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Welcome Aboard!

Stephen M Adams AN, B Div. 1968

Phillip A. Austin AN, V3-O Div. 1955-1956

David C. Looker BT2, B Div. 1970-1971

Alfred E. Rosemark ABE3, V-2 Div. 1955-1956

USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. **Business Meeting** Warwick, R.I. Saturday Oct. 11, 2019 Meeting called to ordered at 9:06 a.m. with pledge of Allegiance & opening prayer. Roll call of Officers: Present: Pres. Wayne Addkison; Vice Pres. Robt. Gaston; Treasurer Clarence Neander; Secretary John Ranson, Past Pres. Bill Johnson; Board

Members: Al Ching. Absent: Larry Pennington.

Association's Reunion Business Meeting Minutes.

All present Shipmates introduced themselves.

Tres. Clarence Neander gave the financial report. (See attachment). Motion made & 2nd. to accept the Treasurers report as read. Motion passed. Minutes of the

2019 Board of Directors meeting were read & approved as read. Minutes of the 2018 Business meeting were read & approved as read. Unfinished business: None.

New Business: Bill Bomar was nominated & unanimously elected to be the 3 year Board member.

Pres. Wayne Addkison noted that USS Hornet, USS Hancock & USS Franklin D. Roosevelt Assoc.'s are

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President's Corner

Good Day Shipmates, I am writing this on Veterans Day. As your president, I want to wish all members from the full staff of the USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association a safe and wonderful day. Thank all of you for your service and sacrifice for the good of our nation. The 41st reunion is finished and looking forward to the 42nd in Oklahoma City. The reunion was not as large as I would have liked, but for the ones that were there it was a great time renewing old friendships and making new ones. A big welcome to our newest board member, Bill Bomar, and thanks to Sam Meeks for taking

over the Coral Sea Cadets.

With AFR putting on the reunion for us, they got the hotel to wave penalties since we did not have the required number to attend. With that said, we still cleared over \$1100.00 for the Association. I must say it was one of the nicer hotels we have attended in

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Providence Reunion Recap.

The 2019 reunion was held at the Crown Plaza in Warwick, R.I. from Oct.9 thru 12, 2019. Ninety-nine Shipmates and guests attended this year. Armed Forces Reunions conducted this event. We look forward to

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Assoc. Business Meeting Minutes... interested in joining the USS Coral Sea Assoc. for reunion purposes. He suggested that Armed Forces Reunions be the contractor for all future reunions. It was noted that the USS Coral Sea Assoc. will be the lead for such joint reunions. Various questions were asked & various comments were made regarding this affiliation. Motion made & 2nd. to have Armed Forces Reunions be the contractor for all future CVA43 Assoc. Motion passed. Motion made & 2nd. that discussions start to affiliate with the mentioned carrier Assoc.'s. to hold joint reunions with CVA43 Assoc. Motion passed.

Sites & information for the 2020 & 2021 Assoc. reunions were presented. Motion made & 2nd. to hold the 2020 reunion in Oklahoma City, Okla. & the 2021 reunion in Colorado Springs. Discussion: it was noted that Louisville, Ky. is being considered for the 2021 spring fling. Activities in Oklahoma City were discussed. Main motion amended to have the 2020 reunion in Oklahoma City, & 2nd. Amendment was passed. The

working with them in the future. Having a



contractor set up reunions is a great help

to the Association officers. Tours consisted of a visit to Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Conn. and Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass. The weather was windy and rainy each day, but (Continued on page 3)

2020 reunion will be in Oklahoma City. Motion made & 2nd. to have the 2021 reunion in Colorado Springs, Colo. Motion passed. John Ranson suggested that the Board members create a questionnaire to be published in "Sea Breeze: asking Shipmate input as

to what changes in the Assoc.'s operation are needed. Motion made & 2nd. to consider changing the date of reunions. After some discussion, a motion to table this motion was made & 2nd. Motion passed.

Good of the Assoc.:

Guy Dunbar detailed the operation of the scholarship fund.

It was noted that Richard Satchell has moved & that Another Assoc. member be appointed to work with the Sea Cadet Division.

John Ranson explained the pin for the 2019 reunion. He also asked

all present who are not Assoc. members to please join. He also asked those who wish to pay their dues do so now.

Meeting closed at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, John H. Ranson CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary

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<u>TAPS</u>

Shelby W. Coyle IC2, E Div. 1964—1967

Robert E. Creighton PNSN, X Div. 1952—1954

George E. Haase AN, V-1 Div. 1956–1957

Ralph E. McGregor EM2, E Div. 1948—1952

Louis N. Ortega SM1, CS Div. 1961

Robert R. Ruggeri AMS3, V-6 Div. 1963—1965

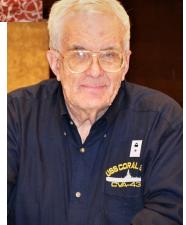
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still a good time was had by all.

Several new Shipmates attended this year as well as one old familiar face, past Association secretary and one of the founders of our Association, Sal Avellino. He had his usual great stories to tell. We really enjoyed his visit. See the business meeting minutes in this issue for details of what took place regarding Association business. The auction at the Saturday night dinner was successful again. Many thanks to



Colorado Springs, Colo. —All photos courtesy of Shipmate Jay Johnson



those Shipmates and guests

who donated items for the

As always, many great old

"sea stories" were

told. The com-

enjoyable.

radery was most

The 2020 reunion

will be in Oklaho-

ma City, Okla. And the 2021 re-

union will be in

auction.



Salty Humor

A minister kept a bottle of horseradish on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful. When the quest finally was able to speak, he gasped, "I've heard of ministers preach hellfire before, but you're the first one I've met who passed out a sample!"

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Salty Humor

A wife said to her husband, "It's our wedding anniversary in a week, honey. How do you think we should celebrate? The husband replied, "With a moment of silence?"

Fox Division Adventures.

by Rom Braun, FT2 1953-1956

—Reprinted from Sept. 2007 Sea Breeze.

During the Jacksonville National Reunion we were given an opportunity to take a tour of the USS John F Kennedy (CV-67). Today the JFK is decommissioned and on the same road the USS Coral Sea (CVA -43) began a few years ago.

I will be mixing in images taken from my time on board the JFK while the ship was on maneuvers in the Atlantic during 1999. On some of the pictures I have made comparison between similar scenes from 1999 and 2005. The differenced are startling!

The final images are from the decommissioning ceremony and show the flight deck in much better shape than the 2005 images.

What will be the final resting place

Treasurer's Corner

Greeting Shipmates, Happy Veterans Day to all, and Thank you for your service. The Providence reunion is over, and a great time was had despite the chilly, rainy weather - which was much better than the snow falling here right now! for the JFK? Will it be torn apart like the Coral Sea, become a Museum (in Boston?) like the Midway, sunk by the Navy for test purposes like the America, or become a reef like the Oriskany?

There is only one conventional powered aircraft carrier remaining in the fleet. That is the Kitty Hawk (CV-63) and its decommissioning is planned for



Hanger Deck Comparison—2005 above, 1999 shown upper right.



Flight Deck Comparison—2005 shown above, 1999 shown upper right.



The tour group boarding the JFK.





2008. USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) is presently under construction at the Northrop Grumman's Newport News Shipyard and is expected to become part of the fleet in 2009, replacing the Kitty Hawk.

It was great to have Sal Avellino, Sec/ Treas. Emeritus, join us. It had been a long time Sal, good to see you again.

Armed Forces Reunions did a great job managing the reunion, which made it much less stressful and enjoyable for the association officers.

The Association finances are sound. We are maintaining a small rate of monetary growth. Hope all are well...see you in Dayton and Oklahoma City,

Clarence

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Clarence Neander CVA-43 Association Treasurer

Midwest Spring Fling in Dayton, Ohio April 23-26, 2020.

The Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. Midwest Spring Fling will again be held in Dayton, Ohio from April 23—26, 2020.

Book your room at the Holiday Inn-Dayton Fairborn, 2800 Presidential Dr. Fairborn, Ohio 45324

(I-675 to N. Fairfield Rd, Exit 17.) Call (937) 426-7800 for hotel reservations. <u>Mention USS Coral Sea</u> <u>Association when making reservation.</u> Room rate: \$114.00 per night single or double, plus 12.75% tax (includes breakfast each day). Registration price per person for reunion: \$50.00 includes hospitality room and buffet dinner. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Holiday Inn. (See buffet menu below.) <u>Make reservations by March 23,</u> <u>2020</u>. We look forward to all Shipmates attend!



Salty Humor

Did you hear about the explosion at a cheese factory? All that was left was de brie.

Midwest Spring Fling Reservation Form

Name	Guest				
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\$50.00/person x () Total Enclosed: \$ Buffet includes: roast top sirloin, BBQ chicken breast, garden salad, cheesy au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables & apple pie. <u>Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc.</u> (mention Spring Fling-2020)					
Mail chec	k & reservation form to: Brad Deegan C/O HF High School 999 Kedzie Av. Flossmoor, Ill. 60422				

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, The 2019 reunion was a big success. Armed Forces Reunions did a good job. I appreciate them because they saved a lot of work for me. The 2020 reunion will be in Oklahoma City, OK & the 2021 reunion will be in Colorado Springs, Colo.

More info regarding these reunions will be forthcoming. The 2020 Midwest Spring Fling once again will be in Dayton, OH. Please check out the registration for this event in this issue. Thanks to Shipmate Brad Deegan for chairing this event. I'm working on obtaining bids for the Spring Flings in 2021 & 2022.

More info will be published here in "Sea Breeze" as I receive it.

Please check the mailing label on this issue. If your dues expiration date is in red, your membership in the Assoc. has expired. Dues expire on 12/31 of the year. Starting now, I'm purging the

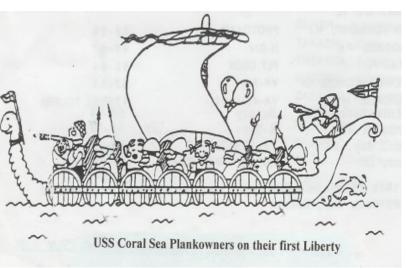
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Fox Division Adventures.

by Rom Braun, FT2 1953-1956

-Reprinted from March 2008 Sea Breeze. Going on liberty in New York was always fun. The first time was a great experience as we (yes, there were three of us) visited some of the places we had heard about. but not in the evening. So what to do in the evening? We walked around trying dif-

ferent places but not having any fun. Finally we wised up made. After a short conversation, the officer directed us to



and talked to a cop. That was the best move we could have the Lorelei Club located at 86th and (Continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 1) **President's Corner...** a long time. AFR should have the contract for Oklahoma City finished in the next week or so; the 2021 reunion in Colorado Spring has been approve by board members.

You need to think about attending the Spring Fling in Dayton coming up in April 2020. Let's make this a good one. These small get together are a lot of fun and we have more one-onone conversations. There are much better sea stories and they seem to get better every year. See John Ranson or sign up in *The Breeze*. Signing off for this edition of *The Breeze*. Look forward to the 2020 reunion...start planning now to attend! Good Luck and God speed,

Wayne

Wayne Addkison President



Salty Humor

Rice is great when you're hungry...and you want 2,000 of something! One of the spots was the United Nations Building and the thing I remember the most are the shocks we experienced from the static electricity. The charge was built up while walking on what seemed like six inch thick rugs in the place. Sightseeing was great during the day light hours,

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Lexington. That part of town was the German area and the name Lorelei was very appropriate for us. Why? The definition for Lorelei starts with the River Rhine. Lorelei is the name of a rock in the River Rhine near Koblenz, Germany. In legend, a lovely woman sat atop it and sang while combing her long blond hair, distracting sailors so their ships foundered on the rock and they drowned. We could get into bad trouble if the club lived up to its name!

We immediately went to the subway and after a short ride (34th to 86th) we got off. After getting ourselves oriented, we found the Lorelei! The place was crowded and it looked like everyone was having a good time. The price for refreshments was reasonable (not like the other part of town where a beer cost a dollar — we were used to a shot and a beer for about a quarter!), and there were ladies everywhere. Obviously, our friendly New York cop new how to pick 'em!

The three of us had a good evening and every time we had New York liberty, the Lorelei was at the top of our schedule.

(Ed. Note—Continuing the tradition today is the Loreley Restaurant & Biergarten located at 7 Rivington St. in NYC. It opened in 2003.)

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates, The month of December is upon us and with it I am sure we are all reminded of many memories.

On my very first deployment as a Navy chaplain, onboard USS JOUETT (CG-29), we left San Diego in late June of 1974. The WESTPAC deployment was scheduled to be for 6 months and as we looked at the calendar there was a good chance we would be back home in time for the Christmas/ Hanukkah season. We made every preparation we could in anticipation of an arrival in late December, including dressing up a couple of our sailors as Santa Claus and an elf. The two played their roles perfectly and were perched on the missile house on the foc'sle as we came into port . . . on December 23! What a great homecoming that was!

My final deployment as a Navy chaplain, onboard our beloved CORAL SEA, did NOT bring me home for the holidays. We spent a (thankfully) quiet holiday in port at the Naples harbor. When I called home on Christmas day, the conversation went very well until I realized it was time to hang up. Choke! You shipmates know what I am saying, I am sure.

Just yesterday, November 11, I participated in the Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade, a wonderful tribute to our veterans. And as we saluted our veterans, we also remembered those who continue to serve, and who may be missing lots of holidavs with their families at home. Let's keep our prayers going for them, prayers of thanks for their service and prayers asking our God to protect them.

Happy holidays to all! Your chaplain,

Michael

Michael D. Halley Association Chaplain USS Coral Sea



Salty Humor

I can't believe they fired me at the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off!



CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #1	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 \$25.00 TO \$50.00\$9.00 \$51 TO \$75\$12.00 \$76 & UP\$15.00	Cards Will Be Processed Through The Ship Store Accepted: Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express Make Checks Payable To The Ship Store
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Salty Humor I always thought my neighbors were good people... then they put a password on their Wi-Fi!

Coral Sea Division Sea Cadet Corps Update.

Ahoy!!!

The Coral Sea Division of Sea Cadet Corps had a "Big Summer"!

ENS Sophia Luevano graduated from the Naval Academy and is now awaiting orders. She is currently serving as "Assistant to the Chancellor" at the NA. Our other Midshipman, Jerran Peng, is entering his junior year at the NA. Our past NSCC Chief, Jeff Shelton—who spent seven years in the USN and five years in the USCG—just completed OCS and is now an Ensign, USN, at 35 years old! Our most current Chief, Jerden Sullivan, completed RTC and is now in "Nuke" school where he wants to go to the Subs.

Overall, we had 23 cadets attend 30 Summer Trainings ranging from Marksmanship, Special Ops, Photojournalism, Food Service, Medical and many more. In addition to attending trainings, the cadets also participated in "Operation Gratitude", "Sky Kids", "Wreaths Across America" and Memorial Day services at our local cemetery.

Current unit strength is 42 Cadets and nine staff. The USNSCC is in the process of changing to the new Woodland Type III Digital BDU's; we will be matching with the USN and USCG.

CPO Richard Satchell continues to assist with unit operations when he can. He is in the process of moving to Michigan.

We would like to "Thank You" for continued support of the Coral Sea Division! Without it, things would not go quite as smoothly! If you should have any questions, please let me know.

Very respectfully, LCDR Brad Webster, NSCC SAO / 115CSD, (951) 237-3932

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. <u>DUES</u>: 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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roster of those who are way past due in paying. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. As always, I enjoy hearing from Shipmates. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!! Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson CVA-43 Association Secretary

Shipmates.....it's that time of year again when we begin thinking about our students. Those of us with seniors want to help them with furthering their education. You may request scholarship application packets any time of the year (for your seniors). However, I don't begin mailing them out until September 1. I mail the requested packets out between September 1 and March 1. March 1 requests only give the

student one month to complete the application and get it in the mail NO LATER THAN April 1. With the April 1 deadline for mailing completed applications, the scholarship committee judges can make the selections, the chairman can contact the recipients and their schools, and have all this completed for announcement in the "Sea Breeze."

—Guy Dunbar Scholarship Chairman