
The Sunrise Press

USS LEXINGTON CV16

49 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

NOVEMBER 2023



Another memorable reunion is in the books, and all reports from attendees are positive and gracious. It is clear that a good time was had by all, as they say.

A nice tour, capped by a luncheon in the hangar bay as well as a speech by Lexington's Director, Captain Steve Banta. A solemn memorial service with a ringing of the bell as their names were called, and an invocation commending them into the care of our Ultimate Commander in Chief.

The hospitality room, as always didn't disappoint, and there were plenty of memories of reunions past as well of exploits past recalled from days long ago when we were

part of ship's company.

The banquet was fun with great food, music, dancing and Karaoke, plus a surprise guest speaker who happened to be in town; former Commanding Officer, Captain C. Flack Logan, with everyone going to their rooms that last night of the reunion with a warm glow, a happy heart, and anticipation for next year's reunion where most of us served aboard her, in *Pensacola Beach, Florida...*

So, welcome to the November issue of the Sunrise Press where we'll give a few teasers about the upcoming reunion and share plenty of pictures from this last one to show you what you may have missed.

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**2024 Reunion
USS Lexington Association**

Pensacola FL

Pensacola Beach, Florida

Save the Dates!!!

September 30th - October 3rd 2024

At the Holiday Inn Resort, Pensacola Beach

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Room Reservations can be made by calling 850-932-5331 and using group code LEX.

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

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

Email notifications to: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

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WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

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USS Lexington CV16 Association: MEMBERSHIP

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

Dues are \$25/year, and due at the end of each year. Dues can be paid online at: www.usslexingtoncv16.org

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Greetings my brothers and sisters of the USS Lexington Association. It is my pleasure to write to you. I am still filled with excitement from our last reunion in Corpus Christi, we had a great turnout and it was so nice to see my shipmates of yesteryears show up. We also had some new faces and we were blessed to have Captain Banta and his wife join us along with Captain Flack Logan; it was an honor having them be a part of our group. The presentations that we were able to give to Captain Banta for the USS Lexington Museum were also a success.

I want to personally thank Bob for helping me prepare for this great event, as well as Lance for being present during our presentation to Captain

Banta. Thank you, Freda, for tirelessly being part of this program, and Eric Friedli for his eyes and hands on our financials. It took each of you to make this a success. We are continuing to pray for our brother Greg for God has ushered in a speedy recovery even as we speak. We missed you brother, as well as Theresa.

Now, on to business, we voted to raise our dues to 25.00 a year so that we can be sustainable in what we want to accomplish in the upcoming years. We will also be reaching out via letter to those brothers and sisters who have maybe forgotten to stay current. As the poster of Uncle Sam pointing at whoever looked at him, we want to echo "We need you". Building on that we are looking forward to our reunion next year in Pensacola Florida, we will start working on accommodations even as we speak and ensure that we find a venue that we all can enjoy. Also, I believe we will be looking into a three-day reunion versus a four, this would save some money during our stay.

Let us stay vigilant and prayerful for our success as a fraternity, let us spread the news to those who may have forgotten their Naval roots.

Fraternally yours
Christopher Hagger

DUES NOTICE!! At the 2023 reunion in Corpus Christi, The members voted in an increase in dues to \$25/year



By far one of the nicest photos I've seen taken of Lexington. Credit for this one goes to shipmate Charles Alchimowicz



Swapping sea stories in the Hospitality Room



We kick off our reunions with a “meet and greet”. We enjoy hors d’oeuvres, adult beverages, and lots of laughs.



And after the tour in the morning, a luncheon aboard Lexington followed by the memorial service



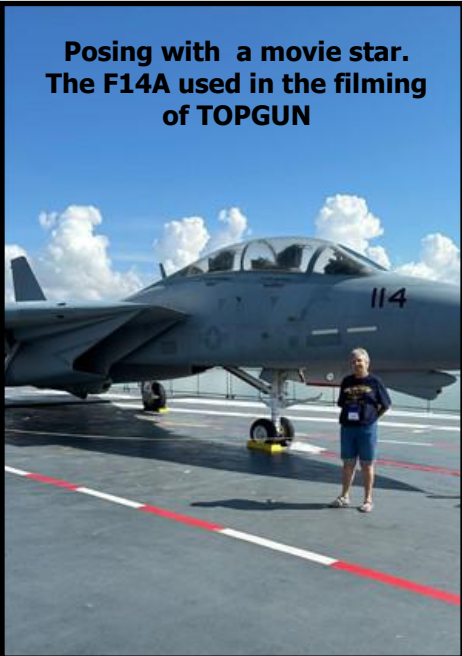
Everyone's favorite young member, Jack Jack



Remembering our fallen shipmates



Touring old spaces, reliving our youth, remembering old friends



Closing night presentations, banquet dinner, dancing, and music



Thank you, Lance, for 15 years as our Treasurer



Surprise guest speaker, Former Commanding Officer
C. Flack Logan





We hope we gave any folks that missed it a good taste of how great an event this was, and created a desire to make the next reunion. And next year, shipmates, it's in Pensacola Beach, FL. We'll see you there!

Enter His presence with Thanksgiving...

As we enter November and the feeling of fall in the air turns our thoughts towards the holiday seasons, my reflections lead me to see how fortuitous it is that it starts with Thanksgiving. What better way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas than a resident spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts. But how do we get that spirit? With what seems like so many problems these days, how do we get a grateful heart? If I may, I'd like to recommend 12 points to consider for contemplation this Thanksgiving to help you out.

- 1) God's Character: What about it can we be thankful for? Let's start with His love, grace, mercy, sovereignty, patience presence, kindness, compassion, faithfulness. How many can you add with a little reflection?
- 2) Spiritual Blessings: Have we received blessings in our lives? Friends and family are blessings for sure, but we're looking at spiritual blessings here. Forgiveness of our sins, the indwelling Spirit, assurance of salvation, our daily sustenance. How many can you add here as well?
- 3) Your favorite passage from God's Word: We find so much guidance and assurance with various bible verses. What one do you tend to recall the most when you need it? What one has the most meaning to you? Let's thank Him for having given us those scriptures to help us in our daily walks and through various trials.
- 4) The Church: More than a building, the church is the Family of God. What pastor, Sunday school teacher, mentor, or Christian author was pivotal in your walk with Christ or even your first coming to Him? Take time to recognize where you would be without them, and thank God for having put them in your path.
- 5) Family and Friends: Ah, here now is time for friends and family. Our siblings, extended family, those in our lives who regularly encourage and build us up in the Lord. Some of us might have had a difficult family life. But they were still good sources of lessons. Let us thank God for all of them.
- 6) Food: Food? It's all around us. But for some it is evasive to them. What is your favorite meal? Or who is your favorite cook at a restaurant? Yes, he put these things in our lives, too.
- 7) Rest and Relaxation: What? I'm running around like a chicken with my head cut off? What rest? Ah, but he does bring sleep to our eyes and rest. Do you have a favorite pillow or blanket? Vacation spot that allows you to regenerate yourself and your soul as well? Thank you, Lord.....
- 8) Memories: We have so many. Some not so good, some amazing. How far back can you go into your childhood to find one that you enjoy. Let us be thankful. If you can remember it, it was good for your development. As the old saying goes, our past does not define us, it prepares us.
- 9) Nature and our Pets: What is your favorite weather? Do you have a beloved pet? What places have you gone to that stunned you with God's creative genius and attention to detail? He didn't have to make those things... He did it to make our lives better.
- 10) Health and Healing: If you're reading this, you have health. Not so good a health? Maybe, but you have health. It isn't owed to us; it is a gift. How many illnesses, operations, treatments etc has he seen you thru. While you're thanking him, include the gift of eternal life in which there will be no more pain or maladies.
- 11) Work and Ministries: Work is obvious... we're thankful to have our jobs, glamorous or not, but that also brings us co-workers and friends with whom we share our lives on a daily basis. How many of those co-workers do you get a chance to be an encouragement to? Ministry isn't just for your pastor or deacons. We have ministries as well. We serve others, we encourage others, we help others. Thank God for your ability and desire to minister.
- 12) Lessons Learned: What has the Lord been teaching you lately? What had life brought your way to make you stronger or wiser. It might have been fun, it might have been miserable, but you grew. We all want to ask for patience, but we often forget from where it comes. Let us thank God for all of these things and more.

My friends and shipmates, I hope I've helped you to enter his gates with Thanksgiving in your hearts, and gratitude in your spirit. Know that you are all part of my reflections of what I am thankful for before God in this season of Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,
Chaplain Chris Hagger.

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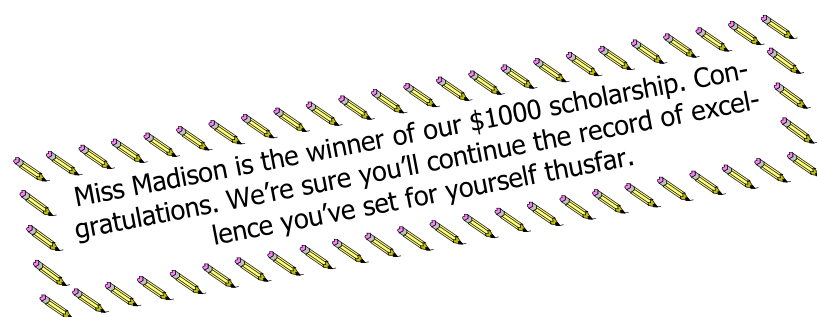
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Essay:

All that I know about the US Navy, I know from my grandfather. We used to play this game when I was young - we called it "myth or legend". He would ask me myth or legend, and upon my choosing, he would tell me a story. One of his favorite topics, and mine, was that of his father, whom I called Grampy Gramps Davis. I only got to meet my great grandfather a few times before he died, and I was too young to remember most of them. Yet in my head he was a strong, funny, resilient man, a picture painted by my beloved grandpa, who looked up to him dearly. When I answered "legend" to my grandpa's inquisition, he would always begin his stories about his father with the facts. He would speak of the incomprehensible size of the ship. He would spin a story of how there was a captain, highly respected and beloved by a large crew. My grandpa would talk about how despite the size of the ship, the quarters were small and all the accommodations tight. I would be entranced by this tale about valiant men fighting for what they valued. Of all the stories I was told, there were three that were my favorite. Once my grandpa told me of Japanese Bombers spotting the ship. He would talk about how they swooped down, right before the Battle of the Coral Sea. The men were frightened and yet one of their own, Butch O'Hare, shot down most of the bombers, and saved them all, a hero. He was honored, and the Chicago airport was named after him. I was in awe of the respect and friendship among the men. Another one of my favorites was when the order to abandon ship was given. My great grandfather jumped with one of his friends, and they survived two hours alone in the sea before being rescued. And my absolute favorite story, that of which I would make my grandpa repeat over and over, was that of the ice cream. The ship had been hit, and was exploding. One of the men went below deck and brought up ice cream, claiming that, "It's all going to go to waste anyway". I know that my great grandfather loved ice cream, and that he ate it among his friends as the ship exploded. I know that my great grandfather was beloved by many, and that he lives on in my grandpa, and hopefully with me as well. I hope to make my family proud when I attend Colorado State University as part of the honors program. I am pursuing a degree in Neuroscience, with which I hope to become a neurosurgeon in the future. I cannot afford my undergraduate education and that of medical school, so every bit of money helps, but I hope that my experience in volunteering clubs, medical internships, and as an athlete, will make it worth it.



Miss Madison is the winner of our \$1000 scholarship. Congratulations. We're sure you'll continue the record of excellence you've set for yourself thusfar.

USS Lexington CV16 Member Name and Address, Phone # and Years On Board

Ronald Davis, Son of Paul C Davis, crew member of USS Lexington CV-2, 1941-May 8th 1942,



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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 will include it in the newsletter.

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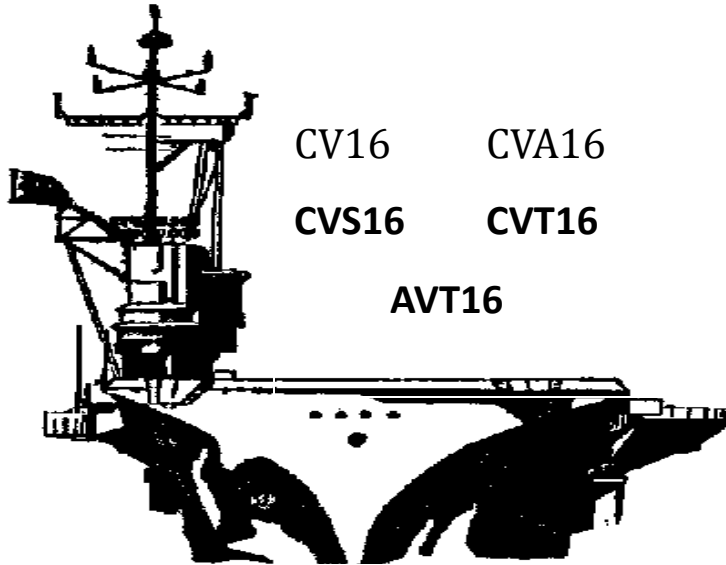
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