

LEXINGTON GETS MODERNIZED AGAIN?!?

Well, sort of. Modern technology is helping us become a better Association of shipmates. We have the newsletter going to MANY email addresses now, enabling us to give you a much better newsletter to enjoy.

Lloyd is updating the website to perk it up a little, and now *The Lexington Association is now on Facebook*. Now I know that not everyone is on Facebook, but there are a few of us brave old souls that have ventured out and tried it. We're finding we like it, too. I encourage you to sign up for a Facebook page (or have your grandkids do it for you and show you up). Then, seek out USS Lexington CV16 Association in the friends utility, and send a friend request. (You can also look it up using the e-mail address cv16crew@gmail.com) I'll try to check it at least twice a week while I'm on the road to accept friend requests. After that, the success of the site is up to you. Connect with friends, share thoughts and ideas, etc.

I intend to post any pertinent info on the page as well as we get closer to things like our reunions. I really see this as a way to help us become a closer and more tightly knit Association of shipmates.

I hope to see you online!!!



Original Message -----

From: michael givens (chuckroast1982@gmail.com)

To: "lex16@usslexingtoncv16.org"

lex16@usslexingtoncv16.org

Sent: Tue 29/12/09 4:03 AM

Subject: Fwd: looking for information

Hi I'm looking for people who served with my friend, (deceased) CDR Doyne R. Wills on the USS Lexington, Or if anyone has any pictures or memorabilia or stories to share with me. He was my friend 20 years. Picture above included to help in identifying him. thank you, Michael Givens

Rapid City Reunion 2010

September 7 – 12, 2010

Deadline

For Reunion, Hotel & Tour Registration: August 7, 2010

A fantastic reunion is planned for your enjoyment. Come to Rapid City; visit Mt. Rushmore which if you have not visited before you owe it to yourself to do so at least once in your life. If you have visited it in the past you know it worth doing so again. We will enjoy the Black Hills, Custer State Park and other great South Dakota sites. The lighting ceremony at Mt Rushmore will be the highlight of the week with its patriotic honoring of all veterans. See the tours listed below which outline a fun, informative week for all of us. Add to that the chance to visit with shipmates and friends, and we have the makings of truly outstanding reunion that you do not want to miss. The reunion hotel is the Grand Gateway and below is information to allow you to make your reservations, etc.

Reunion Hotel **The Grand Gateway**

1721 N. Lacrosse Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

Hotel Reservations can be made directly by calling (605) 342-1300 or toll free to (866) 742-1300. Make sure to tell the Customer Service Representative that you are with the USS Lexington CV16 Association Reunion. The rate is \$72 + tax, per room, per night based on availability, room rates will be honored 2 days prior to and after the reunion. Complimentary transportation to and from the airport, as well as within Rapid City is available, and hotel parking is free.

TOURS: On the following pages are listings of the tours offered. All are designed, and priced, to show off Mt. Rushmore and South Dakota at a reasonable cost.

Rapid City, South Dakota Reunion

September 7-12, 2010

Tuesday	1200	Hospitality Room opens, reunion registration.
	1830	Welcome Aboard Reception, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, Opening and Welcoming remarks by:
Wednesday	0800	Hospitality Room opens, Registration continues
	0815	Gather in lobby for TOUR 1, Badlands/Wall Drugs
	1730	Gather in lobby for TOUR 2, Flying T Chuck Wagon Dinner and Show
Thursday	0800	Hospitality Room opens, Registration continues
	0815,	Gather in the lobby for TOUR 3, Crazy Horse Memorial / Custer State Park / Mount Rushmore
Friday	0800	Hospitality Room opens
	0815	Gather in Lobby for TOUR 4, Journey Museum / Prairie Edge Galleries / City of Presidents Walk
	1645	Meet in lobby for TOUR 5, Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony
Saturday	0800	Hospitality Room opens
	0800	Men's Business Meeting
	1800	Cocktail Hour preceding the Banquet, cash bar
	1900	Banquet (coat and tie requested)
Sunday	0900	Hospitality room open for one hour.

HOW ABOUT THOSE TOURS!?!?

TOUR 1

Wednesday, 8 September, 2010

Badlands National Park Load 0815, Depart 0830



This scenic adventure takes us through the magnificent area of the Badlands National Park where rain, wind, and frost have carved steep canyons, sharp ridges, gullies, and pinnacles, providing a glimpse into the relentless pace of geologic change. "Included will be a short stop and tour at one of the discontinued Minuteman missile silos. Additionally, on this tour, we will visit the world's largest drugstore, Wall Drug. This unique shopping emporium is filled with many fun activities and displays. Lunch on our own. Arrive back at the hotel at approximately 3:30 p.m. Cost = \$45.00 per person"



TOUR 2

Wednesday, 8 September, 2010 Flying T Chuck Wagon Supper and Show Load 5:30pm, Depart 5:45pm

We will enjoy an original cowboy supper of Barbeque Beef, potatoes, beans, vegetables, biscuits, and dessert served on plates just like in the old campfire days. The fine folks of the Flying T guarantee we won't go away hungry. We will sit back and enjoy an authentic country music show with western comedy, and top-rated western hospitality with food and fun. We'll arrive back at the hotel at approximately 8:30pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person



TOUR 3

Thursday, 9 September, 2010 Crazy Horse/ Custer State Park/ Mt Rushmore Load 0815, Depart 0830

Travel via Hill City to Crazy Horse Memorial. This memorial is an awe-inspiring rock carving over 50 years in process. We will have a chance to see the great family story in the continuing development of this memorial.



Then, on to Custer State Park, which is home to buffalo and other protected animals. Lunch will be served buffet style at the State Game Lodge and is included as part of the tour cost.



We will continue on down scenic Iron Mountain Highway and



finally make a short stop at Mount Rushmore before returning to the hotel. We will arrive back at the hotel at approximately 3:30pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person.

TOUR 4

Friday, 10 September, 2010 Journey Museum/Prairie Edge Galleries/ Downtown Load 0815, Depart 0830



The Journey Museum takes you through the geologic forming of the Black Hills. It gives insight into the development of the Lakota Sioux culture, and the stories of pioneers who came to the Black Hills for gold.

The Prairie Edge Galleries is a unique gathering of South Dakota Merchandise. This tour allows free time for the City of the Presidents



Walk. Lunch will lunch on our own as we desire, and arrival back at the hotel will be approximately 12:45pm Cost will be \$24.00 per person.

TOUR 5

Friday, 10 September, 2010 Mount Rushmore Lighting ceremony Load 4:45pm, Depart 5:00pm

We will travel to Mount Rushmore with time for viewing, and evening meal, and the patriotic lighting ceremony. Vouchers for the evening meal are part of the package. This patriotic lighting ceremony is a fantastic way to see Mount Rushmore in all its splendor and glory. You do not want to miss this tour. Arrival back at the hotel will be approximately 9:45pm Cost is \$45.00 per person.



RAPID CITY, S.D. 2010 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Name: _____	Division _____
Name: _____	Relation _____
Name: _____	Relation _____
Name: _____	Relation _____
Name: _____	Relation _____

If registering more than 5, please attach a sheet providing the additional names.

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| (1) TOTAL NUMBER in our Group | | _____ |
| (2) COST to register | | _____ x \$25.00 |
| (3) TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THOSE REGISTERING | (1) x (2) | _____ |
| | | |
| (4) NUMBER ATTENDING SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET | | _____ |
| (5) COST (per person) | | _____ x \$35.00 |
| (6) TOTAL BANQUET amount | (4) x (5) | _____ |
| (7) NUMBER for Badlands National Park | | _____ x \$45.00 = |
| (8) NUMBER for Flying T Chuck Wagon and Show | | _____ x \$35.00 = |
| (9) TOTAL for Crazy Horse/Custer State Park/Mt. Rushmore | | _____ x \$55.00 = |
| (10) TOTAL for Journey Museum/Prairie Edge Galleries/Downtown | | _____ x \$25.00 = |
| (11) TOTAL for Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony | | _____ x \$ 45.00 = |
| (12) TOTAL for Registration, Banquet, and Tour Package | (3+6+7+8+9+10+11) | _____ |

Send this form and a check for the amount on line (11) made payable to: USS Lexington CV16 Association

TO:
Lance Wagner
71 - 21 73rd Place
Glendale, NY 11385

Dinner selections are: (Please indicate the number desired):

Stuffed Porterhouse Pork Chop	_____
Baked Chicken Breast	_____
Sirloin Tips over Noodles	_____

The total number of meals should total the same number as shown on line (4)

In Case Of Emergency, Please Contact: (name) _____

(Phone) _____

Registration Deadline is 17 August, 2010