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## Welcome Aboard!

Fred P. Akins DM1, S-3 Div. 1/1960—7/60

Allen C. Clark AZC, AIMD Div. 1971—74

Harold D. Jackson RM2, OR Div. 1960—63

Michael A. Luna SN 1973—75

John F. Mastromoro AN, V-I 1954—55

# **Experience A Larger-Than-Life Annual Reunion.**

Come have some 'big' fun in San Diego during our Association's 38th Annual Reunion.

You still have time to complete and submit both the reunion hotel reservation form and the USS Midway tour form on page 3 of this issue. 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 a brief summary



of our sightseeing agenda and the planned tour activities:

USS Midway Tour Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016—

Cost: \$20.00 per per-

Bus leaves hotel @ 0900

We will board the Midway prior to its opening and will have some access to spaces not open to the general public. (Shown left is Mil Phillip's grandson on the Greatest Generation Walk adjacent to Midway.) Please select one

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# President's Corner

Greetings shipmates,

Well the San Diego reunion is about to get underway. We've had good response and late September/early October are normally warm days and cool nights.

The Thursday Midway tour signups have been strong. Buses will depart the hotel at 0900.

Some have asked to see berthing and other

spaces that may not be accessible because of environmental issues or educational uses. Some, mostly 02 level forward and 2nd deck forward have been converted to classrooms as part of Midway's educational program. Every effort will be made to accommodate individual requests, but there may be situations where it's not possible.

Signups for Friday's San Diego tour have also been strong. Its busses will also leave at 0900 and will visit several of San Diego's historical and scenic areas with lunch on your own, in Old Town.

The times for the buffet and banquet will be in the POD, as will a listing of all the events. Registration, hospitality and small stores will be in the same area. Registration and hospitality will

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# **TAPS**

Clarence R. Mackey CSC(SS), S-2 Div. 1947-49 USN Ret.

San Diego City Tour Registration	Form & Credit C	Card Payment	
No. of Guests X \$37.00	= Total Cost \$		
Guest Name(s)			
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Mail form to meet September	12 registration de	adline to:	
Arrangements Unlimited, 413 South N	1agnolia Ave., El C	Cajon, CA 92020	
Questions: (619	) 660-5340		

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#### **Annual Reunion Tours...**

option you would like to visit when 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 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—

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, the first time that a European expedition 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 stun-

ning 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 enjoy lunch on their own. Fill in the tour form above and return it with your payment today!

# 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 C	oral Sea Ro	eunion Reservation Form
Name		G	uest Name
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Division _	Rank/Ra	ating	Dates on Board
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Saturday	—Evening Banquet		
	London Broil:	Number	@ \$50.00 per person \$
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# **USS Midway Tour Registration Form**

Make Checks payable to: USS Coral Sea Association

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E-mail		
Space desired to	o see:	

#### Mail checks to:

Mil Phillips, 4995 Maynard St., San Diego, CA 92122 Questions: email milphillip@aol.com or call (858) 452-0161



## **Welcome Aboard**

Robert W. McIntyre LTJG, Ops 1960—62

Fernando C. Medina HM2, H Div. 1979—80

Dale L. Reynolds BT2, B Div. 1967—70

**Ronald B. Sloyer** AQF2, VF-151 1963—65

Edgar D. Trout BM3, 7 Div. 1947—48 Plank Owner

William C. Waring, Sr. DP2, S-7 Div. 1958—59

Steven J. Will HT3, RV Div. 1972—75

# USS Coral Sea Research Support: VN CSAR Detachments

In 1965, the US Navy was struggling to resurrect its combat rescue capability which had been allowed to fade out after achieving dramatic capability by the end of the Korean War (starting unprepared).

When Rolling Thunder kicked off, the Navy wasn't ready with trained people and proper machines to do combat rescue, so the carriers were tasked to send forward one of their plane guard helicopters to man the destroyer types which had been sent forward to North SAR and South SAR stations off Haiphong and Vinh respectively. This situation lasted until early December when the first HC-I CSAR detachment arrived in Cubi.

I know that Ranger sent one forward initially (she departed for home in early April '65 (RT started 2 March)

Midway's plane guard detachment sent forward a helo to relieve Ranger's helo no earlier than 10 April, when Midway relieved Ranger on Yankee Station.

On 20 Sept, Midway's helo made the first Navy overland rescue from NVN (under fire, of an Indy pilot). Indy's plane guard helo was involved in two rescues (in early October and early November), and was probably forward deployed for them. On 9 November, Oriskany sent forward a plane guard helo, which probably relieved Indy's.

The first CSAR-trained HC-I Detachment arrived 28 November '65, but their helo was not configured for combat rescue. This didn't stop them from being forward deployed, however.

Other carriers which could have participated in manning

have participated in manning the forward CSAR station DLG/CLG could have been Coral Sea and Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31). I can't find ANYTHING about any of that, so I am hopeful some Sea Breeze readers can shed some light on this for me. My research focuses on the early days of the Vietnam Navy CSAR. Thanks in advance.

Tom (619) 313-2275 (San Diego) thomas.phillips.ctr@score.com



# Salty Humor

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.

# Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,

Soon we'll be headed to San Diego fort another GREAT reunion. Hopefully, with this one being on the West Coast, there'll be a large group who we do not frequently see. It's always great to run into shipmates that can't attend reunions in the East.

From the calls and e-mails that I've received from Coral Sea shipmates who saw the reunion notice in recent issues of both the VFW and FRA magazines, there'll be numerous shipmates who have never attended a reunion. Here's hoping that these newly found shipmates enjoy the experience and become Association members.

Speaking of which, check out the "Welcome Aboard" list in this issue. We've picked up a lot of new members! I'm sure that the bumper stickers and magazine ads help a lot with recruiting. If you do not have a Coral Sea Association bumper sticker and want one, please contact me and one will be on its way to you.

Please note the revised membership application in this issue. I've included an entry where you can request or decline a bumper sticker. I did this since many of you who have renewed your membership have already received a bumper sticker. When you renew in the future and you do not want another sticker, please indicate that to me. This will save the Association money.

I need to order more stickers soon. The current supply is running low.

And I appreciate it when you all fill out the membership application with all of your current information. Address, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses do change, so I need to be able to update the Association roster accordingly.

Thanks for your help in this matter. Also thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. Let's keep the Association growing and be a better group each year.

See you all in San Diego. Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary

# USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship Recipient.



Hello, my name is Jenna Rhodes and I live in New Jersey. I have a younger brother, and I come from a very fun-loving family. In high school, I have always been a hard working student that never gave up. I was a part of the cheerleading and softball team, and was also active in the German Club and Interact Club. After school I would volunteer as a cheerleading coach for my town's Pop Warner team, and also as a helper at an after school program called SKREAM. I am currently enrolled as a freshman at Rutgers University, and will begin my college education this fall. I plan on studying business, and graduating with a degree in marketing. My grandfather, James McCloskey, served on the USS Coral Sea during the years 1955 through 1957. Without him none of this would have been possible, so I would like to thank my grandfather and my family for everything they have done for me.



# Salty Humor

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes I,500 days in a row.

# Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,

When I served aboard our Ageless Warrior (1986-1989), my GQ station was the Battle Dressing Station located just under the flight deck. (Don't ask me the compartment number . . . age has taken lots of details away from me!)

We had a great crew of hospital corpsmen, a dentist, and a flight surgeon in that BDS, and, thankfully, we never did have to receive casualties. What we also had was a very hot compartment. Now, I am not complaining, because I knew that many of my other shipmates were in

much hotter spaces, like the fire rooms and such.

One day, as they called General Quarters, we all walked into a very nice and cool space. Incredible! So, naturally, I asked a corpsman why it was so cool in there.

His answer? They did PMS on the a/c filters down in the hanger bay area. It struck me that the cool air was there all along, it just could not get to us because the filters were plugged up.

As big a pain as PMS duties often was, it really did make our ship better. And it occurs to me that we could say the same thing about "PMS" in our own lives. There are many things

about ourselves we could regularly check on...be it physical, mental, or spiritual items... and we could be a better person as a result. I'm trying to do it, because I sure could use some personal improvement in many areas!

May God's blessings be upon you all. If you have not been told in awhile, may I say "thank you" to each of you for serving your country.

Your chaplain,

Michael

Michael D. Halley U S Navy Chaplain, Retired

# Why We Must Keep Our Armed Forces Strong.

By Jenna Rhodes

USS Coral Sea 2016 Scholarship Recipient

The United States of America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, which gives us a sound foundation to assemble and maintain a strong armed force. For decades, we have controlled and assembled the world's strongest, technologically advanced military, inheriting the title of Super Power. In doing so, not only have we protected our homeland, but we have played an intricate role in playing part on many peace-keeping missions, defending weaker nations from tyranny and dictatorships, and providing safe haven for those nations subject to natural disasters. Our armed forces protect us from the many dangers and complexities that our country faces both home and abroad. Continuous threats from rouge nations, and terrorist groups are just a few of the many risk factors we face today as a nation. It is imperative for our nation to remain in the forefront of weapons technology to deter future attacks, diminish idle threats, and create a stable and safe environment for our citizens. We as a nation,

the only democratic superpower, fulfill the role of watching over the world.

Our way of life depends highly on the stability and strength of our armed forces, and many aspects of our society would fail if we decreased the size of our military. Our prestigious military and our reputation of having the strongest military force on the planet, intimidates those wishing to do us harm. In addition, our country's reputation would not be the only factor at risk if we weaken our armed forces since a major part of our economy depends on our military. Our military is the number one item listed on the congress' budget, so not only do our armed forces generate many jobs for our work force, but it is also a main contributing factor to our GDP. A strong military helps their citizens feel more secure, and keeps paranoia from arising in the general public. If our military was suddenly decreased in size, then not only will havoc arise in our society, but unemployment will rise, and our GDP will drop. This shows that many aspects of our society alone are

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## Salty Humor

Everyone has a right to be stupid. Politicians just seem to abuse the privilege.

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President's Corner...
open at 1300 on Wednesday.

For 2017 we've received proposals from seven hotels; four from the Norfolk area, two from Lexington, Ky. and one from Reno, Nev. Because of room rates and/or fees, two from the Norfolk area and one from Lexington have been rejected. The Coral Sea was commissioned in 1947, so 2017 is the 70th anniversary. Some have expressed an interest in Norfolk for that reason. Others have felt we've had

several reunions in that area and would like to see new locations. The following is a list of the four hotels currently being considered. You can go online and check them out.

Doubletree Norfolk Airport, Marriott Chesapeake, VA, Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Lexington, KY and Circus Circus, Reno, NV. Space does not permit me to discuss all details regarding room rates and amenities. They are all competitive with previous reunion hotels and specifics will be covered during the pres-

entations at the business meeting. We will also be seeking shipmates willing to chair future reunions.

Reunion proposals and hotel contracts need to be submitted prior to the reunion so they can be reviewed and if acceptable, submitted for approval during the business meeting. Please, no walk-ons. Look forward to seeing you in San Diego.



Mil Phillips President (Continued from page 6)

#### Keep Our Armed Forces Strong...

dependent on our armed forces; it is important to keep our armed forces strong in order to let these aspects of our society live and grow.

The United States of America is an immense country that is not immune to other countries wanting to attack us; without a strong military it would leave us vulnerable to these possible threats. Additionally, our country has many large borders between Mexico, Canada, and the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans, and we also have many densely populated areas. We cannot afford to risk our freedom and since we have had attacks in the past, they should tell us that a stronger military is a necessity for our country. If we do not have powerful armed forces, then it can be extremely easy for an enemy to attack and be increasingly difficult to defend densely populated areas. Therefore, we need prestigious armed forces in order to maintain the security of our nation from the many possible attacks waged against our nation.

Foreign affairs have always been a main priority of the United States, which has caused us to create many allies and enemies throughout the years. Not only did we create allies and enemies, but we also took on many responsibilities that have to do with the welfare of other nations. These responsibilities mainly require our military's assistance when we are dealing with third world countries, communist countries, and especially terrorist threats. More important now than ever, it is crucial for our military to protect us against the enemies we face.

Moreover, we cannot let another terrorist attack happen in our country, especially since the inception of ISIS, radical Islamic States, and third world Communist countries With great power comes great responsibility, and our armed forces needs to fight against terrorism before their forces become any stronger. If we weaken our armed forces, then these risk-factors in other countries will become too profound, and they might pose a threat too great to our country's well-being.

Would it make sense if the world's most powerful country did not have the world's most powerful military? It is extremely essential for our country to keep its armed forces strong since we have too many responsibilities and dangers that we must attend to. Furthermore, there are many aspects of our society that depends on our military, such as our economy, country's reputation, and security of our citizens. We also live in an extremely large country with many densely populated areas, so it would be very easy for other country's to attack us if we did not have a strong military system. Finally the United States is too involved with foreign affairs, and it needs a powerful military to help carry out the responsibilities we have overseas. All in all, being one of the most powerful countries of today, our nation cannot afford to have weaker armed forces, because we have indulged ourselves into too many duties in both our country and around the world, and cannot simply back down from these obligations, and promises of a better life which we pass to our children, and the children of the world.



# Salty Humor

For you paranoid people who check behind shower curtains for murderers: if you find one, what's your plan?

# **Treasurer's Corner**

Greetings Shipmates,

Summer is winding down and the Annual Reunion is fast approaching, I'm anticipating a great reunion. Raffle ticket returns are lagging previous years. The return by date is 20 Sept 2016 but returns as late as 26 Sept

will still make the drawing. This is an important fund raiser for the Annual Reunion and I encourage all to participate and possibly win some money.

The Association's financial health is good, including growth in the scholarship investment account. Many thanks to the several shipmates who have donated to

the scholarship fund as well as memorials in memory of past Association President Clarence R. (Bob) Mackey. Good Health to all...see you in San Diego,



Clarence Neander Association Treasurer MAKE CHECKS FAYABLE TO D & F Embroidery ATTN. \*\*CVA-43 SMALL STORES\*\* CREDIT CARDS WILL FROCESSED THRU FayFal WB ACCEPT: Mastercard - VISA - AMERICAN EXPRESS - DISCOVER < We can also process any order thru YOUR PayFal ACCOUNT>

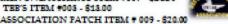
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TEE'S ITEM #043 - \$13.00

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SWBATSHIRT ITEM #046 - 824.50

TEB'S ITEM #047 - \$13.00

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ITEM #094 - \$35.00

ITEM #095 - \$35.00 ITEM #096 - 835.00









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ITEM #093 - \$35.00

"MAYAGUEZ RESCUE" PATCHES 7"X7"





# CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #

ADDITIONAL INFO FOR ITEM # - HULL DESIGNATION CVB, CVA, CV, JOB RATE(BT,MM,AB,etc.) OFFICER RANK/PAY RATE (CAPT,LTCDR,EN/E4,E5,E6,E7,etc.) USMC DESIGNS - (A,B,C, OR D) THREAD COLOR FOR WATCH CAP DESIGN	** USPS PRIORITY MAIL - S/H CHARGES** UP TO \$24.99\$7.00
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# The Last "Known" Landing Aboard Coral Sea.



# Salty Humor

You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If they are holding a gun, she's probably very unhappy.

Do you know when the last landing on the USS Coral Sea took place? You would guess wrong!

It was not a member of the USS Coral

Sea's Flight Division or air wing. In fact, it was a USS Coral Sea Plank Owner who logged the last touchdown in 1993, as the ship was being towed from Philadelphia to Baltimore. Quartermaster PO3 Jack Fetsko has that distinction!

Upon being discharged from the Navy, he started a helicopter company in the Philadelphia area.

While the USS Coral Sea was based at the US Navy Yard in Philadelphia awaiting its fate, Jack tried to obtain a boarding pass

many times without success. When he heard that the USS Coral Sea was to be moved to the Baltimore area to be scrapped, he scheduled a helicopter flight to take some aerial photographs of the Ageless Warrior as she

was being towed down the Delaware River. He caught up with her between Chester, Penn. and Wilmington, Del. After circling several times, Jack decided to make a typical FAU Corsair approach and trap, as he remembered them while on board during

initial sea trials and subsequent sailings. He completed the touchdown, departed quickly, and returned to Philadelphia, heading up the Delaware River at an altitude of 30 feet over the river to escape being reported. A final salute to the great ship and its crewmembers.

# 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.



New Member: [ ] I apply for membership fo	r year(s). Enclo	sed is a check/money orde	r \$
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Mr. Lickey and Members of the USS Coral Sea Association Scholarship Committee, I am writing to thank the Association again for the scholarship I received ten years ago in 2006. That scholarship helped me to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where I remained for

nine years to complete my B.S. in Biology, Master of Public Health, and M.D. degrees. I am now midway through my residency in family practice at the university of Pennsylvania. My grandfather was Stephen A. Miller, USS Coral Sea in Division B from 1947 - 1950. He always spoke well and proudly of his time on the Coral Sea, and I was honored to have the Association's support through college.

Thank you all for the work you do to preserve the legacy of the U.S.S. Coral Sea and to enable the education of family members of her veterans. Josh Thompson