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THE MILITARY IS GETTING READY FOR 4.1 MILLION NEW SHOPPERS

(And You Could Be One of Them)

Taken From Navy Times—By: Karen Jowers

It's the biggest increase in eligible customers for decades, and some have wondered how this will affect their long-time military shopping benefits.

But defense officials, commissary and exchange and morale, welfare and recreation officials have been preparing for the influx of newly eligible customers for months to ensure that shelves are well-stocked. They're also keeping an eye on staffing in stores, knowing that, especially in some places, they will be stocking the shelves much more frequently; and they may need to add some cashiers.

While no one has a crystal ball to predict what these shoppers will buy and how much, there are some items that officials believe will be popular among these new veteran and veteran caregivers shoppers. One example is meat, because commissaries have generally very good pricing on meats, said Robert Bianchi, the Defense Department's special assistant for commissary operations. The retired Navy rear admiral is also the long-time chief executive officer of the Navy Exchange Service Command.

Defense Commissary Agency officials have been ramping up orders from vendors in certain geographic areas where they expect to see higher numbers of new shoppers, such as San Diego, San Antonio, and Hawaii. Preliminary data indicates that the Pearl Harbor store, several stores in California, and the store at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, are among those seeing increased traffic.

Members of the industry supporting the stores have also been very supportive, he said, and commissary and exchange officials have shared information about possible areas of high volume with them.

The new benefits were authorized by law for all veterans with VA service-connected disability ratings; Purple Heart recipients; veterans who are former prisoners of war; and primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the VA Caregiver program. Previously those with a 100 percent service-connected disability rating, and Medal of Honor recipients were allowed the benefits. According to the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, these populations are now entitled to access to commissaries, exchanges, and certain morale, welfare and recreation facilities on the same basis as military retirees.

It applies to Coast Guard installations as well as Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps installations. The new law adds an estimated 4.1 million new potential customers, but not all of those people will necessarily flock to the stores. DoD's analysis has shown that there are about 800,000 to 1.5 million of this new population who are within a 30 mile radius of a commissary, Bianchi said. Those within that radius may be more likely to drive to shop at those stores.

Officials have used information from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Census Bureau to identify potential high volume locations base on local populations of veterans and the cost of living in the area. For example, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the commissary prices are between 33 to 35% lower overall than commercial grocers outside the gate, Bianchi said.

With all the preparation and predictions about numbers and shopping habits, that's not to say that everything is going to be perfect, said Bianchi. "This is a huge sea change for us.

"I would ask folks to be patient with us if we do have those situations. Certainly front and center in all of our minds is to address those situations and resolve them quickly," he said.

"The good thing is that with the supply chain cycle being fairly quick, especially in our larger stores, we're getting deliveries almost every day. So I think our ability to recover... we should be able to react to this fairly quickly. I don't think we're going to see barren shelves with stock out for lengthy periods of time," Bianchi said. And just as they do during the holidays, they'll adjust their staffing and inventory as the demand dictates, he said.

Army and Air Force exchanges have made adjustments in multiple categories in anticipation of the new customer base, said spokesman Chris Ward. The inventory management team is closely monitoring customer demand to make quick adjustments as needed, he said.

Navy Exchange officials have also ramped up some of the areas of products where they think there will be the most interest, Bianchi said, such as Navy ballcaps, shirts, coffee mugs and other items with ship emblems. Marine Corps memorabilia merchandise will be popular with these new customers, said spokesman Bryan Driver. They're also expecting electronics will be a "hot product."

Officials expect that alcohol will be a popular item among the new shoppers, as pricing is generally good on libations, Bianchi said. The new customers are allowed to purchase anything in the stores, to include alcohol and tobacco, although there have already been some instances where these customers aren't allowed to buy those items.

Other items expected to be popular among the new customers are cosmetics, handbags, and jewelry. Bianchi said. In some cases prices may range from 40 percent or more cheaper than what exchange customers find in civilian stores for name brand handbags or some of the designer cosmetics, he said.

"We're excited about this, we're ready, and we're anxious to welcome these heroes back to the bases and back into our stores," Bianchi said.

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2020 LEX REUNION
September 28th - October 1st



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.

Donald Davis

09/04/2010 - Vancouver, WA
Onboard: 1945-1946

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?pid=145210426>

Richard G. Helphrey

04/24/2012 - Winchester, KY
Onboard: 1943

<https://www.hendersonvanatta.com/index.php/obituaries/1168-rq-qdickq-helphrey>

Walter C. Ivey, Jr

01/23/2020 - Opelika, AL
Onboard: 1970

<https://georgiacremation.com/obituary/walter-clinton-ivey-jr/>

Edward W. Lehane

09/25/2019 - Freeport, NY
Onboard: 1943-1945

https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/edward-lehane?fh_id=13546

Harold D. McGhee

01/03/2020 - Tucson, AZ
Onboard: 1944

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tucson/obituary.aspx?n=harold-dean-mcgee&pid=194970790&fhid=8373>

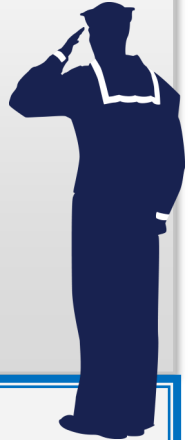
Charles R. Parson

11/13/2014 - Huntsville, AL
Onboard: 1944-1946

Harry "Glen" Calloway

02/09/2020 - Pensacola, FL

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pensacolanewsjournal/obituary.aspx?n=harry-calloway-glenn&pid=195386588&fhid=10282>



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.

Please email notifications to: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

 **WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS**

Adams, Vernon J

Onboard: 07/1981 - 07/1984
B

Bates, James D

Onboard: 01/1986 - 12/1989
V-2

Brinson, Franklin D.

Onboard: 10/1988 - 04/1991
S-2 Wardroom

Chranowski, Matthew J

Onboard: 1976 - 1977
M - 1 & 2 Evaporators

Disney, Rick

Onboard: 1977 - 1980
V-2 CATS

Goettsche, Lawrence R

Onboard: 08/1955 - 07/1956
X - I & F

Hill, Melinda M

Onboard: 1988 - 1989
BT

(Labs) Woodard, Thomas A

Onboard: 01/1976 - 01/1978
Supply S-3

Poole, Mitch E

Onboard: 07/1970 - 09/1972
1st

(Vigil) F0x, Linda M

Onboard: 07/1990 - 05/1991
Asst Legal Officer

Young, Marshall A

Onboard: 04/1972 - 02/1974
Boiler Tech

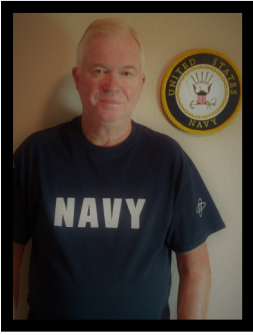
USS Lexington CV16 Association: Membership

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

or pay by mail: **Make checks payable to :USS Lexington Association**

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



Fellow shipmates and USS Lexington CV 16 Association members. It is a new year and planning for the 2020 reunion in Omaha, NE is just about wrapped up. In this issue of the Sunrise Press you will

find the itinerary and registration form for the 2020 reunion. Our Association Historian and host of the 2020 reunion Howard Canup has been working with the convention planners in Omaha to ensure we have a great reunion with tour/activity options. I have been told by my son in law (who travels there frequently) that Omaha has the best steak restaurants anywhere! I will get a list of a few and publish in the Sunrise Press before the reunion. Omaha is also known to be a very Veteran friendly city. It should be a great reunion.

Lloyd Freidi has created an on-line USS Lexington CV 16 Association scholarship award application. Eligible relatives of the Association members can now complete the scholarship award on-line and email it to Scott and Missy Redding, our scholarship award review committee. I have posted notice of this new way to apply for our scholarships on several Face Book pages related to the USS Lexington. At last count there were seven such sites that I know of.

Our Treasurer Lance and Secretary Greg have been working to enable a method of bank transfer payment for Association annual dues. The great news is this has just been completed and Association members can now pay their annual dues on-line. Just go to our WEB site usslexingtoncv16.org and press the "Dues and Donation" button. This will take you to the page where you can pay your annual dues. Of course you still can send your annual dues vial US mail to our treasurer Lance as noted in the Sunrise Press. Thanks to Lance and Greg for getting this done.

While the 2020 reunion is still months away I am looking forward to another great time with my fellow Association members, shipmates, guests and spouses. Shipmates share a common bond in that we served on the greatest aircraft carrier ever. That bond will never be broken. See you in Omaha.

Gary Shorrel

 ***A little USS Lexington history:*** Submitted by Gary Shorrel

Her blue-gray silhouette dominates the skyline at Corpus Christi's North Beach, and she's happy about that. Since 1992, the USS Lexington has served as both an educational museum and popular tourist attraction. But before that, she served her country first in World War II and then as a training carrier.

Commissioning:

The ship we know today was commissioned Feb. 17, 1943. The Japanese sank the "original" USS Lexington on May 8, 1942. That also wasn't the first vessel called the Lexington: there were four previous ships to carry the name. When the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts heard of the sinking of the USS Lexington CV-2, they sent a telegram to Navy Secretary Frank Knox, urging him to name the carrier the shipyard was currently building USS Lexington. Quincy is only 20 miles from Lexington, Massachusetts, and the origin of the name.

Sherrill Park on Shoreline Boulevard is named in honor of Corpus Christi's first World War II casualty, Warren Joseph Sherrill.

World War II Service:

When the USS Lexington CV-16 launched, she went to the Pacific Theater and spent 21 months in combat. Her planes destroyed more than 800 enemy aircraft and sank or destroyed more than 900,000 tons of enemy cargo.

The only carrier in the fleet to not be painted with a camouflage pattern, it didn't hinder her ability to outwit the enemy. Tokyo Rose famously reported the vessel sunk at least four times, only for the Lady Lex to reappear, earning the nickname "Blue Ghost."

New life as Training Aircraft Carrier:

The ship was mothballed after World War II, then retrofitted and sent to the Pacific again in 1955. In 1962 the ship was transferred to Pensacola. That's when she began making regular trips across the Gulf of Mexico as a training aircraft carrier.

The first trip in May 1963 was a hit with locals. The 910-foot-long vessel arrived May 2, 1963 and docked at the Humble Pipeline Co. pier on Harbor Island in Port Aransas. Spectators lined the shore to watch as four tugboats helped ease her into position. About 30,000 people went aboard the carrier to get a tour, ride the elevator capable of hoisting 60,000 pounds to the flight deck, and enjoying the view from top.

43rd Annual Reunion of the
USS Lexington CV16 Association
September 28th - October 1st, 2020
Ramada Plaza by Wyndham - Omaha, Nebraska





BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE

Today I was thinking of my father, he transitioned from this life into eternity in the year 2001. However, during his earthly journey he was one of the best chefs in East Texas. Because he traveled within his profession, he was the lead chef for an event during his visit to England that was attended by

the Royal family; he spoke of that time fondly. My siblings and I looked forward to his return after many of his long travels. When he returned home, he always made a feast so that we as a family and relatives would come over and enjoy each other's company, I dearly miss those days.

As we approach Christ's resurrection, I am reminded of the feasts of the Bible that God so appointed to spend times with His children. There are seven holidays that God instituted, which were intended to be times to meet with God or if there was a relationship as such to meet with our father. The Lord spoke to Moses saying, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies. (*Lev. 23:1-2*).

These seven holidays are:

Pesach – *Passover*

Hag HaMatzot – *The Feast of unleavened bread*

Reishit – *The feast of first fruits*

Shavuot – *The feast of weeks (Pentecost)*

Rosh HaShanah / Yom HaTeruah – *The feast of Trumpets*

Yom Kippur – *The day of Atonement*

Sukkot – *The feast of Tabernacles (Feast of Booths)*

Leviticus 23 is sometimes referred to as "God's calendar of redeeming grace" or the "calendar of divine redemption." In these 44 verses basically tell of God's redemptive plan for the world He created. The holidays and Sabbath days are a "shadow of things to come" (*Colossians 2:16-17*).

Passover pictures the death of Jesus, the perfect sacrifice.
He died on Passover

Unleavened bread pictures the sinless Jesus,
"the bread of life" from heaven

Reishit (first fruits)

foretold his resurrection on the third day

Shavuot (Pentecost)

foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit 50 days later

Three main lessons of the seven feasts:

I. God's protection

II. God's provision

III. God's promise

As we prepare to celebrate the holidays; let us remind our loved ones that it is more than an Easter bunny or gifts. It was God's gift to His children. When dad returned home and he prepared his sumptuous dishes, he also brought gifts to his children. It was always a pleasure to eat, laugh, love and grow. Let us prepare to do so this Easter holiday with our family.

Chaplain Christopher Hagger

AND THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING,

"SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND SAY TO THEM:

THE FEASTS OF THE LORD, WHICH YOU SHALL PROCLAIM

TO BE HOLY CONVOCATIONS, THESE ARE MY FEASTS"

LEVITICUS 23:1-2

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

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

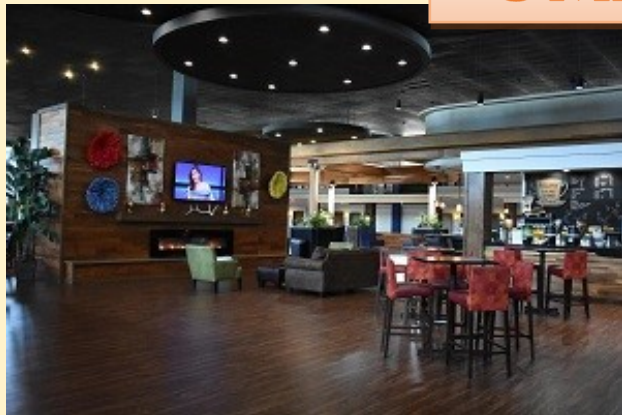
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY: August 28, 2020

2020 REUNION: SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST

Tuesday: Our day will begin with a City Tour of Historical Omaha. We'll enjoy lunch at the highly recommended Upstream Brewing Company, located in the downtown Historic Market. To complete our tour we will honor our former shipmates with a Memorial Service at Freedom Park.

Encompassing a thirty-block radius in midtown Omaha, the Gold Coast Historic District contains the large mansions and single-family homes of the city's early middle and upper-class residents. The area's distinction as the Gold Coast emerged when Omaha's wealthy citizens first settled the area in the 1880s. The variety of architectural styles found in the area reflects aesthetic trends and changing economies of the areas diverse residents.

The Historic Gold Coast District



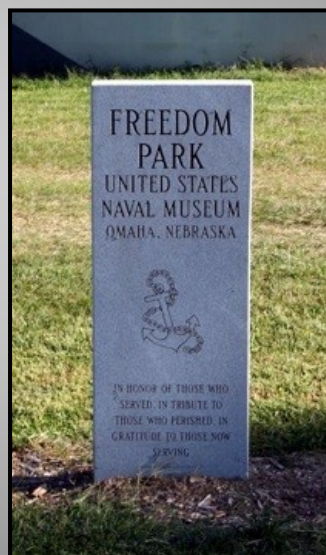
Upstream Brewing Company is well known for its great food and terrific atmosphere. They offer an extensive menu of new American pub fare including hand-cut "Omaha Steaks", fresh fish, hearty sandwiches, pasta dishes, and more! They are known for their fresh-brewed handcrafted beers and their own root beer on tap.



Memorial Service: Honoring our Shipmates who have passed away this past year.



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.

2020 REUNION: SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST

Wednesday is your Free-Day to go out and enjoy the city... Sightseeing, Shopping, Touring and More!
Omaha offers a wide verity of Museums, Parks, Entertainment and Cuisine.

<https://www.visitomaha.com/>

River City Star Riverboat Tour and Luncheon



Join your shipmates out on the two-story Riverboat, cruising the Missouri River and enjoying the sights and sounds of the river. The lower deck of the boat is fully enclosed, handicapped accessible, temperature controlled and has a fully stocked bar, comfortable seating and two restrooms. The upper deck is open air with a canopy.

You must pre-register (on the LEX Reunion Registration Form) for this Boat Tour.

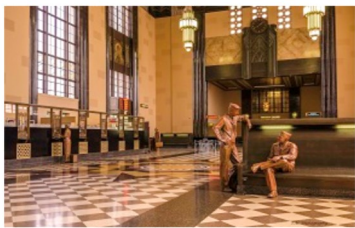
This park features more than 100 larger-than-life sized bronze sculptures that tell the story of the pioneer's westward journey.

PIONEER COURAGE PARK

Visitors can walk among wagons, oxen, horses and pioneers. This unique art display stretches through six city blocks.



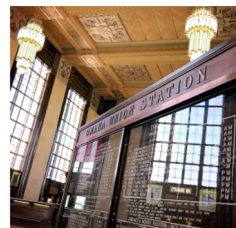
https://www.firstnationalcampus.com/fnc/html/en/sculpture_park/pioneer.html



The Durham Museum

Travel back to a time when riding the rails was a popular mode of transportation. Climb aboard a steam train, see one of the world's rarest coin collection, and enjoy the region's rich history.

<https://durhammuseum.org/>



The Henry Dooley Zoo & Aquarium

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<http://www.omahazoo.com/>



Old Market

Shopping and more...

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<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/>

 **2020 REUNION: SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST**

REGISTRATION FORM

2020 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.
Ramada Plaza by Windham, 3321 South 72nd Street ,Omaha, NE 68124
Phone: 1-402-393-3950
Mention the Lexington Association - Group Rate (\$84/per night)
Hotel Reservations must be made before August 28, 2020

The Registration Form is also available on our website, with the ability to pay using your Debit or Credit Card.
www.usslexingtoncv16.org

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

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATES ON BOARD _____ DIVISION _____

Additional Guests: _____

Register me for the following:

Reunion Registration Fee (not optional).....Number of attendees _____ x \$45 each = \$ _____

Tuesday, September 29th

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

Wednesday, September 30th

River Boat Tour and Lunch.....Number of attendees _____ x \$50 each = \$ _____

Farewell Banquet.....Number of attendees _____ x \$60 each = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée:

A.) Chicken Florentine _____

B.) Pork Tenderloin _____

C.) Sliced Prime Rib _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Mail Registration form and check payable to: **USS Lexington CV 16 Association**
Lance Wagner
71-21 73 Place, Glendale, New York 11385

Cut-off Date: August 28, 2020

ITINERARY for the 43rd ANNUAL REUNION - Omaha, Nebraska

September 28th – Monday: Hotel Check-in/Reunion Registration

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

September 29th – Tuesday: City Tour, Memorial Service & Lunch

- 0815 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Scheduled Tour
- 0830 Bus departs for the City Tour of historical Omaha
- 1300 Lunch at Upstream Brewing Co.
- 1430 Memorial Service at Freedom Park
- 1600 Hospitality Suite Opens
- 1800 Hospitality Suite Closes

September 30th – Wednesday: free day for Sight Seeing, River Boat Tour

- 1045 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Scheduled Tour
- 1100 Depart for River City Star River Boat Tour and Lunch
- 1300 Hospitality Suite Opens
- 1800 Hospitality Suite Closes

October 1th – Thursday: 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 2th – Thursday

Checkout – Safe travels home.... 2021 Reunion: Gettysburg

NOTE:

Hospitality Suite: *Dakota Room*, Banquet Room: *Omaha E*

UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

USS Lexington CV 16 Association members. Our WEB master has just completed a significant enhancement to the USS Lexington CV 16 scholarship award program. **Now applicants can submit an application for our scholarships online. Go to our WEB site, usslexingtoncv16.org** and press the "Scholarship Program" button on the first page of the WEB site. This link will take the applicant to a page describing the program, eligibility and a form to complete and email to our scholarship program review committee. The USS Lexington CV 16 Association is proud to make these scholarships available to relatives of the Association. Good luck to all who apply.

Gary Shorrel

President, USS Lexington CV 16 Association

Scholarship of the USS Lexington CV16 Association

The USS Lexington CV16 Association scholarship program began in 2005. Each year 2005 to 2018 a \$1,000 scholarship award was provided to a deserving high school senior of an Association shipmate. In 2019 the program (\$1,000 award) was changed to include college underclassmen and technical school attendees and two \$500 scholarships were added. The 2020 USS Lexington CV16 Association scholarship award program is as follows:

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

One (1) \$1,000 Award

Two (2) \$500 Awards

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Senior (or)
- College or Technical School Student in their first two years of post secondary education (or)
- Returning Veteran who attends a school and meets the Association Family member requirements.
- Student considered up to age 25
- Must be a family member of USS Lexington CV16 Association member
Family members considered (but not limited to) - daughters, sons, granddaughters, grandsons, nieces, nephews.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT:

In the space provided on the application write an essay of 500 words or less concerning the United States Navy of a historical nature or more topical with respect to the current US Naval fleet. The essay should also include one paragraph about your educational or personal goals and any other pertinent information you wish to share with the award committee.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

June 1, 2020



It is our desire as an Association to support continuing education for our high school seniors, college underclassmen and technical school attendees. Additionally if returning veterans meeting the family criteria continues their education we want to support that effort.



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.

NAME: Cesar Horta **EMAIL:** cesar.horta@gmail.com

Subject: VIPs Invited to 1963 exercise off Kingsville, TX

Looking for 1963 CV16 exercise off Kingsville with large number of Reserves (I think) invited to Kingsville and then flown to carrier staying overnight to watch Grumman Cougars VT-21 and VT-22 land/go round/launch in 1963 - not sure but could have been in September.

NAME: Tara Thomas **EMAIL:** tara21271@gmail.com

Subject: Pictures

I'm writing in hopes to find anyone who might have pictures of USS Lexington (CVS-16) from the years 1960-1964. I'm hoping I can find pictures of when my father (Walter Joseph Bina) served. He has recently passed away along with his stories. I would love to have them to pass along to my boys who as well served. I truly hope that someone can help. Thank you for your time.

NAME: Jim Fink **EMAIL:** jwbaf4@gmail.com

Subject: Looking for former Legal Officer

Does anyone have a recollection of a Female Legal Officer on the ship during 1984-1987 time frame. I worked in the Brig during that time and worked with the Legal Dept of the LEX. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

NAME: Gary Shorrel **EMAIL:** shorrel@charter.net

Subject: Looking for Shipmate

Looking for John T. Marten, ETN2 1969-? TACSATCOM installation, test and evaluation technician.

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Subject: Looking for Officer

Looking for an officer that was a great influence to me (1974) Name: LTJG Blanks (or Blank?)

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Submitted by Shipmate Deane Dietel

Tomb of the Unknowns Guards Begin Use of Custom M17 Pistols

Recently, Tomb Guards from the US Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) were presented with 4 ceremonial M17 pistols at Arlington National Cemetery. These works of art were created by SIG SAUER specifically for use by the Guards.

This ceremony marks the first use of the M17, which will accompany the Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers as they stand guard 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The unique distinguishing features for the M17 Tomb of the Unknown Pistols include:

Pistol Names: each of the four pistols bears the name of Silence, Respect, Dignity, or Perseverance and is featured on the dust cover. Dignity and Perseverance represent "The Sentinel's Creed," and Silence and Respect represent the request to the public by Arlington National Cemetery when visiting the Tomb of the Unknown, and during the Changing of the Guard;

Custom Wood Grips: in 1921 the chosen Unknown was transported to the United States of America aboard the USS Olympia. The custom wood grips are made with wood from the USS Olympia and include the crest of the 3rd Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge inset;

Cocking Serrations: XXI cocking serrations are engraved on the slide to signify the twenty-one steps it takes for the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknowns and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute;

Sight Plate: an engraved impression of the Greek Figures featured on the east panel of the Tomb – Peace, Victory, and Valor – are featured on the sight plate;

Sights: a glass insert made with marble dust from the Tomb of the Unknown fills the sights of the ceremonial pistols;

Engraved Magazines: the 21-round magazines feature an aluminum base plate engraved with the names of the Greek figures featured on the Tomb of the Unknown – Peace, Victory, and Valor – and include a name plate on the bottom of the magazine engraved with the Tomb Sentinel badge number.

Serial Numbers: the pistols are serialized with a unique set of serial numbers that incorporate items of significance to the Old Guard: "LS" represents line six of the Sentinels' Creed, "My standard will remain perfection; "02JUL37" to signify the first 24-hour guard posted at the Tomb of the Unknown on July 3, 1937; "21" to signify the 21 steps it takes the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknown, and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute.

The full series of M17 Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Pistols serial numbers are LS02JUL37A21 (Silence), LS02JUL37B21

Submitted by Shipmate Howard Canup

This Is Why No Essex-Class Aircraft Carriers Were Lost In World War II

(Click on the link below to read this article)

https://news.yahoo.com/why-no-essex-class-aircraft-090000351.html?soc_src=community&soc_trk=ma

Received from Shipmate Linda Vigil-Fox

I was the Assistant Legal Officer from July 1990 to May of 1991. I left early because I needed to have surgery. I was there with LT Brenda Lyles as the Staff Judge Advocate. This was my first duty station as an officer but I was a Legalman Senior Chief before I took the commission.

When I checked on board I had them put Asst. Legal Officer on the back of my hat. When I went to pick it up they forgot the "t". I told them you don't know me well enough yet to call me an "Ass." Legal Officer. The kid grabbed that hat out of my hand so fast. I really wanted to keep it, I changed it to Mini Jag.

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CPO Standards

Contributed by: Mike McCaffrey, Admiral (retired USN)

Never forget this, a Chief can become an Officer, but an Officer can never become a Chief. Chiefs have their standards!

Recollections of a Whitehat.

"One thing we weren't aware of at the time, but became evident as life wore on, was that we learned true leadership from the finest examples any lad was ever given, Chief Petty Officers. They were crusty old bastards who had done it all and had been forged into men who had been time tested over more years than a lot of us had time on the planet. The ones I remember wore hydraulic oil stained hats with scratched and dinged-up insignia, faded shirts, some with a Bull Durham tag dangling out of their right-hand pocket or a pipe and tobacco reloads in a worn leather pouch in their hip pockets, and a Zippo that had been everywhere. Some of them came with tattoos on their forearms that would force them to keep their cuffs buttoned at a Methodist picnic..

Most of them were as tough as a boarding house steak. A quality required to survive the life they lived. They were, and always will be, a breed apart from all other residents of Mother Earth. They took eighteen year old idiots and hammered the stupid bastards into sailors.

You knew instinctively it had to be hell on earth to have been born a Chief's kid. God should have given all sons born to Chiefs a return option.

A Chief didn't have to command respect. He got it because there was nothing else you could give them. They were God's designated hitters on earth.

We had Chiefs with fully loaded Submarine Combat Patrol Pins, and combat air crew wings in my day...hard-core bastards who remembered lost mates, and still cursed the cause of their loss...and they were expert at choosing descriptive adjectives and nouns, none of which their mothers would have endorsed.

At the rare times you saw a Chief topside in dress canvas, you saw rows of hard-earned, worn and faded ribbons over his pocket. "Hey Chief, what's that one and that one?" "Oh hell kid, I can't remember. There was a war on. They gave them to us to keep track of the campaigns." "We didn't get a lot of news out where we were.. To be honest, we just took their word for it. Hell son, you couldn't pronounce most of the names of the places we went. They're all depth charge survival geedunk." "Listen kid, ribbons don't make you a Sailor." We knew who the heroes were, and in the final analysis that's all that matters.

Many nights, we sat in the after mess deck wrapping ourselves around cups of coffee and listening to their stories. They were light-hearted stories about warm beer shared with their running mates in corrugated metal sheds at resupply depots where the only furniture was a few packing crates and a couple of Coleman lamps. Standing in line at a Honolulu cathouse or spending three hours soaking in a tub in Freemantle, smoking cigars, and getting loaded. It was our history. And we dreamed of being just like them because they were our heroes. When they accepted you as their shipmate, it was the highest honor you would ever receive in your

life. At least it was clearly that for me. They were not men given to the prerogatives of their position.

You would find them with their sleeves rolled up, shoulder-to-shoulder with you in a stores loading party. "Hey Chief, no need for you to be out here tossin' crates in the rain, we can get all this crap aboard.."

"Son, the term 'All hands' means all hands."

"Yeah Chief, but you're no damn kid anymore, you old coot."

"Horsefly, when I'm eighty-five parked in the stove up old bastards' home, I'll still be able to kick your worthless butt from here to fifty feet past the screw guards along with six of your closest friends." And he probably wasn't bullshitting.

They trained us. Not only us, but hundreds more just like us. If it wasn't for Chief Petty Officers, there wouldn't be any U.S. Navy. There wasn't any fairy godmother who lived in a hollow tree in the enchanted forest who could wave her magic wand and create a Chief Petty Officer.

They were born as hot-sacking seamen, and matured like good whiskey in steel hulls over many years. Nothing a nineteen year-old jay-bird could cook up was original to these old saltwater owls. They had seen E-3 jerks come and go for so many years; they could read you like a book. "Son, I know what you are thinking. Just one word of advice. DON'T. It won't be worth it."

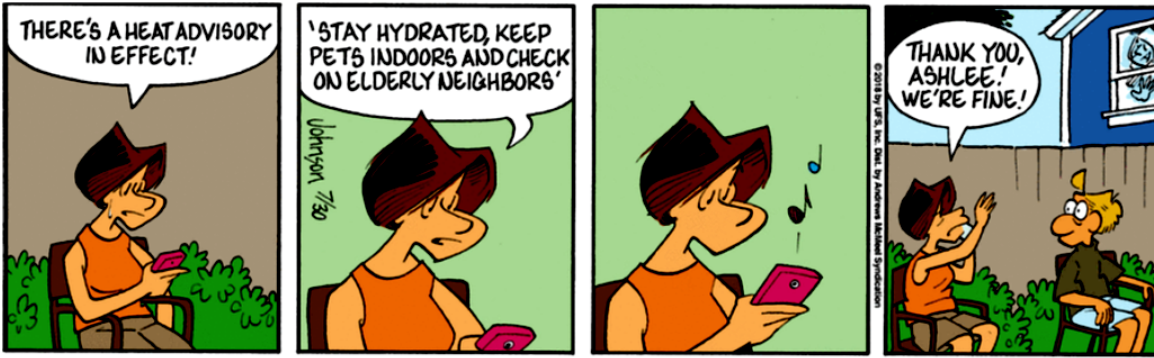
"Aye, Chief."

Chiefs aren't the kind of guys you thank. Monkeys at the zoo don't spend a lot of time thanking the guy who makes them do tricks for peanuts.

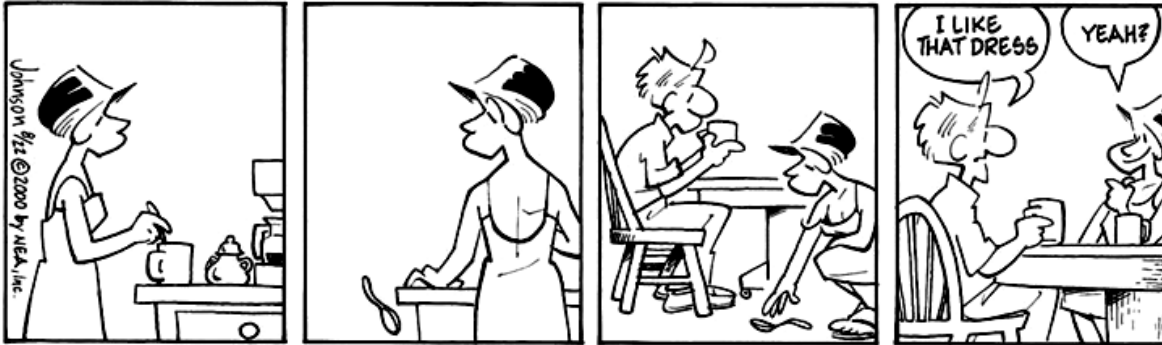
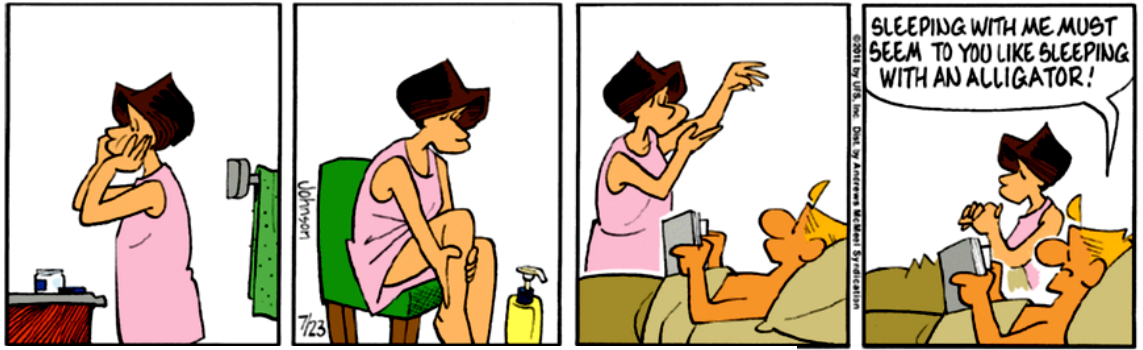
Appreciation of what they did, and who they were, comes with long distance retrospect. No young lad takes time to recognize the worth of his leadership. That comes later when you have experienced poor leadership or let's say, when you have the maturity to recognize what leaders should be, you find that Chiefs are the standard by which you measure all others.

They had no Academy rings to get scratched up. They butchered the King's English. They had become educated at the other end of an anchor chain from Copenhagen to Singapore. They had given their entire lives to the U.S. Navy. In the progression of the nobility of employment, Chief Petty Officer heads the list. So, when we ultimately get our final duty station assignments and we get to wherever the big Chief of Naval Operations in the sky assigns us, if we are lucky, Marines will be guarding the streets, and there will be an old Chief in an oil-stained hat and a cigar stub clenched in his teeth standing at the brow to assign us our bunks and tell us where to stow our gear... and we will all be young again, and the damn coffee will float a rock..

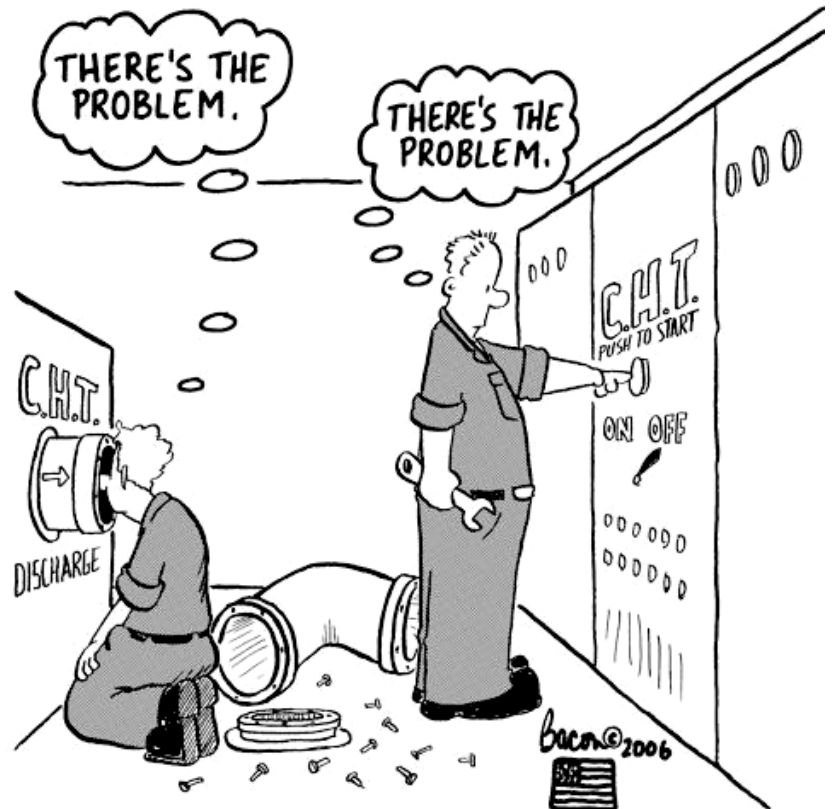
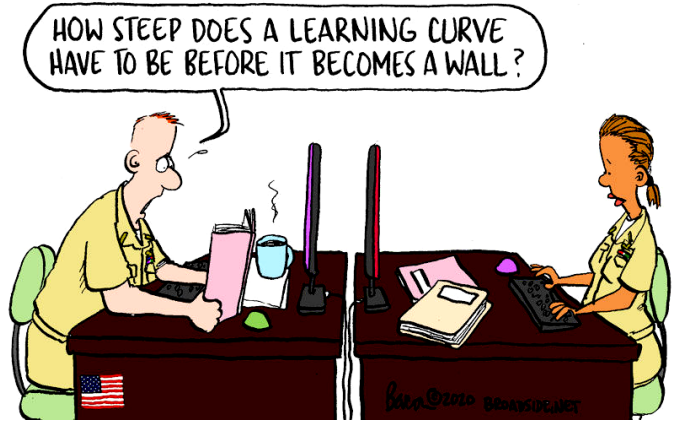
Life fixes it so that by the time a stupid kid grows old enough and smart enough to recognize who he should have thanked along the way, he no longer can. If I could, I would thank my old Chiefs. If you only knew what you succeeded in pounding in this thick skull, you would be amazed. So, thanks you old casehardened unsalvageable son-of-a-bitches. Save me a rack in the berthing compartment."



Arlo Janis
BY: Jimmy Johnson



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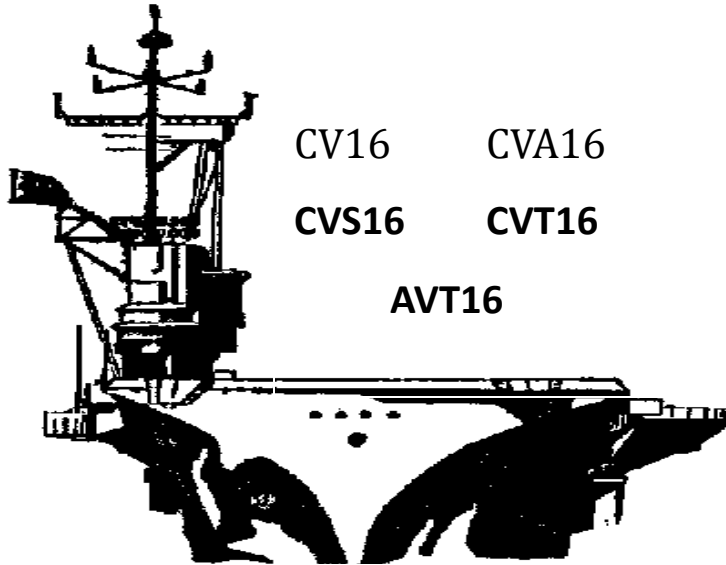


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