

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

Last Chance to Join Reunion Fun!

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Welcome Aboard!

Lawrence Archansault
Marine Corporal
53-54

Robert (Bob) H. Baker
ATN3, GM Div.
62-65

Chester L. Burton
BT2, B Div.
50-54

William P.. Cedusky
AMS3, V-I Div.
64-68

Donald A. Cooper
FA, G Div.
59-61

Ron Freeze
MM3, M Div.
70-74

Don't let this opportunity to join your shipmates at our 2010 national reunion in Tampa, FL, pass you by!

There are great pre-planned tours and activities waiting for you in Tampa (see the tour review in this issue).

And you can choose to extend your stay in Tampa to enjoy the area's great early-fall warmth while taking ad-

vantage of those hard-to-beat off-season rates! Some of the close-by

seum of Arts. If you look hard enough, you may even find a beach with nearby ocean to explore.

The fun begins 7 October 2010 with the Clarion Hotel in Tampa serving as our home port.

So fill out those reservation forms today... there's only one 2010 National Reunion!

And call (813.973.3159) or email **George Haase** (ghaase@msn.com) with any questions you have about the reunion.



attractions in the Tampa Bay area include the Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, Busch Gardens and the city's Mu-

DUES

Shipmates, if you have a dues payment envelope addressed to our secretary, Don Colwell, included with this issue of the Breeze, your dues are due. Check your dues card to see what date you are paid up to. Dues are \$15 per year, with those 80 and

older—and original plank owners—exempt. Dues are important to your association and help cover the costs of publishing and mailing the Breeze, general association expenses and to maintain our web site, usscoralsea.org. If for some reason you should have not received a dues envelope, please contact Don.

President's Corner

Well, next month it's Tampa. Seems like only yesterday we were in DC. The weather should be nice and the oil spill in the Gulf has not had any impact on the Tampa area. Looks like smooth sailing. We had the reunion information placed in several navy publications and have

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REGISTER FOR THE CORAL SEA REUNION 2010

Tampa, Florida

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Guest(s): _____



Taps

**John F. 'Jack'
Bell, III**
ET, 1952-55
Paso Robles, CA

M.G. Cordero
EMC, 1966-68

Dale Fisher
1961-63, Metaline
Falls, WA

Merle D. Peachey
RD2, 1950-53

Robert Peterson
E Div., EM2
1955-57

**John Chester
'Jack' Vicary**
1952-55
Brentwood, TN

TOUR INFORMATION

| <u>Date of Tour</u> | <u>Tour</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Thursday, Oct. 7 | Tampa Tour | \$57.00 | | \$ |
| Friday, Oct. 8 | St. Petersburg Tour | \$56.00 | | \$ |
| Saturday, Oct. 9 | Tea & Shopping | \$45.00 | | \$ |

TOTAL CHARGES \$

Payment by: Check Visa MC Amex Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Mail To: Destination Tampa Bay
651 Channelside Drive, Suite 207
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: 800-429-1508, Fax: 813-514-0773
Email: info@destinationtampa.com

PLEASE NOTE: All checks payable to Destination Tampa Bay in U.S. Funds only.

Tickets may be picked up at the hotel prior to departure.
Refunds will be given only if 72 hours advance notice is given or the tour is canceled.
No refunds for no-shows. Tour minimums required for tours to operate.
Tour reservations due by September 15, 2010.

Your Tampa National Reunion Hotel-Meals Reservation Form

USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association

32nd Annual Reunion, Tampa, Florida
October 7-9, 2010

Clarion Hotel
2701 E. Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612

Room Reservations:
Ask for Group Rates for Association
Toll Free 800-424-6423
Local Ph. 813-971-4710

- Room Rate: \$74.99 + 12% Tax—Rate good 3 days prior and 3 days after event.
- Handicap rooms or ground floor available if needed.
- Free parking, with some RV parking available with no hook-ups.
- Free internet. Make sure to ask for "Group Rates for USS Coral Sea"
- Those flying in should advise hotel of arrival time and airline for shuttle service.

----- cut along line to submit -----

Meal Reservations Form

USS Coral Sea 2010 Reunion—Tampa, Florida

Mail Completed Form to:

George Haase
9001 Hogans Bend
Tampa, FL 33647
Ph. 813-973-3159

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Indicate number of meals—Choose for each person

Friday, Sit-Down Dinner: _____ Roast Sirloin of Beef _____ Grilled Mahi Mahi
Saturday, Buffet Breakfast
Saturday, Banquet: _____ Prime Rib _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Grilled Salmon

One Person: \$120.00, Two People: \$240.00 (includes hospitality room)
Banquet Only: \$45 per person
Hospitality Room Only: \$25 per person

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Welcome Aboard

- Roger L. Kitchen**
YN2, ENG Div.
75-78
- Charles A. Lark**
Marine Corporal
VMF122, MAG 24
2nd MAW
1955
- Stephen T. White**
ETCM, OE Div.
78-79
- Donald M. Windham**
E3, VA152 Air
Group 15
60-61

Enjoy Many Fun Reunion Tours in Tampa!

The excitement is building to Tampa Bay 2010 for our Association's Annual Reunion. There is lots to see and do, so review these great options and choose one (or more!) of the tours planned for you in Tampa.

TAMPA CITY TOUR and The American Victory Ship and Lunch October 7, 2010

Return to the Victorian era in the lavishly furnished H. B. Plant Museum located on the University of Tampa Campus. It's located in the former Tampa Bay Hotel built in 1891 as a palatial resort.

Visit historic Ybor City where the heart of the Latin community evolved. Vicente Martinez Ybor and other Havana cigar makers brought their factories and a new culture to Tampa, becoming "the Cigar Capital of the World." Enjoy lunch at a Cuban Restaurant in Ybor City.

We will round out the tour in Channelside with a visit to the American Victory Ship. Visitors experience virtually the entire ship, including radio and gyro rooms, hospital, galley, weaponry, flying bridge, wheelhouse, officer and crew messes, engine room, crew cabins, chartroom and cargo equipment

INCLUSIONS: Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, Admissions to H.B. Plant

Museum, Ybor State Museum, the American Victory Ship, lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

PRICE: \$57.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per bus (7 hours).

ST. PETERSBURG CITY TOUR with the Armed Forces Military Museum and Lunch October 8, 2010

Start this trip with a visit to the Armed Forces Military Museum where you will experience the



fight for freedom through the eyes of American heroes. You will walk the flight deck of the Japanese aircraft carrier Akagi while reliving the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This tour includes a stop at The Pier—the most recognizable landmark on the west coast—and Galleries, specialty shops, boutiques and more.

INCLUSIONS: Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa

Bay Guide, Admission to the Armed Forces Military Museum, Lunch at the Madeira Beach American Legion Post, Sightseeing, all taxes, and gratuities.

PRICE: \$56.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per bus (8 hours).

Royal Tea and Hyde Park Shopping, October 9, 2010

We will visit the quiet and quaint Emma Rose Tea Room and Gift Shoppe. Relax and enjoy a fine tea, especially brewed for each group.

The Royal Tea (High Tea)

Endless pot of loose tea and your choice of freshly baked scones with sweet cream and preserves, assorted finger sandwiches, delectable sweets and tea breads, a variety of savories and seasonal fresh fruits.

The food is made from scratch daily to insure the highest quality. Some time will be allotted for shopping at Hyde Park Village before returning to the hotel. Just a few of the shops are Williams-Sonoma, Ann Taylor, Crabtree & Evelyn, Tommy Bahama, Anthropologie, and Restoration Hardware.

INCLUSIONS: Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, High Tea, Shopping time, all taxes, and gratuities. **PRICE:** \$45.00 per person based on a minimum of 25 participants per bus (5 hours).



'Salty' Humor

The economy is so bad, I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail!

Scholarships Awarded

Kimberly Hutchison won the first place 2010 Coral Sea scholarship with her essay entitled "One In Many And Many In One." The win is worth \$2,000 in scholarship funds. Kimberly, of Mount Airy, MD, is the granddaughter of Association member Daniel T. Schweiker of Willingboro, NJ. Dan served in V3G Div. in 1954-55.

The second place award of \$500 went to Kevin Myers for his essay "Why We Need To Keep Our Armed Forces Strong." Kevin is from Harrisburg, PA, and was sponsored by his grandmother, Mary Pompei of Harrisburg. She is the widow of association member Louis S. Pompei who also served aboard the Coral Sea in 1954-55. Their essays can be found in this issue.

—Submitted by Bill Williams

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Second Place Scholarship Essay...

Heroes are extremely necessary to our country's existence. They are patriots that put their life on the line in service to make sure our lives are not threatened.

I believe that the question is not why we need to keep them strong, but why they deserve so much more than what they receive. The best part about the United States that separates us from all other nations of the world is that we don't have a military struggle, we have soldiers that want to serve. We have soldiers that want to go and fight to protect our nation from all harm.

The United States of America has a tradition of strong military personnel. For some it is a family tradition, for others it is a sense of duty, but regardless of why they do it, it is dire that they do. A strong military gives the citizens peace of mind that they can go about their day to day lives without fear. Both of my grandparents served in the United States Navy and my father served in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. My grandfather, Louis Pompei, served aboard the USS Coral Sea CVA-43 in the Korean War, he was not highly ranked, but to him serving his country was one of the best

things he has ever done. My other grandfather, Arthur Myers, served aboard the USS Purdy in the battle of Okinawa in WWII, where he also found it necessary and rewarding to serve.

One of the proudest things in my family's history is that my great-great grandfather fought in the battle of Fair Oaks, VA in the United States Civil War as a Union soldier. He was a young man in his late teens when he was shot and wounded in that battle. The surgery of his collapsed lung proved to be successful as he received an Honorable Discharge for his service.

From family to family, men and women are gathering in staggering numbers asking to serve the country that has given them the freedoms that no other countries hold.

Our Armed Forces are a necessity to keep evil and destruction from our nation. President Theodore Roosevelt had a saying to "Tread softly and carry a big stick", meaning that the retribution for one lost American life would be catastrophic to the enemy. It was made clear that the American military would not be subject to threats or attacks of any kind.

The American pride and tradition of a strong military will forever be needed, and the men and women and family members that I know who serve, will always keep it strong.



'Salty' Humor

The economy is so bad, parents in Beverly Hills are firing their nannies and learning their children's names!

Vice President's Corner

Hi Shipmates,

The 2010 Reunion will be here before we know it. Surely Shipmate George Haase will show us a great time in Tampa, FL. I look forward to seeing many of you in Tampa this October.

There have been no By-Laws changes proposed; however, several Shipmates have told me that they'd like to see the Association form a Ladies' Auxiliary. The decision to do so rests with you, the members. This can be enacted at the Association business meeting that will

be held on Saturday in Tampa. Please come to the business meeting and give this some thought.

If any member has ideas for changes to the By-Laws, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I'll be glad to discuss any good ideas. It's your Association, just as it's mine!

As President Mil noted, we will have election of Officers for two year terms, plus an un-expired term for the Board of Directors. Please consider taking an office in the Association. It's not a ton of work, but the results for you will be rewarding. Many thanks to Mil Phillips

for the great job that he's done the past two years as President. I guarantee you that he's put his heart and soul into this Association. The same for Don Colwell, our Secretary, and Clarence Neander, our Treasurer. 'BZ' to you all and all the other officers who work hard to keep the Association afloat. Here's hoping that you all enjoyed the summer like I did.

See you all in Tampa!

John Ranson

John

Vice President

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



Salty Humor

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not your sport!

Hello shipmates...hope you and yours are well,
 Hope everyone had a pleasant summer. This summer the weather out here has been pretty mild compared to others, with only a handful of really hot days. But anytime it gets over 100 degrees, it's just plain HOT!
 Sandra just got back into doing what she loves best, being a baby nurse! The pay is substantially better, enabling us to start traveling like we used to do, and enjoying the company of our shipmates and wives!
 Hope everyone that can and wants to, can attend our national reunion in Tampa this October 7, 2010. Check-

ing out the tours that have been laid out for us, it looks like we will be going to Busch Gardens, and of course The Armed Forces Military Museum. We will also be checking out the Liberty Ship as well. If it's anything like the one at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, it will be very informative and interesting. I'm also looking forward to checking out Cuban food.
 If there is anyone driving down to Tampa from the Chicago area and does not mind another passenger, Bob Mackey, our President Emeritus, might want to ride with you. Herman and Carol Doernbach won't be able to attend because real soon after the reunion, they will be traveling to Florida for the winter. If this is something

you might want to do, call me: 559-222-9456, or 559-304-3679, and I will let Bob know. Thanks.

Just a reminder: Don't forget to get your dues and renewal form to me by the end of the year to get a full years' enjoyment of membership to our great organization! Also, any corrections that need to be made to address labels, addresses, membership cards, etc. need to come to me.
 Well, gotta go. Hope to see everybody in Tampa! GO NAVY, and God bless America,

Don

Donald Colwell,
 Secretary

2010 First Place Winner for \$2000 Coral Sea Scholarship

“One In Many And Many In One”

by Kimberly Hutchison

I am an American citizen. The American citizen encompasses many ideals, including those of freedom, opportunity, and equality, the list goes on and on. Being born and raised in the United States, I have always been proud of my citizenship and have grown to form an opinion of what my citizenship truly means to me. As a result of who I am and the experiences I have had growing up, multiple things come to mind when I think of myself as an American.

Everything I see myself as because I am an American citizen can be summed up in two short phrases:

- I am one in many and I am many in one.
- I am an American citizen.

I am one in many. As a citizen, I am able to be myself - unique, one-of-a-kind, and different from everyone else. My individuality is embraced because my differences add to my importance as a citizen.

My American citizenship allows me to express my likes, my dislikes and my personality everyday in so many different ways. Through freedoms, such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of demonstration, and freedom of assembly, an American citizen does not have to worry about being myself. Because of these freedoms, I am able to speak my mind, follow my beliefs, and stand up for what I believe is right and wrong.

My opinions matter to my country, even though I am just one person in a large country. For the past five years I have attended the annual March for life in Washington D.C. I have the opportunity to stand up against something I believe is wrong. To me, this is part of what being a citizen means to



me, that my voice will be heard. Even though I am just one small person in comparison to the entire population, I am still able to be myself, and am important to the country.

I am an American citizen. I am one in many. Not only does this mean my voice will be heard, but it also means to me that as an American citizen I have opportunities and responsibility. I have equal opportunity as every other American citizen. I have the chance to go to school; I have the chance to work and make a living.

As an American citizen, I can

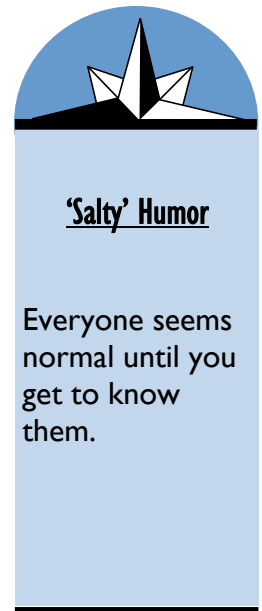
follow my personal dreams and be who I want to be. As one citizen, I also have the responsibility to support all American citizens and to support my country. I must do my share as an individual to strengthen this country and help “the many.” As one person, I can have a big impact on others.

As an American citizen, I have the opportunity and the responsibility to do all in my power to reach my potential and be a productive, strong, unique, and successful American.

I am an American citizen. I am many in one. I am not just an American; however, everything I am makes me an American. Many different nationalities make up my background to make me the individual that I am. All of these different parts of me come together to make me the citizen that I am, and my country embraces who I am and what makes me who I am. I am not looked down upon because of my heritage, but instead am lifted up because of it.

American citizens are all unique; yet, we all come together in one big “melting pot.” There are people from all parts of the world and from all backgrounds, and we all come together as Americans. As an American citizen I stand for this ideal, that so many can come together as one. I can stand for my country, knowing that I represent many different cultures and

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‘Salty’ Humor

Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

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, Decomm) | \$ 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 |
| 1021-1 | Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.) | \$.50/ltr. |
| 1021-2 | Full Back Logo for Jackets | \$30.00 |
| 1022 | Coral Sea Challenge Coin | \$12.00 |
| 1023 | Coral Sea Pin (CV-43 or CVA-43) | \$ 3.00 |

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

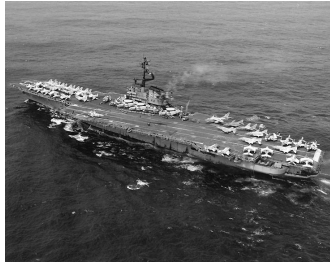
Please Note: Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

6/09

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
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 Mail: USS Coral Sea Association
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 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."

2010 Second Place Winner for \$500 Coral Sea Scholarship

“Why We Need To Keep Our Armed Forces Strong”

by Kevin M. Myers

It all started in Social Studies class back in the fourth grade when I realized why the United States Armed Forces were so important. We were all sitting at our desks diligently taking notes and learning about the various topics surrounding American History when a hysterical teacher arrived at our door. She was yelling to my teacher "The tower, they hit the tower!" I didn't really understand what was happening until the PA system came on and alerted the teachers to move the students outside to the playground. I am of course describing the horrific day of September 11, 2001, where our world turned upside down. You would

think a fourth grader like myself wouldn't understand, but I soon became aware of



why our Armed Forces should be renamed the United States Armed Heroes.

On September 11, 2001 there was panic, confusion, hurt, despair, and the one question that was being shouted on every corner of every area across the United States: "What will happen next?" The citizens of the United States main concern was if the attack was over or that was just the grand opening. To answer the question, President George W. Bush sent a mass amount of troops into the desert of Afghanistan with the target of Osama Bin Laden and his Al Quiada radicals. The troops were deployed and on this day, 9 years after it happened, we are still fighting the same war.

So why are the U.S. Armed Forces considered Armed Heroes? It is because there was no draft for this war, there was not any fear, just devotion to serving and protecting the American people. The men and women serving oversea were not asked to serve, but they asked to serve. The best quote to describe the unbelievable courage and patriotism that these people exuberated was said by President John F. Kennedy. In a national address he said, "Ask not what your country do for you, but rather what you can do for your country." I am positive that if that same statement were said to the present troops, they would respond unanimously that they would do whatever it takes to protect the citizens of our country. These Armed

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'Salty' Humor

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, you're a mile away and you have their shoes!

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President's Corner

had numerous inquiries. Hopefully this will result in new members and some first time reunion attendees.

I'm pleased to report we have a new Chaplain. Rev. Michael D. Halley had served as our association's chaplain prior to Chaplain Linzey, and he was the USS Coral Sea's Chaplain, 1986-89. If you haven't met Rev. Halley, you will get the chance to do so in Tampa.

As reported in the last issue of the Breeze, in Tampa we will have election of officers and two directors. Normally we would only have one di-

rector slot to fill, but Jim Ribbe's wife has been ill and he is her primary care giver. He felt he could not devote time to both his wife's care and the association. He had 2 years remaining on his term.

We also need to fill the scholarship chairman position. Bill Williams has health issues and he will step down as chairman. If you are interested, let me know.

Look forward to seeing you in Tampa.

Mil

Mil Phillips
President
1955-56

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Committees

Reunion Committee

2009 Washington, DC—John Plude

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Chairman:
Members:

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Jerry Collier—2010
David Yokley—2011

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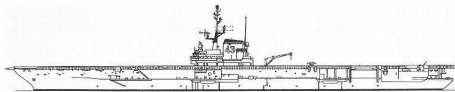
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2010 First Place Scholarship Essay... ethnicities as an American.

I am an American citizen. I am many in one. As an American, I am part of a bigger picture. I come together with all other citizens to be a unified country. This to me is a big part of my citizenship. My patriotism is strong, and I know that I am connected with those around the nation because we all care for our country and countrymen.

All of us together make up the country, and I am a part of that. I am part of the many people that make one strong and united country. It also means to me that I have the support of all those around me. As a citizen, I can look to others for inspiration and guidance, and know that I have the support of other Americans.

This is most important to me when it comes to the military. I can feel safe and protected because so many citi-

zens risk their lives to keep me and all other Americans safe and free. This is the biggest support our country could offer. The armed forces work to keep our country together and to keep us as one.

I am an American citizen. This means many things to me. I am an individual, able to express myself and be unique. I have the freedom to stand up for my beliefs, and my opinions matter. I have the opportunity to succeed and the responsibility to support others. This is what being an American citizen means to me.

I have an intricate background, but this makes me one person. I am a part of a mix of cultures and ethnicities, and stand for the unification of these. I have the support of others and can unite with my countrymen for America. This is what being an American citizen means to me.

I am one in many and I am many in one; I am an American.

Mind Over Matter!

One story I find myself repeating to my friends is that of a Coral Sea pilot preparing for a 1965 03:00 strike over Vietnam in terrible weather—the last thing anyone would want to do.

With the tail of the aircraft extending beyond the catwalk over the water 40-50 feet below, and with the jet engine howling, brakes applied hard and chocks removed, the pilot had the scare of his life: The plane to his right was directed to move forward for launch, and the pilot telling the story had the sensation of moving BACKWARDS, which would mean falling tail-first off the flight deck into a pitch black sea on a horrible night!

Think about the sensation you experience at a traffic light when the car beside us 'creeps' forward, creating that strange vertigo...now pretend you're 50 feet off the water!

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