

2020 USS Nimitz Association History

The USS Nimitz (CVN-68) Association was not able to hold our 23rd Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada due to Covid-19. The 24th Reunion, scheduled for 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri, was also cancelled by the Association due to the pandemic.

The Nimitz Association Executive Board decided that all Association Officer's will remain in their respective positions until we can vote at the next reunion. These officers are:

President – Rich Galecki, Vice President – Dave Wood, Secretary/Treasurer – Ed Deats, Directors-at-Large – Steve Crabtree and Marc Berlin, and Spouse Advocate – Laurie Crabtree.

It has been a difficult year for our Association with the loss of ten members, including RADM Dick Gaskill, Nimitz's second Commanding Officer.

Our Ship's Store closed for about a year due to the relocation of the Storekeeper and his wife for job purposes and then due to an unforeseen flooding of their home. It has been a tough year for our members too.

On the plus side, Ed Deats, Secretary/Treasurer mailed out over 300 letters to old members that were no longer active from previous rosters, hoping to get a response. Here is the breakdown off the year's results: Twenty-one new members, five returning members, sixteen members became Life Members, and two additional returning members became Life Members. From the new members, five became Life members. We lost two members with whom we have had no contact in two years.

Our Membership Chairman, Ray Bigelow, has been contacting potential members using social media.

The Association did not award a FADM Nimitz Scholarship for this year, as we had no qualified applicants. In 2021, a competition for the scholarship will be held.

The Association's finances are in good condition with a year ending balance of \$24,568.

With the COVID-19 restrictions still in place at the end of 2020, we do not know at this time if a 2021 Reunion will be held.

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