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# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

## Reserve Your Oklahoma City Reunion Stay Today!

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### Welcome Aboard!

#### William L. Barrett

AMS3, VAW-116  
9/69—10/70

#### James W. Bergstrand

AO2, G Div.  
5/66—2/70

#### Ronnie W. Breeding

AO2, VA-22  
1/71—7/75

#### Anthony M. Caudillo

G-4 Div.  
8/84—8/89

Last chance to reserve your stay at the Wyndham Garden Oklahoma City Airport for our 2023 Annual Reunion. The reservation phone number is 405-685-4000.

The hotel address is 2101 South Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73108

Mention the USS Coral Sea Reunion to secure your discounted rate. Copy/paste this link in your web browser to access all of our reunion and hotel reservation details online:

<https://www.events.afreg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023>  
The reunion runs

is Sept. 3, 2023. Late reservations will be processed on a space-available basis at a higher rate.

Room cancellations can be made 72 hours prior to arrival. The hotel provides an airport shuttle. Call the hotel upon arrival and let them know you need a pick-up.



from Oct. 4 - 8, 2023. Your room rate is \$98 per night, plus tax. Two breakfast buffet vouchers are included each day. The reservation cut-off date for this rate

For wheelchair rentals call 888-441-7575 or visit [www.scoot-around.com](http://www.scoot-around.com).

Tour information begins on page two of this issue.

### President's Corner

Greetings,  
The reunion is just a short time away. Get your reservations in ASAP. We have put together a very good venue this year with two excellent tours. And the auction this year has a verity of items; most from the estate of the late Bill

Johnson, the Association's long-serving past president. Some items will be auctioned off and some will be sent to the Lexington for our display. I can confirm that as of today Admiral Allen and his wife, Donna, will be at the reunion. The Admiral will have his book published and copies

will be available for purchase. Make sure you make him, and his wife feel welcome.

This is the first year of having relatives as Association members. I am bringing three members of my family and I invite each if you to do the same.

There seems to be a  
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## **TAPS**

**Ron L. Dick**  
BMSN, 1st  
Div.  
1955—1956

**Roger L. Kitchen**  
YN3, R. Div.  
1975—1978

**Henry M. Kleeman**  
BT2, B Div.  
1948—1952

**Reuben Lev**  
AG2  
1948—1951

**Ken Shields**  
RM1  
1985—1989

## **Oklahoma City Reunion Tours.**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**  
**Wild West Tour**

Take a journey to the "Wild West" beginning with the larger-than-life Centennial Land Run Monument. One of the largest bronze sculptures in the world, this monument depicts the Land Run of 1889. Then put on your spurs and continue to Stockyards City to immerse yourself in the Cowboy culture. Stockyards City, formerly known as "Packing Town," is virtually untouched since the early 20th century. It remains home to the Oklahoma National Stock Yards, the world's largest feeder and stocker cattle market. Take a moment to shop for an outfit, a new pair of boots, or an

Oklahoma treat. Then we proceed to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Here you will enjoy a lunch on your own before taking a guided or self-guided tour of the more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and artifacts. The Museum is also home to the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00 pm back at hotel—Includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch on own at the Cowboy Museum. \$65/Person**

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## **Secretary's Corner**

Greetings Shipmates, Very soon we'll be in Oklahoma City for the annual reunion. I hope to see many of you there. Surely, as always, it will be a good time.

There's not much to report at this time; however, at this year's reunion we'll be voting to make two changes to the Assoc. by-laws. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Article V MEETINGS:

Sec. I An annual business meeting of the Association shall be held in October as close as possible to

the weekend when Columbus Day is observed. Location of the annual meeting shall be as designated by a membership vote and is selected 2 (two) years hence. **However, in special circumstances the annual reunion can be held on a different date.**

It was also voted to allow family members of either **living or deceased** association members to be non-voting members of the Association. The proposed amendment is as

follows:

Sec. 3 Association memberships shall be open to relatives and friends of current **or deceased** members who wish to participate in the Association activities. In addition, other military personnel or civilians who were aboard U.S.S. Coral Sea while underway, not mentioned in Sec. 1, may also be associate members. An associate member shall pay annual dues, as set

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### Annual Reunion Tours...

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

### **OKC National Memorial and Museum, First Americans Museum and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum**

The outdoor Memorial is a place of quiet reflection and open to all. The Museum takes visitors on a self-guided tour through the story of those who were killed, those who survived, and those whose lives were changed forever. Tour includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the Memorial Archives. Enjoy lunch on your own before heading to the First American Museum. Here, visitors can experience collective histories of 39 distinctive First American Nations. This museum shares the cultural diversity, history, and contributions of the First Americans. End the day by visiting the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum. Explore the only state-operated museum dedicated to military history. This museum features the Reaves Military Weapons Collection and the Thunderbird Military Park.

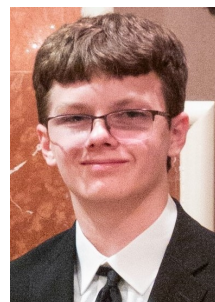
**8:30am board bus, 3:45pm back at hotel—Includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch on your own. \$82/Person**

**NOTE: Find your Reunion Registration form on page 4.**

## Scholarship Winners!

### **Meet our \$2000 Coral Sea Scholarship Winner:**

David Casey is 17 years old and lives in a small town in Illinois. He has been home-schooled since the second grade. David will be attending Joliet Junior College where he will study Digital Media Production. Clarence Neander is David's grandfather. He served aboard USS Coral Sea in M Division from 1966 to 1969.



### **Meet our \$1000 Coral Sea Scholarship Winner:**



Jacob Fowler is currently a senior at Pine-lands Regional High School. He plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Grove City College in Pennsylvania where he also hopes to play baseball. He also plans to be a part of the school's SAE club, building and racing Baja karts. Jacob's grandfather, Mike Fowler, served on USS Coral Sea in X Division. He spent 14 months onboard and also was stationed at several bases in the Philippines.

You will find each student's winning essay in this issue, beginning on page 5.



**Welcome Aboard!**

**Neil W. Dusenberry**  
QM3, N Div.  
8/65—8/69

**Paul P. Kavanaugh**  
AQCS, VA-35  
9/69—6/70

### Vice President's Corner

Hello Shipmates,  
Things are very quiet in the VP's office; nothing exciting to report.  
As administrator of the annual raffle, I'm sor-

ry to report that returns are as low as I've ever seen them. This is an important fund raiser, so if you intend to send in your tickets, please do so before the 25 Sept 2023 cutoff date. Your participation is greatly

appreciated.  
See you in Oklahoma City,

*Clarence*

Clarence Neander  
Association Vice President

## USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION – OCTOBER 4-8, 2023

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023](http://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023) (a convenience fee of 3.5% will be added to online registrations). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **September 5, 2023**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: USS Coral Sea CV-43 Assn.**

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Salty Humor

Here about  
 the new  
 restaurant  
 called Karma?  
 There's no  
 menu. You get  
 what you  
 deserve!

### CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/5/23

#### MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE

|  | <u>Price Per</u> | <u># of People</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Includes Hospitality Room and reunion expenses | \$ 25            | _____              | \$ _____     |

#### TOURS

|   |      |       |          |
|---|------|-------|----------|
| Thursday, October 5, 2023 – Wild West             | \$65 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Friday, October 6, 2023 – OKC Memorial and Museum | \$82 | _____ | \$ _____ |

#### MEALS

Saturday, October 7, 2023 -- Banquet Dinner – *Please choose your entrée below*

|                         |       |       |          |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Sliced Roast Beef       | \$ 42 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Chicken Marsala         | \$ 39 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Three Cheese Tortellini | \$ 34 | _____ | \$ _____ |

Total Amount Payable to **Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS ABOARD: 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_ DIV/SQDN \_\_\_\_\_ RATE/RANK \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### Disability/Dietary Restrictions:

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair in order to participate in bus trips? ☐ YES ☐ NO **(PLEASE NOTE: AVAILABILITY NOT GUARANTEED).**

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.



## Why We Need to Keep Our Armed Forces Strong

By David Casey

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far." This logic can be applied to almost any area of life—most importantly, your military. No other country has displayed such an example better than the United States. Throughout our nation's history, we have been involved in twelve [5] wars, experiencing victory and defeat. These wars have served as constant warnings of the need to withstand the strongest foes and alliances. America needs a strong military force to ensure that we are ready for an attack at any time, to establish a prosperous nation, and to allow us to assist the world in its time of need.

A nation's first order of business when it comes to its military is its ability to defend itself. We learned that the hard way when we sought our freedom from Britain in 1775. However, the most recent event that reminds us that we need a better defense is what transpired on September 11, 2001. Nineteen members of the terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four separate flights in the eastern U.S., targeting strategic points across the Northeast. Almost 3,000 lives were lost that day—31, and we learned many lessons. By

the next year, our defense budget had been increased by and has been increasing ever since. In time we learned that our enemies do not wait for us to be ready before they attack. We must always be prepared to defend ourselves by maintaining a strong and alert military to ensure that a surprise attack does not catch us off guard again. This is why we also need the best technology. When someone describes a strong military, usually they will base it off the number of men, weapons, ships, and vehicles that a country may have. However, one must also take into consideration their technology. If a country had tens of thousands of men armed with rifles, but no air defense, and an opponent had only a few men but one atomic bomb, which side would win? Technology can make or break a war. By developing a world class military with leading technology, we have ensured safety for ourselves and our allies.

Another reason for a strong military is that it allows us to grow and prosper as a nation. America's technology not only provides a powerful defense, but it can also help in the civilian world. Military technology is often kept behind closed doors until it is ready to be

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### Salty Humor

Sometimes age  
brings  
wisdom.  
Other times it  
comes along.

### Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Coral Sea Association Officers, Board of Directors, and fellow shipmates!

Hope this finds everyone well and in good health as we approach our OKC Reunion in just a couple of months.

Raffle ticket sales have been somewhat slow in relation to past Reunions. They can still be purchased any time between now and up

to the drawing at the Reunion in October. The Raffle tickets are basically our only source of revenue for the Reunion account. So, I would encourage everyone if you haven't already, please consider going ahead and make that purchase. And, if you have already purchased tickets, please consider purchasing additional tickets. Remember, you do not have to be present to win!

Our operating account is down somewhat as we paid our \$3,000.00 Scholarship payments in June. But, overall, the Association's finances are in reasonably good shape.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Oklahoma City in October.

*Bill*

Bill Bomar  
Association Treasurer

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### Secretary's Corner...

forth by the Executive Board and have all the rights of a member, except they shall have no vote in Association business.

In addition, there will be an election for the 3-year Board of Directors member. Please give this your consideration. All the other Association Officers will be elected at the 2024 reunion in San Diego along with an Other 3-year Board member. Regarding the hospitality room, please help keep the room shipshape. It's a lot of work to operate this room. Your help keeping everything in order is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Clarence Neander for

towing the trailer that has all the stuff that goes in the room, especially the memorabilia.

Lastly, please note the expiration date on the mailing label of this issue. We've got a large number of the membership whose dues are past due. At the end of this year we'll start removing names from the mailing list. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Godspeed!

*John*

John H. Ranson  
Association Secretary



### Salty Humor

The older I  
get, the earlier  
it gets late!

### Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,  
I don't intend to have this be a morbid letter to you, but I would like to take a little time to tell you some of my experiences with burials at sea. This is a long and honored naval ceremony and is a fitting burial for those who spent much of their time at sea. The Navy goes "all out" in providing this service and it is a dignified and respectful farewell to our shipmates.

My first such burial took place onboard USS Jouett (CG-29) in 1974. As we were preparing for our WEST-PAC deployment, I got a call from the local Naval Hospital tasking us with the burial. As we would be stopping in Pearl Harbor for a

few days, the deceased's family requested he be buried just offshore from Diamond Head. Being Hawaii, the weather was perfect, and the burial went very well.

I was honored to conduct two such burials onboard the Ageless Warrior. We gathered on the port aircraft elevator and our Marine Detachment provided the rifle volleys. These two burials were also done with solemnity and dignity.

In each case, the ship's CO wrote a letter of condolence to the family and included a chart showing the ship's location at the time of the service.

In my subsequent civilian ministry as a pastor, I have conducted many funerals and burials, all of

which were very moving and meaningful, but I would have to say that the three burials at sea were the most unique. I am honored to have had that privilege.

Speaking of which, Shipmates, we are all facing "that day". Hopefully you and I have made at least some preliminary plans. Over and over, I have witnessed a sort of peace when the next-of-kin has somewhat detailed information their loved one left behind. It is a difficult time, but it is made just a bit easier knowing the last wishes of our loved ones.

God bless you!

*Michael*

Michael D. Halley  
Association Chaplain

## Why We Need to Keep Our Armed Forces Strong

By Jacob Fowler

It is no secret that America has been a military superpower since the early 1900s and it is imperative that we remain that way. America has so much power in the world due to the enormity and power of our military, not only when we meet others with force, but also in its mere existence, it showcases authority. This enables the United States to keep its people safe. Without the strength and authority of the United States' military, the world would look vastly different.

The size and strength of America's armed forces gives our country a certain diplomatic power that not many other countries have. Other countries

will listen to what America has to say because of that threat of crippling military force. For example, America is the primary figure that stands in the way of China invading Taiwan. According to the New York Post, General Mark Milley states China "would be playing a very, very dangerous game" to make advances on Taiwan. This diplomatic strength gives America the ability to enforce what is right in the world. Without this power, other countries would more readily commit unjust acts against unprotected nations. Peaceful diplomatic settlements are more likely to occur if we maintain strong armed forces. America is given the ability to protect other

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### David Casey Scholarship Essay...

implemented into the military but is often released to the public after it has been proven effective. Three notable discoveries include Duct Tape, Epi Pens, and the Internet [2]. Defense of trade routes is another military responsibility that ensures safe passage for merchant ships and aircraft. These vessels carry goods to other countries, which allows our nation to increase our GDP. Finally, a strong military requires an intensive military training program to teach young men and women the basics of outdoor survival, mechanics, ship sailing, teamwork, etc. Many skills used in the military can easily be applied to everyday life. Therefore, having a strong military can increase the productivity and independence of the average American citizen, allowing them to rely less on the government in addition to developing many skills that can help them get accepted and learn many civilian jobs more easily. Consequently, by having a strong military, if we can provide for ourselves and make ourselves stronger, then we can afford to support other coun-

tries less fortunate than ourselves.

Many may say that one needs to be completely selfless to be a good person or a good country. This simply is not the case. It is better to delay giving for a short time to give more than to immediately give all we have and not be able to give again. Our military can also help support other countries with training. It is not uncommon for allied countries to perform joint military training with each other. With our intensive programs that are required for our strong military, we can help improve the combat readiness and tactics of other countries, allowing them to perform better and more efficiently. In addition, we can help train counties with less advanced technology to use the weapons and surrounding terrain that they do possess to their advantage. Finally, and most importantly, a strong military will allow for the U.S. to provide swift and effective foreign aid. In 2022, the U.S. gave a total of 32 billion dollars for foreign aid [1]. This aid consisted of humanitarian, disaster recovery, and other types of relief throughout the world. Without the help of the U.S., certain disasters would be im-

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**Salty Humor**

Will glass  
coffins be a  
success?  
Remains to be  
seen.

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**David Casey Scholarship Essay...**

possible to recover from. The Indonesian tsunami of 2004 killed 250,000 people and caused billions of dollars in damage. The U.S. was at the head of disaster relief, providing more than 400 million dollars in aid [61]. This helped improve our relations with Indonesia drastically. Before the disaster, we only had a 23% approval rating. After the disaster, we had climbed the ranks to 63% approval [6]. As can be seen, our foreign aid not only helps other people, but it also can help increase our ties with other countries.

In conclusion, we have seen how having a strong military will allow us to be ready for an attack at any time, which in turn will allow us to grow and prosper as a nation and will consequently allow us to help others. This is not only important for us as a country and as a people, but it is also important for the rest of the world. So many countries depend on us not only for aid, but also for protection from hostile countries which they are unable to defend themselves against. If we do not have a strong military, we will eventually succumb to our enemies. When we are gone, where would all those countries turn to? Nobody in the world can provide support like we can. Together we can ensure our prosperity for hundreds of years to come so that we can help all who need it while keeping our foes at bay.

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**Jacob Fowler Scholarship Essay...**

countries without sending one troop anywhere. NATO is a great example of this. Most members of NATO do not have strong militaries, but given the fact that America does, Russia does not even dare to interfere with any member. It is important that America maintains a strong armed force so we can keep order in the world.

There are many other benefits to keeping a strong military. When talking in terms of alliances, having a powerful armed force will make it more likely for other countries to side with America. Many countries have seen the benefits of siding with the United States, and it has proven beneficial to both parties involved, not only regarding military power, but with economics as well. If America did not uphold its strong armed force, there would not be much reason for countries across the world to make alliances as they do now. South Korea, for example, has been a strong ally for the United States and has fought alongside us in Afghanistan and in Vietnam. They recognize American military power and are more inclined to support our goal of maintaining international peace. This is another reason why America should keep a strong armed force.

An obvious reason why the United States should maintain a strong military is the benefit of power in warfare. War is a terrible thing and, as a country, we should avoid it the best we can, but if tensions arise and there is conflict, it is important that we have a strong armed force so we have the military advantage. Going into combat with weak, untrained forces is obviously a terrible thing to do. You are guaranteeing a loss and more importantly, you are sending our young men to die. When facing the dilemma of conflict, it is important to have a strong force to reduce the number of American casualties and ensure a victory. After the September 11 attacks, it became a priority to destroy al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden to prevent such attacks from ever occurring again on American soil. The fact that our military had immense strength made it possible for our troops to infiltrate the compound and kill Osama bin Laden.

There are many instances in our nation's history where it has proven beneficial to have a strong armed force. A good example of this is during World War II, more specifically, the Battle of Normandy. Of the 160,000 troops that landed on the beaches of Normandy, 73,000 or about 46% of them were American. Also, many American war technologies were in use during the invasion such as Higgins Boats and M4 Sherman tanks. American strength and technology had a very significant impact on the outcome of this battle. At the time of this invasion, both the

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# CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES

## ORDER FORM #1

| ITEM #  | QTY. | SIZE<br>NOTE: CAPS - ONE<br>SIZE FITS MOST<br>FOR LARGER<br>HEADS ADD \$3.00<br>FOR LG/XLG FLEX-<br>FIT CAPS | COLOR | PRICE                          | ADDITIONAL INFO FOR ITEM # - HULL DESIGNATION<br>CVB, CVA, CV, JOB RATE(BT,MM,AB,... etc.) OFFICER<br>RANK/PAY RATE (CAPT,LTCDR,EN/E4,E5,E6,E7,... etc.)<br>USMC DESIGNS - (A,B,C, OR D) THREAD COLOR FOR<br>WATCH CAP DESIGN |
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| <b>SHIPPING CHARGES</b><br>\$ _____   |      |  |       |                                |   |
| <b>TOTAL CHARGE</b><br>\$ _____   |      |  |       |                                |   |

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## 2023 Annual Reunion Plan of the Day



### Salty Humor

I tried to sue  
the airline for  
losing my  
luggage.  
I lost my case!

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship's Store Open  
**2:00pm - 7:00pm Reunion Registration Open**

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

**7:00am - 8:00am Reunion Registration Open**  
9:00am - 3:00pm Wild West Tour  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship's Store Open  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open**  
5:00pm - 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30am - 3:45pm OKC Memorial and Museum, First American's Museum and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum Tours  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship's Store Open

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am - 12:00pm Business Meeting  
1:00pm - 5:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Cash Bar and Social Hour  
7:30pm - 10:00pm Banquet Dinner

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

*Farewells and departures*

## 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 program.

New Member: [ ] I apply for membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal: [ ] Renew my membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please PRINT First name, middle initial, last name) (mo/day/year)

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP+4** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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

lot of interest in the Three Sisters Reunion coming up next year. Again, be aware of the high cost-of-living in the San Diego area. Plan ahead. We only had 88 members attend the 2019 Three Sisters Reunion and, this being our regular annual reunion, I hope to see as many as possible in San Diego.

It's been a long hot summer! I hope all have fared well. Anna and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Be safe,

*Wayne*

Wayne Addkison  
Association President

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#### **Jacob Fowler Scholarship Essay...**

United States and Britain were military superpowers. Our combined strength and efforts in this battle proved essential in toppling Nazi Germany's rule over Europe.

Not only did the Western front prove why we should keep a strong armed force, but the theater of the Pacific did also. Imperial Japan was dominating the Pacific at the time. They were attacking China and many small islands in the area. Then in 1941, they made the great mistake to attack Pearl Harbor, which sent America into World War II, and that is when America began to showcase its power in the Pacific. It began with the Battle of Coral Sea which marked the end of Japanese victories in the Pacific. Then later on, there was the Battle

of Midway, which was a key battle in winning the war. This battle proved that the United States had dominance in the Pacific. The Pacific theater proved the need for a strong military because without United States power, it would have been difficult for the allies to push back the Japanese.

In conclusion, it is necessary that the United States keeps a strong armed force. Not only is it beneficial in times of war, but it is even more important during times of peace. There is safety in America when we have a strong military. There is diplomatic power when we have a strong threat of force. We have an increased ability to make allies in all parts of the world. These are all reasons why it is essential that the United States keeps a strong armed force.