

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

Las Vegas is Site of 29th Annual Reunion

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Welcome Aboard!

Garland W. Addkison,
Kemp, TX, OR Div., 60-63

Alton J. Auwen, Prescott
Valley, AZ, IM 3 Div., 1986

William J. Bresko, Medical
Lake, WA, VC 4 Div., 1952

Jerry O. DeGayner, The
Villages, FL, E Div., 54-56

James G. Lane, Westport,
CT, 1st Div., 83-86

Leo M. Lowater, Broken
Arrow OK, V I Div., 59-62

Thomas A. Mitchell, Ba-
kersfield, CA, V I Div., 60-63

Denny C. O'Gorman,
Aurora, CO, OS Div., 85-87

Come enjoy the sights and sounds that only a Las Vegas Annual Reunion can provide!

Our 29th annual reunion invades this desert paradise from October 3-7, 2007. Details are as follows:

WHEN:

Wednesday Oct. 3 through Sunday Oct. 7, 2007

WHERE:

Palace Station Casino
2411 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89102
Phone: 800-634-3101

COST:

\$70.00, Sun.-Thurs. nights
\$113.00, Fri.-Sat. nights

When you call to make your reservations, you must identify yourself as a USS Coral Sea Reunion attendee or give the reser-

vation ID "PCIUSSC." Reservations will be taken until September 1, 2007. After this date, the hotel will take reservations on a space available basis at the



prevailing hotel rate. Parking is available (even for RVs, but no hookups). A shuttle service to and from McCarran International Airport and the Las Vegas Strip is available. See www.palacestation.com for more location details.

President's Corner

Shipmates,

With the Las Vegas Reunion on the horizon, I would remind everyone that the criterion for hosting a reunion was published in the March newsletter. I hope someone will take the initiative and work on hosting a reunion. These

proposals need to be in ASAP as the board needs to review the submissions before it is presented to the membership.

The Vegas reunion and tours information will be in this issue of the *Coral Sea Breeze*. If you have any questions, contact Jack Calderone at 702-202-0742 or John

Available Tour for Las Vegas Reunion

Lake Meade Sight Seeing Cruise aboard the Desert Princess.

DATE: Oct. 4, 2007.

TIME: 12:30 PM to board bus. (Return time will be 4 PM back at the hotel.)

COST: \$45.00 per person (taxes and tips included).

Send your reservations and checks

made out to:

USS Coral Sea Las Vegas Reunion and mail to JACK CALDERONE, 4441 BLUE ROYAL DR. LAS VEGAS, NV. 89130-5229.

A pleasant drive to Hoover Dam is another suggested afternoon diversion.

Pritchard at 775-727-6910. They'll be glad to answer your questions.

This year is the year that we make any changes to the by-laws. If you have any changes, please send that information to John Ranson. The proposed changes must appear in the September issue of the newsletter.

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29th Annual USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada
 For meal reservations, please complete this portion and return (with check) to:
Jack Calderone, 4441 Blue Royal Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130 ~ Ph. 702-395-8688

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

The costs shown below include:

1. Friday night dinner buffet: Choice of salads, entrée, assorted side dishes, desserts and tea/coffee.
2. Saturday morning breakfast.
3. Saturday night sit-down dinner (please indicate the number of each meal needed).
 _____ Chicken Oscar Dinner (chicken breast stuffed with asparagus and crab, topped with béarnaise sauce, starch, vegetable, rolls, cheesecake, coffee/tea.
 _____ Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with au jus and creamy horseradish, baked potato, fresh vegetables, plus same salad, dessert and drinks as above.

\$120.00 per person, or **\$40.00** for Saturday night banquet only. Hospitality Room only for two nights is **\$30.00**



TAPS

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Polly Brank and the other family members of our fellow board officer and friend, James Herb Brank.

Following a brief illness, Mr. Brank passed away on April, 15, 2007. Herb and his wife, Polly, were two of our most faithful Association members. Herb was on of the original crew of the USS Coral Sea when it was commissioned in October 1947. He joined the Navy at the age of 16 in 1944 and was assigned to the pre-commissioning crew. He served as the Associations' Treasurer at the time of his passing.

Chaplain's Corner

The Church as an Army

Elton Trueblood, the great Quaker philosopher, likened the church to an army. He said, "If we realize that Christ was organizing a genuine "company" many points immediately become quite clear. Herein is the significance of the cryptic "follow me."

He was not advising people to go to church or even to attend a synagogue. He was instead asking for recruits in a company of danger. He was not asking primarily for belief, but for commitment with consequent involvement.

It is significant that the first of those who answered His call to enlistment followed him before they knew who he was. The recognition of Christ's true character in Matthew 16 comes long after the successful appeal in Matthew 4. He says the well known words are

more understandable if we see them as a call of a recruiting officer: "And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'" Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

The fact the responsive fishermen did not know who he was gives such enduring appeal to the words with which Albert Schweitzer concluded his greatest book: "He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, he came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me," and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery they shall learn in their own experience who he is."

—Stanford E. Linzey

Vice President's Corner

To my fellow shipmates:

As many of you know, I have been on the mend since my major heart surgery in January. Progress I'm making, a little at a time and I'd like to thank all of you for your prayers and good thoughts.

I'm trying to get all of the memorabilia together to turn over to the new Historian (Michael Pfeffer) one of our membership's younger generation. Mike was appointed by me with agreement of our president. Anyone wanting to donate their memorabilia, please contact Mike at mpfeff53@aol.com. If anyone is driving to the Las Vegas reunion from the Chicago area and is able to haul about 500 lbs of Coral Sea memories back for us, please e-mail me at john_pritchard82@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the reunion in Las Vegas.

The summer is rapidly ap-

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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 (CVB/CVA/CV-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the commissioning crew (plank owners), even if fewer than 90 days were spent aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership dues are \$15 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year. The Association is a Non-Profit Organization formed by former crew members.

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 _____
 (Please PRINT First name, middle initial, last name)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP+4 _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

ON BOARD SHIP AS CREW MEMBER:

From _____ to _____ Division _____ Rank/Rate on Board _____
 (Month/Year) (Month/Year) (Lt/RD/FN/SN/Sgt)
 Military Retirement: No [] Yes [] Retired as: _____ USN [] USMC [] SCG []
 (Rank/Rate) USNR [] USAF [] USA []

I do [] do not [] want my complete mailing address printed on the Published roster.

Please make check payable to: **USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION**

Mail application to:

Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 179
Street, MD 21154-1412

Office Use Only

Received: _____
 Check: _____
 Amount: _____
 Expires: _____

President's Corner
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I hope each of you had a great Memorial Day and are looking forward to our next patriotic holiday: July 4. Always remember to fly your flags. Keep looking for new members. The ball caps and bumper stickers play a big part in making connections with potential new members. I even approach anyone with a Navy cap and ask them where they served; occasionally I'll even meet another Coral Sea sailor that way. For example, I had gone to the VA Hospital at Bay Pines and had on a Coral Sea shirt. The

young man across from me asked if I was on the Coral Sea and he told me he was on the Shangri-La...well, so was I! This is what you call networking! It helped both ships. We now have a Sea Cadet program that we sponsor at Pomona Valley, CA. Here's a link I found on the internet: <http://community-2.webtv.net/GAUL3POMONA/POMONAVALLEYSEA/> If you scroll halfway down, you'll see lots of neat photos from the cadets over the years. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a photo of the cadets. The officer in charge is

Lt. Commander Retired, Shelby Gaul. He will have an article offering more information about the program.

In closing, I will say smooth sailing. If you hear of anyone passing away, please notify Chaplin Linzey or one of the officers so that we can acknowledge the sailor and his family.

Be well, be good, and take care.

See you in Vegas,

Bill

Bill Johnson, President
 Coral Sea Association

Shipboard Humor
 To simulate being a sailor at home: Leave your lawn mower running in your living room 24 hours a day for proper noise level.

Association Proposed By-Law Changes for 2007

According to the current Association By-laws, this is the year when revisions can be considered and changes made at the Oct. 2007 reunion in Las Vegas.

Please study these and be ready to discuss them at the business meeting. I encourage your input regarding changes to the By-laws because they affect all members of our Association and we all want to make this the best outfit possible.

I wish to thank all the members of the Committee for serving and all those Association members who have submitted suggestions for consideration. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2007 reunion.

Sincerely,

John

John H. Ranson
By-laws Committee Chairman

The By-laws Committee recommends the following changes to the Association By-laws:

Article IV, Sec. 3: add "former crew members of USS Anzio CVE-57 (Ex. USS Coral Sea), USS Midway CVB, CVA, CV-41 & USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVB, CVA-42."

Article VI, Sec. 2: add "and the immediate Past President whom is capable of serving as a Board member."

Article X, Sec. 1: add the following: All "Plank owners" i.e. all those on the Ship's original commissioning crew shall pay no membership fee.

Article XII, Sec. 5 : By-laws Committee: after the words "early May," delete the words "on odd years" and insert the words "each year".

Article XV: delete all references to "on odd calendar years" and add "each year".

Article X: add Sec. 3: Lifetime Membership Fees:

Age	Fee	Age	Fee
50 & younger	\$350.00	66-70	\$150.00
51-55	300.00	71-75	100.00
56-60	250.00	76-80	50.00
61-65	200.00	81 & over	0.00

CVA-43 Association Officer's Biographies

So that members can know a little more about the Associations' leadership, the last issue of *The Coral Sea Breeze* featured biographies on four of our officers. This issue will highlight a few of the other individuals that comprise our leadership.

(Ed. Note: One of the officers featured here, Herb Brank, passed away before this issue could go to print. In recognition of our fallen shipment, we have chosen to honor him by running his biography as originally planned.)

James Herbert (Herb) Brank

Herb enlisted in the Navy in 1944 at age 16, altering his birth certificate and getting his mother's approval.

He served on PCER 858 as ship's cook; the USS Cabot (CVL-28) as yeoman and USS Coral Sea (CVB-43) as a plank owner. He was yeoman in the Exec's office on the Coral Sea.

Herb left the Navy in 1950. He returned to school after a 20-year printing career to earn his high school diploma

and BS in accounting. Now a CPA, he lives in Greensboro, NC with another account, his wife Polly. Herb has seven children, 12 grandchildren and five great grand kids.

John F. Plude, Sr.

The current secretary of the USS Coral Sea Association, John has been married to Eva for 52 years. They share four children and five grandchildren. He joined the Navy in 1951, from his home in Brooklyn, NY. After completing Boot camp at

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Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Empty all garbage bins in your hour house and sweep the driveway three times a day, whether it needs it or not!

Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion Report

On March 10, we held our 8th annual Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion in Venice. The gathering was called to order and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After social time, dinner was served at noon. Our caterer, Buffalo Bill's, provided a fabulous buffet. We finished it off with the best macaroon cookies you'll ever taste...or so my daughter swears.

Following dinner each person introduced themselves and shared which division and ship they were on. We had several attendees from the Coral Sea, the Midway, the FDR, the Shangri-La, the Leyte and a couple of old destroyer sailors. We had a diversified group with one common theme: All were sailors!

We introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Bill Roy of Naples, FL.. He was on the Yorktown at the Battle of the Coral Sea and was a photographer's mate. He presented some great battle photos along with an accounting of the Battle of the Coral Sea. As everyone knows, that battle marked the first time the U.S. forces held their ground against the Japanese. The Japanese realized they were not up against a weakling. After he finished his talk, he opened it up for questions and answers. We

were grateful he shared his time with us.

We had a drawing for some small articles. Lynn and I and Vi and Bud invited everyone back to our house for some more social time. We had a great group of about 65 people in attendance at the

all for attending and extend the invitation to attend next year. Share the news with your friends...even those who served on other ships and maybe in our area. Come one, come all. Sailors and Marines welcomed!



A slice of paradise...view of the bay inlet at Venice, FL.

VFW, with many coming to our house afterward.

We don't have a list of attendees this year because our faithful "secretary," Shirley Collins, has been ill and was unable to attend and keep track. We missed her and Leo dearly this year and wish Shirley better health. We look forward to seeing them next year.

We voted to have another Spring Fling next year on March 9 at the VFW Post 8118 in Venice, FL. With this in mind, I'd like to thank you

On a Personal Note...

"Thanks to all my shipmates for their prayers, thoughts, e-mails and cards, and to Chaplain Linzey for his uplifting letter during my recent tussles with a heart attack and then a blood clot in my right lung. If the Lord is willing, I plan to be at the October reunion."

—*Bill Williams*

Coral Sea Book (Only 10 Remain!)...Buy Yours Today!

A novel about life aboard the Coral Sea is almost sold out, according to author and association member Bill Williams. Only 10 copies remain and the book will not be reprinted. Three dollars of each sale goes to the Coral Sea Scholarship Fund. "**Heroes Among Us**"—a 199-page soft cover—sells for \$19.95. Delivery costs bring the total price to \$22. Mail this order form to: W.G. Williams, 100 Fairway Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011-2066. Make check payable to William G. Williams.

Send me _____ copies of "**Heroes Among Us**". My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. **Autograph the book to:**

Mail to: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____



Las Vegas Site of 29th Annual Reunion

This issue of *The Coral Sea Breeze* includes complete information about the Oct. 3-7 Association reunion at the Palace Station Casino in Las Vegas. For more information, call Jack Calderone at 702-395-8688. For room reservations, call 800-634-3101 and use I.D. "PCIUSSC."

Officer's Biographies

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Bainbridge, he was assigned to the USS Coral Sea (CVB-43) in February 1952. He served three years on board in A Division.

A brief tour on the USS Shangri-La was followed by re-commissioning the USS Lexington (CVA-16) in Bremerton, Washington. He left the Lexington

in Japan to attend Guided Missile School in Huntsville, Alabama, and spent the rest of his career working in the Polaris Missile program.

Duty stations included Sunnyvale, California; Cape

Canaveral, Florida; Charleston, South Carolina, Rota, Spain and Damneck, Virginia.



Association Officers (l. to r.) - John Ranson, Bill Johnson, Pres., Bob Nerbetski, Herb Brank, Treas. (deceased), John Prichard, V.P., John Plude, Sec. Not pictured: Guy Dunbar and Bob Mackey.

John retired in 1971 as a Senior Chief Torpedoman. He attended college for a while and worked for AMTRAK. Since retiring with 100% disability in 1993, he has been an active mem-

ber of the Disabled American Veterans, holding positions at the local, state and national level and accumulating more than 4000 volunteer hours at a local VA hospital.

John has been a member of the Coral Sea Association since 1985 attending all but one of the reunions since then. He was chairman of the 2004 reunion in Portsmouth, Virginia. He has served as Secretary of the Association for the past four years.

Vice President's Corner

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proaching and I wish all of you a safe and happy one. Pray for and support our troops around the world.

Your shipmate and Vice President,

John F Pritchard

John

John Pritchard, Vice Pres.

more for the USS Lexington Association in 2005 with bus trips to Annapolis and the memorials in Washington, DC. This went over really well with the members. Enjoy the summer time and stay well.

Respectfully,

John

John Plude, Sr.



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, read your magazines, and randomly lose every fifth item before delivering it to you!

Secretary's Notes

Not much has changed since the last newsletter, at least from the Secretary's point of view. I would like to thank Ed Williams for doing an excellent job with the newsletter and for volunteering his time and energy to keep his shipmates informed. "Atta Boy!"

The Association currently has 1649 members on the Roster. Of that number, 776 are members in good standing and 255 are one year in arrears

with their dues. Those people will receive a friendly reminder from the Secretary. The remainder are on the inactive roster.

In the last newsletter, I asked for some input from the "Yankees" in the Association about holding a reunion "up north" sometime after the 2008 reunion in Kentucky. So far I have not received any comments. Maybe a mini-reunion next year would be possible if you're interested. Let me know what you think. Eva and I organized a reunion in Balti-

60th Anniversary Coral Sea Book Reprint Offer

Shipmates, Ms. Shirlee Vos of Turner Publishing Co. has contacted us with a proposal to print a Second Edition of the history book of the Coral Sea.

It would include parts of the original and a newly updated version of the history book. This book will also include biography of anyone of the new members that have come in since the first edition was printed.

The cost of this printing will be \$55.00 per copy. This includes taxes, shipping and handling. If you are interested call John Pritchard at 775-727-6910 or Bill Johnson at 941-485-4360. Please leave your order information if voice mail picks up.

How About Spring '08 in San Diego?

In April 2004, we had a mini reunion in San Diego. A total of 72 shipmates and/or family members attended. With all the positive comments from our October 2006 reunion in San Diego, I'm thinking about another "mini" for the spring of '08.

Like '04, this would be a 2-day affair. Friday would include a visit to a Navy ship or facility (depends who is or is not in port). It would also include a luncheon. Saturday would be open

Coral Sea Division Sea Cadets Score at NSCC Flagship 2007

Fifteen Sea Cadets and five Staff Officers from Coral Sea Division recently participated in the NSCC Pacific Southwest Region 2007 Flagship Competition at CBC Port Hueneme / NAVSTA Ventura County over the May 11 - 13th weekend.

For 10 of the Cadets, it was their first time to participate in such a large event which was attended by 17 various Sea Cadet Units from Southern California.

The Events at Flagship cover a Firefighting hose relay, Stretcher/First aid relay, Heaving Line competition, Knot tying, Semaphore, Color Guard competition, Team and Individual Swim Relays, Exhibition Drill with/without Rifles, and Regulation Drill.

At the completion of Flag-

ship, Coral Sea Division took 3rd place overall in Regulation Drill. In addition, the Leading Petty Officer of Coral Sea Division was awarded the Meaghan Memorial Award for being the top Leading Petty Officer of



all the Units in attendance at Flagship.

Unit Staff Officers in attendance participated in judging various events and set up Cadet Fire Watches in the various dorms that the Cadets stayed in.

—LCDR Shelby Gaul, NSCC
Coral Sea Division

mitment, just an expression of interest. At Las Vegas I will have a good idea how many are interested and if enough are, I can go out to our Convention and Visitors Bureau for hotel bids.

You can e-mail me at: mil-phillip@aol.com or call at (858) 452 0161. For e-mail, indicate Coral Sea in the subject field. This will avoid the e-mail going to my Spam files.

See you in Las Vegas.

—Mil Phillips



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: When you take showers, make sure you turn off the water while you soap down!

Coral Sea Association Small Stores Item & Price List



Association Logo



Ship's Logo—CVB, CVA, CV

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
1001	Regulation Cap (Blue or White), CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1002	Mesh Back Cap (Scrambled Eggs) CVB/CVA/CV	\$14.00
1003	Marine Cap (Red) Marine Det., CV-43	\$14.00
1004	Coral Sea Jacket (Blue & White), all Sizes**	\$42.00
1005	Sweatpants (Navy or Birch); L, XL, 2XL Only	\$21.00
1006	Sweatshirt (Navy or Birch); L, XL, 2XL Only	\$21.00
1007	Sweatshirt (White or Navy); all Sizes**	\$25.00
1008	Golf Shirt (Light Blue); 2XL Only	\$21.00
1009	T-Shirt (White or Navy); S, M, L, XL Only	\$12.00
1010	T-Shirt (White or Navy); all Sizes**	\$17.00
1011	Denim Shirt (SS or LS; all Sizes**	\$32.00
1012	Polo Shirt (White or Navy); all Sizes	\$28.00
1013	Pin, Marine (First to Fight)	\$ 9.00
1014	Pin, USN (Silver)	\$ 9.00
1015	Pin, Coral Sea (Hat/Lapel)	\$ 5.00
1016	Marine Belt Buckle & Belt (Navy or Tan)	\$15.00
1017	Patch (Older-Bolder), 3"	\$ 4.00
1018	Patch (Older-Bolder), 4.5"	\$ 6.00
1019	Patch (CVA-43), 3"	\$ 4.00
1021	Patch (Decommissioning), 3"	\$ 4.00
1022	License Plate Frame (Chrome-Plastic), CVA-43	\$12.00
1023	Photo, USS Coral Sea (Straight Deck), 8" x 10"	\$ 4.00
1024	Photo, USS Coral Sea (Angle Deck), 8" x 10"	\$ 4.00
1025	Coral Sea Mouse Pad	\$ 6.00
1026	Coral Sea Coffee Mug	\$ 5.00
1027	Watch Cap, Knit, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1028	Coral Sea Decals	\$ 2.00

** These are embroidered items; please choose either the Association Logo or Ship's Logo

Please Note: Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

Mail: USS Coral Sea Association
Small Stores Account
PO Box 1697
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Fax: 770-222-4833

E-mail: georgerogers@bellsouth.net

For more information: 770-943-3818

Coral Sea Association Small Stores Order Form



Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

E-mail

Item #	Qty.	Description (Color, Logo, Sleeve Length)	Size	Price Ea.	Total Price

Merchandise Total \$ _____

Shipping Charge \$ 5.00

Total Amount \$ _____

Method of Payment

- Check (make payable to USS Coral Sea Assoc.)
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express



Association Logo



Ship's Logo
CVB, CVA, CV

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it Appears on Card

Signature

Credit card orders will appear on your statement as "ICU Stitching." If paying my credit card, please print order form and mail, fax or e-mail:

Mail: USS Coral Sea Association
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For more information: 770-943-3818

27th in a Series.....

Fox Division Adventures

by Rom Braun, FT2
1953-1956

A previous article (See the 5th in a series) discussed loading ammunition on the Coral Sea. Have things

changed in today's Navy? In an attempt to answer that question, let us review

a segment of the process that you may remember.

Hanger bay two is the site where the loading of munitions begins, as the deck edge elevator is located there. The small munitions ships arrive and the bombs are the first munitions to be brought aboard.

Little bombs, middle size bombs and very large bombs are being put on

the deck edge elevator. Sailors are everywhere, pushing and pulling bomb carts. The carts with the small bombs are pre-

ferred, as those carts are easier to handle as you move the bombs across the hanger bay.

Moving the big bombs was extremely difficult especially when you had to take them into hanger bay one! Getting that bomb, yes, one bomb per bomb cart, up and over the threshold that made up the

hanger bay door track was very difficult and, in my opinion, a very dangerous operation. You knew it took a considerable amount of energy to set a bomb off with out the detonator, but none the less you were scared working with this stuff.

The big bomb is brought to a small elevator in the hanger bay. That small elevator takes the bomb down to the storage area. Finally the bombs are loaded and the storage areas are filled to capacity.

What happens today? That question can be answered by a selection of pictures.

Is more ordnance brought aboard today? I would



Loading ordnance in my day.

think so as the requirement caused by a change in the style of warfare requires more sorties and the defense for the ship has changed from three inch and five inch guns to the Phalanx.

Things change, even the way the Navy handles ordnance and the weapons that help in protecting the ship.

USS Midway Award

On May 9, 2007, the USS Midway (San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum)



received the highest award for Historic Preservation Achievement.

In a White House Rose Garden ceremony. President George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush presented the "Preserve America Presidential Award" to the Midway. Open less than three years, the Midway has welcomed over 2,500,000 visitors.

Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Get up every night around midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread.



Helicopters moving ordnance...I do not recall that ever happening during my time on Coral Sea.



Physical work is still required today!

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Reunion Committee

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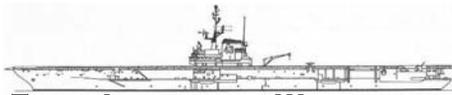
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CVA-43 Association Recognizes Two Scholarship Winners

For the first time in its six-year history, the USS Coral Sea Scholarship program has two winners this year with the addition of a second place prize.

The \$2,000 first place award went to **Kendall McQueary** of Granbury, Texas. He is the grandson of association member Jack A. Terhune, who served aboard the Coral Sea during the Vietnam war as a pilot with the 154th Fighter Squadron.

Kendall is a senior at Granbury High School. He will attend Abilene Christian University, majoring in computer science and information technology.

A second place scholarship in the amount of \$500 goes to **Justin Myers** of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is the grandson of the late Louis Pompei, an association member who served aboard the Coral Sea in

1954-55. Justin was sponsored by his grandmother, Mary Pompei.

A senior at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Justin will attend Messiah College in nearby Grantham where he will major in music education.

Eighteen students applied for scholarship applications in this year's contest and eleven submitted completed entries. The other entrants and their sponsors are:

--**Lindsay Becker** of Racine, Wisconsin; granddaughter of Harry Fischer Sr., who served in SI Division.

--**Lisa Bernardy** of Coronado, California; granddaughter of Benjamin V. Bernardy, V3G Division.

--**Anna E. Collins** of Jacksonville, Florida; granddaughter of Leo Collins, SI Division.

--**Emily Falgoust** of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; granddaughter of the late Louis Pompei.

--**Jessica Nerbetski** of Holliston, Massachusetts; granddaughter of Robert Nerbetski, VIH Division.

--**Anna B. Novak** of Pine Springs, Minnesota; granddaughter of Francis Boelter, E Division.

--**Chelsea K. Orman** of Brentwood, California; granddaughter of George Coley Jr., OI Division.

--**Sarah Rylick** of Rutherford, New Jersey; daughter of Jay Rylick, Marine Detachment.

--**Sarah Sutton** of New Egypt, New Jersey; granddaughter of William Radogna, F Division.

The Association congratulates this year's scholarship winners and wishes all of these outstanding young people great future success.