

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

Gerald Beacher
AOC, CAG
1952-53

Robert Braun
BT3, B Div.
1975-79

Bobby Gosnell
RMI, OC Div.
1960-63

Douglas Lute
ABE2, V-2 Div.
1969-72

Timothy Malek
ABEAN, V-2
1967-69

Nashville Reunion Wrap-up Report.

The 2014 reunion is now history and a great time was had by all. Many new faces showed up this year, along with many others that we've not seen for some time.

Thanks to Tom Pukalski for getting a large group of his V-2 Div. shipmates to attend. Thanks also to those of you first-time attendees who have

joined the Association. I understand that Tom will contact those of you



who have not yet joined. I'll also assist in this mat-

ter. We welcome you to the Association and our extended family of shipmates.

As always, it was great to see familiar faces. As usual, many cruise books and other memorabilia from Coral Sea were on display. And those cruise books sure prompt a lot of "sea stories" to be told!

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President's Corner

Hello Shipmates, Well, Nashville is behind us and it was a great reunion. More than 220 shipmates and guests attended! The tours were fantastic, especially the Grand Ole Opry. Next year we will be in Charleston, SC and registration and tour info will be in the next issue.

This was an election year and if you will check the officer page of this issue,

you will see the various changes. I am very pleased to once again have the honor to serve as your president.

Shipmate Tom Pukalski contacted several of his V-2 Div. buddies and we had about 20 ABs in attendance. Most were first time attendees! Networking really works and I encourage you to do the same. The more the merrier.

At the reunion, George Rogers announced that after the Charleston re-

union he would be retiring as our storekeeper. George has done a fantastic job and really upgraded the quality of our Association merchandise. Two shipmates have stepped forward and said they are willing to take over this responsibility. I will be asking them for proposals and then submit same to the board for selection of a new storekeeper.

One of the items we

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Nashville Reunion Tours....

The tours were well attended and I'm sure that those who took them enjoyed the sights and sounds of "Music City USA". The Grand Old Opry on Friday night was a special treat. You never know which performers will be there, so it's always a nice surprise.



Shown L. to R.—Incoming President Mil Phillips discusses 2015 reunion site options at the 2014 annual reunion with board members John Ranson, outgoing president; Clarence Neander, treasurer; and Don Colwell, outgoing secretary.

The only bad news occurred when Shipmate Jerry Collier fell in the parking lot of the hotel, breaking his leg. His surgery has gone well and I'm happy to report that he's well into his recovery. Godspeed to you Jerry.



At our annual business meeting, new offi-

cers were elected for the next two years. Welcome Bob Hintze and Bob Gaston to the board. Both of you will be valuable to the Association and I thank you for wanting to take these duties. Shipmate Mil Phillips will lead us once again and I thank you, also, Mil for stepping up to bat.

Saturday's dinner highlight was John Furgess, past Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He discussed his activities as Commander as well as other VFW activities and goals.

The membership voted to have the 2015 reunion in Charleston, SC and the 2016 reunion in San Diego, CA. Thanks to Bill Johnson and Mil Phillips for getting these sites. I have contacts for future reunion sites in Indianapolis, IN, Branson, MO and Corpus Christi, TX. More information about these sites to come. Look for hotel reservation info for our 2015 annual reunion in the March 2015 issue of "Sea Breeze".

See you all in Charleston next year. Godspeed!

—Submitted by John H. Ranson, Past President

TAPS

Walter W. Wentzel
AN, V-3G Div.
1947-50
Plank Owner
Lebanon, PA

Vice President's Corner

Hello Association Sailors, I became involved with John Ranson two years ago to see if we could get another ship named the USS CORAL SEA. I have been in contact with my House Representative, Jeb Hensarling, who is the chairman of the finance committee. After several phone call and letters I have the latest response

which follows:

"Thank you for your letter of September 15, 2014 on behalf of Mr. Garland W. Addkison requesting that the Navy name a future ship Coral Sea. As Director, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHHC), I am responding on behalf of the Navy Chief of Legislative Affairs.

We fully appreciate your constituent's interest in hon-

oring both the Battle of Coral Sea where the Allies handed the Japanese their first strategic reversal in the Pacific and the career of the aircraft carrier that provided over 40 years of admirable service to the Navy.

Please understand, however, that the Secretary of the Navy retains the sole prerogative and authority for selecting names for U.S.

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Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion Set for March 14, 2015

Mini-reunions are a great opportunity for shipmates to reconnect on a regional basis. It's especially helpful for those Association members who have difficulty traveling to our annual national reunion.

One of the best annual Mini-Reunions is hosted each year by shipmates Bill Johnson and Bud McKay in Venice, FL. And the 2015 get together is scheduled for March 14.

Not only open to Coral Sea Assoc. members, but ALL carrier sailors in the area are welcome to attend. So if you have a friend who served aboard any other carrier, invite him to join you! Our social hour will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch serving between noon and 12:30. Meal



choices include charbroiled cheeseburgers, chicken tenders basket, tuna or egg salad plate with cottage cheese and chicken salad croissant with fresh fruit. The cost of the meal is \$20 per person, including tip.

Make plans to join up with your fellow shipmates today at the American Legion NO-VEL Post 159, 1770 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34292. For more information and to make your meal reservation, contact:

Bud McKay, 151 Hoosier Place, Sarasota, FL 34232; ph. (941) 371-3790, or **Bill Johnson**, 322 N Portia Street, Nokomis, FL 34275; ph. (941) 485-4360 (leave a message, calls will be returned).

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,
Another reunion has come and gone and we have a new slate of officers for the next two years. Please give your support to those who will work to keep the Association going in the right direction. I'm happy to be your new secretary. Many thanks to Don Colwell for his work the past six years. Bravo-Zulu to you, shipmate Don.

Please note that the membership application on the Association website now has my name and contact information. Please use it when renewing your dues and fill out the form completely. I need to make sure that the roster is correct. I'm going to get the roster correct.

I'll contact those of you

when I'm not sure of the accuracy of the information that I have on file. Also, note on the mailing label on this and future issues of "Sea Breeze" that the expiration date of your membership is included. If there's an error in this, please contact me. Also, note that plank owners are indicated with a "P.O." and those of you who are over 80 years of age are indicated with an "80+".

As of the 2012 reunion, the Association voted to exempt those shipmates 80 years of age or older before 12/31/2012. All of us younger than that will need to pay \$20.00 dues per year. If your dues expire by 12/31/2014, or if your dues are already expired, there will be a pre-addressed envelope in your copy of this issue of "Sea Breeze". Please use it to send your

membership renewal to the Association treasurer. The officers of the Association thank you for your help in this matter.

Check out the hotel registration information for the Midwest Spring Fling. More info will be in the March 2015 issue of "Sea Breeze". At this time we're still negotiating with the hotel regarding dinners, etc. I hope to see many of you there in April 2015. And I'm already working on a bid for the 2016 spring fling. More on that later.

All of you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary



Welcome Aboard!

Louie Martinez
SN, 3rd. Div.
1955-57

Harvey Reynolds
ABE2, V-2 Div.
1966-69

John Smith
AO1, W Div.
1963-64
1966-68

Nathaniel Smith
BT1, B Div.
1983-86

**Board of Directors Meeting, USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc.
Oct. 4, 2014 Nashville, TN**

Meeting called to order at 2030 by President John Ranson
 Roll call of officers was taken: All present
 Board members Andy Wright, Wayne Addikison, and Larry Pennington present.
 Board and Business meetings from 2013 were read by Secretary Don Colwell, with no corrections or additions. Both were approved.
 There were no committee issues to discuss
 Unfinished Business: None
 Sid Dockery and Wayne Addikison have volunteered to take over small stores when George Rogers steps down after next year.
 New Business: Sites for future reunions were discussed. For 2015, San Diego, CA. and Charleston, SC were proposed. Mil Phillips talked about the Crown Plaza Hotel Circle for 2016, Corpus Christi, TX., Norfolk, VA, and Branson, Mo. were proposed.
 President Ranson proposed taking inventory of our ships memorabilia. Any extra cruise books that we have can be sold or donated for the good of the Association.
 \$1,000.00 will go to the Sea Cadets.
 Midwest spring fling will again be held at Springfield, IL in 2015.
 Good of the Association: Regarding a new US Navy ship named after the Coral Sea. Wayne Addikison sent a letter to his Congressman who forwarded it to the Secretary of the Navy. He will consider the proposal.
 With nothing else to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2116, 2 October 2014
 In service,
 Don Colwell
 (Past) Association Secretary



Salty Humor

I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized people didn't like me anyway.

Association Member Passes Memorial 51 Years Later in Article.

Last week I went to my local Air Force Reserve Base (Westover ARB, Chicopee Falls, Mass.), to shop at the Base Exchange (BX). When I got home I notice the cashier had put a small magazine titled "Salute" in my bag.

While reading through it that evening I got to page 26 to find, accompanying the article, a picture of an aircraft carrier with side number "43" facing me! The picture was titled, "U.S.S. Coral Sea passes the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in April 1963".

I was in that picture! Being aboard ship at the time, I probably was "manning the rail" on the flight deck as we passed starboard side on our way into Pearl Harbor. When we left Pearl, and we were port side looking at the Arizona Memorial, I clearly recall looking out the port elevator door opening at the passing memorial.

That was the cruise on which we "pollywogs" all became "golden shell backs" on our way to Sidney Australia, where we celebrated the 20 anniversary of The Battle of The Coral Sea.

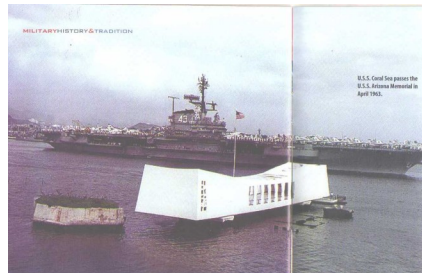
As I recall, that same picture in the article was used for our membership cards for the year 2007 or 2008. I still carry that card in my wallet.

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—Submitted by

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The U.S.S. Arizona: Destroyed During the Pearl Harbor Attack, Now a National Shrine

By DON HIRST

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U.S.S. Coral Sea passes the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in April 1963.

...one forward, two aft. The Arizona was 608 feet long and displaced 17,000 tons.

According to the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), the ship sustained significant modifications from 1922 to 1935. These improvements included adding catapults for seaplanes, upgrading the ship's secondary guns and adding several masts.

After that, the Arizona headed to sea with a very important assignment.

In March 1931, she transported President Herbert Hoover and his family to Hawaii and the Virgin Islands, according to NHHC. The Arizona returned to the Pacific later that year, transporting her operations with the Battle Fleet during the next decade. From 1940, she and the other Pacific Fleet battleships were based at Pearl Harbor on the orders of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Before Japanese carrier-based bombers launched their devastating surprise attack on the U.S. fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor, the Arizona was a significant part of America's battleship force. Other newer and bigger battleships were being built, but the Arizona and the other older battleships based in Hawaii were still crucial to the nation's defense.

But that changed for all time just minutes after the Japanese attack. The U.S. Navy had eight of its battleships based at Pearl Harbor. Six were severely damaged, one capsized, and the Arizona was destroyed.

According to NHHC, the ship was hit multiple times with torpedoes. "She was hit by several bombs, one of which penetrated her forward magazine and damaged her forward ammunition magazines, with the resulting explosion and fire that destroyed the ship's structure and caused her to sink, with the loss of 1,197 lives." —NHHC

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USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Midwest Spring Fling.

The Midwest Spring Fling is set for April 23-26, 2015 in Springfield, IL. This year's "fling" moves to the Northfield Inn & Suites for the annual get together. It is located at 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, Il. 62702. Call (217) 523-7900 for reservations. Mention USS Coral Sea



Association when making your reservation for the discounted rate. Room rates are \$90.00 per night double, \$100.00 per night king Jacuzzi, plus tax (current taxes, 12%). You'll find complete registration information in the March issue of *Sea Breeze*.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates, December is, of course, the month that we wrap up another year. And, as we all know, the years are coming faster and faster!

Curiously, the month of January is named for the Roman god Janus. Janus had a distinctive look, in that he had two heads, each pointing in the opposite direction. Someone thought this was an appropriate symbol for the first month of the year, as one head looked back on the previous year while one head looked forward to the New Year.

You and I know how to do that, don't we? Looking back helps us remember the good times, remember the difficult times, and appreciate our sense of history. But we know that we can't stay in the past, we must look forward to new challenges and new opportunities to live out our faith to the fullest.

We, the shipmates of USS Coral Sea Association, face our own challenges. Non-profit organizations like ours face an aging membership (ouch!) and a general

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Another Annual Reunion has come and gone. Nashville was a great location and you missed a good one if you weren't there.

Participation this year was much better than the last several years; attendance was up and cash raffle ticket sales were 50% ahead of 2012 and '13. Adding in raffle sales at the reunion, we will be able to fully fund next year's Scholarship Awards from the proceeds.

Congratulations to the Cash raffle winners: Dan Richie,

decline in interest among non-profits. So, let's make 2015 a banner year for our association! Let's tell our sea stories once again, even if for the thousandth time! Let's keep the good name of our ship alive.

And, as your chaplain, I pray for you and yours a very blessed new year!

Michael

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

1st prize; Ben Ganis, 2nd prize; Claire Neander (my 11 month old granddaughter), 3rd prize.

Thanks to all those who sent in memorial, scholarship, and other donations throughout the year and to Don Ross for his generous donation after winning the 50/50 raffle.

Congratulations to our new Association Officers elected at the business meeting in Nashville. Mil Phillips as president, Wayne Addison as vice president, John Ranson as secretary, and I was re-elected as treasurer.

Thank you for a job "Well Done!" to retiring Vice President Bill Johnson, Secretary Don Colwell and Board Member Andy Wright.

The Association tax return has been filed and we are financially sound. If anyone would like a detailed report, please contact me.

Have a safe winter, a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer

Salty Humor

Women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

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 original commissioning crew (plank owner), 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:

John Ranson, Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.
52 Woodland Pl.
Ft. Thomas, KY 410754-1605 Email: jrsr3843@fuse.net

Office Use Only

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



Salty Humor

A penny saved is a government oversight.

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President's Corner...

discussed in Nashville was contacting our Congressional representatives to have another ship named Coral Sea. Several already have done so and we hope you will do the same. Five years ago when I was president, I did write to the Secretary of the Navy, but did not get a response. Until next time, leaving you with warm wishes for a happy and safe Christmas holiday,

Mil

Mil Phillips
 President

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Vice President's Corner...

Navy ships. Of course, many worthy candidates exist for the few available hulls and currently opportunities to honor famous Navy battles or ship lineage are relatively rare. Although I cannot predict when, or if, any particular name will be assigned, please be assured that your constituent's recommendation will receive every consideration when names for appropriate ships types are sought.

Please pass on our gratitude to Mr. Addkison and his shipmates in the USS CORAL SEA (CV 43) Association for their service to

our Navy and nation. If we can be of further help, please contact my Historian, Mr. Kevin Hirst at (202) 433 9667.

Signed
 J.K. Kuhn

Director, Naval History and Heritage Command

This is the most recent communications but we have a name and phone number with which I fully intend to follow up.

Until next time,

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
 Vice President

Business Meeting, USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc., 10-4-2014

Meeting called to order at 0910 by President John Ranson
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call of Officers: All present
 Opening prayer led by shipmate Jon Lickey
 Introduction of shipmates
 Plank owners: 4 present
 Minutes of the Board and Business Meetings from 2013 were read and accepted
 Unfinished Business: None
 New Business: One of our shipmates proposed placing advertising on the radio as well as military magazines to increase membership in our Association.
 Jon Lickey discussed having the Midwest Spring fling in Springfield, IL. Dates are 23-26/April/2015
 Past President Bill Johnson discussed the mini reunion in Florida on the second Saturday in March 2015.
 Future reunions: For 2015, Charleston, SC. proposed by George Haase @ \$122.00 a night with breakfast, October 6-11, 2015. In 2016, San Diego, Ca. proposed by Immediate Past President Mil Phillips @ \$112.00 a night with breakfast coupons. Both sites were voted for using a show of hands. Future sites are Branson, MO, Corpus Christi, TX, and Indianapolis, IN as suggested
 Financials were discussed by our Treasurer Clarence Neander
 Ed Williams requested shipmates submit stories and experiences to the newsletter.
 Scholarship committee member Jon Lickey requested motion be made to place scholarship rules on the website, and 15 April be the due date for submission of essays.
 President Ranson discussed Sea Cadet program and proposed continuing \$1000.00 donation and giving program 12 Coral Sea ball caps, 3 per quarter for next year. MSA
 Also discussed was keeping newsletter online to save mailing and printing costs.
 Shipmate Andy Wright stepped down as board member.
 New Officers voted in as follows:

President: Mil Phillips
 Vice President; Bill Johnson was nominated for VP but declined. Wayne Addikson was nominated and elected. Bill Johnson defaulted to immediate past president as John and I hold other offices.
 Secretary: John Ranson
 Treasurer: Clarence Neander
 Board Members:
 1 yr. Bob Heintz
 2 yr. Larry Pennington
 3 yr. Bob Gaston
 George and Ann Rogers are stepping down from small stores after next year. Shipmates Sid Dockery and Wayne Addikson have stepped up to take over next year. One or both of them will be appointed by President Phillips in 2015.
 Raffles discussed by President Ranson. Lynn, Sue, and Alice were thanked for their help.
 Life membership was discussed: not feasible at this time.
 Naming a new Navy ship after Coral Sea is in the hands of the Secretary of the Navy for consideration. President Ranson offered his letter to be used for sending to Secretary.
 Archives discussed: Clarence Neander is offering space at his home for memorabilia.
 Larry Pennington from Covington, TN. has a piece of the bow from Coral Sea had an idea of scrapping it or donating it for use as a base for Coral Sea aircraft. MSA
 Good of the Association: Sympathy card for Carole Doernbach, get well cards for Sal Avellino, Jerry Collier, and David Eastman. and birthday card for Andy Wright who turned 80 years old.
 215 were registered as guests this year.
 Meeting adjourned at 1115.
 In service,
 Don Colwell
 (Past) Association Secretary



Salty Humor

Everyone has cell phones clipped to their belts or purses like some kind of status symbol. I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener.

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

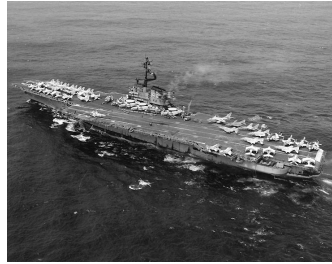
** These are embroidered items; please choose either the Association Logo or Ship's Logo

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 \$ _____



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."

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

Ed. Note—This entry concludes the chronological listing of key dates in the history of the USS Coral Sea. Please see previous issues of the newsletter for the complete chronology.

850521 CO New CO: Ferguson, Robert H.
 850606 BK 850620 : COMPTUEX 3-85.
 Training ops of NC & VA coasts
 850700 BF Former CO: Tucker, Robert E.Jr.
 relieved after \$11 million collision
 850813 CS 850907 : ReadEx 3-85, NATO
 ops in Eastern Atlantic with UK and NL
 851002 FM
 860519 : 10th Med
 cruise. Gulf of Sidra
 ops & Libya raids
 851002 GC CVW-
 13 embarked, tail
 code AK. HOOK
 Su 86 p58
 851002 GF 1st Marine
 deployment of
 F/A-18, VMFA-314
 & VMFA 323
 851002 GG CVW-
 13 CAG Capt John
 P. Gay / 11/29 Cdr
 Byron L. Duff
 851003 DE Boiler
 problems develop
 during Med cruise
 851124 NG Near
 Malta. Ship alerted
 for Libyan hijack
 response
 851129 DO Port
 call: Haifa, Israel, in
 port
 851129 GX CVW-13 CAG Cdr Byron L.
 Duff rel. Capt John P. Gay
 851225 CF Port call for Christmas & New
 Years: Naples, Italy
 860324 NG Gulf of Sidra, Libya. Operates
 with CVs 60 & 66. Opn Attain Document
 860404 DO Port call: Malaga, Spain
 860415 BD Navy Unit Commendation for
 Libyan combat ops
 860415 EM Navy Expeditionary Service
 Medal for Libyan coast strike ops

860415 NG Launches air attacks on Ben-
 ghazi, Libya targets. Opn Eldorado Canyon
 860510 DA Breast, Jerry C. BATTLE STA-
 TIONS, WINGS OF GOLD, Sum 87
 860519 DA CVW-13 ' 85-86 cruise report:
 HOOK Sp 86 p52
 860519 DO Port calls: Naples (2), Toulon,
 Istanbul, Catania, Palermo, Trieste
 860721 AK 861106 : Norfolk NSY, major
 boiler trouble repaired
 860800 DA CVW-13/CV-43 . 9-page article
 & photo pages. HOOK Sum 86

870223 CO New
 CO: Bremner,
 Bruce B. At Norfolk
 OB
 870929 FM 880328 :
 11th Med cruise.
 African Eagle Ex off
 Morocco
 870929 GC CVW-
 13 embarked, tail
 code AK. HOOK Su
 88 p77
 870929 GG CVW-
 13 CAG Capt Wil-
 liam Switzer
 871011 BK Enters
 Med. Begins 3-day
 National Week ex-
 ercises in Gulf of
 Sidra
 871225 DO Christ-
 mas at Naples, Italy
 during inport period
 880212 DO Port
 call: Izmul, Turkey,



inport date. Other liberty at Marseille,
 France
 880622 CO New CO: Allen, Lloyd Edward.
 Last CO
 880700 DE Cited for dumping medical
 wastes off North Carolina coast
 881000 DA Ed. CORAL SEA AT WAR,
 TONKIN GULF YACHT CLUB, 1988
 881231 DB Romano, Angelo. WINGS FROM
 THE CORAL SEA, 1988
 890419 NF NE Puerto Rico. Aids stricken
 USS IOWA, BB-61, fire injured

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Salty Humor

The easiest way to
 find something
 lost around the
 house is to buy a
 replacement.

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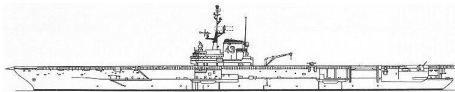
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890531 FM 890930 : 12th Med & final
cruise. Replaced CVN-71
890531 GC CVW-13 em-
barked, tail code AK. HOOK
Wi 89 p90
890714 CF Port call for Bas-
tille Day, Cannes, France
890801 EL Navy Expedition
Medal. Rushed to Lebanon,
LCOL Higgins is hung
890801 NG Helped evacuate
American Embassy in Beirut,
Lebanon
890930 BF Last cruise report,
HOOK Winter 1989
890930 DO Port calls :
Palma, Spain; Marseille,
France (2nd time)
900400 DA Clayton, P. & Cressman,
R. MORE THAN A SHIP, HOOK Sp
90
900430 BF 2+ million nautical miles,
375,000 landings, 70,000 crew

900430 DA Pawlowski, Garth L.
FLAT-TOPS AND FLEDGLINGS,
book, p312
900430 DA Ship booklet. DECOM-



MISSIONING OF USS CORAL SEA,
files
900430 IB Decommissioned at Nor-
folk Naval Base, Pier 12
900501 CM Complete list of Com-
manding Officers in file

901100 BF At Norfolk Naval Ship-
yard. To be towed to Philadelphia
for parts salvage
910430 AL Stricken from Navy Reg-
ister
910430 PP Final homeport :
Norfolk
910600 DA Cressman,
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WARRIOR, NAVAL RE-
VIEW910904 DB Haslev, Ole
AVIATION, OPERATIONAL,
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920531 DB Coral Sea Assn
CORAL SEA HISTORY
BOOK, Turner Publ. Co.
930304 BF Sale Bid # 31-3359
dated March 4, 1993, ap-
praised \$300K
930706 BF Scrap: Seawitch Marine
Salv., Fairfield Tm., Baltimore, MD
930706 BF Arrives in Baltimore for
scrapping. Museum plan failed
2000809 BF Scrapping completed as
last 80' section is pulled ashore