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Welcome Aboard!

Thomas S. Clifton BT2, B Div. 1960—61

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Frederick J. Randolph QMSN, N Div. 1971—73

Clinton D. White HNSN, H Div. 1959—60

Ronald E. Zorn BTCS, B Div. 1978—80

Sunny San Diego Shaping Up as Popular Annual Reunion Destination for 2016!

From all indications, our 38th Annual Reunion in San Diego may be one of the largest in recent years. The early reservations response has been strong, and we're looking forward to a great turn out!

You'll find both the reunion hotel reservation form and the USS Midway tour form on page 3 of this issue. Please note that the Midway tour is a separate event from the other planned activities and that form, along with payment, should mail directly to association Pres. Mil Phillips.

The San Diego City Tour form can be found on page 2. This must be completed and mailed separately, with payment, to the address shown on the form.

Here is an abbreviated recap of the planned tour activities:

USS Midway Tour Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016—

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Bus leaves hotel @ 0900 Return bus leaves Midway @ 1500 and 1600.

We will board the Midway prior to its opening and will have some access to spaces not open to the general public. Please select one option you would like to visit when

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President's Corner

Greetings shipmates.

We are fast approaching the 2016 reunion. Early signups indicate a good turnout. Hopefully you'll get your room reservations in ASAP. In San Diego, September is "Fleet Week" but no schedule of events has yet been released. If we get the info by the time we go press l'll include it in the Breeze. If not, maybe Bob will be able to add it to the website.

Several shipmates have asked about the Midway tour and most questions ask, "How difficult is it to get around?" Midway staff wants to keep the ship as close to what it was during time in service, however to assist guests, 3 passenger elevators have been installed. They are Pier to HB, HB to Flight Deck and HB to 2nd Deck.

Additionally, ladders have been replaced with stairs

from the HB to Flight Deck, HB to Forecastle, HB to 2nd Deck and HB to Main Control and ER #3 (but it's a long haul to get there). Standard navy ladders are used going up to the Island (pri-fly, chart house & bridge) a total of 4 ladders up and 4 down. It's all navy ladders going to I Charlie, DC Central, Brig, Sick Bay, Dental. CPO mess, CAG loop, CIC and the Laundry. To assist guests, comple-

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San Diego City Tour Reg	gistration Form a	& Credit Ca	rd Payment
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Arrangements Unlimited, 413 South Magnolia Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020

Questions: (619) 660-5340

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Stanley Chesnick AN, 5 Baker Div. Plank Owner

Harry J. French ADJAN, VA-35 1969-70

Lee H. Krah SN, FCT 1949-51

David T. Lechuga QM3, NAV 1964-67

(Continued from page 1) Annual Reunion Tours... you register: Catapult Control, Arresting Gear Machinery, Secondary Con, D.C Central, I "C" Fireroom, or please specify a space not listed and if possible we will attempt to make it available. Those not

Treasurer's Corner

Hello Shipmates,

I have just returned from a great mini reunion in Erlanger, Ky. BZ to John and Sandy Ranson for a great event. If you've never attended any of the spring mini reunions you shouldn't miss next year.

The upcoming National reunion in San Diego is shaping up to be another outstanding event, Thanks to association President Mil Phillip for all his hard work.

Raffle tickets were in the March Breeze and returns are below normal at this time. If you haven't returned your tickets for the I Oct. drawing, I would encourage you to do so

selecting a space to visit, will have the option to see the 15-minute Battle of Midway film in the new theater. At 1000 hours, the Midway opens to the public and you will be on your own to tour the ship. San Diego City Tour Friday, Sept. 30, 2016-

ASAP. If you would like

additional tickets or didn't receive any in your copy of Cost: \$37 per person. Planned itinerary:

9:00 AM, Depart hotel. 9:30-10:00 AM, Visit Veterans Memorial on Mount Soledad.

10:45—11:45 AM, Visit Cabrillo National Park.

12:15—12:30 PM, Drive through Balboa Park.

12:30-2:00 PM, Free time for shopping and lunch on own in Old Town.

2:00-2:30 PM, Return to hotel.

Professional tour guides provide narration along the way.

Mount Soledad's Veteran Memorial

This historic landmark pays homage to veterans who have honorably served our country.

Cabrillo National Monument

Cabrillo National Monument commemorates the landing of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo at San Diego Bay on September 28, 1542. This event marked the first time that a European expe-

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Sea Breeze, just send me the appropriate amount (\$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00) along with your name and address and I will

be happy to fill out the tickets and include them in the drawing. The Association is in sound

financial shape, dues are keeping up with expenses and we are working to keep those expenses as low as possible.

Enjoy the summer.

See you in San Diego,

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Clarence Neander Association Treasurer

Coral Sea 2016 Annual Reunion Reservations.

USS Coral Sea 38th Annual Reunion hotel rate is \$105.00 + \$13.75 tax for a total of \$118.75. Please reserve your room by September 7 to obtain the special rate. Should we fill our room block prior to 9/7, reservations will depend on room availability. Early registration is recommended. Special rate is good for three days prior and three days after the reunion dates. Rooms have balconies, safes, coffee maker, refrigerators and micro waves. Parking is complementary for registered guests. The hotel is seven miles from the airport and five miles to downtown. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle but has a complementary shuttle to the Zoo, Sea World, Old Town, the Fashion Valley shopping center & Trolley Station.

Crowne Plaza San Diego, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108 September 28 - October 1, 2016 For Reservations Call: (888) 233-9527 for USS Coral Sea Reunion Special Rate \$118.75 per night including sales tax

38th Annual Coral Sea Reunion Reservation Form Guest Name Name Address State Zip City) _____ E-mail ____ Phone (Rank/Rating ______Dates on Board _____ Division Reunion Registration & Hospitality Room Fee......\$10.00 Friday—San Diego Fiesta Number______@ \$50.00 per person \$ ______ Saturday—Evening Banquet Number_____@ \$50.00 per person \$ ______ Number_____@ \$50.00 per person \$ ______ London Broil: Lemon Caper Chicken: Number_____ @ \$50.00 per person \$_____ Baked Mahi Mahi: TOTAL \$ Make checks payable to: USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Questions: call Mil @ (858) 452-0161 or email milphillip@aol.com Mail with payment to: Mil Phillips, 4995 Maynard St., San Diego, CA 92122 _____ **USS Midway Tour Registration Form** Make Checks payable to: USS Coral Sea Association Name

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Salty Humor

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

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dition had set foot on what later became the

West Coast of the United States.

The park offers a view of San Diego's harbor and skyline, as well as Coronado and Naval Air Station North Island.

The Old Point Loma Lighthouse is the highest point in the

park and has been a San Diego icon since 1855. The old lighthouse is now a museum. A former army building hosts an exhibit that tells the story of military history at Point Loma. **Balboa Park**

Enjoy a drive through Balboa Park – a special place where you can experience San Diego's natural beauty, wonderful art

and culture and stunning Spanish Revival architecture.



Old Town

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park recreates life in the Mexican and early

> American periods of 1821 to 1872. It is called the Birthplace of California because it was the first European settlement on the West Coast. Historic buildings include the Black Hawk Livery & Blacksmith shop, the former county courthouse, San Diego's first newspaper office, the old Adobe Chapel, and much



more! Guests will have free time to explore, shop and enioy lunch on their own. Fill in the tour form

(page 2) and return it with your payment today!

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,

The Midwest Spring Fling has just ended and all attendees had a great time. We welcomed first time attendees Marvin and Shirley Booher as well as Ken and Opal Lyle. A total of 29 Shipmates and their quests were present. Next years Spring Fling will again be at the same facility. Please mark your 2017 calendar for the weekend of April 27 thru 30. More details on this will be in the December issue of "Sea Breeze".

Thanks to all Shipmates who have paid their dues, especially those of you who

have paid for more that one year. A special thanks to those of you who have paid after your dues have expired. We want to keep you all as members. However, there is a cost for printing and mailing "Sea Breeze" four times a year. Soon those of you who have let your dues expire and do not renew will be dropped from the roster. Please remain a member.

Thanks to all of you who have contacted me regarding mistakes with your membership status or errors in names, etc. Also, when anyone learns of a Shipmates passing, please notify me so that a Sympathy card can be sent to the family and corrections to the roster and mailing list can be made.

Please note the proposed change to the Assoc. Bylaws that is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. This change will be voted on at the 2016 Assoc. business meeting at the San Diego reunion.

As always, I enjoy hearing from Shipmates. Please let me know what can be done to help you.

Godspeed!

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John H. Ranson CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary



Salty Humor

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

Six-Month Update on the Coral Sea's "Sea Cadets."

Sorry I have not made a report in the past

six months but I have been in Sick Bay for the first two months of the year after major surgery. Hope this will bring you all up to speed.

The unit was quite busy with parades starting as Color Guard for the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona Calif. Next came the Veterans Day Parade in the City of Upland Calif., and then the

City of Upland Christmas Parade.

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saw the



unit providing Crowd control at the Cable Airport Air Show. We have one Cadet. Nathan

Coles, who has received his student pilot license and has received his Cadet Corp



wings for completing ground school.

In February our unit received the Inland Empire Navy League's Theodore Roosevelt Unit of the Year Award. Cadet 1st Class Lyle Loc, received the Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Medal as outstanding Cadet of the year, and Leaguer Brandon Frabrega receive a ribbon. Ens. Juan Frabrega was Awarded Region 11-5 Officer of the year.

In April they had color Guard Duty's with the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach, an affiliate with the US Naval Sailing Association. Regional Flagship



pick up many individual awards and one

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Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,

Recently I have spent some time sending out sympathy cards to the families of our shipmates who had their final muster on earth. Even though I did not personally know these sailors (most of whom served onboard our beloved ship many years before I did), it still causes me to stop and thank their families for their years of service to our nation and to the United States Navy. And so it is that I want to say to you all, thank YOU for YOUR service. Whatever you did in the Navy, it contributed to the freedom and well-being of our nation. Whatever your job, whatever your rating, whatever you accomplished, it contributed to the strength that is our United States.

At the end of this month we all will pause to remember the war dead of our nation. Fortunately for me, I live in a small Southern town (Suffolk, Virginia), which still has communitywide Memorial Day observances. I go each year so that by my presence I can pay tribute to the dead of all the wars and pray for the families who gave up their sons and daughters in service to our country.

God bless each of you and again, thank you for your service.

Michael

Michael D. Halley U S Navy Chaplain, Retired



Salty Humor

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

Capt. Tanner...Saluting Our Naval Heroes.

By Brian Blackley

Reprinted from *The Leader*, Covington, Tenn.

Capt. Charles Nels Tanner, 82, a hero of the Vietnam War and Covington native, who endured torture at the ands of the North Vietnamese Army in the dreaded

Hanoi Hilton during his six and a half years of captivity, died Friday (June 12, 2015) in Florida.

Patriot Park in Covington was created to honor his legacy of service and valor. He is survived by his wife, Sara Ann.

Capt. Tanner was tortured while imprisoned, including having his shoulders pulled from their sockets until he couldn't use his arms. He proved to be an embarrass-

ment for the North Vietnamese Army leaders, noting in a written confession for war crimes that he recalled two pilots would not bomb innocent civilians, a Lt. Clark Kent (the alter ego of the character Superman), and Lt. Ben Casey (a popular television character who played a surgeon at the time).

Capt. Tanner's confession was released and a Japanese journalist was brought in to interview him and another prisoner of war. While talking to the Japanese journalist,

> they deliberately stuffed their mouths with food in the manner of famished men to imply to the journalist that they were starving. (In fact, living on a diet of soup, they nearly were.) The interview also proved terribly embarrassing for the North Vietnamese Army leaders.

Once the interview was released and the "confession" was revealed to be a fake, Tanner endured more torture at the hands of his cap-

tors.

His grit and unbreakable spirit in the face of that kind of torture led to Capt. Tanner being called one of the "Alcatraz Eleven" or the "Alcatraz Gang," names used by the

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(Continued from page 1) **President's Corner...**

mentary wheelchairs are available. It is recommended ladies wear flats or tennis shoes and slacks. All carryon bags are checked by safety but the less you carry, the easier it is to get around. There is a cafe on the fantail, however you can exit the ship for lunch, just have your hand stamped so you can return.

Because of the Midway's location and numerous attractions within walking distance, the bus schedule has been extended and return times are now 1500

and 1600.

Friday's tour will take you to historic and beautiful areas of San Diego, the Veterans Memorial on Mt. Soledad, Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Pt. Loma, a tour through Balboa Park and time for shopping and lunch in Old Town.

Proposals for the 2017 reunion need to be submitted prior to the 2016 reunion. This is to allow time for review of the proposal and hotel conditions. FYI, in the last issue of the Breeze, page 4 "Reunion Requirements", the dinner events are Friday and Saturday, not Thursday and Friday. Sorry 'bout that.

On a sad note, I received a letter from shipmate Charles Gallo (51 -55, S 2) informing me that his wife, Mary had passed away in February. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Look forward to seeing you in San Diego.



Mil Phillips President



Salty Humor

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

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U.S. media to describe 11 high-level captives in the Hanoi Hilton as being unbreakable by the enemy and who were noted as being leaders of a resistance movement. The name came from the making an association with the toughest prison in Vietnam and the infamous U.S prison off the coast of San Francisco.

Born in 1932 and raised in Covington, Nels Tanner entered the Aviation cadet Program n the U.S. Navy in 1953. The next year, he graduated as an Ensign and later that year was designated as a Naval Aviator. For his first assignment, he was stationed in Alameda, Calif., and re remained there until 1959 when he went to Moffett Field, Calif., where he eventually served as an F-8 Crusader instructor pilot. By mid-1960, he was in Miramar, Calif., and was stationed there until 1965 when he was deployed to Southeast Asia.

While flying missions there, he was shot

Vice President's Corner

Greetings shipmates,

Today, as I write this, is 4 May 2016.

On this date in 1942 the sea battle at the Coral Sea was waged. This would be a great time to reflect on the importance of this battle and dedicate our live to the brave men who fought and died in this first of many great naval battles.

This one is of particular important to us who served on the USS Coral Sea. The carrier USS Lexington was lost in this battle. Along with several radiomen on the Coral Sea, I served with Chief Nelson who was on the Lexington at the time she went down. I also remember going to Australia in 1963 and crossing over where the Lex went down. We all observed a moment of silence as we cross over her.

In today's Navy, some of the old naval traditions have been lost. I feel sorry for the sailors of today who will miss out on many of those experiences we took for granted. My two sons who served in the navy-one on the carrier USS Teddy Roosevelt (CVA 72) and the other a Seabee stationed in Gulfport, Miss.-look at me as if I was nuts when I relay some of my service experiences. As one said, the navy has changed, but I don't think for the good.

We will be in San Diego in September, giving us the chance to see the USS Midway, sister ship of the Coral Sea. My youngest son is taking vacation to come out and see the closest ship to the Coral Sea. I urge everyone to take that tour. It will be my first time and I'm really looking forward to going aboard.

While in Erlanger, Ky. this past weekend for the spring fling, much was discussed and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Clarence Neander and John Ranson for taking care of us and for all the hard work in putting it together. See all of you in San Diego.

Good luck and God Speed,

Wayne

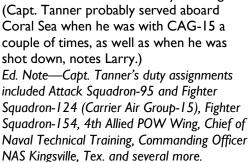
Wayne Addkison Vice President

down and taken as a prisoner of war oh Oct. 9, 1966.

He spent 2,339 days in captivity, nearly six and a half years, before he was released during Operation Homecoming on March 4, 1973, when he returned to the Naval Air Station in Millington after spending some time recovering from injuries.

His last assignment was as the Chief of staff of Foreign Training in Pensacola, Fla. He retired from his storied career on Oct. 1, 1985.

> —Submitted by Larry Pennington





<u>Salty Humor</u>

Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.



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Midwest Spring Fling 2016 Attendees, Shipmates and Wives.

(Bottom L-R) Jim Whitaker, Ken Lyle, Larry Pennington, Dick Parker, Marvin Booher.

(Top L-R) John Ranson, Jon Lickey, Clarence Neander, Sid "Doc" Dockery, George Cone, Tim Coble, Danny Jones, Wayne Addkison, Wally Elgert, Jim Francisco, Mike "Oscar" Pfeffer, Mike "Yogi" Medvec.



(Bottom L-R) Opal Lyle, Sandy Ranson, Shirley Booher, Paulette Pennington. (Top L-R) Pam Neander, Janet Lickey, Debbie Pfeffer, Cheryl Jones, Lilah Francisco.

USS Coral Sea Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership in the USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATON 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 <u>original commissioning crew</u> (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.



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Some people cause happiness wherever they go. Others **whenever** they go.

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38th Annual Coral Sea Reunion

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES-2016

Add to Article VI, Sec. 3 the following paragraph:

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to govern the Association as needed between the annual business meetings.

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regional award In Line Heaving, a Bos'en in the making.

Some important promotions came in April and May. Cadet Lyle Loc, was promoted to Cadet Chief Petty Officer the first we have had in over four years. I had the honor of being invited to "pin" him, by the CO of the Unit. Our US Naval Academy Midshipman Sophia Luevana, has completed her "Pleb" year and plays in the Academy Band. Our past CO, LCDR. Bob Dickson was promoted to Director, Region 11-5.

Bravo Zulu.

—Submitted by Chief Richard E. Satchell USN (Ret.) Liaison Chief to the Association