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Researchers Announce Wreckage from USS Indianapolis Located

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A team of civilian researchers led by entrepreneur and philanthropist Paul G. Allen has announced they have found the wreck of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA 35), which was lost July 30, 1945.

This is a significant discovery considering the depth of the water in which the ship was lost - more than 18,000 feet. Around 800 of the ship's 1,196 Sailors and Marines survived the sinking, but after four to five days in the water - suffering exposure, dehydration, drowning, and shark attacks - only 316 survived.

The wreck was located by the expedition crew of Research Vessel (R/V) Petrel, which is owned by Allen, 5,500 meters below the surface, resting on the floor of the North Pacific Ocean.

"To be able to honor the brave men of the USS Indianapolis and their families through the discovery of a ship that played such a significant role in ending World War II is truly humbling," said Allen. "As Americans, we all owe a debt of gratitude to the crew for their courage, persistence and sacrifice in the face of horrendous circumstances. While our search for the rest of the wreckage will continue, I hope everyone connected to this historic ship will feel some measure of closure at this discovery so long in coming."

Indianapolis was lost in the final days of World War II when it was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the early morning hours of July 30, 1945. The Indianapolis sank in 12 minutes, making it impossible to send a distress signal or deploy much of its life-saving equipment. Prior to the attack, the Indianapolis had just completed a secret mission delivering components of the atomic bomb used in Hiroshima that would ultimately help end the war in the Pacific.

"Even in the worst defeats and disasters there is valor and sacrifice that deserves to never be forgotten," said Sam Cox, director of the Naval History and Heritage Command. "They can serve as inspiration to current and future Sailors enduring situations of mortal peril. There are also lessons learned, and in the case of the Indianapolis, lessons re-learned, that need to be preserved and passed on, so the same mistakes can be prevented, and lives saved."

Others have searched for Indianapolis in the past. Among the elements that made this effort different was Allen's recent acquisition and retrofit of the 250-foot R/V Petrel with state-of-the-art subsea equipment capable of diving to 6,000 meters (or three and a half miles).

"The Petrel and its capabilities, the technology it has and the research we've done, are the culmination years of dedication and hard work," said Robert Kraft, director of

subsea operations for Allen. "We've assembled and integrated this technology, assets and unique capability into operating platform, which is now one amongst very few on the planet."

The other key factor in the discovery was information that surfaced in 2016 when Dr. Richard Hulver, historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command, conducted research that led to a new search area to the west of the original presumed position.

Hulver's research identified a naval landing craft that had recorded a sighting of Indianapolis hours before it was torpedoed. Using that information, the research team developed a new position and estimated search, which was still a daunting 600 square miles of open ocean. Allen-led expeditions have also resulted in the discovery of the Japanese battleship Musashi (March 2015) and the Italian WWII destroyer Artigliere (March 2017).

His team was also responsible for retrieving and restoring the ship's bell from the HMS Hood for presentation to the British Navy in honor of its heroic service. Allen's expedition team was recently transferred to the newly acquired and retrofitted R/V Petrel specifically for continuing exploration and research efforts.

The 13-person expedition team on the R/V Petrel is in the process of surveying the full site and will conduct a live tour of the wreckage in the next few weeks.

Their work is compliant with U.S. law, respecting the sunken ship as a war grave and not disturbing the site. USS Indianapolis remains the property of the U.S. Navy and its location will remain confidential and restricted by the Navy. The crew of the R/V Petrel has collaborated with Navy authorities throughout its search operations and will continue to work on plans to honor the 22 crew members still alive today, as well as the families of all those who served on the highly decorated cruiser.

The Naval History and Heritage Command, located at the Washington Navy Yard, is responsible for the preservation, analysis, and dissemination of U.S. naval history and heritage. It provides the knowledge foundation for the Navy by maintaining historically relevant resources and products that reflect the Navy's unique and enduring contributions through our nation's history, and supports the fleet by assisting with and delivering professional research, analysis, and interpretive services. NHHHC is composed of many activities including the Navy Department Library, the Navy Operational Archives, the Navy art and artifact collections, underwater archaeology, Navy histories, ten museums, USS Constitution repair facility and the historic ship Nautilus. To learn more, visit history.navy.mil.



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To receive the email version of the newsletter, please send your email address to Greg Plante at gplante@gulftel.com (please put USS LEX in the subject line). Thank you.

You can also view the Sunrise Press on the Associations website:

<http://www.usslexingtoncv16.org>

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.

Dues are \$20/year and are due by December 31st. Make checks payable to: USS Lexington Association.

Send Dues to: Lance Wagner
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A Note from Greg Plante:



If anyone has articles they'd like 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.

My postal address is: 23428 College Avenue, Robertsdale, AL 36567

For electronic submissions, my email address is gplante@gulftel.com; Please put USS LEX in the subject line so that my spam filtering software won't delete it.
Thanks, Greg Plante, Editor of the Sunrise Press



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Financial Adviser: *Lance Wagner*

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New Members

Charles Alchimowicz

Onboard: 02/1977-09/1980 R div/DC Shop

Robert Campbell

Onboard: 08/1986-02/1990 B #1 Fireroom

Helen Cox

Onboard: 01/1987-08/1990 Admin

Monsour Hanound

Onboard: 07/1965-03/1968

Gary Jenkins

Onboard: 05/1972-06/1975 V-4

Lewis McAlister

Onboard: 09/1966-07/1970 A div/AC&R

Timothy Miller

Onboard: 1982-1985 S1 div

Larry Mitchell

Onboard: 10/1972 - 07/1975 Radio Shack

Franklin Pierce

Onboard: 1967 Navigation

William Simpson

Onboard: 09/1972-08/1975 B div

James Stahlbock

Onboard: 01/1972-11/1973 M div

Phillip Stroman

Onboard: 1975-1977 A gang

Rob Thevenin

Onboard: 12/1979-06/1983

Larry Yarbrough

VC 11

Larry Zinter

Onboard: 10/1969-11/1970 Supply



Alvin Shelton Ford

07/13/2017 - Pensacola, FL

Earl Honadle

06/30/2017 - Ransonville, NY

<http://obituaries.niagara-gazette.com/story/earl-honadle-1926-2017-949897481Earl>

Levi Hopkins

09/24/2017 - Mobile, AL

Onboard: 1962 - 1965

<http://obits.al.com/obituaries/mobile/obituary.aspx?n=levi-hopkins&pid=186757373&fhid=11316>

James W. Kissick, Jr

02/24/2017 - Bradenton Beach, FL

Onboard: 1945

Fred Moore

09/19/2017 - Kennesaw, GA

Onboard: 01/1943 - 04/1945

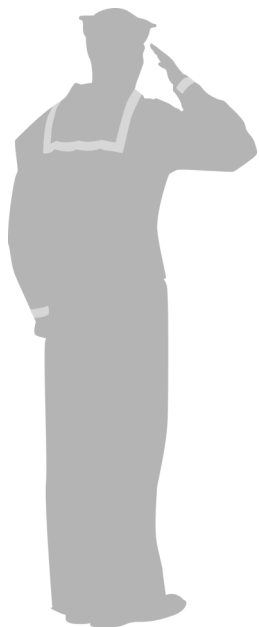
Walter Robinson

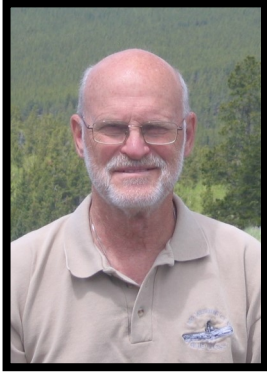
07/01/2013 - Seiad, CA

Freddie Williams

09/2017 - New Caney, TX

Onboard: 1943 - 1946





The 2017 reunion, the 40th for the Association, was a great one! Deane and Darlene Dietel are thanked and congratulated on putting together an excellent event. The hotel was superb, the food great and the staff friendly and helpful. The paddleboat tour on the Mississippi was a fun dinner with an excellent lunch. The raffle, as always

was a huge success and thanks to Mary Friedli and Cheryl Wagner for running that operation.

Several items were discussed by the Executive Board and at the Business Meeting. Of note the members present at the Business meeting voted to:

- Increase our annual dues to \$20 a year. Our costs to provide the Sunrise Press continue to increase and our enhanced Scholarship program which is more generous are the main ingredients of this increase.
- Approved the enhanced Scholarship Program as developed by Vice President Gary Shorrel and his committee.
- Agreed to a larger donation than usual to the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay in light of Hurricane Harvey.

Each of these items are explained more fully in other parts of this newsletter.

As we approach the end of year 2017 it is important to thank the people behind the scenes who make the Association work. Lance Wagner, Treasurer receives your dues payments; Dawn Brophy, records your dues payments, updates our database and emails the Sunrise Press to the email recipients; Chris Hagger, Chaplain provides us spiritual support and sends condolence upon the death of a shipmate, Past President Scott and Missy Redding receive and review the Scholarship applications; Bobbie (Royer) Rabuck mails the Sunrise Press to the regular mail recipients. And finally (I saved this one to last) Greg and Theresa Plante prepare the Sunrise Press each quarter and do an excellent job. I thank each and every one!

The 2018 reunion will be in San Diego California and Bob DiMonte (another Past President that works tirelessly for the Association) is in the process of planning an outstanding reunion in an exciting place. A lot more on that in the January press.

Lloyd Friedli

2018 Lexington Reunion News



San Diego, California

September 18 - 21, 2018

As we put our 2017 reunion, in Minneapolis, in our rear view mirror, we are looking forward and planning our next opportunity to come together again.

2018 will bring us to beautiful, sunny Southern California, The hotel contract has been negotiated and signed and we are working on a great tour of San Diego. There are many exciting places to see and visit.

The Crown Plaza will be our host hotel, providing us with many amenities. We will have a pool side hospitably room, stocked with refreshments and snacks, and there will be lots of free time for socializing and telling sea stories. Additional details and costs will be in our January Sunrise Press. You don't want to miss this opportunity to visit the west coast and share a wonderful time with your fellow shipmates.

This reunion will also have elections of Officers; those elected will lead our organization for the next two years, if you are interested in becoming an Officer, contact our President, Lloyd Friedli.

We are planning the 2019 reunion at the USS Lexington on the Bay in Corpus Christi, Texas, stay tuned.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and prayers, for the loss of my best friend, Camille. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in San Diego.

May God bless you and bless this great Country, and the Men and Women who defend it.

Fraternally, Bob DiMonte, Past President

COPING WITH LOSS

By: Chaplain Christopher Hagger



Hello our Lexington family, we had a beautiful reunion in the city of Minneapolis, Minn. Thank you all who were involved in this momentous reunion. This year as Chaplain we remembered those we lost and remember their accomplishments not only within the United States Navy

but, also, they touched our lives by something that was said or an action that was directed our way. Building on that, even though we did lose them, their families are still with us. Coping with a loss can be daunting in our everyday life. So, I would like to share with each of you, how you can cope and continue to live through the loss you have experienced.

First, let me give a clear understanding of grief and mourning. Grief is what one feels or thinks in the inside because of their lost. Rabbi Earl Grollman states: *"Grief is not a disorder, a disease, or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical, and spiritual necessity; the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve."*

Grief is not just feeling sadness, it often involves shock, denial, disorganization, confusion, anger, fear, and panic. It can include regret and sometimes relief. It may be physical pain and social discomfort. Grief is all of this and more.

Mourning is the expression of those thoughts and feelings outside of ourselves. Mourning is how we heal our grief.

So, when we find ourselves grieving because of a loss, there are some symptoms that we might experience and wonder, "are we still normal?" You are normal... The symptoms are as follows:

Physically lethargy, sleep deprivation, cognitive memory loss, polyphasic sleep, emotional roller-coasters, energy loss, questioning one's spiritual will to live (questioning your spiritual walk), and all of the various "why" questions that arise.

What we attempt to do is quickly get through our grief process. This cannot be done and your body will not allow you to do it. This is why one experiences physical lethargy – your

body and your soul need time to heal. Sometimes our hurt flows so deep within our existence we forget how bad we are hurt. Grief reminds us.

Sleep deprivation – disruptions in normal sleep patterns are very common in the first weeks and months of grief. You go to sleep finding yourself waking up a few hours later tired and exhausted. This is normal. **Cognitive memory loss** – you start doing something around the house then remember you have not made your bed. You stop whatever you are doing to go and make your bed, start that, and then remember you have not finished another task you started. **Emotional roller-coaster** – one minute you are fine the next minute you feel you want to cry, run, or just get away from it all. This is normal. **The questioning of your spiritual walk** – You have had a prayer life as well as a life of worship. Now you are good just to say "Jesus wept." You are normal. This is a growing process, and you are learning to grow, to cope, to move now without the assistance of your loss.

Our country has been programed to not mourn long. As a Chaplain, I have attended funerals where I have offered the eulogy and there was not a body present. Just a picture. To properly mourn we want to spend time with our loved one even if it is within our heart of hearts. Retelling the story of how we loved, how they were dear to you and made the difference in your life. I will cover in our next paper, the safe place to mourn and cope.

Chaplain Hagger pastors All People Worship Center in Odessa Texas and also oversees the operation at All People Hospice and Healthcare.

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no matter what time it is.

2017 REUNION IN REVIEW

Reunion Recap by Daisy Morgan:

The LEX reunion was held in Minnesota, this was my first visit to the Twin Cities, I hope to visit again! We enjoyed a wonderful City Tour and a Riverboat Luncheon Cruise. We learned all about the state with 10,000 lakes, from Minnehaha Falls and their clean water resources, to Dred Scott and his historical "freedom" legal case. We enjoyed Walleye (the state fish) at our dinner - a very sweet fish. We saw the Vikings billions of dollars Football Stadium, and some of the LEX crew members met and/or spotted some of the New Orleans Saints while they were staying at our hotel prior to their game against the Vikings on Sunday.

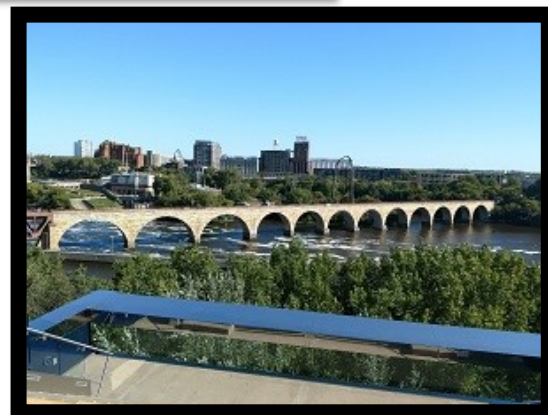
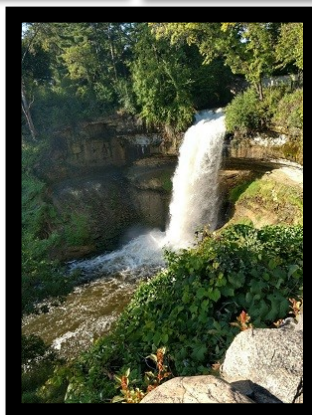
My return flight was very early on 9/11; The Southwest in-flight staff took time to honor all Veterans. Prior to landing they acknowledged my service to the USS Lexington... a very honored moment with the entire plane passengers applauding.



Photo: Daisy with portrait of Dred Scott



2017 LEX Reunion
Minneapolis, MN





2017 REUNION - BUSINESS MEETING

USS LEXINGTON CV 16 ASSOCIATION
2017 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2017 – Minneapolis, Minnesota



Lloyd started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lloyd began the business portion of the meeting with old business.

Financial Report: Lance Wagner presented the 2016 reunion financial report. If anyone would like to ask about any part of this report, Lance has all listed items in this report and available for viewing per request. Lance also indicated that the Executive Board recommends our dues be raised from \$15.00 to \$20.00. He made a motion that the Association dues be \$20.00 annually. It was seconded and the motion was approved.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 2016 business meeting were read and accepted as read.

Lloyd went on to the new business portion of the meeting.

SPECIAL THANKS: Lloyd also gave a special thanks to all our WWII Vets.

DONATIONS: Lloyd advised, at the executive board meeting, that it had been discussed at keeping our donations as previously followed. Lance stated that we would be donating as follows:

- 1) \$1500 for a Kubota for the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay
- 2) \$425.00 to the, "Lone Sailor Dinner"; Daisy Morgan, to attend the Dinner, representing the U.S.S. Lexington.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Lance will follow-up to see who the 2017 winner(s) is.

The new guide lines for the scholarship awards that were proposed by Gary Shorrel and Bob DiMonte and also Jay Southard were discussed. Gary moved and it was seconded that the Scholarship proposal be adopted. Motion Carried.

Future Reunions:

Lloyd stated that the 2018 reunion was officially and successfully voted in to be held in San Diego, California. Bob DiMonte will be hosting the 2018 reunion, with final quotes on hotels and tours, and final closing costs.

Lloyd asked if there were any nominations for the 2019 reunion.

Members agree the 2019 reunion should be held in Corpus Christi hosted by Christopher Hagger.

Lloyd asked for a show of hands from all members, and was then decided to have the 2019 reunion in Corpus Christi Texas.

ELECTIONS:

Lloyd stated that elections needed to be held next year for new officers. (Elections are held every two years).

The officers are as following

- 1) President: Lloyd Friedli
- 2) Vice President: Gary Shorrel
- 3) Financial Adviser: Lance Wagner
- 4) Secretary: Dawn Brophy
- 5) Historian: Daisy Morgan

Lloyd stated if anyone would be interested in an officer position please contact him.

Lloyd thanked Greg Plante for heading up the 'SUNRISE PRESS'.

Also Dues will be due by December 31st instead of month that member joined that way there won't be any misunderstanding.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1030.

2017 NAVY MEMORIAL ANNUAL DINNER

Once again the USS Lexington Association sponsored Daisy Morgan as a representative of the USS Lexington to attend the Navy Memorials annual Lone Sailor Awards Dinner. Daisy said it was an awesome and inspirational evening; she considers it an honor and privilege to represent the USS Lexington.

The United States Navy Memorial Foundation presents a "Lone Sailor Award" to Sea Service Veterans who have distinguished themselves, drawing upon their Sea Service experience to become successful, in their subsequent careers and lives, while exemplifying the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. This years recipients were Christopher Gardner and David Robinson.



David Robinson is a former professional basketball player for the San Antonio Spurs, and a U.S. Veteran nicknamed "the admiral."



Christopher Gardner is the founder and CEO of Gardner Rich & Co, and author of "The Pursuit of Happiness" - now a motion picture starring Will Smith.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

USS Lexington Association Scholarship News:

At the annual USS Lexington reunion business meeting on Sept. 10th, 2017 proposed changes to the USS Lexington Association Scholarship Award Program were presented to the members in attendance. Changes to the Scholarship Award program are as follows:

- Scholarship is now available to High School seniors who plan to attend a technical school in addition to those planning to attend a college or university. Applicants are eligible to apply for the scholarship up to the age of 25. Note: This allows our enlistment veterans to apply.
- Scholarship is now available to first and second year (underclassmen) currently attending a college/university or technical school.
- Two \$500 scholarship awards are now available in addition to the \$1,000 award to the first and second runners up as judged by the award committee.
- The essay, of 500 words or less, as described in the application form should also include a paragraph about the applicant's educational or personal goals and any other pertinent information the applicant wishes to share with the award committee.
- The date for submission of scholarship applications to the award committee has been changed from August 31st to June 1st.

By a vote of the Association members in attendance the proposed changes were approved and will be effective in 2018.

The revised Scholarship Award Program application is included on page 10 this version of the Sunrise Press.

Please encourage eligible prospective students to apply for the USS Lexington Scholarship Award Program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

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The Association Scholarship Award is a one-time award to a graduating high school senior or a college / technical school student in their first two years of post-secondary education up to the age of 25. The winning award is in the amount of \$1000 and two awards of \$500 will be granted to the first and second runners up to assist them in furthering their education at a college or technical school of their choice. The award program is open to any high school senior or college/ technical school underclassmen who are a family member (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, etc.) of a USS Lexington Association member. Complete this form and send it to the address shown at the bottom of the form before the deadline.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

High School/College/Technical school Name: _____

HS GPA: _____

PSAT Score: _____ (or circle) Did Not Take. N/A for college or technical school students.

ACT Score: _____ (or circle) Did Not Take. N/A for college or technical school students.

Attach a typed 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 the applicant wishes to share with the award committee.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

USS Lexington CV16 Association Member Info: Name: _____

Address: _____

Association Member's Signature: _____

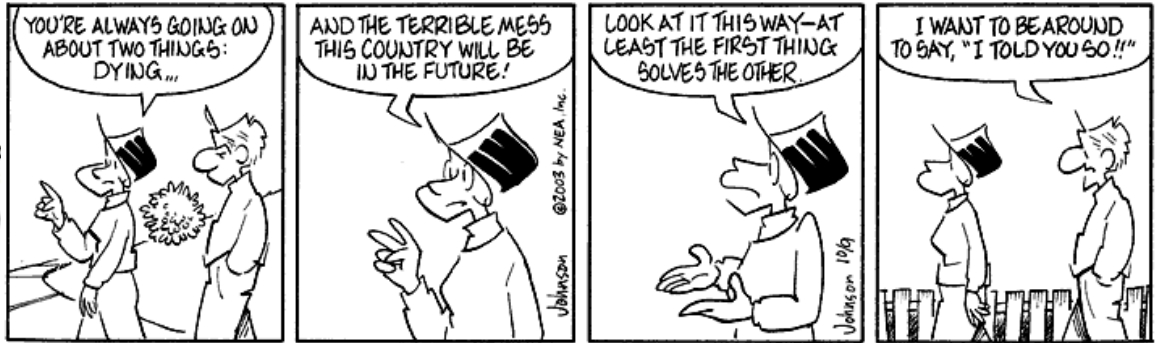
Mail this form and essay to: Scott and Missy Redding
11032 W. Crestline Drive
Littleton, CO 80127

All Submissions must be postmarked no later than June 1st, 2018



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.

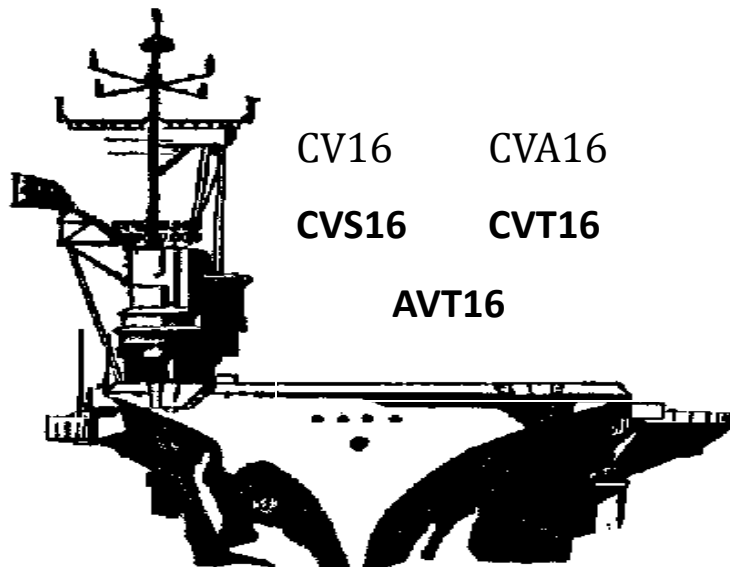


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