

# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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## Welcome Aboard!

**John Ashley**  
EM3, E Div.  
8/72—5/75

**John Ballesteros**  
HT2, R Div.  
1/82—1/85

**George Bassi**  
EM3, E Div.  
9/61—6/63

**William Bencsics**  
CSSN, S-2 Div.  
11/71—11/73

**Michael Bergquist**  
ABH3, V-3 Div.  
10/72—6/75

**Richard Burke**  
SH3, S-3 Div.  
11/69—12/72

## San Diego National Reunion Wrap-up.

The reunion is now over and it was well attended. We had 223 registered at the banquet, which was on 1 October. That just happened to be the 69th anniversary of the commissioning of the Ageless Warrior.

The Thursday Midway tour was well attended and we got to go to areas of the ship not open to the public. The \$20 cost of the tour was to cover bus transportation as the Midway's president/CEO had agreed to comp our entire group of 175. The

San Diego tour on Friday was also a big hit and included a stop at the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial. Originally known as "The Cross", it was initially a memorial to Korean vets. Anti religious groups had opposed its presence on city land and it had been in legal battles for 30 years. The city eventually sold the land to a private nonprofit and in 2016 the courts ruled in favor of "The Cross" which is now the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial. Its web site is

[www.soledadmemorial.com](http://www.soledadmemorial.com). I hope you go online and check it out. Clarence Neander, our Association treasurer, was so moved by the memorial that he proposed the Coral Sea have a plaque at the memorial. He proposed this at the Saturday business meeting, and we all agreed. The hat was passed and \$1,100 was collected. When learning at the banquet that our funding for the memorial was still short, our guest speaker,

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## President's Corner

Greetings shipmates, Reunion 2016 is in the books and what a reunion it was. I would like to thank Mil and his wife for all the hard work they put into making this a great reunion. I read the review of Mil's comments on the reunion and could not have said it better.

The tour aboard the USS MIDWAY (CVA-41) was a reminder of the days I

served on the USS CORAL SEA. There were five members of the Radio Gang I served with at the reunion, three for the first time. What a great experience. I had the privilege to show my youngest son and wife--as close as possible-- some of the spaces in which I lived and worked while aboard the USS CORAL SEA.

My special thanks to Mac McLaughlin, President/

CEO of the USS MIDWAY museum for the donation by his organization of \$1000 to the Sea Cadets and \$1000 for the USS CORAL SEA Memorial Plaque. It is a great honor to have our sister ship's donation and to sponsor these two worthy endeavors. We were honored by representatives of the Sea Cadets who gave a great presentation of what it is we sponsor,

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## USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Board Of Directors Meeting San Diego, Calif., Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016



### TAPS

**William P. Charneski**  
SN, VAH2 Div.  
1963

**William A. Furey**  
AOAN, VA-58  
1947-1948

**William H. Harris**  
RADM, USS Coral  
Sea CO  
9/7/71—11/2/72

**Ronald D. Krushe**  
QMC, N Div.  
1964-1967

**Richard L. Parker**  
LI3, X Div.  
1963-1965

**Guy B. Samson**  
DC3, R Div.  
1953-1954

**Joel D. Stanley**  
ABH2, V-3 Div.  
1976-1980

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Pres. Mil Phillips with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & an opening prayer.

Pres. Mil Phillips noted that Board Members assist with loading Shipmates & guests

Roll call of Board Members: Pres. Mil Phillips; Sec. John Ranson; Treasurer Clarence Neander; Board Members: Larry Pennington, Bob Gaston, Bob Hintze & Wayne Addkison. Bill Johnson was absent.

Treasurer Neander distributed the financial report for review (See attachment). Pres. Phillips discussed the history of the Scholarship fund & how it has been managed. The awards for the scholarship winners have been paid from the general fund, but for 2017 the awards will be paid from the scholarship fund. Pres. Phillips noted that the fund cannot be allowed to go below \$20,000.00. He asked that the awards be increased to \$2,000.00 & \$1,000.00. This will be bought to the membership. When asked by Bob Gaston about fund raising from raffles, donations, etc. Clarence informed all that these funds go into the general account.

Sec. Ranson reported on the current Assoc. roster & the need to review it & purge those who have not paid dues for several years.

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### 2016 Reunion Wrap up...

Mac McLaughlin, President/CEO of the USS Midway Museum, committed \$1,000 to the project. We now have the full cost of the plaque covered. Before the Midway, Mac was "known" as RADM Mac McLaughlin, USN. As a side note, when the City of San Diego agreed to sell the land the memorial sits on to the nonprofit, the cost was \$1,300,000. The Midway gave \$100,000 to towards the purchase.

At the banquet, our Sea

Cadet leaders were present and the C.O., Lt. Brad Webster, gave a power point presentation detailing what the cadets are doing. The cadets have had amazing growth and accomplishments the past few years. At the business meeting we again committed \$1,000 to the cadets. Lt. Webster thanked us for our support and once again Mac said the Midway would match that with another \$1,000. I think we need to invite this Mac guy to our banquets more often!

The Midway has in this is-

This is an on-going effort that hopefully will be completed this winter. He also told all Board members that he plans to keep them more informed of the status of the membership. When asked about Wayne Addkison about adding to the Assoc. By-Laws the ability for the Board of Directors to govern between meetings. Sec. Ranson noted that this will be proposed to the membership for approval.

He noted the need to form a reunion committee and not leave the load on just one member.

Pres. Phillips detailed how the visit to Midway will occur. Once again help from the Board members is needed.

He reported on future reunion proposals. This will be detailed at the business meeting; however he gave general details on what has been received.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm  
Respectfully submitted;

*John*

John H. Ranson  
CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary

sue made a special offer to Coral Sea shipmates for USS Midway Museum membership. The membership details are outlined in this issue by Jill Hammons, the Midway's membership director.

The reunion was fun but all things must come to an end. At the business meeting, Corpus Christi was voted as the 2017 national reunion location with Reno selected for 2018.

—Submitted by  
Mil Phillips

## USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Midwest Spring Fling.

The Midwest Spring Fling is set for April 27-30, 2017 in Erlanger, Ky.

This year's "fling" repeats at the Holiday Inn-Airport for the annual get-together. It is located at 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd., Erlanger Ky. Call (859) 371-2233 for reservations. Mention USS Coral Sea Association when making your reservation for the discounted rate.



Room rates are \$99.00 per night, single or double, plus tax (current taxes, 11.3%).

The \$40 per-person registration cost includes the hospitality room and buffet dinner, so your hotel room and other meals are additional.

Our Saturday dinner will be at the Holiday Inn (menu below). Make your reservation by April 14, 2017.

### Midwest Spring Fling Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Room, \$40 Per Person ( ) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet includes carved roast beef, chicken breast, redskin potato salad, creamy cole slaw, Caesar salad, fresh garden salad and chef's choice desserts.

Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. and mention Spring Fling 2017

Mail check and reservation form to: **John Ranson**  
**52 Woodland Pl.**  
**Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605**

## Reflections of a Shake Down...the Coral Sea Way.

I sat in my "greasy chair" in the still and quiet of the early morning, now an old man of 74, reflecting back on Shake Down 1960. I was overcome with nostalgia for a few minutes, thinking back to that very special morning.

My mind wandered back as I tried to recall what I was doing when we got underway. A naïve teenager from the small town of Clute, Tex., I'd never been on a ship before and certainly had never gone to sea. Little did I realize this was beginning the fulfillment of my ado-



lescent quest of a Navy experience. And that this 6-year adventure would be stuck in my mind 56 years later.

All of us can recall exactly where we were and what we were doing during life-changing events like the Kennedy assassination, 9-11, etc. So even though I should recall everything about that first morning underway on Coral Sea, the details of my activities down in #1 Engine that morning remain vague. I wondered who was on throttles, who my shipmates

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### Welcome Aboard

**Nicholas Calicchio**  
 PH3, OP Div.  
 4/62—3/65

**Dana Dore**  
 ACC, OC Div.  
 6/71—10/74

**Robert Elmore**  
 SN, S-I Div.  
 8/65—6/69

**Larry Gold**  
 MM3, M Div.  
 4/61—8/64

**Donald Hagen**  
 YN3, X Div.  
 9/64—4/65

**John Holaday**  
 RM3, OR Div.  
 6/62—1/63

**Robert Kluber**  
 RM3, CR Div.  
 3/67—10/69

**Terry Maher**  
 AN, V-4 Div.  
 2/62—8/65

## USS Midway Museum Extends Membership Invite to CVA-43.

Hello, Cousins!

Greetings from the Membership Department staff of the USS Midway Museum. We consider you all our Cousins as we are both Midway-class aircraft carriers!

Long time no see!!

Starting in January 2017, we'd love you to join us and become a Midway Member. Since you no longer have a ship to call "home," we'd like to offer you one: **the USS Midway Museum!** Even if you do not live nearby, you can enjoy the award-winning newsy magazine, *Currents*, keeping up-to-date about

the exciting goings-on on board and in the community, come on board free with up to 3 guests daily (depending on level), and have a deep sense of pride that you belong to the 6<sup>th</sup> most popular museum in America! And if you join at one of our prestigious Circle levels, you may enjoy many terrific extra benefits like passes, Midway polo shirt, and discounts to fabulous Membership events, and more!

If you become a Member starting in January 2017, as an exclusive offer for Coral Sea veterans, we will be happy to send you FOUR

extra guest passes (that never expire) -- an \$80 value!

Won't you join our family of over 14,400, please? Starting in January 2017, purchase your Midway Membership online at [www.midway.org/coralsea](http://www.midway.org/coralsea), call the Membership Department at (619) 398-8204 or visit the Midway ticket booth between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm. Warm regards,

*Jill*

Jill Hammons  
Director of Membership  
USS Midway Museum



**Alan Mutke**  
JO2, X Div.  
9/62—7/65

**James Oberg**  
MM3, M Div.  
4/73—8/76

**Kenneth Platz**  
AN, V-1 Div.  
3/65—9/68

**Charles Smedley**  
AK2, VFP-63  
9/79—8/82

**Douglas Smith**  
AN, V-3 Div.  
11/64—1/66

**Levi Wiegman**  
IC2, E2 Div.  
7/76—11/79

**Gregory Womeldorf**  
AECS, IM3 Div.  
4/71—10/73

### Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, We're back home from the reunion. All went well. Many thanks to Mil and Iris Phillips for a great time there. Also many thanks to all shipmates and friends who helped make it a big success.

Thanks to Bev Sigurdson and Elaine Yockley for their donations for the raffle Saturday night. The quilt that Elaine donated was made by Ruth Carlson last year. It is fine work of art to say the least. We all appreciate the great work that Ruth has done and her generosity in the past to make the raffles a success.

Since the end of the membership year is here, I want

to remind all of you renewing your membership to please use the current membership application that is on the Association website. I want to make sure that I have the latest and most accurate information for the Association roster. Please indicate if you want another bumper sticker. Also, for those of you who reached the age of 80 prior to 12/31/2012, you no longer need to pay dues. The Association by-laws were changed in 2012 to grandfather all who were born prior to 12/31/ 1932. However, your donations to the Association are still very much welcome. If you have any questions or I can help in any way, please contact me. I enjoy hearing from you all.

There's going to be a big push after this issue of "Sea Breeze" to purge the roster. I plan to contact all of you who are past due paying dues. I also need help from all shipmates regarding any information that you may have as to those who may have passed away. Unless someone in a shipmate's family contacts me or I hear from the members, I have no way of knowing whose is still with us. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

The Association is growing. In the past two years we've increased our net membership by 82 and we've lost 48 Shipmates to death. Lastly, once again the Midwest Spring Fling will be in

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# USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Business Meeting Minutes.

**SAN DIEGO, CA.  
SATURDAY, OCT. 1 2016**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Pres. Mil Phillips with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & opening prayer.

Roll call of Assoc. Officers: Pres. Phillips; Vice Pres. Wayne Addkison, Treasurer Clarence Neander; Secretary John Ranson; Immediate Past Pres. Bill Johnson; 3 Yr. Bob Gaston Board Member; 2 Yr. Board Member Larry Pennington & 1 Yr. Board Member Bob Hintze were all present.

All present Shipmates introduced themselves.

Minutes of the Sept. 28, 2016 Board meeting were read & approved as corrected. The minutes of the 2015 Business meeting were unavailable, but will be e-mailed to all Board members.

Treasurer Neander presented the financial statement (see Attachment), discussed all

particulars & answered all questions & comments. When asked about the Ship's store, Clarence noted that this is now a separate operation from the Assoc. If possible, the Small Store operator, Sid Dockery will make contributions to the Assoc. He also noted that the Association's largest expense is "Sea Breeze". He detailed its costs during the year. Pres. Phillips noted that savings are being realized in mailing & Clarence noted that his proposal for the annual raffle tickets has been very successful. Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Committee reports:  
Scholarship fund: Guy Dunbar, member of this committee reported for Jon Lickey on activities this last year. Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise the scholarship awards to \$2,000.00 & \$1,000.00 annually. Motion passed. Treasurer Neander commented on how these awards will be paid.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,  
The coming December holidays always remind me of my last Med deployment, made onboard our great ship. Thankfully, there were no emergencies that needed our attention, so the ship and the air wing spent Hanukkah and Christmas moored in Naples.

This allowed for some good shore leave and liberty -- including some great meals at local Italian restaurants -- plus a trip to Vatican City for Mid-

night Mass on December 24.

Every holiday season since that one I always give thanks that I am able to be home with my family and friends during these special days. And I also remember that many thousands of our brave service women and men are spending these same holidays far from home and family.

I hope you will join me this and every year at holiday times to remember and thank God for those who serve our nation in uniform. As we all know,

there is no greater privilege than for a citizen to serve our nation, and we give thanks for them all. As this "old" year winds down and the New Year makes its appearance, I pray that we all will continue to enjoy our hard-fought freedoms and work for a better world.

God's blessings on you!  
Your chaplain,

*Michael*

Michael D. Halley  
U S Navy Chaplain,  
Retired



## Salty Humor

I don't like making plans for the day. Because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.

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### **Business Meeting Minutes...**

Reunion Committee: This needs to be set up at this time. All thanked Mil & Iris Phillips for their work to make this reunion successful.

Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt a standing order that the USS Coral Sea Sea Cadet Division be given \$1,000.00 annually from the general fund as long as this Division remains named "Coral Sea Division". Under discussion Richard Satchell reviewed what the Sea Cadets do & how the funds are used. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to solicit the Assoc. membership to have a plaque installed at the Mt. Soladad Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, CA. thru "Sea Breeze" and any other means. Motion passed. Contributions will be accepted starting now. \$1,100.00 was collected for

this fund from the attending membership.

Sec. Ranson asked all those present who are not Assoc. members to please join today. He also noted that any member wishing to pay dues can do so now. He also noted that new membership cards are on order & new bumper stickers have been received.

Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt the following change to the Assoc. By-laws: 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. Motion passed.

Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to dispose of all old, out-of-date secretary's dues records. Motion passed.

Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to charge a registration fee of \$10.00 per attendee at all future reunions. Motion passed.

Time & place for future reunions: Wayne

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### **Salty Humor**

Instead of calling the bathroom the John, I now call it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

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### **President's Corner...**

and the young men and women who serve in this organization. The youth of America show through with the dedication of these young men and women. They bring nothing but honor and praise on the Navy and our nation.

The other tours of the city and zoo were just as memorable. I left San Diego in 1960 and this was the first visit back. Much had changed while some things remained the same. I am sure others felt the same.

On to the 2017 reunion in Corpus Christi, Texas. My

brother and I flew down for a general tour and met with the hotel manager and the representative of the city. The Emerald Beach Hotel is located on the beach and I give the hotel an "A" rating. The hotel is situated near downtown with easy access to local sites such as the Aquarium, Botanical Gardens and Nature Center and, of course, the USS LEXINGTON. The Visitor Center is in close contact with me to set up a tour of the Lady Lex as on the USS MIDWAY.

Our reunion dates are set for Oct. 4 – 7, 2017.

We've negotiated attractive room rates of \$100.00

per night, tax included. As more information becomes available, I will pass it on to the members.

I wish to thank all members for the honor of serving as your President for the next two years. I will endeavor to serve with honor as have all who held this office in the past. I am always available to all members. My e-mail is [nijarm2@yahoo.com](mailto:nijarm2@yahoo.com) and my phone is 903-288-4455.

*Wayne*

Wayne Addkison  
President  
USS Coral Sea Association

## USS Coral Sea Memorial Plaque.

While on the San Diego City tour we visited the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, Calif. I proposed to the members at the business meeting in San Diego that we consider placing a plaque for Coral Sea on the Memorial. The large plaque is \$1800.00. The attendees approved the proposal with funding being through donation rather than using Association funds. A hat was passed and \$1100.00 was collected at the meeting, with an additional \$185.00 being donated at the banquet.

While explaining the idea to those at the Saturday night banquet, our guest speaker, Adm. "Mac" McLaughlin, USN, Ret., President & CEO of the USS Midway Museum, donated \$1,000.00 from the museum to complete the funding of the plaque. Many thanks, Mac!

Now we need to decide what will be on our plaque. My thoughts are a picture or silhouette of the ship with name and hull number as CVB, CVA, CV-43, call sign "Mustang," as well as one or all of the nicknames: Ageless Warrior, Older and Bolder, Best in the West. "San Francisco's Own" doesn't seem appropriate on a memorial in San Diego. Also, dates of service and deployments, I.E number of Med and Westpac cruises highlighting combat de-

ployments.

These are just some of my thoughts and your input is welcome and encouraged. That being said, there is a limited amount of space on the plaque so not everything can be used.

There is a web site you can visit to see the memorial:

[www.soledadmemorial.com](http://www.soledadmemorial.com)

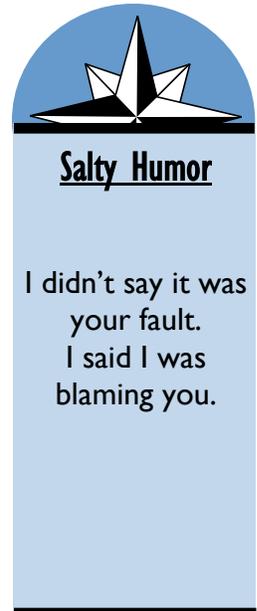
After the plaque is placed and paid for, any excess funds can be donated to the memorial or can go into our scholarship fund, to be decided by consensus of the members.

If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, send your donation to me and I will include it in the fund.

Thanks to all who donated to this worthy project.

### Clarence

Clarence Neander  
Treasurer  
USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc.  
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815-341-5928  
[accrane@msn.com](mailto:accrane@msn.com)



**Salty Humor**

I didn't say it was  
your fault.  
I said I was  
blaming you.

### Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,  
A fantastic reunion in San Diego is now history. If you weren't there, you missed a great time. Kudos to Mil and Iris Phillips for an outstanding job.

The raffle winners were Rufus Campbell, 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$500.00; Rev. Michael Halley, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$250.00; Gene Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup>

prize of \$150.00.

The treasurer's report was presented to and accepted by the members at the reunion business meeting and the 2015 tax return has been filed. The Association is maintaining a balanced revenue to expense ratio.

Those attending the reunion business meeting approved a proposal to purchase a memorial plaque

for Coral Sea on the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, Calif. Details can be found in the article above in this issue of the *Sea Breeze*.

Hope all your winter preparations are complete and all is well.

### Clarence

Clarence Neander  
Association Treasurer

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- CAP ITEM #005 - \$19.99
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- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #007 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #008 - \$13.00
- ASSOCIATION PATCH ITEM # 009 - \$20.00



**USS CORAL SEA CVE-43, CVA-43, CV-43 SILHOUETTE ITEMS**

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- CAP ITEM #014 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #015 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #016 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #017 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #018 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #019 - \$24.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #020 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #021 - \$13.00



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- CAP ITEM #022 - \$19.99
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- MEN POLO ITEM #027 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #028 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #029 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #030 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #031 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #032 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #033 - \$13.00



**EMBROIDERY ON FRONT, SIDES AND BACK OF CAPS**

- CAP ITEM # 034 - \$24.99
- CAP ITEM # 035 - \$26.99



**USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 NAVY JOB RATE CAPS**

- CAP ITEM #036 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #037 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #038 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #039



**NAVY RANK OR ENLISTED PAYGRADE INSIGNIA CAPS**

- CAP ITEM #040 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #041 - 23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #042 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #043 - \$13.00



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- CAP ITEM #044 - \$19.99
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**CVE, CVA, CV-43 USMC MARDET DESIGNS CHOOSE (A,B,C,D)**

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**CORAL SEA WIFE**

- POLO ITEM #059 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #060 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #061 - \$22.50



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**LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA PROUD WIFE**

- POLO ITEM #062 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #063 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #064 - \$22.50



**LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA GIRL**

- POLO ITEM #065 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #066 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #067 - \$22.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY GRANDPA SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #068 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #069 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #070 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAPA SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #071 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #072 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #073 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAWPAW SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #074 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #075 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #076 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CAPS \$16.99**

- ITEM #077 - \$15.99
- ITEM #078 - \$15.99
- ITEM #079 - \$15.99
- ITEM #080 - \$15.99



**USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 CAP WITH BLANK CENTER**

- CAP ITEM # 081 - \$27.50



**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE PATCHES**

- COMBAT CRUISE ONE ITEM #082 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE TWO ITEM #083 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE THREE ITEM #084 - \$20.00
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- COMBAT CRUISE FIVE ITEM #086 - \$20.00
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**ADDITIONAL CORAL SEA PATCHES**

- ITEM #088 - \$25.00
- ITEM #089 - \$20.00
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**WESTERN-PACIFIC CRUISE PATCH**

- ITEM #092 - \$35.00



**EVACUATION OF SAIGON PATCHES - 7"X7"**

- ITEM #093 - \$35.00
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**"MAYAGUEZ RESCUE" PATCHES 7"X7"**

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



# CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #1

ITEM #	QTY.	SIZE NOTE: CAPS - ONE SIZE FITS MOST FOR LARGER HEADS ADD \$3.00 FOR LG/XLG FLEX- FIT CAPS	COLOR	PRICE	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
#1					
<p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>  shop.cva43doc @ charter.net  Shop Phone - 205.330.7750  Cell Phone - 205.310.0330  12550 Oak Ridge Road  Northport, Alabama 35475-4327</p>					
			SALES TOTAL	\$ _____	** USPS PRIORITY MAIL - S/H CHARGES**
			SHIPPING CHARGES	\$ _____	UP TO \$24.99.....\$7.00 \$25.00 TO \$50.00.....\$9.00 \$51 TO \$75 .....\$12.00 \$76 & UP .....\$15.00
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**Salty Humor**

We never really grow up. We only learn how to act in public.

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**Business Meeting Minutes...**

Addkison & Mil Phillips reported on future reunion sites. They reported on Corpus Christi, Tex., Reno Nev., and Chesapeake, Va. Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold the 2017 reunion in Corpus Christi, Tex. on the dates of 10/4-7, 2017 and the 2018 reunion in Reno, Nev. Motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2016-18:  
President: Wayne Addkison  
Vice President: Bill Johnson & Bob Gaston. After the candidates left the room a hand count vote was conducted. Results of the vote: Bob Gaston was declared the winner.  
Treasurer: Clarence Neander  
Secretary: John Ranson  
3 Yr. Board Member: Larry Pennington  
2 Yr. Board Member: Bill Johnson  
1 Yr. Board Member: Bob Hintze

Immediate Past President: Mil Phillips  
All other Officers were elected by acclamation.

Good of the order:  
Pictures of attending plank owners will be taken.  
Bill Johnson asked that again a book on the history of Coral Sea be produced. Turner Publishing Co. produced this book previously. He will get more details for publishing in "Sea Breeze".

Meeting closed at 11:

Respectfully submitted:

*John*

John H. Ranson  
Secretary  
CVA-43 Association

### 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please PRINT First name, middle initial, last name) (mo/day/year)  
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I do [ ] do not [ ] want my complete mailing address printed on the published roster.  
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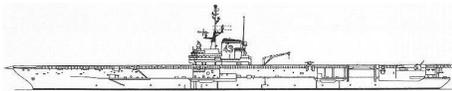
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### **Secretaries Corner...**

Erlanger, Ky. the last weekend of April 2017. Make your plans now to attend. Please refer to the registration information in this issue. I hope that we get a big turnout this coming year. We're planning some extra activities for all attendees to make it more fun. Having fun in the hospital-ity room is great, but we plan to line up several other things to do to make this a special event. Stay tuned for more info on that, especially on the website and in the Association guest book.  
Godspeed!

*John*

John H. Ranson  
Secretary  
CVA-43 Association

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### **Shake Down 1960...**

were down there with me that morning. If you were on throttles in one of the other engines, do you recall the first bell from the bridge to get underway? I doubt it was me on throttles in #1 engine. I'm thinking it was probably someone who had throttle experience on another ship perhaps. I do recall Frank Parons, MMI (deceased) was top watch that morning in #1. I do recall being a little amazed that we were technically at sea...well, sort of, as we were in Puget Sound and I could feel no movement. But Puget Sound was like glass.

However, I doubt anyone will forget our weekend port-o-call in Vancouver, B.C. Our open house and hanger deck dance were so well attended, they had to shut down the festivities. The guests came aboard Coral Sea, but wouldn't leave! If you

were manning the rails on the flight deck when we went under Lions' Gate Bridge entering Vancouver, as I was, you should recall our utter amazement at the crowds of people on the bridge and along the levees entering the harbor. They were there to see the largest ship (by a third!) and only aircraft carrier to ever enter Vancouver harbor!

How can anyone forget our backing down into the dry dock gate on our return to Bremerton pier, punching a hole in the fantail of Coral Sea. The yard workers were reported to be scrambling up scaffolds to get out of the dry dock...and I don't blame them!

Oh the memories! And the satisfaction of having served aboard The Ageless Warrior!

—Submitted by  
George Irvin