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NOVEMBER 2022

Another Successful Reunion in the Books

By: Greg Plante, Editor, secretary, etc

USS Lexington Association

Yes, we have another successful reunion in the books, and if you weren't able to make it, you missed a lot of fun. True, it wasn't our best attendance compared to others, but coming off of two years in a row of having to cancel reunions due to Covid concerns, it was a good turnout. Our task is clear though. It is time to build upon this last reunion's turnout, and get ready for a blowout reunion in Corpus Christi.

We had a wonderful time in Gettysburg touring battlefields, led on our tour by a *very* knowledgeable guide. It is an awe inspiring place to visit. It was only one of many engagements in the war between the states, and even as horrible as it was, not even the worst. But that doesn't lessen the solemn awe one is left feeling for the sacrifices made there.

We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch at an historical building from 1776 that is now a restaurant. We had a wonderful time over all.

There was fun fellowship in the hospitality room sharing sea stories and catching up with what folks have been doing since we last met, and also getting to know a couple of new members joining us for the first time, and many enjoyed

the "free day" to go about exploring the area on their own. The banquet was delicious, and the entertainment a blast. We hated to leave when it was all over.

But now, we're home, and our focus and energies turn to planning Corpus Christi, TX. Folks, if ever there is a reunion to attend, Corpus is the one. It is one of our best attended sites. And why not. We often hear the Lexington calling our hearts and memories, and then get a chance to answer.

This coming reunion will be special because we're coordinating with the museum to help celebrate her 80th year afloat. What a privilege and opportunity for us all.

So, if you've wanted an opportunity to visit, it's coming next fall. In the next issue (March, 2023) we'll have the necessary details to make your plans. I would recommend getting your reservation and registration as early as possible once we finish putting it all together, as many of us who are social media active have been hearing a lot of people looking forward to going to Corpus for the reunion. We expect one of our best attendances and reunions in a long time.

SEE YOU IN CORPUS!!!

Greg Plante, Editor





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A Note from the Editor:

Have you read an interesting article or story recently? Or maybe have some memorabilia from your time on the LEX? Share it with your shipmates! Just send them to me and I'll print them in the Sunrise Press including a byline to credit you with the submission.

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Greg Plante, Editor of the Sunrise Press

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Donation Recognition

The Association has made a \$150 donation to the

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Since 9/11, the foundation has been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building custom-designed smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. They are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and aiding the victims of major U.S. disasters.

Adams, Isham H

03/31/2022 - Elberton, GA

Onboard: 1955 - 1957

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/isham-adams-obituary?id=33983939>

Carroll, Donald D

07/02/2020 - TuleLake, CA

Onboard: 1955 - 1956

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/heraldandnews/name/donald-carroll-obituary?id=13850971>

Clinton, Keel D

08/16/2021 - Madison, TN

<https://www.springhillfh.com/obituaries/Clinton-Keel/#!/TributeWall>

Reeg, Gerald "Jerry"

08/12/2022 - Sioux City, Iowa

Onboard: 1958 -1959

<https://www.meyerbroschapels.com/obituary/gerald-jerry-reeg>

Stephens, Don

06/18/2022 - Pensacola, Florida

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pensacola-fl/donald-stephens-10800224>

Minogue, Charles "Pat"

10/10/2022

Onboard: 1952 - 1956

Gordon Robert Bauschka

10/13/2022

<https://pnj.com/obituaries/pnj072129>

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

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

Email notifications to: editor@usslexingtoncv16.org

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



WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

Demuth, Joseph N

Onboard: 07/1980 - 07/1983

A DIV Diesel Shop

Parks, Clyde B

Onboard: 01/1972 - 12/1973

E DIV FWD Diesel

LeBlanc, Dwight T

Onboard: 08/1980 - 01/1984

OE

Poe, Robert E

Onboard: 04/1968 - 09/1970

Supply

USS Lexington CV16 Association: MEMBERSHIP

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

Dues are \$20/year, and due at the end of each year. Dues can be paid online at: www.usslexingtoncv16.org

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

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

Greetings my brothers and sisters of the U.S.S. Lexington Association:

Before I begin, I want to thank the members of the Association for their confidence in my leadership ability. Understanding, that we were blessed with great leadership in Gary whom the Lord has called home. So, thank you one and all for your vote of confidence.

Second, we had a great reunion in Gettysburg Pennsylvania even though our turn out was low we do appreciate all that came out. It was so good to see so many of our brothers and sisters; our fellowship was truly missed during the Covid situation.

While in Gettysburg the association voted to have our reunion in 2024 in Pensacola, and we are currently gearing up for next year's reunion in Corpus Christi, TX. Please do everything you can to be there. We are excited!! Bob, has ensured that we will have a great time (stay tuned as we get more details, we will pass it on to all of you). We also voted to continue our donation to the U.S.S. Lexington Museum.

As I fore mentioned in this, my first letter from the President to our members, let us concentrate on growth. Many of our shipmates have been called into the eternal fleet. We all know someone that we served with that just hasn't gotten the memo, let us reach out to as many as we can. I am excited for the association; we have plans in place to touch the lives of our shipmates. Let us continue to pray for our new association leaders.

Fraternally yours

Christopher Hagger

Thank you to USS Lexington Association

I would like to thank the members of the USS Lexington Association and Chaplain Hagger for the eulogy in memory of Gary at the memorial service at Gettysburg Cemetery. The association and its members were important to Gary and wanted to see it grow in membership. He had good memories of his time aboard the Lady Lex. He looked forward to the reunions even though it meant that I would probably drag him onto the dance floor at the banquets!

Thank you too for the wonderful clock/thermometer that you gave to me and my family as a remembrance of Gary. It is so kind of you.



The officers and their wives or significant others deserve a big thank you for all of the planning and preparation that went into the reunion at Gettysburg. I think that we all enjoyed the battlefield tour and our informative and amusing tour guide. And to all who were there, thank you for making my sister feel so welcome. She is already looking forward to Corpus Christi in 2023!

Sincerely,

Barb Shorrel and family

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.

NAME: Christy Wright **EMAIL:** cwright2826@gmail.com

Subject: Reconnecting

My dad served on the USS Lexington from 1971-1974. We're throwing him a surprise 70th birthday party in November. We're trying to reconnect him with some of the men he served with. One in particular is a Lieutenant J G Blanks. My dad has fond memories of him because he would share the gospel with my dad. My dad is John Frank Carswell, JR, but he goes by Chuck. His Rank/Duty - E3 V-4 Division. Any help you could offer with reconnecting him or pictures we could share. Thank you very much for your time.

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

Written submissions can be sent to: Greg Plante, 23428 College Ave, Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

Fake Navy SEAL stole millions from victims to fund luxury lifestyle

By [Jonathan Lehrfeld](#) Oct 20, 10:19 AM Navy Times Online

A Californian man pleaded guilty on Monday to stealing up to \$1.5 million from nearly 20 victims by pretending to be a Navy SEAL, according to federal officials.

Ze'Shawn Stanley Campbell, 35, from Irvine, California admitted to one count of wire fraud and one count of money laundering for the online scams.

By alleging he served as a Navy SEAL in Iraq and Afghanistan, Campbell gained the trust of 10 individuals and nine companies between April 2014 and April 2020. He then reportedly swindled them into paying his personal expenses and buying him luxurious goods.

"To enhance his purported creditworthiness in their eyes, he told them lies, such as falsely saying that he had millions of dollars and operated successful businesses, including McDonald's franchises, a security company and a chain of gyms in Texas," the [U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California](#) said in a news release.

The romance scammer also falsely told his victims he was a successful investor in real estate and Bitcoin.

In one instance, one of Campbell's victims wrote him a check for \$61,452 after being promised it would be used for a Bitcoin investment. Instead, the imposter SEAL used the money for payments on a BMW and a Mercedes-Benz he had leased under a different victim's name.

While Campbell's money laundering scheme serves as an extreme example, it is not the first — and likely won't be the last — time that an individual has impersonated a Navy SEAL for financial gain.

Last year, a Pennsylvania man was [sentenced to 40 months in prison](#) for feigning to be a SEAL and former prisoner of war to steal benefits from the Veterans Affairs.

Campbell was arrested in March 2021 at the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport after arriving on an international flight, according to an [earlier press release](#). His attorney told [USA TODAY](#) in an email that the U.S. attorney's office "provided a 'cherry-picked rendition' of the case."

He will be sentenced during a hearing on Jan. 9 and faces a maximum of 30 years in federal prison. In addition to prison time, the fraudster may face a total of \$500,000 in fines and "or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest," according to the [plea agreement](#).



Memorial Service: Honoring our Shipmates who are no longer with us.

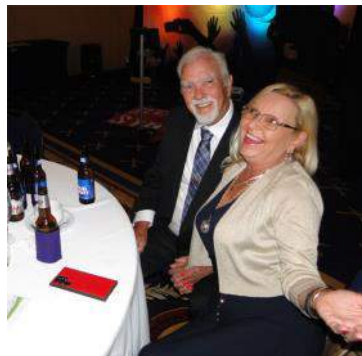


TAPS: 2020 - 2022

Isham Adams
Tom Arnold
Jim Barned
Leslie Bell
Leslie Bengston
Edgar Coker
Carlo DeMarco
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Guy Grazziano, SR
Dwight Hagy
Edward Hanna
Martin Hoeniges, JR
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Cletus Kueffer
Gerard Landry, JR
Patrick Lyon
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Charles Scott
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David Shaker
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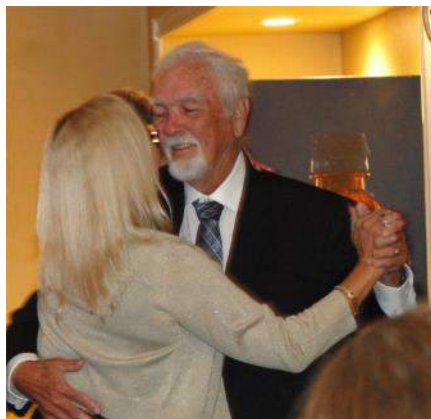


Touring Gettysburg



Shipmates and Guest





Mr. Plante, I would just like to say a quick word of thanks! I've been able to get some great use out of your USS Association's links and memorials resource lists as a youth services librarian during these times of remote learning, as I'm wrapping up an educational project on U.S. naval history, veterans and military service that we've been running for a small group of students over the last few weeks - thank you very much for sharing with us! usslexingtoncv16.org/home.html I hope you don't mind, one of our youngest and most enthusiastic, Amelia has also asked if I could share a piece that she and her father found together on Naval History: World War II, Badges and Insignia, which includes a great breakdown on Navy history before, during and after WWII. I've included it below! We noticed you didn't have this one listed, but Amelia was actually the one to bring up that this could be something you might like to include for others who may also come across your list and have an interest in learning more about our veterans and military history, like our group! If you find you are able to use this one, would you please let me know? We're meeting tomorrow, and I would absolutely love to surprise Amelia and the group if you're able to do so - my hope is that this provides encouragement, and I think it would make her proud to see she was able to pay it forward and maybe even show her father the contribution if it ends up being included! Thanks again for all your help here, Kelly Ackford

<https://wizardpins.com/blogs/education/naval-history-world-war-ii-badges-and-insignia>



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2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

USS LEXINGTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

Called to Order at 1015 by President Chris Hagger

Invocation given by Chaplain Chris Hagger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of members: 1st timers: Larry Ernsberger and Walter Roy. Recognition of Marcelle Wheatly, longtime attendee (38 reunions thus far). No WWII Attendees this year

Minutes of the 2019 Business Meeting were read by Greg Plante. Motion to approve as read by Larry Ernsberger, 2nd by William Biggin. Approved as read.

Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Lance Wagner. Lance stated that the Associations finances are in good condition. Copies of the Financial Report are available upon request. Motion to approve as read by William Biggin, 2nd by James Hallman. Approved as read

Membership Report was presented by Secretary Greg Plante.

Current Members = 5622 with the following designations:

491 regular members; 64 associate members; 49 WWII members

Executive Board Meeting Report was given by Lloyd Friedli.

Appointed Positions for 2022/2024:

Editor of Sunrise Press – Greg Plante

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Vice President – Alfrieda Denson

Treasurer – Eric Friedli

Secretary – Greg Plante



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2023 Reunion will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas at the Omni Hotel.

Scholarship Applications: We had one winner this year. Elizabeth Doris, Relative of members Charles Morgan and Peter Gerow

NEW BUSINESS

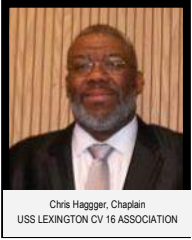
2024 Reunion: The Board recommended having the reunion in Pensacola, FL.

Motion moved – seconded – accepted

Donations:

USS Lexington Museum on the Bay – The Board recommended changing the donation from \$1000. Motion moved – seconded – accepted





Looking back in retrospect, remembering when I was about 4 or 5, I challenged my dad to a race, the grass was freshly mowed and I knew in my heart of hearts that the short grass would give me the edge that I needed. Our yard was long and I just knew I could beat him. Of course, I would say "go" after I was ahead of him and I ran as fast as my little legs could carry me. I did not know then but I know now dad was taking small steps so not to discourage his son. I can't remember who won but, you get the jest of the story.

I woke this morning thinking of that and how our Lord and Savior encourages us to run the race. Paul wrote these words in the book of Hebrews Chapter 12:1-2; the words he shared was clearly given to him through the Holy Spirit to share with us.

Hebrews 12:1 reads as such: *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a clout of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

The first half of this reading refers to the Old Testament Christians who looked forward to the coming Promise, who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He would do at the Cross to Redeem mankind.

The Lord will never let us run this race alone. He always in His compassionate way sends someone in our lives to help us run the race at a pace that we could complete. They would encourage us, and share with us how to run the race. In essence they would help you breathe again. Sometimes, the decision we are faced with can be daunting at best, but the Lord gives us the encouragement to run the race.

We have mid-term elections coming up, we have wars and rumors of wars we are constantly dealing with. There are so many choices we have to make as citizens of the United States of America. But God is still in control. We don't have to carry the load alone thinking that I must run as fast as I could. We just need to run in step with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He will give you the right way to go. Dad did not make me run his race; he ran my race. Jesus runs with you and encourages you all the way.

Be encouraged, be blessed.

Chaplain Christopher Hagger

Chaplain Hagger pastors All People Worship Center in Odessa, Texas and 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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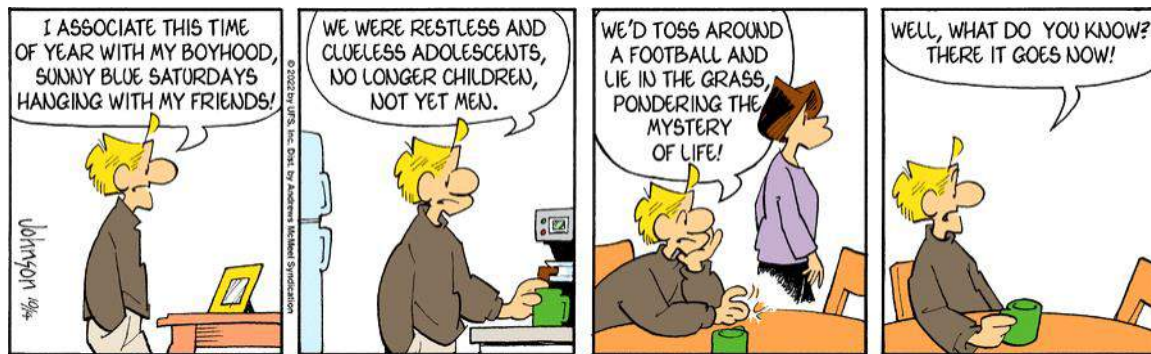
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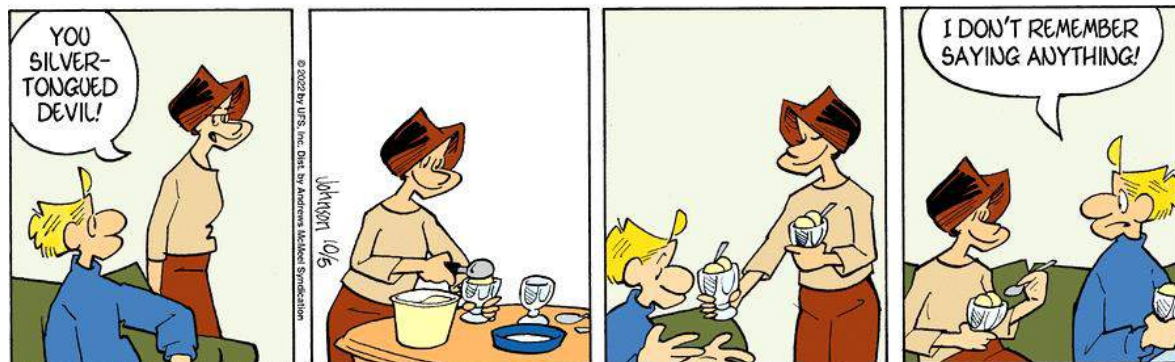
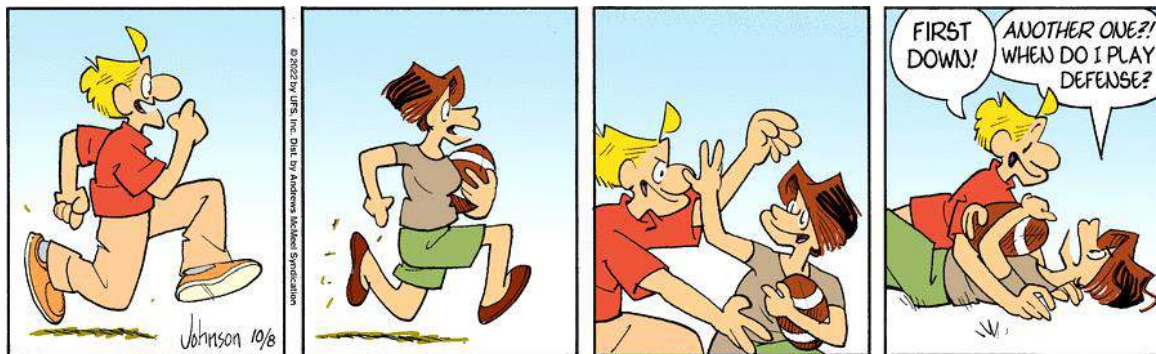
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Arlo and Janis

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.



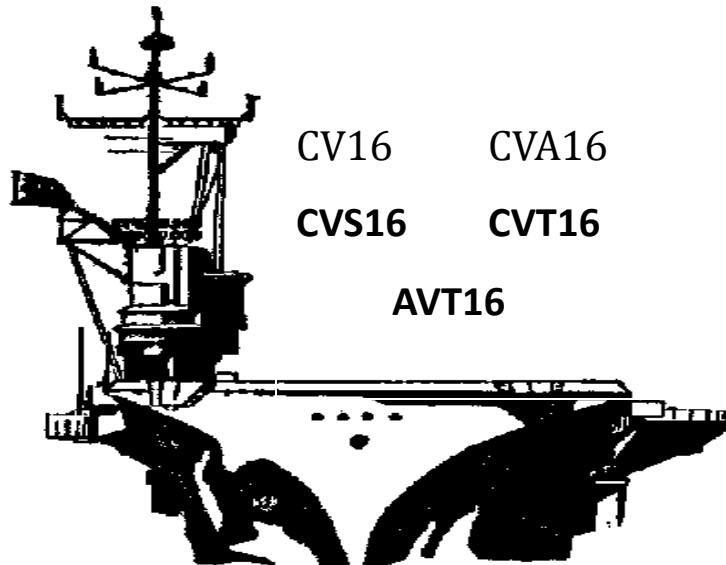
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