



USS LEXINGTON CV-16 ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member,

It is with heavy hearts that we come to you with something that, to my knowledge, has not taken place since the founding of the USS Lexington Association. Due to situations well beyond our control, we are having to cancel this years reunion in Omaha, Nebraska. We are working towards resuming our reunion next year in around the same time frame.

Reasons, taken from points in a directive letter from our President, Gary Shorrel, are as follows:

As of now no city tour, the company we have contracted to conduct the city tour and take us to the memorial service and lunch has advised they cannot accommodate us. We would have to find another means of transportation to the Memorial Park for the Memorial Ceremony and lunch *if* the restaurant is open.

The hotel is not serving breakfast, and is enforcing social distancing and likely masks. I don't know how we can have a hospitality room and meetings with the restrictions the hotel is imposing.

The riverboat ride and lunch is contingent on a minimum of 35 people or it's off. Our Treasurer, Lance, points out we may not get enough attendees to cover our costs. We have only five registered so far, and with the COVID 19 virus spiking all over the country I am convinced that attendance would be so low it would not make it an enjoyable or financially viable reunion.

I am also certain that many members would be concerned about flying or driving to Omaha given the ongoing and spiking virus.

What would we do at the reunion with all of these restrictions? It seems unlikely to me we could have an enjoyable and fun reunion as we normally do having to contend with these issues.

Therefore, with the concurrence of our other officers, I am making an executive decision to cancel the 2020 reunion and reschedule it, still in Omaha, for 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature appears to read "Greg Plante" in a cursive script.

Greg Plante

Editor, Secretary, Database Manager, Webmaster

For, and by direction of Gary Shorrel, President, USS Lexington CV16 Association