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# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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## Welcome Aboard!

**Robert Davis**  
MM3, M Div.  
1978-81

## Salty Humor

Did you ever notice that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"!

## Get Your Fresh, Hot Nashville Tours Here!

Your Association's annual reunion dates are Oct. 1-5, and in this issue we unveil all the great tours that await you in Nashville!

### Discover Nashville Tour!

Thursday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.: Enjoy a 5-hour guided tour that includes many of the historic points in Nashville. Stops will include Music Row (where many of the major music industry

companies are located), the Entertainment District. You'll also take a



ride through Centennial Park to see the world's only full-scale replica of the Parthenon, built dur-

ing Tennessee's 1897 Centennial Exposition, and faithfully recreating the appearance of the original in Greece.

### General Jackson Lunch Cruise!

Friday, Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m.: We are "Navy" after all, so let's get on the water! Cruise the Cumberland River on the 300-foot

long General Jackson, named after the original paddlewheel steamer that

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## President's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Plans are in the works for a great reunion in Nashville this year. There'll be lots of fun had in Music City! Please see the tour information in this issue. Please note that there is a minimum of 45 days cancellation notice required on the tours.

I hope that all attending

the reunion will enjoy these tours. Nashville has a lot to offer all visitors. Surely the Grand Old Opry will be a big attraction for all. I know that 'Da Bear' and I will have a great time there on Friday night.

Do make your hotel reservations now. There's another event at the Holiday Inn-Opryland during our reunion, so avoid disap-

pointment: reserve your room now!

We're trying to fix the roster. If there are any mistakes with your name, address or membership expiration date **PLEASE** contact Sec. Don Colwell or me by e-mail, phone or US mail. We want to get this matter fixed a.s.a.p. Your help is needed.

In the past, many of you

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### **Nashville Reunion Tours....**

began operating on these waters in 1817. Your time on this 1,200-passenger show-boat includes reserved seating in the Victorian Theatre for lunch and a great live performance. Round-trip transportation to the dock is included.

### **Grand Ole Opry Show!**

Friday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.:

No trip to Nashville would be complete without experiencing the city's signature event, a live performance at the

Grand Ole Opry. While the performers vary with each show, the quality of the country music performance is always Music City worthy! This tour includes your reserved seat tickets and round-trip transportation from the hotel.

Please be aware that hotel bookings are coming in quickly and we've already sur-



passed the number of members who attended last year's annual reunion. Rooms are limited due to another major event taking place during our reunion, so don't miss out! Our event hotel is the Holiday Inn-Opryland/Airport, 2200 Elm Hill Pk. Nashville, Tenn. 37214.

Call 866-871-1171 for reservations. Mention "USS Coral Sea reunion" when making your reservation.

Room rates are \$105.96 per night which includes all current taxes. This group rate applies from Sunday, Sept. 28 through Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. Room

reservation deadline for this rate September 2, 2014.

As an added convenience for air travelers, our reunion hotel provides free airport transportation for guests every 20 minutes from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. every day.

Book your reservation today to ensure availability at these great reunion rates!



### **TAPS**

**Jules J. Borio**

Ft. Walton Beach, FL

**Robert Dickenson**

Woodburn, OR

**Bernard J.**

**Dvorscak**

Atlanta, GA

**Raymond M.**

**"Corky" Hunt, Jr.**

Salem, IN

**William F.**

**Pegram**

Belmont, NC

**Daniel T.**

**Schweikert**

Willingboro, NJ

**Robert E.**

**Thatcher**

Sebring, FL

**Harry J. Tucker**

Camillus, NY

**Peter P. Wilke**

Milwaukee, WI

### **Vice President's Corner**

Ahoy shipmates, I hope the summer has finally reached your neck of the woods. We can't complain down here in Florida. It only got "cold" a couple of nights, and that consisted of the low 40's. Of course, a few showers here and there but nothing compared to Pensacola/North Florida/South Georgia.

God has been good to this country. We have something every country envies; an abundance of food,

places to live, and most importantly, our freedom. We might not agree with all of the decisions made, but we sure can agree that we all love the great United States of America.

As we prepare for the Nashville reunion, I hope each one of you have made your reservations (rooms are limited). John and company are preparing some fun tours around Nashville including: Ryman Auditorium, Tootsies Orchid Lounge, the Wild Horse Saloon and Opry-

land, just to name a few! Make sure to get your reservations in as soon as possible.

This is also the year for officer elections. We will be electing a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, one executive-board member, and one scholarship committee member. The association is always looking for any good men to step up and help run this wonderful organization. If you are interested in any of the

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## 36th Annual Coral Sea TOURS Registration Form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**All prices are per person. Tour registration deadline is August 25, 2014.**

**No refunds or changes possible after September 2, 2013**

Thursday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.: Nashville Discovery Tour

Cost: \$98     # of People: \_\_\_\_\_     Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m.: General Jackson Lunch Cruise

Cost: \$79     # of People: \_\_\_\_\_     Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Oct. 3, 7:00—9:30 p.m.: Grand Ole Opry Performance

Cost: \$78     # of People: \_\_\_\_\_     Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send tour registration form and check payable to:**

**All In One Destinations Inc., Attn: Group Sales, 107 Music City Circle, Ste. 218  
 Nashville, TN 37214 - Ph. 800-421-4422, 615-871-7232  
 Email: [allinone@southernvacations.com](mailto:allinone@southernvacations.com)**

## 36th Annual Coral Sea REUNION Reservation Form.

Holiday Inn-Opryland/Airport, 2200 Elm Hill Pk. Nashville, TN. 37214  
 Call 866-871-1171 for reservations. Say "USS Coral Sea reunion" when making reservation.  
 Room rate: \$105.96 per night (includes all current taxes). This group rate applies from  
 Sunday, Sept. 28 through Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014.

Room reservation deadline for this rate is September 2, 2014.

Attention all those arriving by airline: Holiday Inn-Opryland/Airport will provide free airport  
 transportation for guests every 20 minutes from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. every day. Free Parking!  
 Complete this form, include payment and mail to:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate & Rating or Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_ Served aboard Coral Sea: Month/Year:  
 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Buffet & Dinner prices include registration costs.**

Thursday evening dinner buffet, quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00/person

Saturday evening banquet (please indicate your choices):

NY Strip Steak, quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00/person

Grilled Chicken, quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00/person

Baked Salmon, quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00/person

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association**



### Salty Humor

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their keys in their pocket, finding their cell phone or locating the reading glasses they put on their nose...but I bet everyone can find the snooze button on their alarm from 3-feet away in less than 1.5 seconds with their eyes closed, every time.

## Guadalcanal and the Coral Sea Battles.

*Ed. Note—Part 2 of 2*

This effort saved many lives, yet their actions are seldom recognized when the battles are over and the accolades are handed out.

(So, at this time, let me suggest that all the DE crewmen who participated in the Coral Sea and/or Guadalcanal battles are deserving of a Silver Star for gallantry under fire.)

Sometime between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November there was a pause in naval and air combat, during which time our tin cans reloaded all of their torpedoes. Other ships (cruisers) restocked their quad 40-mm and 20-mm anti-aircraft guns, etc. (just to name a small amount of activity to "recover" our offensive capability).

By now our admirals were making important decisions that would determine who the victor would be. Aircraft spotters reported that the enemy was cruising rather slowly in two rows of about six ships each, with no carriers visible. Those carriers were located on our radar several miles behind the convoy. With this information, admirals Kinkaid and Callaghan made a commitment that was extremely difficult.

Though seemingly suicidal, our ships would take the offensive by setting course toward the Japanese fleet at flank speed. Admiral Kinkaid's ships would go on the inside left row of enemy ships and Admiral Callaghan's group would go on the inside of the right row. All destroyers were instructed to act independently and launch their torpedoes at any enemy carrier or battleship within range. (During the course of these battles, destroyers accounted for four enemy ships sunk by torpedoes!)

U.S. ships took the offensive and searched for the enemy ships, located them and initiated the battle plan. The battles were nonstop in the air and on sea. We lost many planes, as did the Japanese. Cruisers were firing their 8-inch turret salvos almost nonstop, but we were receiving much damage and death among both of our cruiser groups. But our offense was working, because traveling at flank speed--firing every weapon from every ship while zigzagging--presented a difficult target to our enemy.

In spite of that, our ships were receiving numerous hits on both of our columns of cruisers. We continued to fire our barrages of all

three turrets of 8-inch guns as fast as they could be reloaded, plus the several 5-inch guns and 20 mm quad 40s. This was a sustained exchange of very intense, devastating firepower from warships and carriers. The biggest problem was the time it took to "reload" the eight inch turrets. All our weapons continued to batter the enemy forces, with several of their ships exploding into the night.

During this intense battle of aircraft and high velocity shelling, an enemy plane crashed into the bridge structure of the USS San Francisco, killing Admiral Callaghan and many sailors and marines. Prior to this incident, much damage had already been absorbed by the USS San Francisco (more about the USS San Francisco later).

Explosions continued to light up the night and we observed the USS Helena with fires in different areas and listing heavily. A torpedo wake was visible as it passed the San Francisco and hit the Helena, but it did not sink at that time and was continuing to fight in spite of heavy losses. No other data was available to us because the plane that crashed into the 'Frisco' damaged virtually all of our communications equipment. Also, the cruiser USS Juneau was battered from bow to stern and could not navigate. It soon sank into the briny deep, losing most of her crew. Noteworthy is the fact that all five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa perished in this sinking. (This situation led to a directive from Washington that no longer would brothers be assigned to the same ship, regardless of the parent's request to do so.)

Most of our ships had been damaged but were still able to stay afloat and return to a safe harbor for repair. Most of the enemy ships could not leave the battle area and were sinking. The remaining ships withdrew from action, most requiring extensive repairs which kept them out of action for an extended period. Much credit for success should be given to Admiral Kinkaid, Admiral Callaghan, the Army Air Corps, all our Navy planes and the courageous and gallant gunners who stayed on station throughout the battle.

To continue the information about the cruiser USS San Francisco: As mentioned earlier, Admiral Callaghan and many marines and sailors

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### Salty Humor

I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front of the merge line.

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### Guadalcanal...

were killed in the plane crash and prior engagements. What makes this situation unusual is the casualty list. Virtually every person on the ship, from Admiral Callaghan down to the rank of Lt. Commander, were either killed or seriously wounded to the degree they could not perform their duties effectively. Furthermore, even though steering was destroyed at the bridge from the plane crash, navigation had to be made so the ship could return to port

for repairs. Also, the wounded had to be cared for and those killed had to be identified and prepared for burial. Finally, all the blood and metal all over the ship had to be taken care of.

As you can imagine, morale was quite low at this time. These things convey only the tip of the enormous burden that was instantly placed on LCDR Schonland and LCDR McCandless, our remaining ranking officers.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,  
The other day a friend sent me the story (with photographs!) of our Navy's newest carrier under construction not far from where I live. She looks magnificent! Her name will be USS GEORGE EASTMAN (CVN-78), the lead ship in a new class of American super carriers.  
This ship is a long way and far removed from the last carrier which was built during World War II, our beloved USS CORAL SEA. At the time, our ship was state of the art, a fearsome warship capable in every sense. I was honored a number of years ago standing on the pier beside a plank owner, as we awaited CORAL SEA's return from yet another overseas deployment. She could be cranky and she balked every now and then. But with loving and skilled hands and brains, her crew helped her come through every time. In my days onboard (1986-89), we might have been

## Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,  
With summer upon us I hope you are all enjoying the weather and that your vacation plans include the Annual Reunion in Nash-

dwarfed by the bigger carriers, but we did not back down a single time.

My point is this: the greatness of our ship was due mostly from you and me and the thousands of other sailors and Marines who manned her. Separately, we could not do the job, but together we were her skilled and caring crew. I am very thankful for all of you who served onboard our ship and for future generations who will serve in other fine ships.

It is an honor to call you "Shipmate"!

Have a wonderful summer,

*Michael*

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

ville, TN this fall.

Nashville is a great location, with plenty to do and see. Get your hotel reservations made as soon as possible so you don't miss out on the great room rates negotiated by reunion chair Bill Johnson.

They are going fast. As of this writing, raffle ticket purchases are ahead of last year, but there is still plenty of time to purchase yours. Don't forget you can include dues renewals and reunion registrations along with your raffle tickets. One check, one envelope, one stamp! This year's reunion is election year for Association officers. If you have a desire to serve, contact a board member to get your name in nomination. Participation is the key to a Association. See You in Nashville!

*Clarence*

Clarence Neander  
Association Treasurer



## Salty Humor

I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night, more kisses begin with a 6-pack of Miller Lite than Kay's.

# 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 is \$20 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** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **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:

**Don Colwell, Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.**  
**10658 S Fruit Avenue**  
**Fresno, CA 93706** Email: doncolwell@att.net

**Office Use Only**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**Salty Humor**

I wish Google Maps had an "avoid ghetto" routing option.

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**Midwest Spring Fling...**  
 tended our Midwest Spring Fling. (Shown l. to r.) Debbie Pfeffer, Diane

Maddox, Janet Lickey, Sandy Collier, Bev Sigurdson, Sandy "Da Bear" Ranson and Helen Abb.



April 24, 2014—Shipmates attending the 24th Annual Spring Fling (shown l. to r. front row) Larry Pennington, Dick Parker, Bob Abb, Jim Johnson and Jon Lickey. (Shown l. to r. back row) Tom Bohling, Mike "Oscar" Pfeffer, Sid "Doc" Dockery, Mike "Yogi" Medvic, Gary "Mad Dog" Maddox, Jerry Collier, Brad Deegan, George Cone, Richard Sigurdson and John Ranson.

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**President's Corner...**  
 have donated items for the combination raffles that we have at the reunions. As always, such items are needed again this year. I want to especially thank all the ladies who have made afghans for these raffles. Please continue to do this for us!

Don't forget to make your room reservations NOW. See you all in Nashville! Godspeed!

*John*

John H. Ranson  
 President

## 24th Annual Midwest Spring Fling Report.

We all enjoyed the many sights & places that dealt with Abe Lincoln's life. Several of us toured New Salem, a community where Abe Lincoln lived as a young man. That was very informative. I heard that the Lincoln Museum in downtown Springfield was good! I am saving that for next year!



Next year's spring fling will also be in Springfield, IL. The facility was great and

the rooms were tops! More info on Spring fling 2015 in the December issue. Thanks!

—John Ranson

P.S. We would like to recognize the "long suffering" wives who at-

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### Guadalcanal...

Since Commander McCandless was wounded as well, Commander Schonland became ship's captain. He delegated responsibility to officers and Chief Petty Officers during a one hour meeting.

With this done, he took ship's navigation as main priority. He went down deep into the bowels of the ship where central steering is located, along with a permanently mounted gyro compass. Receiving a short course on navigation from one of the quartermasters, he ordered all hands to prepare for a long voyage away from the Coral Sea.

It was a long voyage, indeed, as we could only move at approximately 8-10 knots an hour. And it was necessary to zigzag irregularly to prevent an enemy submarine from determining our course and torpedo the easy target our ship had become. At times, due to rudder damage, ship's engines were used to control our course by alternately speeding up and slowing each engine. After long and frightening days and nights, Capt. Schonland miraculously navigated the ship back to its namesake, our home port of San Francisco.

Going under the Golden Gate was absolutely spectacular and we all screamed and yelled until we cried. Capt. Schonland took a couple of minutes in prayer for our departed shipmates. For heroic valor against immense odds, President Franklin D. Roosevelt awarded Herbert E. Schonland the Congress-

sional Medal of Honor and gave our ship a Meritorious Unit Citation. (Mr. Schonland retired from the US Navy with the rank of Rear Admiral. He died in 1984 at the age of 84.)

After several months of extensive repairs, the USS San Francisco returned to duty in the South Pacific.

After thoughts: Why was Guadalcanal important? Let's remember that our forces landed on Guadalcanal in August 1942. The primary purpose of this action was to secure Henderson Field for our use and prevent the enemy from using it. This airfield was large enough to handle our B25 and B24 bombers and larger B17 bombers.

Strategically, Henderson field had to be totally under our command. Even though the Japanese fought for months to take the airfield, US Marines secured the island in February 1943. Our marines fought with courage day after day and finally put the US flag on Henderson Field and the whole island of Guadalcanal. Their heroism continued up through all of the Solomon Islands invasions, and beyond.

As a sailor, or marine, we only came to know the name of these battles as it was being told by reporters. To us, all sea battles were the same: Horrible, frightening and devastating to humans and ships.

—Submitted by

**George Williams**

*US Navy (1941-46), US Army, Ret. (1947-64)*



### Salty Humor

Why is it that the only time a red light never seems to last long enough is when you are trying to finish a text?

# 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
1018	Coral Sea Coffee Mug	\$ 8.00
1019	Watch Cap, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1020-1	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$ .50/ltr.
1021-2	Full Back Logo for Jackets	\$30.00
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

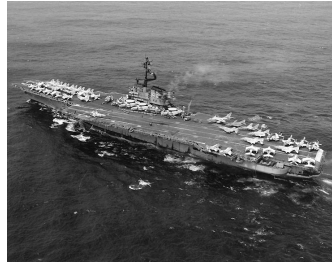
**Please Note:** Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

**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:** 678-426-8716



# 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

**Method of Payment**

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

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

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Association Logo



Ship's Logo  
CVB, CVA, CV

Fax: 770-222-4833  
 E-mail: [georgerogers@bellsouth.net](mailto: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."

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

700701 DL 125 line days on 5 line periods with 1 plane lost in combat

700701 DO Port calls: Hong Kong, Sasebo, Subic Bay, Yokosuka

700701 ES Vietnam Service Medal awarded for combat ops off coast

700702 AJ 710601 : Complex overhaul at Hunter's Point yard. \$44 million

700825 CF San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto presented token helm at Alameda

701016 CO New CO: McDonald, Wesley L. at Hunters Point NSY. Admiral

710907 CO New CO: Harris, William H. at Alameda Naval Air Station pier

711112 FN 720717 : 6th Vietnam war cruise. Haiphong Harbor mining

711112 GC CVW-15 embarked, tail code NL. NHC Battle Order p 15

720509 BB Gives air defense for mining of Haiphong, No.Viet harbor

720509 DA Osborne, Art. AIR DEFENSE FOR HAIPHONG MINING, PRO 9/74

720717 DL 148 line days on 6 line periods with 12 planes lost in combat

721102 CO New CO: Peck, Paul A.

721717 ES Vietnam Service Medal awarded for combat ops off coast

730200 MF Most combat line days (875) in Vietnam War, 7 cruises

730309 FN 731108 : 7th Vietnam war cruise. Vietnam coast peace patrol

730309 GC CVW-15 embarked, tail code NL. NHC Battle Order p 18

731108 DL 84 line days on 6+ line periods with 14 planes lost in combat

731108 ES Vietnam Service Medal awarded for combat ops off coast

740125 CO New CO: Rogers, Thomas S. Jr.

741205 FF 750702 : 11th Westpac cruise. Indian O, Cambodian coast

741205 GC CVW-15 embarked, tail code NL. NHC Battle Order p 19

741205 NA Portion of Westpac cruise spent in Indian Ocean ops

750400 DA Anderson, Richard M. THE MIDWAY CLASS CARRIERS, WI 2/75

750412 ND Supports evacuation of Phnom Phem, Cambodia

750428 ND Helicopters evacuates refugees as South Vietnam falls

750506 DO 750510 : Port call to Singapore.

750514 BY Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded for Mayaguez ops

750515 EJ Air strikes on Cambodian gunboat over MAYAGUEZ capture

750530 DO 750605 : Port call : Ind U.S. carrier since Saratoga, CV 3 to visit Perth

750630 AH Designated CV-43, All-purpose carrier

750718 CO New CO: Frick, Joseph F. USNA ' 53

750806 AJ 760518 : Complex overhaul at Long Beach Naval Yard

760704 CF San Francisco pier visit for bicentennial celebration

770215 FF 771005 : 12th Westpac cruise. South China Sea, Yellow Sea

770215 GC CVW-15 embarked, tail code NL. HOOK Clayton

770301 CO New CO: Aitcheson, George A. at Pearl Harbor

770717 GD Crash of A-7 off Okinawa, LCdr Gerald L. Hausmann dead. tailhook Officer

771005 DO Port calls : 3 port calls to Pusan, Subic Bay, Yokosuka

780131 BK 780217 : CarQuals in southern California operating area

780307 AJ 790208 : Overhaul at Puget Sound. \$80 million, 5" guns out

780603 CO New CO: Arthur Stanley R. at Puget Sound NSY

791113 FF 800611 : 13th Westpac. Korea, Indy O. Aids hostage rescue

791113 GC CVW-14 embarked, tail code NK. Go Navy. Clayton HOOK

—Ed. Note, History continues next issue with key events continuing in November 1979.



### Salty Humor

You will know inflation is out of control when McDonald's starts selling the Quarter Ouncer.

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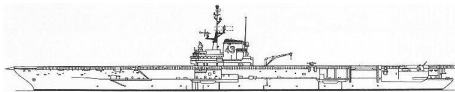


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### Vice President's Corner...

jobs listed above, please contact me, Bill Johnson at (941)-485-4360. My wife, Lynn, recently had her cataracts removed from her eyes and new lenses put in. She can see so well now she says I am the best looking man she has ever laid eyes on. For those of you that knew our dog, Princess, we unfortunately had to put her down due to health problems. In the mean time, we acquired a new Sheltie puppy, named Duke. We already are spoiling him like royalty! Hope to see you all in Nashville! If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to call me.  
Your shipmate,

*Bill*

Bill Johnson  
Vice President

## Scholarship Report

Shipmates, I am very excited about the participation of this year's scholarship candidates. As I reported in the March "Breeze", we had requests for eight application packets. By April 15, all eight applications had been completed and returned to me. Yes, 100% participation of the applicants!

I want to thank each of the applicants for their efforts to receive our scholarship. I also want to thank every shipmate with a senior this year that encouraged them to make the attempt for the scholarship. Let's continue to encourage those who come after us to apply for our Remembrance Scholarship.

This year we had enough funding to award a \$2000 and a \$500 scholarship. Our 2014 \$2000 USS

Coral Sea CVA-43 Remembrance Scholarship recipient is Kathleen "Katie" Gruba. Katie was sponsored by her grandfather, Daniel T. Schweikert, who served aboard from April 1953 to October 1955 in V-2 and V-3G divisions.

Our 2014 \$500 USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Remembrance Scholarship goes to Brenna Bobrove. Brenna was also sponsored by her grandfather, Edward G. Colquhoun. Ed served aboard from 1960-1963.

It is a pleasure to serve the Association as your scholarship chairman, and I wish to thank the other members of the committee: Jerry Collier, Guy Dunbar, and Richard Sigurdson.

—Jon E. Lickey,  
Chairman