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NOW THE USS LEXINGTON MUSEUM ON THE BAY IN CORPUS CHRISTI,

OCTOBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020

42ND ANNUAL REUNION OF THE USS LEXINGTON ASSOCIATION

CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS - HOME OF THE USS LEXINGTON MUSEUM ON THE BAY



SHIPMATES

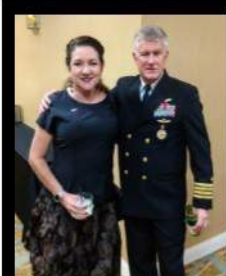
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SPOUSES & GUESTS



Association OFFICERS



What an honor it was for the entire USS Lexington Museum crew of staff and volunteers to have the USS Lexington CV16 Association on board your ship! We greatly enjoyed meeting and spending time with all of you. Thank you to those who took some time to tell their stories for our LEX Former Crew Oral History project. My wife and I enjoyed the extra time we got to spend with you all at the reception, lunch, and banquet. Wishing all the former LEX crew and families the best, and we look forward to seeing you in 2023 when we celebrate the ship's 80th birthday! ...*Steve Banta*

Guests of Honor: Steve Banta, Executive Director USS LEX Museum, and his wife Sarah, Executive Director USO of South Texas.

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Have you read an interesting article or story recently?
Share it with your shipmates! Just email them to us
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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.

**Send Dues to: Lance Wagner
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A Note from the Editor:

If anyone has articles 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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Carlo DeMarco

02/17/2019 - Armonk, NY
Onboard: 1943

<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=carlo-demarco&pid=191595328&fhid=27164>

Milo Eisenhart

03/29/2019 - Lansdowne, PA
Onboard: 1943-1946

<https://www.lyonsfs.com/memorials/Eisenhart-Ira/3786832/>

Edward Hanna

06/09/2017 - Mentor On the Lake, OH
Onboard: 1943-1944

<https://obits.cleveland.com/obituaries/cleveland/obituary.aspx?n=edward-hanna&pid=185761275&fhid=17561>

Cletus E. Kueffer

04/02/2018 - California, MO
Onboard: 1943-1945

<https://www.millardfamilychapels.com/obituaries/Cletus-Kueffer/#!/Obituary>

Gerard Landry Jr

04/09/2019 - St Bernard, LA
Onboard: 1943-1945

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/chalmette-la/gerard-landry-8244976>

Albert N. Olinger

02/08/2005 - Salinas, CA
Onboard: 1944-1946

Everett Rodriguez

04/02/2017 - New Martinsville, WV
Onboard: 1943-1945

<https://www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/everett-canny-rodriguez/>

L.D. Rowland

06/26/2018 - New Castle, OK
Onboard: 1944

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/derral-ld-rowland-obituary?pid=189400029>

John E. Ryder

06/26/2019 - LaGrange Park, IL
Onboard: 1971-1975

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chicagotribune/obituary.aspx?n=john-eryder&pid=193568780&fhid=2096>

Larry Starkey

12/20/2018 - Pensacola, FL

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/larry-starkey-obituary?pid=191083782>

Arthur Streitz

08/08/2018 - La Cross, WI
Onboard: 1943-1945

<https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/obituaries/name/arthur-streitz-obituary?pid=189862600&v=batesville&view=questbook>

Hubert L. Thomason

07/24/2009 - San Diego, CA
Onboard: 1944



WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS
Alidor, Bernard Jr

Onboard: 01/1977 - 01/1979
V2 - Catapults

Bar, Garry

Onboard: 03/81 - 06/84
Capt Mess, S5 & S2

Bird, Louis E.

Onboard: 03/1979 - 03/1981
Navigation

Braeutigam, Kurt W.

Onboard: 10/1963 - 11/1965
E-DIV

Caveng, Rocco F.

Onboard: 06/1969 - 04/1971
Ship Serviceman

Elliott, Francis R.

Onboard: 1967 - 1969
M - Main Control

Fields, Bill

Onboard: 11/70 - 11/72
V1

Fontenot, William E.

Onboard: 02/1988 - 10/1991
Supply

Green, Austin Jr

Onboard: 09/1975 - 06/1979
Deck Dept- Yeoman

Jacobs, Edwin B.

Onboard: 1968 - 1969
V1

Keane, William M.

Onboard: 10/1987 - 10/1991
V1

Kousman-Romans, Sandra L.

Onboard: 01/19860 - 08/1983
Medical Service Hospital man

Lea, Joseph A.

Onboard: 11/1979 - 10/1984
M-DIV Engineering

Mason, Michael A.

Onboard: 08/1969 - 01/1971
Third

Renicker, Charles

Onboard: 12/1988 - 06/1991
V2

Rose, James R.

Onboard: 1969 - 1971
V1

Stephens, Melinda K.

Onboard: 1982 - 1984
A

Summers, Robert B.

Onboard: 01/90 - 11/91
S1 Supply

Weathers, James M.

Onboard: 07/1960 - 06/1962
SMSN

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



Fellow USS Lexington CV 16 Association members and shipmates. We have just completed the 42nd USS Lexington CV 16 Association reunion in Corpus Christi, TX and what a great reunion it was. A reunion at our ship is above and beyond any other location. After all it's the ship we all served on and the

ship that holds many memories for us all.

Beginning with the opening reception on Sunday we all got together to begin the festivities. The food was excellent as was the hospitality of the Corpus Christi Omni hotel staff. Joining us for the opening reception was Steve Banta, Capt. USN (ret) Executive Director of the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay and his wife Sarah. On Monday, many of us (two full buses) took the city tour of historic Corpus Christi. It was a very educational tour of the history of the city. The buses took us to the ship where one of our own, Allie Schrader, The only WW II veteran in attendance, was celebrated as the eight millionth visitor to the museum. After we were seated, Captain Banta spoke enthusiastically about the museum and its many dedicated employees and volunteers.

At the memorial ceremonial ceremony we honored fallen Association shipmates in the past year and held a special tribute for Roland King, founder of the USS Lexington CV 16 Association and Robert Neiman Sr., a plank owner and WWII veteran. Members of the King and Neiman families were escorted by the color guard to participate in the ceremonial laying of the wreath to honor Roland and Robert Sr. As it always is, the memo-

rial ceremony is an emotional time for me but this ceremony was especially moving as it happened on the ship with families of two of our greatest members.

After the memorial service, we had a wonderful lunch and time to explore the ship. Many of us were looking for where we had worked and slept.

Tuesday was a free day and many returned to the ship to take in more of the museum and to locate their compartments and work spaces of many years ago. The hospitality room was in full swing with lots of socializing and even some great singing of 60s and 70s songs by a quintet of the Association wives!

At the business meeting on Wednesday morning it was proposed by the Executive Board that the 2021 reunion be held at Gettysburg, PA. The membership voted and approved. Stay tuned to the Sunrise Press for details as they are developed.

On Wednesday afternoon three members, including yours truly, met with Steve Banta on the ship to discuss developing an exhibit on the ship for the USS Lexington CV 16 Association. Steve was very helpful and showed us potential locations for our exhibit. We selected a location which will be seen by many visitors to the museum. Association officer Lloyd Friedli will be working with the museum on this project.

Wednesday evening was a big success. Once again our special guests were Steve Banta and Sarah. The DJ/ Karaoke entertainment played to the audience (meaning not too much rock and a lot of slow dance music). The dance floor was packed and some amazing singing by guys and gals!

A big thank you goes to all the officers, wives and background players to make the 42nd USS Lexington CV 16 Association a huge success. See you in Omaha.

Save the Date: Sept 28th - Oct 1st, 2020

43rd Annual Reunion of the USS Lexington CV16 Association



OMAHA IS MILITARY PROUD

Omaha, Nebraska

Home to Stratcom, Offutt Air Force Base and the Strategic Air and Space Museum, military reunion planners find that Omaha speaks their language and offers a memorable place for military men and women to gather.



Conveniently located...

...for everyone!

USS Lexington Association Memorial Service: October 7th aboard the USS Lexington



Our Lord, we acknowledge your presence. We Honor you for who you are. You are God and God alone, and based on that we come before your throne. We come before your throne as friends, and as family of our fellow sailors who have sailed into eternity. We are here because we loved them, we will miss them, and we want to cherish their memories. We want to honor their life and support their family as they grieve their passing. A passing from life here with us, into everlasting life with you. Father thank you for their moments with us. You formed them, you knew them as your children, you walked with them. Now we have confidence that our fellow sailors, our brothers and sisters are in your presence. We thank you because you are a Father of mercy who promises to comfort, especially when we lose a love one. So, in these moments now, and in the weeks and months ahead, please bring comfort and mercy to these your people through your Spirit. In the mighty and Holy Name of Jesus we pray. Amen and Amen

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

Memorial Service honoring our 2019 fallen Shipmates



Thanks to you all for helping me to close a final chapter to the man I admired most, Dad. He can finally rest with his gun and crew. Thanks again Lexington and its crew members.
Bob Nieman Jr



Special tribute to Robert Neiman Sr, Plank Owner and WWII Veteran and Roland King, founder of the USS Lexington CV16 Association

Reacquainting with old friends and getting to know new ones....



Welcome to Corpus Christi — the city of Art...



...and home of the Lady LEX

USS LEXINGTON, CV-16
AIRCRAFT CARRIER
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS HIGHLY DECORATED WARSHIP ILLUSTRATES THE PIVOTAL ROLE
PERFORMED BY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS DURING WORLD WAR II AS THESE
SHIPS BECAME THE PRIMARY STRIKE PLATFORM OF THE U.S. NAVY

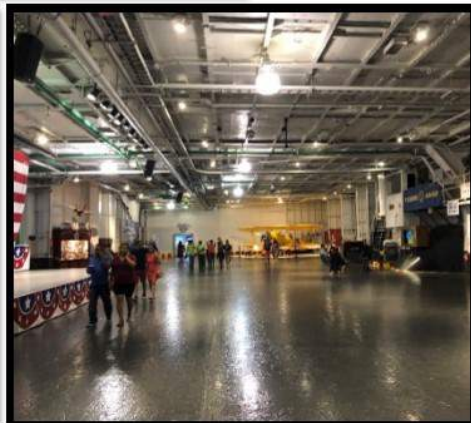
THIS SHIP POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2003
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



2019 REUNION

Aboard the USS LEX... reminiscing, exploring, and having fun!!



 **2019 REUNION**

Farewell Banquet: Singing, Dancing and lots of Fun!



KARAOKE



DANCING



MACARENA!!



**USS LEXINGTON CV16 ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2019 BUSINESS MEETING**

Called to Order at 1000 on Wednesday, October 9th by President Gary Shorrel

Invocation given by Chaplain Chris Hagger

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Gary Shorrel

Recognition of Attendees: 12 first-time members and 1 WWII member in attendance.

Minutes of the 2018 Business Meeting were read by Secretary Greg Plante. Approved as read.

Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Lance Wagner. Approved as read.

Lance stated that the Finances are sound, and copies of the Financial Report are available upon request.

Membership Report: Regular Members: 576; Associate Members: 62; WWII Members: 42

Executive Board Meeting: Appointed Positions and Elective Officials remain the same as previous year.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mt. Soledad plaque has been purchased and placed at the Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, CA.

A Dedication Ceremony is being planned in the near future.

2020 Reunion will be held in Omaha, Nebraska. Howard Canup will host the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Reunion: The Board recommended having the reunion in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Motion moved – seconded – accepted

Note: Steve Banta, Executive Director of the USS Lexington Museum, has invited the Association to return to Corpus Christi for our 2023 Reunion. The Museum will be celebrating the 80th birthday of USS Lexington throughout the year.

2019 Scholarship Award Winners: Gary announced the following as this years winners:

First Place: Joshua Tyler Phillips – Grandson of George K. Haley

Second Place: Trent Holladay – Family member of Marcelle Wheatley

Third Place: Kali Throop – Granddaughter of Joseph Lea

Meeting Adjourned at 1040

SPOT-LIGHT ON VETERAN'S MEMORIALS

Healing Field-Memorial Wall: Lawrenceburg, KY *Submitted by: Freda Denson*



Located on the Anderson Post 34 grounds, part of Lawrenceburg City Park, rests a living tribute to Kentucky's servicemen and women who have fallen in the War On Terrorism. The field contains 118 flag poles, flags and memorial plaques, each representing a Kentucky soldier who has given their life to protect our freedom.



Plaque dedicated to the 9/11 victims.



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 to: Greg Plante: 23428 College Ave, Robertsdale, AL 36567 - Email to: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

FROM MY EMAIL

To: Editor - Sunrise Press

BARBARA AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT MADE US FEEL LIKE WE WERE FAMILY AT THE REUNION. BARBARA NEVER EXPERIENCED NAVY LIFE AND SHE WAS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE TRIP. THIS WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ME AS WELL BECAUSE IT WAS MY FIRST. THE WHOLE REUNION WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND A LOT OF FUN AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN MEET AGAIN IN OMAHA. SINCERELY, JOE WOODS, LCDR, RETIRED.

SHIPMATES LOOKING FOR...



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: Willie J. Bush

Email: wbush1952@gmail.com

Subject: Looking for old friends

Message:

Looking for anyone who served on the USS Lexington from July 1972 through August 1974

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

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.
email: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org snail mail: 23428 College Ave, Robertsdale, AL 36567

A FASCINATING PIECE OF HISTORY

Submitted by: Shipmate Gary Shorrel

Why did the US choose a US Navy Iowa-class battleship as the location for Japan's surrender in World War 2 even though they were in Tokyo Bay and could have used a building on land? Pure symbolism. Nothing says "you're utterly defeated" than having to board the enemy's massive battleship in the waters of your own capital city. A naval vessel is considered sovereign territory for the purposes of accepting a surrender. You just don't get that if you borrow a ceremonial space from the host country. In addition, the Navy originally wanted the USS South Dakota to be the surrender site. It was President Truman who changed it to USS Missouri, Missouri being Truman's home state. The Japanese delegation had to travel across water to the Missouri, which sat at the center of a huge US fleet. It's a bit like those movie scenes where someone enters a big-wig's office, and the big-wig is sat silhouetted at the end of a long room, behind a massive desk. The appellant has to walk all the way to that desk along a featureless space, feeling small, exposed, vulnerable and comparatively worthless before the mogul enthroned in dramatic lighting before him. By the time he gets there the great speech he had prepared is reduced to a muttered sentence or two.

In addition, the USS Missouri flew the flag of Commodore Perry's 19th century gun-boat diplomacy mission that opened the closeted Edo-era Japan to the world and forced upon them the Meiji restoration which ended the rule of the samurai class. The symbolism here is pretty clear - "this is how we want you to be, and remember what happens to countries that defy us." It was particularly humiliating for a proud country like Japan, and that was entirely the point. The symbolism of the ceremony was even greater than that. The ship was anchored at the precise latitude/longitude recorded in Perry's log during his 1845 visit, symbolizing the purpose of both visits to open Japan to the West. Perry's original flag was also present, having been flown all the

way from the Naval Academy for the ceremony.

When the Japanese delegation came aboard, they were forced to use an accommodation way (stairs) situated just forward of turret #1. The freeboard (distance between the ship's deck and the water line) there makes the climb about twice as long as if it had been set up farther aft, where the freeboard of the ship is less. NOTE: This was even more of an issue for the Japanese surrender party as the senior member, Foreign Affairs Minister Shigemitsu, was crippled by an assassination attempt in 1932, losing his right leg in the process

The #1 and #2 turrets had been traversed about 20 degrees to starboard. The ostensible reason for this was to get the turret overhangs out of the way to create more room for the ceremony on the starboard veranda deck, but in fact this would have only required traversing turret #2 had it been the real reason. However, the turret position also put the gun tubes directly over the heads of the Japanese. They were literally boarding the ship "under the gun".

The honor guard of US sailors (side boys) were all hand-picked to be over six feet tall, a further intimidation of the short-statured Japanese. The surrender documents themselves, one copy for the Allies and one for the Japanese contained identical English-language texts, but the Allied copy was bound in good quality leather, while the Japanese copy was bound with light canvas whose stitching looked like it had been done by a drunken tailor using kite string.

After the signing ceremony, the Japanese delegation was not invited for tea and cookies; they were shuffled off the ship as an Allied air armada of over 400 aircraft flew overhead as a final reminder that American forces still had the ability to continue fighting should the Japanese have second thoughts on surrender.

Now you know.....

U.S.S. *Lexington* provides electricity to Tacoma beginning about on December 17, 1929. Submitted by: Gary Shorrel

By David Wilma: HistoryLink.org Essay 5113

Sources: Dick Malloy and John S. Oit, *The Tacoma Public Utilities Story -- The First 100 Years: 1893-1993* (Tacoma: Tacoma Public Utilities, 1993), 90-93; "U.S.S. *Lexington*," U.S. Navy Historical Center Website (<http://www.history.navy.mil>); Caroline Denyer Gallacci, *The City of Destiny and the South Sound* (Carlsbad, CA: Heritage Media Corp, 2001), 61. **Licensing:** This essay is licensed under a Creative Commons license that encourages reproduction with attribution. Credit should be given to both HistoryLink.org and to the author, and sources must be included with any reproduction.

Beginning on about December 17, 1929, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Lexington* (CV-2) ties up to the Baker Dock and supplies electricity to Tacoma for a month to meet a power crisis.

In the 1920s, Tacoma received most of its electrical energy from dams on the Nisqually and Skokomish Rivers. Supplemental energy came from the Dock Street steam plant (1922). A drought in 1929 severely cut the power from the hydroelectric sources. The shortage became so critical that Superintendent Ira S. Davisson (1860-1951) had to cut power to Cascade Paper

Company. Cascade laid off 300 employees. Fort Lewis turned the lights out in the barracks at 4:00 p.m.

Tacoma appealed to President Herbert Hoover, who bumped the matter to the Navy. At first the Secretary of the Navy refused the request, but negotiations resulted in a message to the *Lexington's* captain to go to Tacoma, then to wait, then to go to Tacoma.

The request for the *Lexington* was opposed by Puget Sound Power & Light and by Seattle City Light, which claimed that the drought did not affect their operations. After the *Lexington* left Tacoma in January 1930, Seattle requested that the ship help out there. The Navy declined.

The "Lady Lex" arrived at Tacoma's Baker Dock in the rain to the sounds of a brass band and the applause of City Light customers. The *Lexington's* boilers supplied a quarter of Tacoma's power for about 30 days, leaving on January 17, 1930. That month, the skies opened and rain filled Tacoma's reservoirs.

Tacoma enjoyed a special relationship with the carrier until its loss at the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 8, 1942.

This essay made possible by: Tacoma Public Utilities

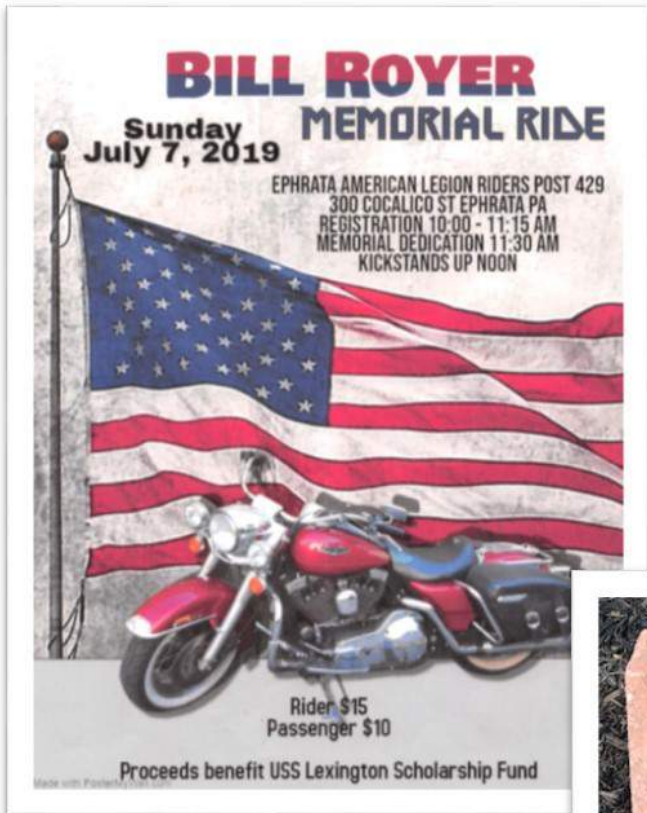


USS *Lexington* (CV-2) supplying power to Tacoma, January 1930

Bill Royer Memorial Ride

The USS Lexington CV16 Association has received a generous donation of \$500 in memory of our shipmate Bill Royer. Bill was truly a hero serving on the Lexington in WW II and as a "plank owner" he held a special place among the Association members. Bill saw extensive combat aboard the Lexington in WW II and was among the crew that entered Tokyo Bay at the end of the war. Bill was awarded numerous awards for his service on the Lexington including the star of the Presidential Unit citation for extraordinary heroism against Japanese forces in the Pacific theater.

Bill was President of our CV16 Association for 14 years (1994-2007), and he was Commander of his local American Legion Post for a number of years. This was fantastic that the Ephrata American Legion Riders honored him for a very worthy cause. It is with great pleasure that we accept this donation from the Ephrata American Legion Riders.



Photos from the Memorial Cycle Ride were submitted by Bill's daughter Bobbie Rabuck



Veterans can now access their VA medical records through their iPhones



a way to “show the company’s gratitude for their service.”

“By working with the VA to offer Health Records on iPhone, we hope to help those who served have greater peace of mind that their health care is in good hands,” Williams said in a release.

Veterans in the VA health system have had access to their medical records through the [eBenefits](#) and the [MyHealthVet](#) websites. The VA’s “Blue Button” records sharing system also gives community care providers

By: Patricia Kime. Navy Times 07Nov19

Veterans with iPhones can now view their Department of Veterans Affairs medical records through their phone’s Health app.

VA and Apple began rolling out the capability during the summer but issued formal announcements this week, just ahead of Veterans Day.

“We have delivered veterans an innovative new way to easily and securely access their health information,” VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said Nov. 6 in a release. “Veterans deserve access to their health data at any time and in one place, and with health records on the Health app, VA has pushed the veterans experience forward.”

Veterans will see an aggregated view of their VA health care information such as lab results, medical history, procedures and medications.

Information from private medical providers also is available if that provider participates in the Apple Health program. More than 400 companies are on board, including Johns Hopkins, University of California San Diego, Quest Diagnostics and Allscripts.

Jeff Williams, Apple’s chief operating officer, said helping veterans further understand their health is

access to VA records.

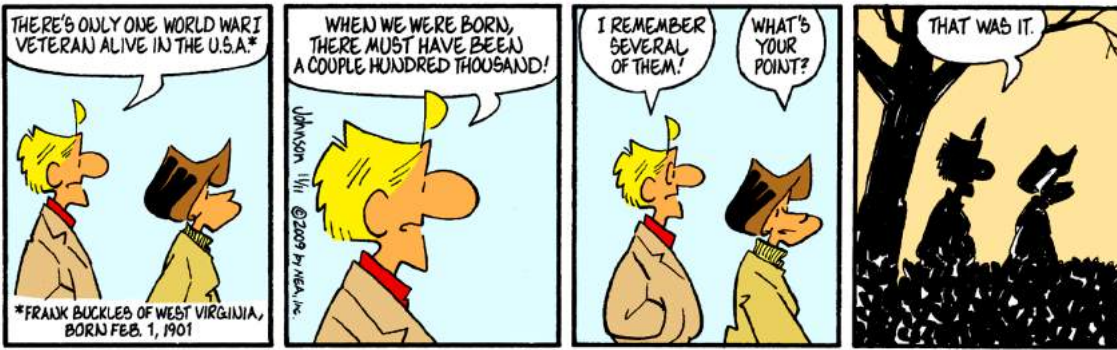
According to Apple, all information is encrypted and protected by the user’s iPhone passcode, Touch or Face ID. The data is downloaded via an encrypted connection directly from the VA to the app and does not “traverse Apple’s network during this download,” [according to the company’s website](#).

Once on the app, the information is encrypted by the iPhone’s HealthKit database.

Every iPhone has the Health app, one of the standard applications provided under the iPhone’s operating system. It can be used to track activity, nutrition, sleep, vital signs and other information pertaining to fitness and health.

Veterans wishing to access their records must open the app, and under “Access Your Records,” tap “Get Started.” They can then select the Department of Veterans Affairs under the search page.

For the time being, veterans who use Android devices cannot access their VA medical records via their phones. VA has not said whether it plans to partner with Google to make the option available.



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.

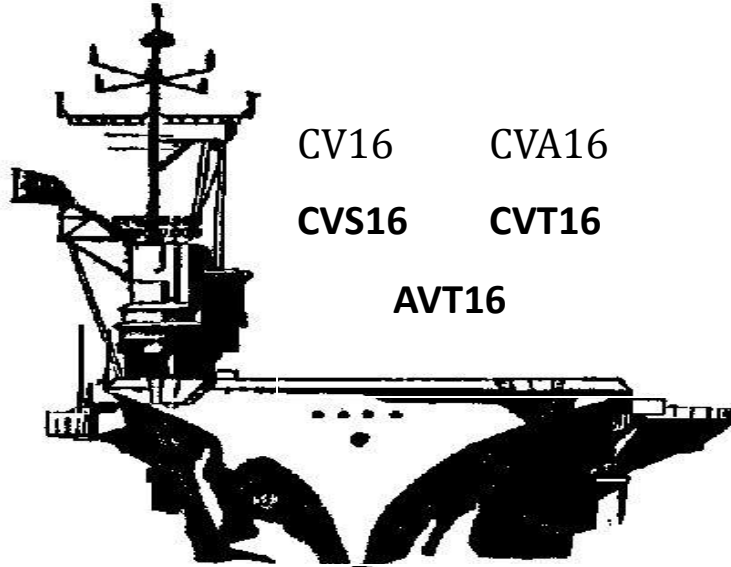


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