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2020 reunion — Charlotte, North Carolina



The NASCAR Hall of Fame, Charlotte, North Carolina
one of the tours in the 2020 USS Essex Association reunion.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

Ahoy Shipmates,

It is with regret and sorrow that the Essex Board has decided to cancel our 51st reunion in Charlotte, NC, this year.

Of course, this is due to COVID-19 that has devastated our nation. With the expected future outlook we decided it is better to cancel now rather than take the chance of risk later. We are publishing this issue in a modified version to save on cost and expedite information to our membership. It is also our goal to keep everyone involved in planning, coordination, and organizing of our newsletter and our reunion personnel safe and free of exposure.

I have recently received information from our reunion coordinators Dan Genet and the Reunion Brat Trish that the hotel has agreed to void all cancellation fees and requirements due to the current health situation we face. We are not under any obligation to postpone our reunion with the hotel in Charlotte to another date but will look into the possibility of renegotiating the contract at another time.

If you have already made reservations with the hotel and registered with the reunion, it is suggested you cancel either/or both now to avoid later confusion.

On another note, I see membership dues are down. Please remit now if you haven't sent in your 2020 dues. Remember! Dues are the fuel that drives our association.

We are hoping that things will turn around soon so our lives will get back to somewhat normal. Stay safe and stay well.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cva-9@bellsouth.net

GOD BLESS! And Smooth Sailing

H. Bruce Sims Chairman

TAPS



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ABOARD</u>	<u>NOTIFIED</u>
Richard Prom	1950-1953	Bob Nause
Frank Villamaria	1954-1956	Bob Nause

Be sure to notify the chaplain, Bob Nause, of any known shipmate passings. See page 2 for the contact information.

SICK BAY



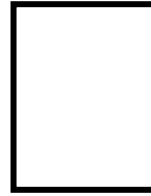
Treasurer Bob Peters was admitted to the hospital with several conditions in early March. He has been released and has returned to duty.

Otherwise, to our knowledge, the corpsmen have nothing to do and have to tell the chief so. Stand by for some major cleaning work. <GDR> (Grinning, Ducking, Running)

Any reports of known illness should be sent to the Chaplain, Bob Nause. for inclusion here. See page 2 for contact information.

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