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NAVY OFFERS FEWER RESTRICTIONS FOR SAILORS WHO GET COVID VACCINE

By Geoff Ziezulewicz

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The Navy is rolling out less-restrictive COVID-19 requirements for immunized sailors and fully vaccinated crews, policies that will lead to more port calls and less pre-deployment quarantines for those who volunteer for the vaccine.

Sailors who opt to get one of the voluntary COVID vaccines won't have to quarantine before deployment if they received their final dose within the past three months, according to updated COVID guidance from Vice Adm. Phil Sawyer, deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy. Fully vaccinated crews will be able to do away with restriction of movement, or ROM, sequesters and will be able to "relax health protection measures aimed at mitigating the spread of the novel coronavirus," the message states.

Immunized sailors will be able to make port calls in overseas U.S. ports, including Guam, Bahrain, Rota, Spain, and Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, but will be limited to base services. Restriction-of-movement, or ROM, periods for vaccinated units in training or readying to deploy will be eased as well.

Vaccines allow a path back to something that resembles normalcy, according to the Navy. "In short, fully immunized sailors will allow our Navy to begin to unwind the limitations that have been placed on our sailors at sea," the message states. "The higher percentage of the crew immunized, the less risk there is to a widespread outbreak." The message also states that "nearly every ship in the Navy has had at least one case onboard." "In the majority of those cases, aggressive early action to isolate, quarantine, contact trace and continue strict health protection measures has contained the incidence rate onboard to well less than fi ve percent, allowing those ships to fi ght through and remain on mission," according to the message. The message also states that fully immunized crews will be able to "relax health protection measures" after a certain number of days onboard, depending on crew size. If the ship brings on any non-immunized individuals, such measures must be put in place again while those people are on board. The message states that guidance will continue to

be updated "as we learn more about the vaccines and the reduced risk it aff ords our sailors." "For crews who are a 100 percent immunized ...

"For crews who are a 100 percent immunized ... modeling shows the risk of infection is extremely low," Sawyer wrote.

The COVID-19 vaccines are now being "rapidly deployed across the fleet," the message states. Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower and its strike group received their fi rst dose of the Moderna vaccine in February, with a second shot to follow during their deployment. As of a few weeks ago, two out of three sailors who were off ered the vaccine had taken it, according to Sawyer.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines under an emergency-use authorization, which means the military cannot mandate them for servicemembers. Still, Big Navy has in recent weeks been nudging the fl eet to take advantage of the two-shot regimen when it is their turn, to protect not only themselves,

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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. Membership Dues: \$20/year - Due by Dec. 31st. Make checks payable to: USS Lexington Association.

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

PAY ONLINE:

Association members can now pay their annual dues online. Just go to our website: usslexingtoncv16.org and press the "Dues and Donation" button.

43rd Annual Reunion of the

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Sept 27 - Oct 1, 2021

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https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescall/obituary.aspx?n=kaspar-gotfred-knutsen-kas&pid=197779785&fhid=6452

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, Robertsdale, AL 36567

Obituary for Helen Royer:

Helen is the widow of past Association President and Plank-owner Bill Royer. Bill was instrumental in helping our Association for many years, and Helen was a big part of our Lexington family. We pass our thoughts and prayers to her daughter Bobbie Rabuck, who honors her parents by serving our Association by printing and mailing out the Sunrise Press. https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/pa/akron/helen-beverly-royer-12273157



WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

Stowe, Don

Onboard: Temp Duty NAS Chase Field, VT-24

Eastman, Matthew G.

Onboard: 02/28/1977 - 06/01/1979

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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 \$20/year, and due at the end of each year.

Dues can be paid online at: <u>www.usslexingtoncv16.orq</u>

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

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



SHIPMATES LOOKING FOR...

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 newsletter.

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NAME: Robert Lindel EMAIL: ifga16@comcast.net

Subject: Crew Member Report

My Father-in-Law was Daniel Milligan who became a Shell Back on 18 Sept 1943. I and my wife wish to find anyone who remembers him. He passed away in 1976 in Great Barrington, MA.

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:

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SPRING IS HERE...



Welcome to spring my fellow shipmates. I sincerely hope you and your family are well. It appears that the COVID virus is on the way out and all of us older shipmates have gotten their vaccinations, I have. That said I am very excited to think about getting together with all of you again at our reunion in

Omaha. Our host tells me that all is set for the reunion. It should be a great time as all of our reunions are. Several events are planned so save the dates from Sept. 27 to Sept. 30 and let's all meet in Omaha. There is more information and a registration form in this issue of the Sunrise Press. Send in your registration form as soon as possible so the CV 16 Association can better plan for various events.

For Christmas two of my grandsons bought me the book "The Navy", published by the Naval Historical Foundation. It is a great history of the Navy complete with lots of historical photographs. The USS Lexington, both CV 2 and CV 16 are mentioned several times in the book. The book can be purchased on Amazon. The book is leather bound and is a complete history of the Navy.

Until we meet in Omaha stay well my fellow shipmates and enjoy the summer. We especially enjoy the summer "up Nort" as us Scandinavians say. It is a short season up here with nine months of winter and three months of tough sledding. See you in Omaha.





43rd Annual Reunion of the USS Lexington CV16 Association
September 27th - October 1st, 2021.......Ramada Plaza by Wyndham - Omaha, Nebraska

Memorial Service: Honoring our Shipmates who have passed away this past year. Tuesday, September 28th, 2:30pm - Freedom Park, Omaha



Freedom Park is an outdoor park and United States Naval Museum located along the Missouri River.





Major exhibits are a USS Marlin SST-2 and USS Hazard AM-240. The park also has a collection of jets, helicopters, rocket launchers, missiles, a Captain's Gig and more.



RE-WEAVING LIFE

Chaplain Christopher Hagger

As we prepare to embrace another year of the Lord's resurrection, we can't help but look back over the last year in retrospect. Last year this time we were hoping

for the best not knowing just how bad it would get. It got bad, really bad. We lost loved ones, we lost jobs, we lost our freedom as we knew it. But we never lost hope.

When the fabric of life is frayed, it can be difficult to regain one's footing in order to move forward, and not just moving forward but moving forward with a purpose and acceptance of the new norm. For some, purpose and acceptance are not possible but it is possible to move forward in light of loss.

I am reminded of our friend Peter who was introduced to us in the four gospels and in his name-sake books he wrote in the New Testament, 1st and 2nd Peter. Peter was asked by Christ did he love him, Peter said yes Lord I love you. Jesus ask Peter the same question two other times, I guess Peter was wondering why Christ kept asking him did he love him. Peter seemed to get frustrated said Lord you know I love you, the Lord then said again "feed my sheep."

We know from reading Peter's story that he was not a model Christian; he had denied the Lord, as well as some other things happening. Peter, feeling guilty and ashamed probably felt that he did not belong, and his past actions proved this. The Lord was asking Peter if he loved Him for a reason; He was asking Peter if He loved Him, because he never stopped loving Peter in spite of all that had happened. You might have lost a loved one or something near and dear to you during this pandemic. This pandemic was not your fault. What took place was not a punishment or a smite upon you as a person. Whatever this was, it was. The question is do you love the Lord? Because He still loves you. When we stand up and affirm Lord, I love you; what we are saying is Lord I believe in your character, I believe in who you say you are. The Lord said something to Peter before he fell, He said "Peter the devil desires to sift you as wheat, but I pray your faith will hold out." The key word is faith. Lord I believe in you because you love me the way I am and you are making me more and more like you daily. You are teaching me how to re-weave my life.

Yes, I am re-weaving my life with a purpose and accepting my new norm. Why? I can do all thing through Christ who strengthens me.

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

He also overseas the operation at All People Hospice and Healthcare.

Contact: 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.



Make Your Reservations SOON!!

See pages 6 thru 8 of this Newsletter

for more Information

ANNUAL REUNION OF THE USS LEXINGTON CV16 ASSOCIATION 2021-September 27th - October 1st

JOIN US IN OMAHA AT THE RAMADA PLAZA

Experience comfort and convenience at Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Omaha. Ideally located off I-80 just a few miles from the city's top attractions, including The Old Market District. The hotel features the Coco Key Indoor Water Park (additional fees apply) on site and you can join us at the bar for refreshing cocktails. You'll also appreciate complimentary breakfast, the fitness center, and our large, guest-friendly indoor plaza. Each non-smoking guest room features an HDTV, microwave, minirefrigerator, and work area.







RAMADA PLAZA by WYNDHAM

3321 SOUTH 72nd STREET, OMAHA, NE 68124 PHONE: 402-393-3950

(MENTION GROUP RATE: \$84/USS LEXINGTON ASSOCIATION)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY: AUGUST 27, 2021

Wednesday is your Free-Day to go out and enjoy the city... Sightseeing, Shopping, Touring and More!

Omaha offers a wide verity of Museums, Parks, Entertainment and Cuisine.

https://www.visitomaha.com/

River City

Star Riverboat Tour and Luncheon

Join your shipmates out on the two-story Riverboat, cruising the Missouri River and enjoying the sights and sounds of the river. The lower deck of the boat is fully enclosed, handicapped accessible, temperature controlled and has a fully stocked bar, comfortable seating and two restrooms. The upper deck is open air with a canopy.

You must pre-register (on the LEX Registration Form) for this Boat Tour

This park features more than 100 larger-than-life sized bronze sculptures that tell the story of the pioneer's westward journey.



PIONEER COURAGE PARK



https://www.firstnationalcampus.com/fnc/html/en/sculpture_park/pioneer.html

Visitors can walk among wagons, oxen, horses and pioneers.

This unique art display stretches through six city blocks.



Shopping and More... Omaha is filled with one-of-a-kind Boutiques, Art Galleries, offbeat Shops, expansive Malls and quaint Shopping Centers. https://www.visitomaha.com/things-to-do/shopping/ The Old Market is located in downtown Omaha. The neighborhood features a collection of unique shops offering art, fashion, jewelry, and gifts. The area retains its brick paved streets from the turn of the century, horse-drawn carriages and covered sidewalks. It is not uncommon to see a variety of street performers, artists, and other vendors. https://oldmarket.com/

USS LEXINGTON CV 16 43rd ANNUAL REUNION

Omaha, Nebraska September 27th – October 1st 2021 ITINERARY

September 27th - Monday: Hotel Check-in/Reunion Registration

1200 Hospitality Suite opens for check in

1700 Hospitality Suite Closes for Reception

1700 Opening Reception: Finger Foods & Cash Bar

September 28th – Tuesday: City Tour, Memorial Service & Lunch

0815 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Scheduled Tour

0830 Bus departs for the City Tour of historical Omaha

1300 Lunch at Upstream Brewing Co.

1430 Memorial Service at Freedom Park

1600 Hospitality Suite Opens

2000 Hospitality Suite Closes

September 29th - Wednesday: free day for Sight Seeing, River Boat Tour

1045 Meet in Hotel Lobby for Scheduled Tour

1100 Depart for River City Star River Boat Tour and Lunch

1300 Hospitality Suite Opens

2000 Hospitality Suite Closes

September 30th – Thursday: Business Meeting and Banquet

1000 Business Meeting; All members and guests welcome

1200 Hospitality Suite Opens

1630 Hospitality Suite Closes

1800 Banquet

Social Hour (Doors will open at 1800) Cash Bar

Group Picture (Coat and Tie suggested)

Presentation of Colors / Dinner Served / Entertainment

October 1st - Friday

Checkout – Safe travels home.... Next Reunion- Gettysburg

REGISTRATION FORM

2021 REUNION OF THE USS LEXINGTON CV-16 ASSOCIATION, Omaha, Nebraska

Please Note: This form does not include your hotel reservation. Hotel reservations must be done separately by you.

Ramada Plaza by Windham, 3321 South 72nd Street ,Omaha, NE 68124

Phone: 1-402-393-3950

Mention the Lexington Association - Group Rate (\$84/per night)

Hotel Reservations must be made before August 27, 2021

The Registration Form is also available on our website, with the ability to pay using your Debit or Credit Card.

www.usslexingtoncv16.org

NAME	SPOUSE/GUES	ST
(Additional guests - _I	please list below and include in the fi	nal numbers below.)
ADDRESS:	CITY	STATEZIP
PHONE	EMAIL	
DATES ON BOARD	DIVISION	N
Additional Guests:		
Register me for the follow Reunion Registration Fee (no		endees x \$45 each = \$_
Tuesday, September 28th		
City Tour/Lunch/Memorial Se	rviceNumber of att	endees x \$65 each = \$_
Wednesday, September 29th		
River Boat Tour and Lunch	Number of att	tendees x \$50 each = \$_
Thursday, September 30th		
Farewell Banquet	Number of att	tendees x \$60 each = \$_
Choice of Entrée:		

Mail Registration form and check payable to: USS Lexington CV 16 Association

Lance Wagner

Cut-off Date: August 27, 20201 71-21 73 Place, Glendale, New York 11385



Meet Butch

Received from Shipmate Gary Shorrel

There are many stories on the internet and elsewhere about a former Lexington shipmate who eventually

paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country. Unfortunately, it often centers on the checkered past of his father and his father's employer, Al Capone. In my opinion, this is a sad thing, as the son has so gallantly "cleaned up" the family name and restored it to honor. It is that honor that I am focusing on today. The official citation for this fine aviator reads as follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in aerial combat, at grave risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, as section leader and pilot of Fighting Squadron 3 on 20 February 1942. Having lost the assistance of his teammates, Lt. O'Hare interposed his plane between his ship and an advancing enemy formation of 9 attacking twin-engine heavy bombers. Without hesitation, alone and unaided, he repeatedly attacked this enemy formation, at close range in the face of intense combined machinegun and cannon fire. Despite this concentrated opposition, Lt. O'Hare, by his gallant and courageous action, his extremely skillful marksmanship in making the most of every shot of his limited amount of ammunition, shot down 5 enemy bombers and severely damaged a sixth before they reached the bomb release point. As a result of his gallant action--one of the most daring, if not the most daring, single action in the history of combat aviation--he undoubtedly saved his carrier from serious damage."

What was this gallant action that saved Lexington? What caused him to be the first Naval Aviator to earn the Medal of Honor? We now go back in time to 20 February, 1942. At 1015, the Lexington picked up an unknown aircraft on radar 35 miles from the ship. A six-plane combat patrol was launched, two fighters being directed to investigate the contact and subsequently shooting down a Kawanishi H6K4 (Mavis). Two other planes sent to another radar contact 35 miles ahead, shot down a second Mavis. A third contact was made 80 miles out, but it reversed course and disappeared. A short time later a jagged contact appeared on Lexington's radar, then was lost, but reappeared at 1625 forty-seven miles west and closing fast. Butch O'Hare, flying F4F Wildcat BuNo 4031 was one of several pilots launched to intercept.

At 1700, Lexington's radar picked up a second formation of Betties only 12 miles out, on the disengaged side of the task force, completely unopposed. The carrier had only two Wildcats left to confront the intruders: Butch and his wingman "Duff" Dufilho. As the Lexington's only protection,

they raced eastward and arrived 1,500 feet above eight attacking Betties 9 miles out. Dufilho's guns were jammed and wouldn't fire, leaving only O'Hare to protect the carrier. O'Hare's Wildcat, armed with four 50-caliber guns, with 450 rounds per gun, had enough ammunition for about 34 seconds of firing.

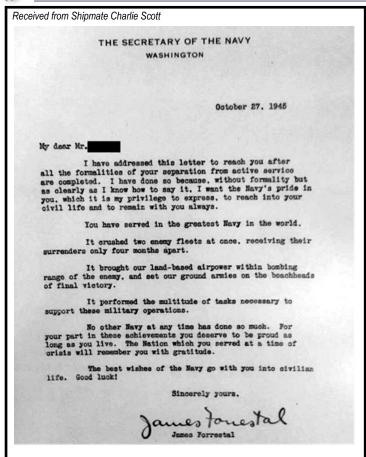
O'Hare's initial maneuver was a high-side diving attack. He accurately placed bursts of gunfire into a *Betty's* wing fuel tanks. He then ducked to the other side of the V formation and aimed at the enemy bomber on the extreme left. O'Hare managed to shoot down five bombers, and damage a sixth. The three survivors managed to drop their ordnance, but all three bombs missed.

With his ammunition expended, O'Hare returned to his carrier. O'Hare's plane had amazingly been hit by only one bullet during his flight, the single bullet hole in BuNo4031's port wing disabling the airspeed indicator.

It was later calculated that O'Hare had used only sixty rounds of ammunition for each bomber he destroyed; an impressive feat of marksmanship. In the opinion of Admiral Brown and of Captain Frederick C. Sherman, commanding the Lexington, Lieutenant O'Hare's actions may have saved the carrier from serious damage or even loss. By 1900 all of Lexington's planes had been recovered except for two F4F-3 Wildcats shot down while attacking enemy bombers; both were lost while making steady, no-deflection runs from astern of their targets. The pilot of one fighter was rescued, the other went down with his plane.

By shooting down five bombers O'Hare became a flying ace, and was promoted to Lieutenant Commander. After receiving the Medal of Honor from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lt. O'Hare was described as "modest, inarticulate, humorous, terribly nice and more than a little embarrassed by the whole thing".

In action, off the Marianas Islands, on November 26, 1943, O'Hare went missing, was declared dead a year later, and his widow Rita received her husband's posthumous decorations; a Purple Heart and the Navy Cross. In 1945 the US Navy destroyer USS O'Hare (DD-889) was named in O'Hare's honor. As a tribute to Butch O'Hare, on September 19,1949, the Chicago-area Orchard Depot Airport was renamed O'Hare International Airport.







SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Award Program: USS Lexington CV-16 Association Sponsored

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.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Applicants can submit an application for our scholarships online. Go to our WEB site, usslexingtoncv16.org and press the "Scholarship Program" button on the first page of the WEB site. This link will take the applicant to a page describing the program, eligibility and a form to complete and email to our scholarship program review committee. The USS Lexington CV 16 Association is proud to make these scholarships available to relatives of the Association. Good luck to all who apply.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT:

In the space provided on the application write an 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 you wish to share with the award committee.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST, 2021

It is our desire as an Association to support continuing education for our high school seniors, college underclassmen and technical school attendees. Additionally if returning veterans meeting the family criteria continues their education we want to support that effort.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT











BY: Jimmy Johnson

















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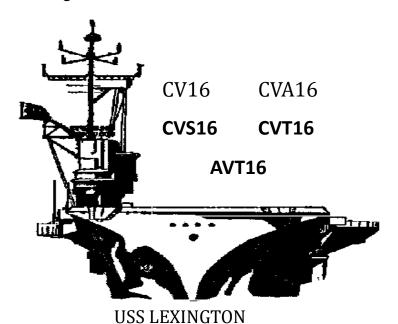


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