

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Sign Up NOW for Omaha National Reunion!

The site of our 35th annual national reunion is Omaha, Neb. You'll find excellent accommodations at the Double Tree Suites by Hilton. Dates for the reunion are Oct. 9 - 13, 2013. Find the details for accommodations on page two of this issue.

Here is a quick summary of your entertaining reunion tour options:

Thursday, Oct. 10

STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

9:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
(depart hotel at 9 a.m.)—

Travel west to the small community of Ashland, Nebraska to see history come alive in 300,000



square feet of war aircraft and artifacts. Many tours will include the area where planes are currently being restored. Box lunch can be arranged with advance

notice.

LUNCH UNDER THE WINGS at MUSEM

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—

Lunch Under the Wings at Strategic Air & Space Museum or buffet at the Mahoney Park Lodge Restaurant located next to the museum.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS TOWN TOUR

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—
Travel to west Omaha for a tour of the widely-

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President's Corner

Hi Shipmates,

The reunion in Omaha is just around the corner. I hope that many of you will be there. No doubt that we'll all have a great time.

Those of you making the trip to Omaha, please remember to bring along any memorabilia that you may have from your time aboard Coral Sea. Cruise

books, pictures, artifacts, etc. always are welcome. These items will be displayed in the hospitality room. Also, registration for the reunion will be in the hospitality room. Please check the Plan of the day for more info.

A very important member of the Association who is most faithful about attending our reunions will be absent this year. George and Ann Rogers will not be attending due

to a health problem with George. They have done a terrific job operating the small store for so many years. We'll all miss them a lot. There will be no small store set up at the reunion. Please contact George directly for any items that you need. You'll see the small store order form in this issue. We wish Godspeed to you both, George and Ann. We look forward to

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Book Your 35th Annual Reunion Hotel Stay Today!

You'll enjoy a comfortable Coral Sea reunion stay at the Double Tree Suites by Hilton-Omaha at 7270 Cedar Street in Omaha, Neb.

But get your reservation in today because the discount-rate deadline is coming up fast!

Call 402-397-5141 and mention USS Coral Sea when making your reservation.

The room rate is \$105.16 per night, including all current taxes. This rate is available from Monday, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013. The reservation deadline to ensure this rate is Sept. 9!

For those flying into Omaha, Double Tree

Suites by Hilton will provide airport transportation for guests on peak arrival and departure days and times. Guests must

arrange this transportation with the hotel's front desk as soon as they have made their airline reservations.

The number for transportation arrangements also is 402-397-5141.

When you call in your request, provide your name, phone number, number of people requiring shuttle service, flight times, flight number and airline.

For those driving in, there is free parking available at the hotel.



Gentle Thought of the Day

Some people try to turn back their odometers.
Not me!

I want people to know WHY I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved!

Vice President's Corner

Ahoy Shipmates,

I am writing this message a few days before Lynn and I celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We are planning a large party at a private country club. We have invited some of our Coral Sea friends and hope everyone has a grand time.

This is the last newsletter before our national reunion in Omaha, Neb. If you have not made plans to attend, we will miss you. The information for the reunion will be in this newsletter, and we hope to see a large crowd, espe-

cially from the Midwest.

We are always looking for new members. Please help us grow this organization.

John and his team have been working very hard on this reunion so all will have a great time. Please help support them in any way possible, we always need volunteers.

Now, just a little about the painting mentioned in the last newsletter. This painting has been done in beautiful colors. Any Coral Sea shipmate would be proud to have this in their home. The painting was donated

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All Shipmates Please Note:

Please make your raffle ticket returns to me as soon as possible, but do so before the Omaha reunion. Returns are running a little slow. All raffle ticket purchases are greatly appreciated. My correct address is:

Clarence Neander
27684 N. 725 E Rd.
Cornell, IL 61319

Coral Sea Assoc. Annual Reunion Registration.

Complete this form, include payment and mail to:

**Clarence Neander
27684 N. 725E Road
Cornell, IL 61319**

Name _____ Guest _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

For the purpose of printing your name badge, please complete the following:

Name: _____ Rate/Rating/Rank _____ Division _____

Dates aboard Coral Sea: From month/year _____ to month/year _____

Note: Buffet & dinner prices include registration costs.

Friday evening dinner buffet (_____)	\$55.00/person
Saturday evening banquet (please indicate your choices):	
Ribeye Steak (_____)	\$60.00/person
Chicken Cordon Bleu (_____)	\$50.00/person
Seared Tilapia (_____)	\$50.00/person

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association



**It's Been So Hot
This Summer..**

You quickly learn that a seatbelt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron!

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Reunion Tour Planning...

admired Father Flanagan's Boys Town!

The Thursday tour package total cost is just \$79 per person.

Friday, Oct. 11

OMAHA CITY TOUR WITH STEP-ON GUIDE

9 a.m.—Enjoy a guided driving tour of Omaha's past, present and future. **RIVER CITY STAR RIVERBOAT LUNCHEON CRUISE**

11:45 a.m. to :30 p.m.—Enjoy a scenic luncheon cruise down the Missouri River on the River

City Star Riverboat.

THE DURHAM MUSEUM, 1930 UNION TRAIN STATION & SODA FOUNTAIN

1:45 to 3:10 p.m.—Visit Omaha's historic 1930's Union Train Station.

The Friday tour package total cost is only \$89 per person.

Make checks payable to:

**Allied Tour & Travel
Attn: Susan Busskohl
720 E. Norfolk Ave.
Norfolk, NE. 68701
402-371-3840**

2012 Coral Sea Assoc. Scholarship Winning Essay.

Maintaining a Strong Military

by Austin Hintze

In today's day and age, the United States plays a larger role worldwide than ever before, and this can be partly attributed to the country's armed forces. Although it is a known fact that the United States has the largest and most advanced military in the world, with recent budget cuts and scale backs taking place within the armed forces, it is important to understand why the United States needs to keep its military strong.

Two main reasons for maintaining strong armed forces are that the forces are necessary to ensure protected trade, and they are crucial in protecting the U.S. and its allies against the multitude of threats they face today.

To begin, the United States' armed forces are necessary to ensure the continuation of protected trade throughout the world. To illustrate, the U.S. Navy patrols the waters off Somalia to ensure that vessels are able to safely traverse the trade route. The Navy's Maritime Liaison Office stated that its mission is to "promote cooperation between the U.S. Navy and the commercial maritime community" in order to ensure that commercial ships traveling through Somali waters are protected. The Navy enforces its mission through the use of a Combined Maritime Force comprised of thousands of sailors and a plethora of warships (G. Caprain). This allows the Navy to deter pirates from attacking commercial vessels, and respond to attacks in the event that such attacks are carried out. If the United States' presence in this area is reduced, the Navy will not be able to effectively carry out its mission. This would compromise the safety of the commercial vessels passing through Somali waters.

As stated in an article in the Washington Post, "the world's free-trade, free-market economy has depended on America's ability to keep trade routes open, even during times of conflict" (Kagan).

Reduction in America's armed forces would result in less stable trade routes and therefore a less stable world market. As stated by Defense Secretary (at the time) Robert Gates, "our military credibility, commitment, and

presence are required to protect trade routes and energy supplies" (Stewart).

He believed that although cuts in the budget are necessary, they should not be taking place in the armed forces due to the large role that the U.S. currently plays worldwide.

Additionally, the United States needs strong armed forces to protect the country and its allies from the numerous threats that they face today. Currently one of the most pressing issues is North Korea. North Korea has made threats against South Korea and the United States in the past, but recently these threats have become more serious and imposing. Along with threats of attacking the South and striking Washington D.C. with a nuclear device, the most recent successful nuclear test and ballistic missile launch by the North serves to increase tension and worries that the threats may be carried out in some form. In order to ensure protection from North Korea, the United States must keep a strong military. Not *only* does this allow the U.S. to deter the North from carrying out an attack, but it also provides a large force for preemptive measures or retaliation in case the North follows through with its threats. The United States also needs this force in order to help protect its allies, especially South Korea.

Tom Donijon (Barack Obama's top national security advisor) stated that the "United States will draw upon the full range of our capabilities to protect against, and respond to, the threat posed to us and our allies by North Korea" (McGreal).

If the U.S. armed forces are reduced, it could hamper the ability to prevent and react to the threats posed by North Korea, leaving not only our country exposed but also our allies as well.

Another threat that faces the U.S. and its allies is terrorism. Terrorism has become widespread throughout the world and is constantly expanding. Even though terrorists mainly target western powers in general, the United States is at the top of their list. The U.S. needs to keep its armed forces strong in order to combat such a widespread threat. Robert Gates stresses that "we must not diminish our ability or our determination to deal with the

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**It's Been So Hot
This Summer...**

You discovered
it only takes two
fingers to steer
your car!

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Winning Essay...

threats and challenges on the horizon"

(Stewart). Although the United States is currently equipped to deal with challenges (such as terrorism) because of the strength of the armed forces, scaling the military back could result in our nation not being adequately able to defend itself or its allies against a threat that we may not foresee.

In conclusion, it is necessary for the United States to keep

its armed forces strong. Two main justifications for a strong military are so that the U.S. can protect trade and also so that the country can protect itself and its allies against threats. As declared by Robert Gates, "The ultimate guarantee against the success of aggressors, dictators, and terrorists in the 21st century is the size, strength, and global reach of the United States military" (Stewart).

The United States has led the world's most advanced and powerful military for many

decades to ensure peace and order through democracy. With its continued efforts, the United States can use the military to ensure freedom and liberty for all.

Ed. Note—The 2013 scholarship winner's bio and essay will appear in the December issue of the *Sea Breeze*.

Ed. Note—Committee Chairman Jon Lickey expresses his thanks to the members of the Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship Committee: Jerry Collier, Guy Dunbar and Rich Sigurdson.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
The month of September has many memories for me. As a child, it meant the end of lazy summer days playing outdoors all day with my friends. It meant getting back to a disciplined routine of going to bed early and getting up for school. But that was OK with me, because going to school meant that I would see classmates I had not seen all summer.

As I have gotten older, I realize that those friendships forged early in my life have helped me be the man I am today. And later, as I began my Navy career, I saw that forging friendships became an even greater part of my life. Those who have never served aboard a Navy ship will never quite understand us old salts when we warmly and affectionately address each other as "shipmate"!

Over the years I have appreciated very much the efforts of the officers of our association in keeping us Coral Sea

sailors and Marines in touch with each other and preserving the great heritage of a great ship. Her motto when I was aboard was "Older and Bolder". I was younger then, but hopefully a wiser and better man now because of my Coral Sea shipmates. I no longer return to school in September, of course, so now I think I will use this time to thank God for you, my shipmates, for letting me serve alongside you in the greatest Navy the world has ever known aboard the greatest ship which ever sailed the seven seas.

And, by the way, as school starts in your community, please drive carefully and watch out for our precious children!

God bless you all!

Your shipmate,

Michael

Michael D. Halley
CDR, CHC, USN, Retired
Association Chaplain

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,
With the Annual Reunion just weeks away, I encourage everyone to get your raffle tickets sent in and registrations/reservations made. Both are down from last year.

The Annual Reunion is a chance to see old friends and meet new ones, as well as being important to the financial health of the Association so participation is important.

Both the 2012 and 2013 Scholarships have been awarded. Congratulations to Austin Hintze, 2012 1st place; Raeann Van Sickle, 1st place 2013; and Andre'a Jo Brown 2nd place 2013.

Thanks to Jon Lickey and the Scholarship Committee for their work to make these awards possible.

Hope to see many of you in Omaha!

Clarence

Association Treasurer



It's Been So Hot This Summer...

That cows
are giving
evaporated
milk!

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 (CV/CVB/CVA-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the commissioning crew (plank owners), even if they spent fewer than 90 days aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership dues is \$15 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year. When submitted for renewal or first-time application. Any amount submitted over the annual dues will be automatically earmarked for the Association's Scholarship Fund program.

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) (mo/day/year)

Address _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____

ZIP+4 _____ **PHONE:** (____) _____ **Email** _____

Spouse's Name _____ **Birthday** _____ **Anniversary** _____

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 USCG
 (Rank/Rate) USNR Air Force Army

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

Please make check payable to: **USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.**
 Mail application to:

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10658 S Fruit Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706 Email: doncolwell@att.net

Office Use Only

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

Austin Hintze Wins 2012 Coral Sea Scholarship Essay Contest.

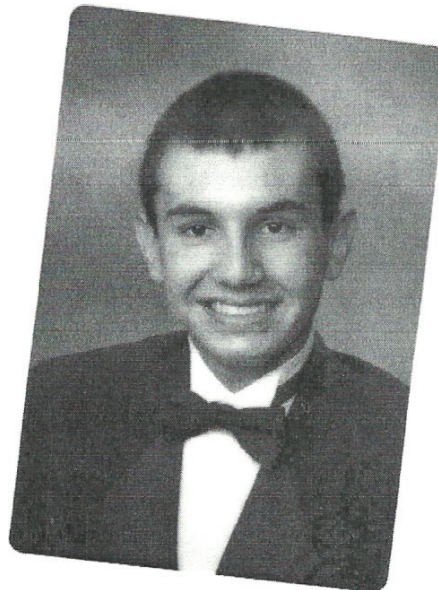


**College Football
Humor...**

Why did the Nebraska line-backer steal a police car? He saw "911" on the side and thought it was a Porsche.

Austin Hintze is a sophomore at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He is currently studying marketing at USP's College of Business.

While attending River-view High School, Austin was very active with the NJROTC program and held the position of Battalion Commander his senior year. He led the unit of around 230 cadets to earn the Unit Achievement distinction, and placed within the top ten schools at the state competition.



Austin also participated in Relay for Life as a team

captain for multiple years and raised nearly \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society. He is still active in Relay for Life and plans to be a team captain again this year.

Although he currently doesn't have plans to go into the military, Austin regularly helps out and teaches the cadets and instructors of his high school's NJROTC program.

See Austin's scholarship-winning essay beginning on page four in this issue of the Sea Breeze.

Kilroy Was Here!

He is engraved in stone in the National War Memorial in Washington, DC. It's back in a small alcove where very few people have seen it. A bit of trivia, even if you never heard of Kilroy before.

For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's a bit of trivia that is a part of our American history. Anyone born in 1913 to about 1950, is familiar with Kilroy. We didn't know why, but we had lapel pins with his nose hanging over the label and the top of his face above his nose with his hands hanging over the label. No one knew why he was so well known, but we all joined in!

So who the heck was Kilroy?

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters got paid by the

rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark.

Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but added 'KILROY WAS HERE' in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message.

Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a

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President's Corner...

seeing you next year.

Thanks for all that you do for the Association.

Shipmates, remember that dues will increase to \$20.00 per year as of Oct. 1, 2013. This dues increase was approved at the 2012 business meeting. Save some money and pay your dues now. Remember that you can pay for more than one year at a time. If you pay before Oct. 1, 2013 for more than one year, you'll save a good bit of cash.

The following changes to the Association By-laws will

be considered at this year's business meeting:

Amend Article VIII to require written consent from any Association member wishing to be nominated and elected to any office when absent from the business meeting.

Amend Article VII, Sec. 2 Duties of Treasurer, to remove Paragraph e) which requires that the Treasurer be bonded.

Article X DUES: Sec. 1

The dues of the U.S.S. Coral Sea CVA-43 shall be \$20.00 per year for the period of January 1st to De-

ember 31st. Any dues increase must be recommended by the Executive Board and voted on by the members present at the annual business meeting. All plank owners i.e. all those on the ship's original commissioning crew shall pay no membership fee.

I wish all of you well and I look forward to seeing you all in Omaha.

Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
President



College Football Humor...

How many Michigan freshman football players does it take to change a light bulb? None. That's a sophomore course.

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

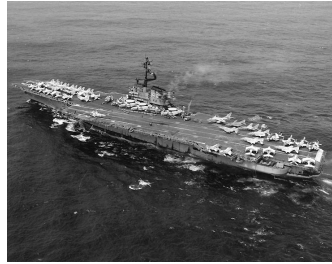
Please Note: Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

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 _____

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

Key Dates & Events in the History of USS Coral Sea.

520210 CO New CO: Pirie, Robert B. at Norfolk Navy Shipyard. USNA ' 26. Obit in file

520419 FM 521012 : 5th Med cruise. 1st visit to Split, Yugoslavia

520419 GC CVG-4 embarked, tail code F. HOOK Clayton

520700 DA Editors. U.S.S. CORAL SEA, FORTUNE July 52

520911 DO 520914 : Port call : Split, Yugoslavia. First carrier to call in country

520914 DD Marshal Tito visits ship off Split, Yugoslavia

520930 DI a Earns Navy Battle "E" for Atlantic Fleet for Fiscal 1952

521001 AH Designated CVA-43 , attack carrier

521004 EO Navy Occupation Service medal for ops in European waters

521107 CO New CO: Riley, Herbert D. at Norfolk Navy Shipyard

530426 FM 531021 : 6th Med cruise. Oran, Algiers, Naples & Barcelona, Palermo

530426 GC CVG-8 embarked, tail code E. HOOK Clayton

530810 CO New CO: Caldwell, Henry Howard at Naples, Italy

531014 EO Navy Occupation Service medal for ops in European waters

540614 CO New CO: Sears, Harry E.

540707 FM 541220 : 7th Med cruise. Two NATO exercises participant

540707 GC CVG-10 embarked, tail code P. HOOK Clayton

540930 DI a Navy Battle E for FY 1954 Atlantic Fleet

541000 DD Gen. Franco visits ship at Valencia, Spain call

541211 EO Navy Occupation Service medal for ops in European waters

541222 CO New CO: McDonald, David L. Admiral, CNO

550405 FM 550929 : 8th Med cruise. Only cruise with Fury (FJ-2)

550405 GC CVG-17 embarked, tail code R. Olson File p4

550921 EO Navy Occupation Service medal for ops in European waters

550930 DI a Navy Battle E for FY 1955 Atlantic Fleet

551017 CO New CO: Gentner, William E. Jr.

560813 FMs 570211 : 9th Med cruise. Sardinia. Suez crisis patrol

560813 GC CVG-10 embarked, tail code P. HOOK Clayton

560908 CG AJ-1 trial crashes into 9 parked planes while landing

561010 CO New CO: Jaap, Jasper A. . USNA ' 32

—Ed. Note, History continues next issue with key events beginning October 20, 1956.



College Football Humor...

What do you get when you put 32 Arkansas cheerleaders in the same room?
A full set of teeth.

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Kilroy Was Here...

result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced.

His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo. To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first."

As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived. Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went.

It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable. It is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arc de Triumph, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked

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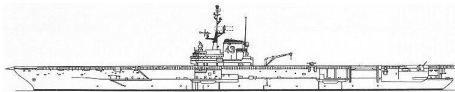
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Vice President's Corner...

to the association by Jack Caldaroni's widow, Lorraine, in loving memory of Jack.

John Ranson, our president, ask that I take care of the raffle to give away the painting at our reunion in Omaha. It is not necessary to be present to win; the painting will be shipped to your home. The raffle tickets may be purchased through September 20 by sending your check, made payable to the association, to my home at: 322 N. Portia Street, Nokomis, FL 34275.

After the 20th, the tickets may be purchased at the reunion. The tickets are \$3.00 each, or two for \$5.00, or 8 for \$20.00. If you send your money to my home, please include return address labels for the number of tickets you are pur-

chasing. We are affixing these return labels to blank business cards so all tickets will be the same equal size for the drawing.

This is also an election year. We are looking for a few good men, willing and able to serve as our organization's president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and E-board member. Please think about this and volunteer to serve. We need you!

Hope to see you all in Omaha in October.

Till the next time,

Bill

Bill Johnson
Vice President

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Kilroy Was Here...

ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.
So, now you know.