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80th Anniversary of the Torpedo Attack on USS Lexington CV-16 USS Lexington Museum to host memorial ceremony for fallen crew on December 4th.

Corpus Christi – The USS Lexington Museum will hold a memorial ceremony on December 4th, 2023 at 2:00PM to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the torpedo attack that occurred on December 4th, 1943 and pay tribute to the nine victims of the attack. The ceremony will be hosted by Carson Manning, a dedicated volunteer at the USS Lexington Museum.

On the evening of December 4, 1943, USS Lexington encountered her first combat fatalities as a result of hostile activity. A Mitsubishi G4M "Betty" aircraft deployed a Type 91 torpedo, which struck the vessel, precisely 80 years ago, making USS Lexington the first of only two Essex Class aircraft carriers to be hit by a torpedo.

In 2021, Carson Manning began volunteering at the USS Lexington Museum. He developed a strong fondness for the ship, dedicating his time to engaging with former crew members and conducting in-depth research to provide guests with enlightening insights into its historical significance.

Last year, Carson discovered a lack of any memorial recognizing the victims of the torpedo attack in 1943. Since June 2023, Carson Manning, along with additional USS Lexington Museum volunteers Nancy Krupa and Deborah Rudder, have dedicated extensive time to thoroughly researching the lives and tragic deaths of USS Lexington crew members, in order to pay tribute to their valiant sacrifices while serving their country.

WHAT: Memorial Ceremony for the 80th Anniversary of the Torpedo Attack on USS Lexington CV-16

WHERE: USS Lexington Museum, 2914 N. Shoreline Blvd.

WHEN: Monday, December 4, 2023 • 2:00 PM

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