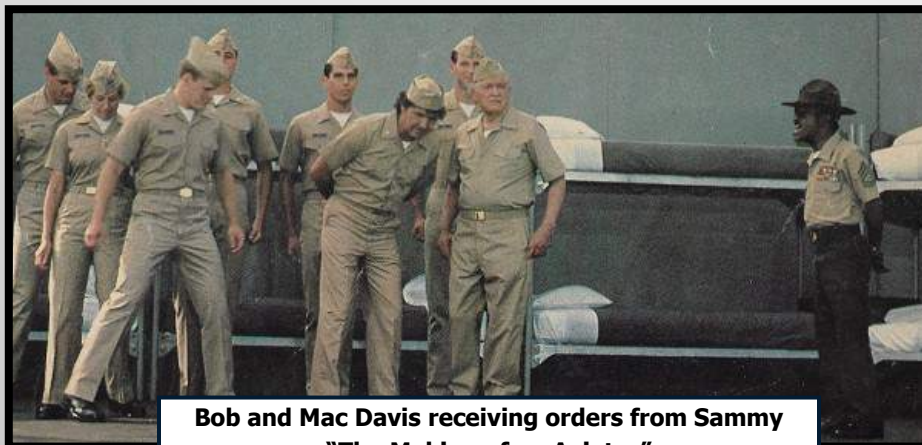
Bob, Sammy, & Jonathan as the "Andrew Sisters"



Bob and the girls



Dolores Hope



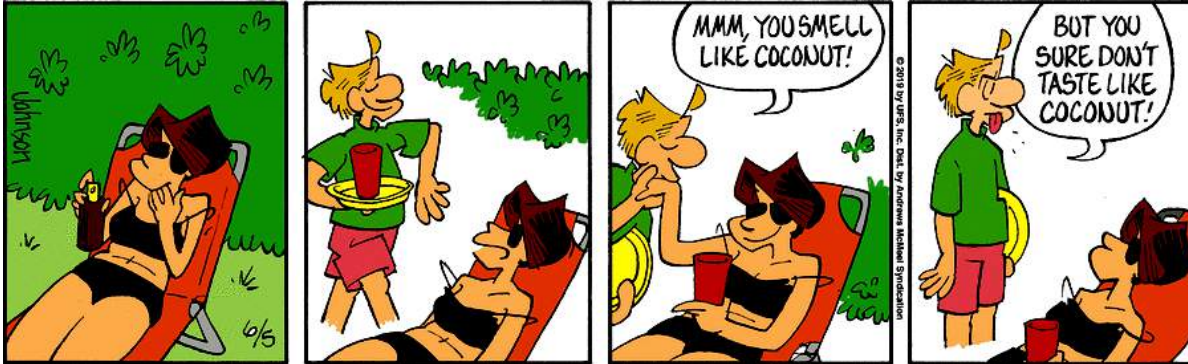
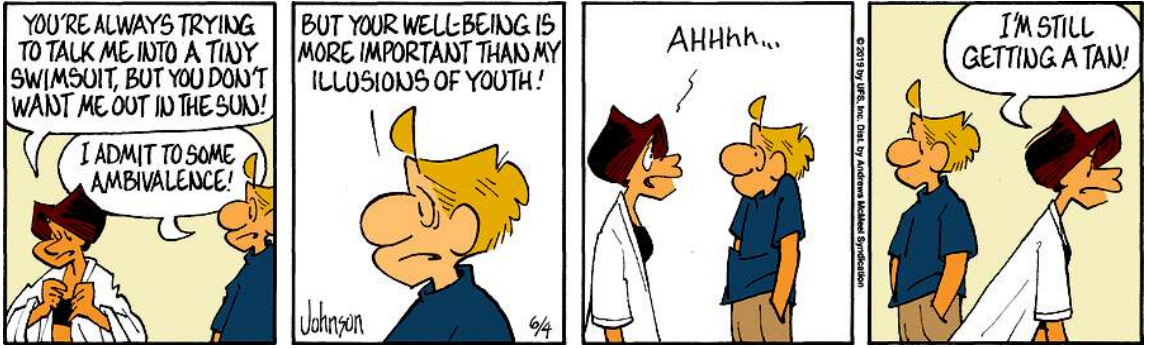
Bob and Mac Davis receiving orders from Sammy "The Making of an Aviator"



Barbara Mandrell



Arlo and Janis
 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.

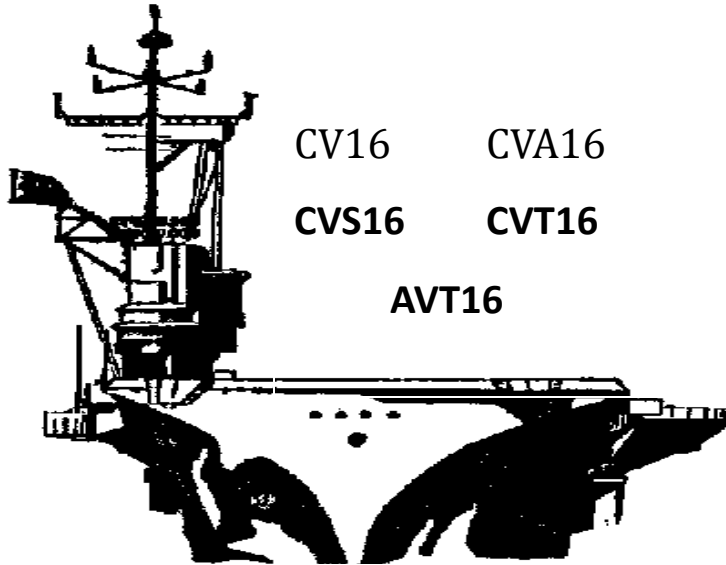


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