

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

Enjoy Amenities of the Doubletree Hotel Crystal City...

Tour Nation's Capitol During Association's 31st Annual National Reunion in D.C.

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Welcome Aboard!

- Dennis Bowin**, 68-70, 1st and 3rd Div.
James Bucklew, 81-85, AIMD Div.
Graydon Gray, 55-56, 1st and 9th Div.
John Husack, 1949, V1F Div.
William Krieger, 59-60, S-1 Div.
Thomas Lentz, 59-63, V3 Div.
Albert Murray, 86-88, AIMD Div.
Robert Mueller, 63-65, V-4 Div.
Kenneth Milligan, 61-63, 2nd Div.
Roger Oliver, 60-64, G Div.
Bruce Pintok, 68-70, V-2 Div.

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Enjoy your stay at the Doubletree Hotel Crystal City National Airport during our 31st Annual Reunion. Located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, it is ideally situated just minutes from the nation's capital. Hotel vans will shuttle you to nearby Pentagon City Fashion Mall at the Pentagon City Metro stop. The Metro provides transportation to Washington's many museums and monuments.

If you are driving, please contact the hotel directly for directions. The hotel



has a fully equipped health club or treat yourself to a swim in the enclosed rooftop pool. Best of all, Doubletree's famous homemade

chocolate chip cookies will be waiting for you the night you arrive!

The hotel offers handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms, which are based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation.

Self-parking is available in the hotel's garage for Reunion attendees at a discounted rate of \$12 per day (this does not include valet

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President's Corner

Let's get geared up for Washington DC. John and Eva Plude have come up with some really great tours and things to do during the DC reunion. Just check out the options in this issue. The hotel is close

to Reagan National Airport and public transportation is plentiful. If you haven't already made your hotel reservations, I suggest you do so now.

For 2010 we will be in Tampa at the Clarion Conference Center, near Bush Gardens. George Haase is the

reunion chair. It may be a long way off, but we are looking for potential sites for 2011. Proposals need to be to the board prior to the 2009 reunion.

Several shipmates have inquired about having an association roster online. Obviously we

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TAPS

Robert Currie, 1st, 5th, F Div., 1947-1956
Jack Donovan, E Div., 1954-1957
Horatio Reyes, S2 Div., 1955-1957
Harry Simpson, MARDET, 1950-1952
Alan Waite, 2nd Div., 1947-1950
Jack Donovan Jr., E Div., 1954-1957
Admiral Wesley McDonald, Commanding Officer USS Coral Sea, 1970-1971
Rear Admiral Paul A. Peck, Commanding Officer USS Coral Sea, 1972-1974

Washington D.C. Area Annual Reunion Tour Options and Descriptions

CITY TOUR

Friday, October 9

See the sites of our nation's capital during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Ride by the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and federal buildings. Stop at the Navy Memorial for a Wreath Laying and a special film. Lunch will be at the Reagan Building food court - named one of the "best family food courts" in DC. After lunch, we'll have free time at the National World War II Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. Finally, stop at a central location to view both the Vietnam Memorial and Korean War Memorial.

9 AM, board bus

4:30 PM, back at hotel

\$52/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

SHEAR MADNESS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

Friday, October 9

The Kennedy Center is home to the entertaining show, *Shear Madness*, Washington's hilarious whodunit murder mystery. Someone's been killed in the apartment above a Georgetown hairstyling salon, and the police haven't got a clue... take a stab at catching the killer. It's a riotous, improvisational plot with topical humor where *you* spot the clues, *you* question

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Welcome Aboard!

Joseph Peters, 81-84, R Div.
Brian Paradis, 69-73, V-2 Div.
Jerry Robershaw, 60-62, V-2 Div.
Richard Shuey, 1966, OI Div.
Mark Snowdon, 71-74, AIMD Div.

USS Coral Sea CV-43 Association Reunion—REUNION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Sharing Rm w/ _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Ph. No. (____) _____ Arrival Date _____ Dep. Date _____

of Rooms _____ # of People in RM _____ Handicap Access _____ Smoking _____

Non-Smoking _____ King Bed _____ 2 Beds _____

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned

RATE: \$106 + tax (currently 10.25%) for up to 2 people (\$20 added for each 3rd and 4th person)

Cut-Off Date: 9/8/09. After this date, reservations will be processed on space/rate availability basis.

Cancellation Policy: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 24 hours prior to arrival day. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened stay, may result in a fee.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (regardless of payment method) _____

**Mail to: Doubletree Hotel
 Attn: Reservations
 300 Army Navy Drive
 Arlington, VA 22202**

Or Fax to 703-416-4147, or Call 703-416-4100 to make your reservation.

www.doubletreecrystalcity.com

18th Annual New Jersey Area Spring Fling April 25th

Sir Johns Restaurant in North Brunswick, NJ again will be the site of our 18th Annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

A hot and cold buffet will be served at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$29.00 (including tax and gratuities). A cash bar will be available.

After a short program there will be time to swap sea stories with old and new shipmates. For those unable to go to the annual Association Reunion, this is a way to stay in touch with some of our Coral Sea shipmates.

Please fill out the form and return with a check by April 14. (Please note that no letters will be sent to New Jersey people.) Mail to Bill Radgona, 4 N Garden Terrace, Milltown, NJ 08850, (732) 821-9225

When: Saturday 25 April 2009, 11:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

Where: Sir Johns Restaurant, 230 Washington Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

(730) 297-3803

Directions: From 287 South take Route #1 South (stay right for exit ramp) towards Trenton, for 4 miles to Route #130 south overpass (stay right for left turn) continue to Route #130 south 1.6 miles to Washington Place (3rd light-left turn) Getty gas station on corner, continue on Washington Place for two-tenths of a mile to SIR JOHN'S on the right at the bottom of the hill before the lake.

From North Jersey take turnpike exit #9 after toll (stay right), follow Route #18 west one-half mile to Route #1 south, follow directions from above from South Jersey, turnpike exit #8 after toll (keep right).

On Route 32 west, pass through first light for one mile to Route #130 North, continue north for seven miles to light at Washington Place, Getty gas station on right, turn on Washington Place, Sir John's on right at bottom of the hill.



Sick Bay

Ron Pooley, B Div., 1959-63, recovering from a major stroke and would like to hear from shipmates. Home address: 411 South Madison Plainville, KS 67663

New Jersey Area Spring Fling Reservation Form

Name _____ spouse/guest

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Number of reservations at \$29.00 _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(make check payable to Bill Radogna)

I served on Coral Sea CVB/CV/CVA-43 from _____ to _____

Div _____ Rate _____

Comments _____

Mail To: BILL RADOGNA, 4 Garden Terrace, Milltown, NJ 08850

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31st Annual Reunion...

parking). Check-in time is 3 PM, and check-out is 12 noon. **The Café**, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner while **Windows Over Washington Restaurant** serves dinner only on Friday and Saturday. Offering Continental and New American cuisine with a spectacular view, **The Skydome** is a revolving rooftop lounge well known as one of the city's most popular nightspots. **The Lobby Bar** serves drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Room service is available.

The Doubletree Hotel

provides free shuttle service to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport from 5 AM until 12 AM. It departs the hotel every 30 minutes. During peak travel times—6 AM - 10 AM and 5 PM - 11 PM—it departs and returns every 15 minutes. Please follow the signs for ground transportation to catch the shuttle.

The hotel has limited RV parking located behind the hotel at the discounted group rate of \$25 per day. Please inform the hotel when making reservations if you will be parking a RV. For hookup services, the Pohick Bay Park on the

Potomac River is twenty miles away, located at 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton, VA. Call (703) 339-6104 for information, reservations, and directions. Their web address is www.nvrpa.org.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors and schedules are subject to change.

Please fill out and mail in the hotel reservation form on page two of this issue.



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Post a menu for steak on the fridge, have your family wait in line for an hour, then inform them you are out of steak but they can choose between dried ham or hot dogs. Repeat daily.

Vice President's Corner

Shipmates,

Hopefully all of you have had a tolerable Winter up to this point. Very soon the Spring Flings will be here. Make plans if possible to attend one of the Spring reunions. Hopefully there will be the usual good turnout for Ft. Wayne In April. My Wife & I sure enjoy all the great camaraderie and "sea stories" that always make this a great event.

As was mentioned at the 2008 Reunion, a total review of the Association By-laws is needed. There are some areas of conflict that need to be resolved so that the business of the

Association can be done in a more business like manner. As Chairman of the By-laws Committee, I welcome all the constructive input from all Shipmates. This is YOUR Association just the same as mine and I want it to be the best that it can be.

In the June 2009 issue of *Sea Breeze* will be all the proposed changes to the By-laws that the By-laws Committee has submitted. Final action on proposed changes will occur at the 2009 Reunion in Washington, D.C.

Make your plans now to attend the 2009 Reunion in Washington, D.C. Shipmate John Plude has done a great job in the

past putting on reunions, so I'm sure this one also will be a great event.

It's always a pleasure to be in the company of Coral Sea Shipmates. We have the distinction of serving on one of the finest ships that the U.S. Navy ever put to sea.

Let's keep Her memory ever alive. See ya!

Your shipmate,

John

John Ranson

Vice President

The Story of How the Coral Sea Almost Wasn't the Coral Sea We Know.

I know some of you are aware of the FIRST commissioned USS Coral Sea ACV/CVE-57 but some are not. The ship we sailed on was the SECOND commissioned USS Coral Sea CVB-43, CVA-43 and CV-43.

December 12, 1942 ACV (Auxiliary Aircraft Carrier)-57, Alikula Bay (a bay in Alaska) was under construction. April 1, 1943 her name was changed to USS Coral Sea ACV-57. On July 15, 1943 her designation was changed to CVE (Carrier Air Escort). She was commissioned USS Coral Sea CVE-57 on August 27, 1943. She fought in many places in The Pacific Ocean and turned in one hell of a record . On September 15, 1944 her name was changed to USS Anzio and between the two names she received 6 Battle Stars. The Coral Sea name was changed so it could be used on CVB-42.

CVB-42 was named USS Coral Sea October 1944 and was launched for final "fitting out" April 29, 1945. Because of the death of President Roosevelt; her name was changed to USS Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 08, 1945. She was commissioned as FDR on October 27, 1945.

The keel for CVB-43 had been laid on July 10, 1944 and was as yet unnamed. Sometime after May 08, 1945 she was named USS Coral Sea. Coral Sea was launched on April 02, 1946 for final "fitting out." On October 01, 1947 she was com-

missioned as USS Coral Sea CVB-43. Our lady had finally found a permanent home. She remained CVB-43 until October 01, 1952 when all three Midway Class Carriers designations were changed to CVA. This change took place because all three Midway Class Carriers were now carrying nuclear weapons. She carried the CVA designation until June 30, 1975 when it was changed to CV-43.

CVB=Carrier Air Battle

CVA=Carrier Air Attack

CV= Carrier Air (General Purpose)

She plowed every ocean on the planet and

most of the "seas" also. She fought in several wars and many other kinds of actions, all over the globe, and ALWAYS put forth the best that the US Navy had! She set records that are still records to this day! Her life began to

cease when she was decommissioned on April 30, 1990. Like the FIRST Coral Sea, she was sold for scrap, and gave in to the demolition torch.

Will there ever be a THIRD USS Coral Sea??? Naming of US Navy Ships is one of the "Holy Grail" jobs of The Secretary of The Navy. This is the person that one should write to ask that another ship be named in honor of our Lady Of The Sea....USS CORAL SEA! Good memories to all. — Arnold E. "Work" Workman



USS Coral Sea (CV 43) underway in the Hampton Roads, Va., area, 10 December 1947, shortly after commissioning. [80-G-389089]



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Sew the back pockets of your jeans on the front of your pants.

USS Coral Sea Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership in the USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) ASSOCIATION is open to all Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force personnel who served aboard the ship (CVB/CVA/CV-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the commissioning crew (plank owners), even if fewer than 90 days were spent aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership dues are \$15 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year. The Association is a Non-Profit Organization formed by former crew members.



New Member: I apply for membership for _____ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ _____
Renewal: Renew my membership for _____ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ _____

NAME _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____
 (Please PRINT First name, middle initial, last name)

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____

ZIP+4 _____ **PHONE:** _____ **E-MAIL** _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

ON BOARD SHIP AS CREW MEMBER:

From _____ to _____ Division _____ Rank/Rate on Board _____
 (Month/Year) (Month/Year) (Lt/RD/FN/SN/Sgt)
 Military Retirement: No Yes Retired as: _____ USN USMC SCG
 (Rank/Rate) USNR USAF USA

I do do not want my complete mailing address printed on the Published roster.

Please make check payable to: **USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION**

Mail application to:

Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 4235
Fresno, CA 93744

Office Use Only

Received: _____
 Check: _____
 Amount: _____
 Expires: _____

Secretary's Corner

Hello shipmates:

Hope all is well with my shipmates and their families and friends.

What a year we all had in 2008! My year was a traumatic one, losing our first grandson, Bentley Eugene Colwell in June to a pool accident, then with losing our Mom, and Mom in law, Claudene Vivian. With love and support from our extended Coral Sea family (also with a little luck o` the Irish, thank you Debbie and Mike) this will be a better year for us ALL.

In October 2008 Sandra and I were in Covington, KY for our national reunion. THANK YOU John and `Bear` Ranson for an OUTSTANDING time. We were able to see one of our shipmates, Keith (tusky) Bell. I hadn't seen Keith since May '77, one of the highlights of my weekend. Thanks, Keith, for coming. This is what it`s all about, right?

Just a reminder about getting our renewals in: It`s \$15.00 for the period between October 1st to September 30th. If you haven`t gotten yours in, please do. Send all renewals and new membership forms (please indi-

cate if you are renewing or requesting new membership) to:

Don Colwell, Secretary,
 USS Coral Sea Assn.
 PO Box 4235
 Fresno, CA 93744.

Hope to see you all in April at Ft. Wayne for the mini-reunion, and in Washington D.C. for our national reunion in October.

Thanks,

Don

Donald Colwell,
 Secretary



Search & Rescue

Al Krueger, V-3 Div., 1965-67, lost his cruise books and is looking for replacement copies:
 25752 60th Ave.
 Cushing, MN
 56443

Enjoy the 19th Annual Midwest Spring Fling. April 24-25

When: April 24-25, 2009

Where: Don Hall's Guest House, 1313 West Washington Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825, Phone: (800) 348-1999 (ID # 8492 must be used for rate)

Rates: Friday & Saturday Package \$165.00 + 13% tax. Extra Day \$73.00 + \$9.49 = \$82.49

Deadline: March 23, 2009

Note - Call in your reservation soon, hotel fills up

early this time of year. You can always cancel out if need be. Saturday night dinner will be held in Guest House Grill at 6:30 p.m.

Don Hall's Guest House features elegant lodging, free Continental breakfast each morning, \$20.00 gift certificate, bottle of champagne or 2 liter of Coke, whirlpool and exercise room, indoor & outdoor pools, and a complimentary airport van.

For area information, con-

tact the Fort Wayne County Convention Visitor Bureau at 800-767-7752.

•Information/Questions?

Bob Mackey (President Emeritus), 300 Webb Street, Calumet City, IL 60409. Phone 708-891-6771

Herman Doernbach (Secretary Emeritus), 3144 S. 98th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53227.

Phone 414-321-0098 or e-mail hermanwd@aol.com

Naval Academy Band Hosts Clinic for "Mighty Sailors"

On a recent January morning, The Mighty Sailor Marching Band from Sarasota High School in Sarasota, Fla., entered the gates of the Naval Academy to participate in a music clinic with the Naval Academy Band. The young band members were making final preparations for their participation in the Presidential Inaugural Heritage Music Festivals parade.

Under the tutelage of Director of Bands John Roseboom, these weren't just any high school students, however. As they unloaded instruments and gear from buses, they made a striking first impression, dressed in the Navy's Service Dress Blue uniforms, or "Crackerjacks."

Sarasota High School was founded in 1915. Due to a lack of roads in the area, students sailed across Sarasota Bay to compete in football games with neighboring high

schools. According to Roseboom, the Secretary of the Navy approved the Mighty


Sailor Band's request to wear the official Navy uniform in 1991. They are the only high school band authorized to wear official Navy Crackerjacks.

During a two-hour practice session, the Mighty Sailor Marching Band improved their musical skills, marched with greater precision and spirit, and increased their appreciation for the traditions behind the Navy uniforms they wear.

Naval Academy Band instrumentalists performed with and advised the students, including freshman trumpeter Jaqui Knake, who plans to go to the University of South Florida, join their NROTC unit, and then follow in her mom's footsteps and join the Navy.



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Search & Rescue
 Don Zanella, V-1
 Div., 1947-51,
 looking for ship-
 mates who served
 with him and/or
 played on the
 Coral Sea football
 team:
 637 Edgewood Dr.
 Westbury, NY
 11590

Coral Sea Association Small Stores Product & Price List



Association Logo



Ship's Logo—CVB, CVA, CV

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
1001	Reg Style Cap (Blue or White), CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1002	Mesh Back Cap (Scrambled Eggs) CVB/CVA/CV	\$14.00
1003	Marine Cap (Red) Marine Det., CV	\$14.00
1004	Windbreaker Jacket (Blue), all sizes**	\$42.00
1005	Micro Poly Casual Jacket (Blk, Dk Grn, Maroon, Navy, Red, Royal or Stone) all sizes**	\$46.00
1006	Sweatshirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$25.00
1007	T-Shirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$17.00
1008	Denim Shirt (SS or LS), all sizes**	\$32.00
1009	Titan Twill Shirt (SS or LS), (Navy, Dutch Blue, French Blue, Khaki, Black, Butter, Crimson, new Olive, Smoke or White), all sizes**	\$32.00
1010	Polo Shirt (Blue or White); all sizes	\$28.00
1011	Pin, CV-43 (Hat/Lapel)	\$ 5.00
1012	3-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43 Deomm)	\$ 4.00
1013	4.5-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43)	\$ 6.00
1014	License Plate Frame (Chrome-Plastic), CVA-43	\$12.00
1015	Photo, Coral Sea Straight Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1016	Photo, Coral Sea Angle Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1017	Coral Sea Mouse Pad	\$ 6.00
1018	Coral Sea Coffee Mug	\$ 8.00
1019	Watch Cap, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1020	Coral Sea Decals	\$ 2.00
1021	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$.50/ltr.
1021-1	Full Back Embroidered Logo for Jackets	\$30.00
1022	Coral Sea Challenge Coin (New Item)	\$14.00

** These are embroidered items; please choose either the Association Logo or Ship's Logo

Please Note: Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

Mail: USS Coral Sea Association
 Small Stores Account
 PO Box 1697
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

Fax: 770-222-4833
E-mail: georgerogers@bellsouth.net
For more information: 770-943-3818

Coral Sea Association Small Stores Order Form



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Item #	Qty.	Description (Color, Logo, Sleeve Length)	Size	Price Ea.	Total Price

Merchandise Total \$ _____
 Shipping Charge** \$ _____
 Total Amount \$ _____

Method of Payment

- Check (make payable to USS Coral Sea Assoc.)
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express



Association Logo



Ship's Logo
CVB, CVA, CV

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it Appears on Card _____

Signature _____

Fax: 770-222-4833
 E-mail: georgerogers@bellsouth.net
 Mail: USS Coral Sea Association
 Small Stores Account
 PO Box 1697
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

****Priority Mail S/H Cost**

Up to \$24.99.....\$ 7.00
 \$25—\$50.....\$ 9.00
 \$51—\$75.....\$12.00
 \$76—Up.....\$15.00

Credit card orders will appear on your statement as "ICU Stitching."

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Reunion Tour Options...

the suspects, and you solve the crime! The ending is different every night so you'll never see the same show twice. If DC critic Arch Campbell says *Shear Madness* is "the most fun he ever had at the Kennedy Center," you are guaranteed to have a great time! Note: The dress code is casual and a cash bar will be available.

7 PM, board bus

10:30 PM, back at hotel

\$74/Person includes bus, escort, and show.

ANNAPOLIS - U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Saturday, October 10

Embark on a trip to the U.S. Naval Academy, but first enjoy shopping and touring on your own in Annapolis. Before heading

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President's Corner

will not include addresses or phone numbers. What we are planning is to have *Name, Rank, Division and dates served*. Nothing else. If for some reason you **DO NOT** wish to be included, please let us know. A non-response will indicate your approval.

As always, we are looking for shipmates to share interesting experiences while serving on the Coral Sea. If you have something you wish to share, please

to the Academy grounds, have lunch on your own at one of the many dockside restaurants along the waterfront area of Annapolis. Once at the Naval Academy, stop at the Visitor's Center for an official welcome and slide presentation. Then enjoy a personalized walking guided tour of the Academy grounds and learn the customs of the "plebes" and midshipmen. See the chapel, John Paul Jones Crypt, and Bancroft Hall. Learn the history of the Maryland State House, where the present state legislature assembles, and the site where George Washington resigned his commission as General to become the President of the United States. **Please note:** The walking portion of the tour covers about a mile. A photo ID is required for entrance.

forward same to our editor, Ed Williams. And, our webmaster Bob Dorais is looking for photos to include in his daily update of our website. If you haven't checked out our website it's: www.usscoralsea.org

May you have fair winds and smooth seas,

Mil

Mil Phillips, President
AD3
VI-F & V-2, '55-'56

9 AM, board bus

4:30 PM, back at hotel

\$55/Person includes bus, escort, and Academy guide. Lunch on your own.

MOUNT VERNON – LADIES & GUESTS ONLY PLEASE

Sunday, October 11

The Georgian-style mansion and estate of our first president, George Washington, is just fifteen miles south of Washington. Fourteen rooms of the house are open to the public. The spectacular view from Mount Vernon's portico presents a panorama of lush green lawns extending to the Potomac River. Forty acres of manicured grounds, including Washington's Tomb, pleasure gardens and restored dependencies are available for visitors to enjoy. Your admission includes a 10% discount in the gift shop. Following the tour, enjoy lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn, featuring Beef Pot Pye, dessert, and beverage. Before heading back to the hotel, be sure to check out the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. It features 23 gallery and theater experiences – many of them with interactive technology – that illuminate the detailed story of Washington's life, including his military and presidential careers. **Note: This is a**

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Search & Rescue

Al Norman, aboard 1948-50 is looking for Ship's Cobbler Bob LaHaye, from Augusta, Maine.

Please e-mail with info:
janal824@verizon.net

USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) Association

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Reunion Committee

2009 Washington, DC—John Plude

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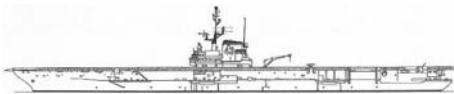
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The Mighty Sailor Band

The Mighty Sailor's drum majors, seniors Stacia Henderson and Rocky Flood, immediately saw the improvement in their fellow band members' marching ability and esprit de corps. Henderson said it was "an overwhelmingly amazing experience" to work with the Naval Academy Band members.

It seems the Mighty Sailor Band's visit with the Naval Academy Band was time well-spent. They went to the parade competition on Sunday and took first place in all categories. "That day I saw a distinctly different band and I attribute it to the Naval Academy Band," said Roseboom.

More information about the Mighty Sailor Band is available at www.mightysailorband.org

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Reunion Tour Options...

walking tour...please wear appropriate shoes.

9 AM, board bus

2:30 PM, back at hotel

\$65/person, includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.

*****OR*****

SMITHSONIAN – AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Sunday, October 11

Travel by bus to Mall where many of the museums of the Smithsonian Institution are located. A collection of buildings – including the National Air & Space Museum, The National Museum of American History, The National Museum of Natural History, The National Gallery of Art, The National Museum of the American Indian,

the Smithsonian Castle. Near the Mall is the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. There are cafeterias in the lower levels of the Air & Space Museum and Art Museum. Free time to tour and have lunch on your own.

12:30 PM, board bus

4:30 PM, back at hotel

\$33/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.

- **31st Annual Reunion Hotel Reservation Form and Tour Options summary can be found on page 2.**
- **The insert sheet is your Annual Reunion agenda and the Activity Registration Form. Please fill out and submit payment to Armed Forces Reunions.**