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TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR USS LEXINGTON

Corpus Christi – A dedication ceremony for a historical marker commemorating the lasting contributions of the iconic naval aircraft carrier USS Lexington (CV-16) is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th, at 11:00 a.m. The event will take place at the USS Lexington Museum, with music by the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi.

Commissioned in 1943, USS Lexington, the “Blue Ghost,” set more records than any other Essex Class aircraft carrier. During WWII, she served in every major operation in the Pacific Theater. During its time as the Navy’s training carrier from 1962 to 1991, USS Lexington operated out of Pensacola, FL, qualifying student and fleet naval aviators, including students from NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Kingsville. Decommissioned in November 1991, she was transferred as a museum ship to Corpus Christi in 1992.

Key speakers during the ceremony will include Nueces County Judge Connie Scott, USS Lexington Museum Executive Director Steve Banta, and Mike Carlisle with the Nueces County Historical Commission. Attendees will witness the unveiling of the historical marker, symbolizing the recognition of USS Lexington’s significance to the state of Texas.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) oversees the designation of historical markers, commemorating diverse topics in Texas history - including sites that have changed the course of local and state history. The Nueces County Historical Commission and local historians collaborated with USS Lexington Museum staff to complete the application process with THC.

WHAT: Texas Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony for USS Lexington

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

WHEN: Saturday, February 17th, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

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