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## PRESS ADVISORY

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### **USS LEXINGTON MUSEUM TO HOST 33RD ANNUAL STAGE DOOR CANTEEN Honoring The Ship's Commissioning And Supporting Ongoing Restoration**

**CORPUS CHRISTI, TX** — The USS Lexington Museum will host its **33rd Annual Stage Door Canteen** on **Friday, February 20, 2026**, celebrating the ship's commissioning on **February 17, 1943**. This annual fundraising event recreates the spirit of **World War II-era Canteen shows**, when entertainers performed for servicemen and women at home and abroad.

The evening features live music by the **USS Lexington Big Band**, guest vocalists, dancing, appetizers, a cash bar, and complimentary valet parking. Guests are encouraged to dress in business casual, 1940s-era attire, or WWII military uniforms.

Attendees and sponsors may **donate tickets or table seats** to provide local military personnel with a memorable night. The museum will invite individuals from nearby military installations on the donor's behalf.

**Sponsorships are available through February 9, 2026**, with **tables of 10 starting at \$1,000**. Sponsorship levels of **\$3,000 and \$5,000** include a bottle of **Limited-Edition Blue Ghost Bourbon**, crafted with blue corn exclusively for the USS Lexington Museum by **Chapline Distillery**, a veteran-owned Texas distillery. The bourbon will also be featured in the silent auction and available at the cash bar.

The museum gratefully thanks its current sponsors: **Joseph Wise, Jr. and Merrill Lynch, Angie & Kent Britton, Kleberg Bank, McCracken Salazar Hale Bhakta Group, Hicks Automotive, TRIROCK Energy, and First Community Bank**. Proceeds support ongoing restoration and maintenance of the USS Lexington Museum.

#### **Event Details**

**When:** Friday, February 20, 2026 | 7–10 PM

**Tickets:** \$65 Single | \$95 Couple

For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, visit [www.usslexington.com](http://www.usslexington.com)

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