

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

By-Laws Changes a Focus of Las Vegas Reunion

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Welcome Aboard!

Clay T. Clifford, Falmouth, KY, E Div., 60-63

Bradley A. Lane, Henderson, NV, MED 82-84

Ronald M. LaVerdiere, Clinton Township, MI, M Div., 60-63

Norman L. McDonald, Santa Maria, CA, 1st Div., 64-65

Michael P. Medvec, Independence, OH, BT2 Div., 72-75

Chris T. Poulakos, Woodstock, GA, V4 Div., 60-63

Terry J. Scheirer, Allentown, PA, V3 Div., 68-71

Jesse T. Smith, Clay City, KY, VA5B Div., 1947

William T. Whitlock, Mechanicsburg, PA, NAV 52-53

CVA-43 Association By-laws revisions will be considered and changes made at the Oct. 2007 reunion in Las Vegas.

Please study these proposed changes and be ready to discuss them at the business meeting. Your input is encouraged regarding changes to the By-laws because they affect all members of our Association. 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."

President's Corner

Dear Shipmates,

I hope this finds you all in good health. I have several things to share with you at this time.

This is the year for the by-law changes. If anyone has any suggestions or comments, please contact John Ranson. His information is available on the officers'

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 X: add Sec. 3: Lifetime Membership Fees:

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

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".

page.

Mr. Bill Williams has resigned as chairman of the scholarship committee for health reasons. Bill and his committee have done a great job raising money, reviewing scholarship applications, and administering the funds. They have chosen many worthy recipients over the past several years. On behalf of the

Las Vegas Deadline Now!

Get your Las Vegas reunion reservations in today! A reservation form can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

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 identify yourself as a USS Coral Sea Reunion attendee or give the reservation ID "PCIUSSC." Reservations will be taken until September 1, 2007.

officers and members of the association, I wish to extend our appreciation for their efforts on a job well done, Bill and committee.

I have appointed Dr. William (Bill) Wilson as the new chairman of the scholarship committee. With Bill Wilson being named Chairman we now have an

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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

Bob Taylor,
 Millington, TN, OC
 Div., 71-75

John Armstrong,
 Isanti, MN, 1960

Roy F. Rath, New
 Haven, IN, E Div.,
 49-52

Frank Norris,
 Lakewood, CA, 1st
 Div., 59-63

Walter Murphy,
 Waldwick, NJ, OI
 Div., 52-53

George Zadroga,
 A Div., 54-56

David Schubert,
 Des Moines, IA,
 1964

Gardner

Hieronimus,
 Washington Court
 House, OH, 50-54

Chaplain's Corner Equal to the Task

The following story is found in Mark 2:1-12. Jesus was healing folk in a village and a paralytic could not get into the room because of the crowd around the door. Some bystanders saw his condition and men decided to help him.

The story is applicable to any situation. The four men who helped the man I shall call, Mr. Compassion, Mr. Cooperation, Mr. Originality and Mr. Persistence. Mr. Compassion starts the ball rolling. He sees the problem and feels for the suffer with a desire to help. He leads off. But compassion alone is not enough. Action is called for. Mr. Cooperation comes along. He will form a common effort of people to get the job done.

Others must be involved if we are to succeed. No one makes it alone in this world. Someone helped us get where we are. But the job is not easy, it seldom is. How can they get the man into the presence of Christ? Mr. Originality offers his suggestion: "Let's get him onto the roof, break open the tiles, and let him down into the room where Christ is." He can think outside the box!

This likely drew some negative remarks from some. How often some will say, "We never did it this way before." Of course not. We need a new idea and not be afraid to try it. Mr. Originality got his way and the work began. Now this is a difficult and laborious task. Much time and work is involved in this job. They get

tired and sweaty and thirsty. Some are tempted to quit and walk off. Then Mr. Persistence make his move. He says, "Hold on, we are about to make it. He exhorts them to keep working. "We can't quit now. We are nearly there." He takes a firm stand while others may waffle. He moved forward resolutely in spite of opposition. He insists on completing the project. In so doing Mr. Compassion, Mr. Cooperation, Mr. Originality and Mr. Persistence get the man to Christ.

When the man is placed before Jesus, Jesus says, "Son, thy sins are forgiven." This is not what the man expected to hear. He wanted physical healing now. Let's talk about religion later (like some of us today)! But Christ will not solve the present problem while not dealing with the essential problem. No quick fix! The sin problem must be solved. Not that the paralytic may have sinned. He may not have sinned. But sin is the cause of problems in our world. Our culture, society is involved in sin. We need Christ's healing first, then other things can fall into place.

The unbelieving crowd scoffed when He mentioned forgiveness of sins. Finally, Jesus said, "What is easier, to forgive sins or to heal the man?" To prove He could forgive sins he healed the paralytic then told him to pick up his mat and walk. The man did so. Let's step up to the plate. Mr. Compassion, speak up. Let cooperation, originality and persistence follow through. Together we can get the job done, whatever it might be.

—Stanford E. Linzey

Vice President's Corner

To my fellow shipmates:

Here it is September...where has the year gone?

The reunion is coming up shortly and in the mean time I am going to give you something to think about: As you all know most credit card companies keep track of your buying habits and with all the ID fraud it is a great idea. So here is my story, a true one by the way.

First there were some small charges to my card then a few days later the big one hit. Someone was going on a \$4200 airplane ride! The credit card company called and asked me if I made the charges. Of course, I said no.

I had received the card a month or so earlier and still had not activated it. They next asked me if I would help them prosecute the culprit if and when they were caught. My reply was, "Yes!"

I've never heard back from them so either they didn't catch them or they didn't

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New Jersey Area Spring Reunion Report

The 16th annual spring meeting of USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) shipmates took place at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick, NJ on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

After an enjoyable buffet lunch, each shipmate introduced himself and related when he was on Coral Sea, his station and any stories he could recall.

Bob Nerbetski, a Coral Sea Assoc. board member, was introduced to convey Association news. A letter was read from shipmate Bob Ferris, who could not attend. And greetings were extended from Nancy and Harold Strawn and Rose Lontz.

We acknowledged the passing of our friend and shipmate, James Brank, as well as greeting our new members, Merle Peachey and Martin Meyrowitz.



Sir John's Restaurant—North Brunswick reunion site.

Thanks go to Bob Nerbetski and Jim Ribbe for notifying newspapers of our meeting.

Many thanks to my wife, Doris, for her help and support in making this reunion a success, and special thanks to all those attending who made our reunion such great fun!

—Jack Weber

Reunion attendees:

Ernie & Cathy Akromas, Walter Arrigoni, David Belber, Perry & Pat Bruke, Walter & Marie Chrastina, Raymond & Betty Furrows, Ben Galan, Elliott Goodwin, Edward & Jean Hamilton, Ernest & Micky Howell, Tom & Betty Jackson, John & Kathy Janovsky, John & Sarah Keegan, Dean & Deneen Kratz, James & Barbara McCloskey, Robert Miller, Robert Morrison, John Murphy, Robert & Connie Nerbetski, William & Jean Radongna, Noel Rainey, Jim & Jeanne Ribbe, Irene Ruschak & (daughter) Susan Angelo, Tom Schaitberger, Ken & Lorna Schmitz, Richard Schultz, Richard & Joan Strunk, G. Leonard Weber, Jack & Doris Weber, Fed Whitcomb.

President's Corner

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opening on the scholarship committee. Volunteers please! It's a very rewarding committee to serve on.

The reunion in Las Vegas is fast approaching. I hope you have made your reservations. The cut off date is the first weekend in September, so don't delay. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for the contact information. If you have any questions, call Jack Calderone at 702-202-0742 or John Pritchard at 775-727-6910 for assistance. I understand there will be two tours in Las Vegas: a Lake Meade cruise on Thursday and a tour of Hoover Dam on Friday. Be sure to take lots of "dam" pictures while you're there! Ha ha!

At this time, the Board has approved the appointment of Paul Bernardy to treasurer after Herb Brank's untimely passing. Paul's email address is im_justthecook@yahoo.com (be sure to include an underline between the m and j). We also have a new Webmaster, Bob Dorais. His email is cv43@usscoralsea.net.

I also wanted to share with you the death of one of our shipmates, James David Steele, age 44, even though he was not a member of the association. I read of his passing in the local paper and he was listed as serving on the Coral Sea. I went to his memorial service and his memorabilia from his 1984-85 cruise to the Mediterranean was displayed. I was wearing my Coral Sea shirt and when I met his mother and rela-

tives, they were very pleased that a fellow sailor from the ship came to honor his memory.

I would like to ask if you ever read or hear of the death of a fellow Coral Sea sailor, take a few minutes to somehow let the family know that we mourn the passing of their loved one. Even if you can't attend a service, there are now many newspapers and funeral homes with websites and tribute pages with guest books on which you can leave a message. This small gesture often means a lot to the family.

Until we see you in Vegas, smooth sailing.

Bill

Bill Johnson, President



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:
Run all the pipes and wires in your house exposed on the walls.

2007 USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship Winners

Our 2007 USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship essay competition marks the first time in the history of the contest in which a second place award has been presented.

Kendall McQueary of Texas won the \$2,000 first place scholarship. His sponsor was his grandfather, Coral Sea Association member Jack A. Terhune of Perryton, Texas. Jack was a pilot with Fighter Squadron 154, Air Wing 15, and veteran of the Vietnam War. Kendall's parents are Laura Terhune of Brownwood, Texas, and Carl McQueary of Austin. Kendall is now a freshman at Abilene Christian University where he is majoring in computer science and information technology.

Justin Myers of Pennsylvania was awarded our first-ever \$500 second place scholarship. He was sponsored by his grandmother, Mary P. Pompei of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, wife of the late Louis Pompei. Louis was an association member who served aboard the Coral Sea in 1954-55. Justin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Myers of Harrisburg. Justin, now a freshman at Messiah College near Harrisburg, is a music education major.

Both Kendall and Justin thanked the association for their scholarships, as did their sponsors, Jack Terhune and Mary Pompei. Congratulations to both our 2007 winners!



Shipboard Humor

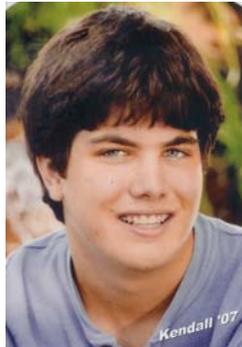
To simulate being a sailor at home:

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday set water heater temperature to 300 degrees. On Tuesday and Thursday turn water heater off!

2007 1st Place Winner

Why We Need to Keep Our Armed Forces Strong

by Kendall McQueary



The photographs of my grandfather's ejection have hung on his living room wall all my life. Of course, I have always thought they were really cool. After all, there is a series of seven still photos in black and white. They show a plane that has been shot, the pilot's ejection, his wingman trying to slow to stay with him and then his jet disappearing as it plunged into the ocean.

The thing is that those photos were a little bit "unreal" to me. The event shown in those photos was impersonal and unemotional like a movie might be. I never truly understood the stress, the horror, the courage that he and others experienced during that time in our nation's history.

My grandfather volunteered for the Navy — he was not drafted. He chose to become a pilot and gave five years of his life to the US Navy—years away from his wife and small children, his parents, his job and his friends. He witnessed the deaths of his wingman and some of his best friends, including his roommate. He is a hero.

I didn't really understand his sacrifice until I recently had the opportunity to hear him make a presentation to the Rotary Club about his training and war-time experiences. Everything I had taken for granted became real to me as I listened to his stories and saw his photos—especially those

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2007 2nd Place Winner

What It Means to Me to be an American Citizen

by Justin S. Myers

What does it mean to be an American Citizen? It means freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of

religion, freedom of life. The first amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." As I read that statement, I realize how lucky I really am to be living in such a great country.

Before the attacks on 9/11, I really didn't understand what it meant to "be an American" besides the simple fact that I lived in America. I took daily life and things that I was able to do for granted. But when 9/11 happened, it hit me. There is much more to being an American than just living here. Being an American, in my opinion, is being an active member in your country, which I believe begins in your own community. Simple things such as voting make you an active part of your country. It bothers me when people complain about our countries elected officials but don't even vote. Being an American means supporting our troops. There are people out there so focused on President Bush being wrong in his decisions with the war in Iraq, that they don't even take the time to wish our troops well. I bet if you ask

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any one of our troops that they will tell you that they believe in what they are doing. They are proud to serve our country and we should be proud of them. A friend that I played hockey with a couple years ago enlisted in the Army and is now serving in Iraq. We just recently did a drive for him and his friends and it was a humbling experience. Here we are collecting socks and razors and he is putting his life on the line 24 x 7. It really hit home.

After 9/11 there was a great deal of patriotism throughout our country. Songs were written, the flag was proudly displayed on every street corner, and most importantly, we as a nation came together. You never go to a sporting event where the national anthem isn't played, and many professional sports teams proudly display the American flag on their uniform. As an Eagle Scout, I am proud to display the flag on my uniform and I am always proud to be part of a color guard, carrying the flag. Our Boy Scout motto states three very important things: That we do our duty to self, our duty to God, and our duty to country. I try to live by this motto everyday and because of it I no longer take daily life or my freedom for granted.

There are still countries in the world today run by a communist governments. Just imagine what your life would be like having to live in a place like

that. As an American citizen, having a democracy is a wonderful thing. Living within a democracy means that you are able to vote for the candidate of your choice. If we didn't have a democracy, we would not be able to enjoy the simple freedoms that we have today. All of this goes back to our brave armed forces and veterans who put their life on the line for us and this great nation.

Being an American citizen means opportunity. The common phrase is that America is "the land of opportunity". With some hard work you can be almost anything that you want to. I am going to college for Music Education. Back in the day there were only certain professions you could go into depending on your education, wealth, or social status. It was even worse for women. There were only a certain number of jobs women could hold. I am glad that I have the opportunity to choose a career that will make me happy and that I will enjoy doing for the rest of my life. Everyone has the right to work and earn a living. Everyone also has the right to an education. I am fortunate enough to go to a Catholic School where I get a great education within a Christian environment.

But for those who can not afford the tuition of a private school, they are still given the opportunity for a great education. Today in America we have the "no child left behind" policy. This states that no child

will be forgotten. America gives everybody a chance at a great career and a great life.

To me, being an American Citizen means being proud of your country, and I am honored to live in such a wonderful place. Being a citizen of this great country affords me many freedoms and opportunities I might not have living elsewhere. I will try to never take these things for granted and continue to be grateful for everything this great country has to offer.

Works Cited

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An Association "Well Done" to Bill Williams

Dear Bill,

On behalf of the USS Coral Sea Association, I would like to thank you for your many years of service on the scholarship committee, both as a member and chairman.

We deeply appreciate the donation you made whenever you sold a copy of your wonderful book, *Heroes Among us*.

It is very important to have people dedicated to helping the youth of today prepare for the future. For that, we value your service.

Most sincerely,

Bill Johnson

Pres., USS Coral Sea Assoc.



**Ft. Mitchell, KY
Site of 2008
Reunion**

Information about our 2008 reunion plans will be available at our Las Vegas meeting. Start thinking about attending now and making our CVA-43 Association the best it can be. We all can help recruit new members. I've had many inquiries just because of the Association bumper sticker on my truck. There is strength in numbers, so let's work to grow our Association! I look forward to seeing you all again soon to swap a sea story or two!

—*John Ranson*

Last Chance to Purchase Coral Sea Book...Only Six 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 six 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: _____

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: _____

Jacksonville Says Goodbye to Aircraft Carrier

—from the Jacksonville Times-Union
 An era in Navy and Jacksonville history ended around 7:30 a.m. today as the decommissioned John F. Kennedy



left Mayport Naval Station for the very last time. "It's crazy to see her go," said Lt. John Thomas, who was one of dozens of Kennedy crew members to watch the ship pushed and pulled by tug boats from the base it has called home since 1995. "It's really sad to see her go," said David Pinter, principal of nearby Finegan Elementary School. He shot video from the pier as the ship departed. The Kennedy was decommissioned in March after nearly 40 years of service. It spent the time since then undergoing approximately \$15 million in

weatherization and other work necessary to mothball the ship for an indefinite period of time. It's next destination is Hamp-

ton Roads, Va., where it will remain until dredging work at a naval facility in Philadelphia can be completed, the Navy said. It will take about five days to tow the former aircraft carrier known as "Big John" to Virginia. The only people aboard the ship were its officer in charge, Capt. Brad Robinson, six other sailors, two harbor pilots and two civilian contractors.



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Once a month, disassemble all your major appliances, inspect them and then reassemble them. Do this weekly with your lawnmower!

Vice President's Corner

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need my help. This was a recent subject on the TV show *Date Line* and it made me think of what happened to me. My point is this: Never throw away anything with your personal information on it. Just shred or burn it. When you get rid of an old roster please shred or burn it, because as you know it has a lot of our

personal information listed such as name and address.

I close for now until we meet at the reunion in Las Vegas. Here's wishing all of you the best of everything. Support our troops and pray for their well-being. Your shipmate and Vice President,

John

John Pritchard, Vice Pres.

Kendall McQueary

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ejection photos. Grand-dad said it was the first time an ejection had been photographed during combat.

As he spoke of those years and his experiences, my feelings swelled inside me until I felt ready to burst with them. I couldn't help but reflect on the sacrifices being made today by our men and women in the military. They too have volunteered to serve this country. Like my grandfather, they are away from their spouses, children and parents as they draw on the courage to face extremely hostile and cowardly terrorists in the Middle East and other dangerous places around the world. Many of them have seen their roommates and friends killed or injured. They are all heroes.

There have been many comparisons made between Vietnam and Iraq. Some are probably not accurate, but some of them undoubtedly are. Every night, if you flip through the cable channels, you can find a military or political analyst criticizing the President's policies and strategies. Usually, the person on the other side of the screen has taken the opposite position. It seems very odd how one incident or set of circumstances can be perceived in such very different ways. Elected officials are falling all over themselves to take a stand for or against the Iraq War—whatever they believe will cause their approval ratings to increase—or get more people to vote for them.

I agree with my grandfather: The main thing that Americans must remember is that a strong military keeps our enemies on foreign shores, not here. If we are perceived as weak or preoccupied, they will not hesitate to bring their hatred to our country—as they did on September 11.

There is no debate that the United States did not "win" in Vietnam, even though we had clear military superiority. To understand why, it may be helpful to consider a more recent "victory" and to appreciate the important role that a strong military played in that conflict.

Symbolically, the Cold War ended with the removal of the Berlin Wall. Most historians agree with President Reagan's unwavering belief that a strong military and defense prevented our enemies from attempting to attack us. This strategy, when combined with economic and political pressure, led to the crumbling of the Soviet attempt at world domination.

Before he was even elected as President of the

United States, Ronald Reagan felt that the appropriate use of military strength was critical to the success of foreign policy. Although he was a veteran, he grimly prepared for war from his very first day in office.

"He had supported Nixon's Vietnam policy '... with the understanding that we would provide weapons and ammunition to enable South Vietnam and Cambodia to resist if the North Vietnamese violated the negotiated ceasefire.' " (1) President Gerald Ford, in Reagan's opinion, fell short of success in that he did not accomplish the goal of rescuing Saigon. " 'Can anyone think for one moment that North Vietnam would have moved to the attack had their leaders believed we would respond with B-52s?' "(2)

The President who immediately preceded Reagan, Jimmy Carter, seemed uncomfortable showing the country's military strength. But Reagan had served his country in the Army Air Corp in World War II. He and many of those of his generation felt that peace could be achieved or maintained through military strength and the willingness to use it. (3)

President Reagan wanted to squeeze the Russian leadership while also restoring American power, influence and might. When faced with the prospect of matching the American military and arms build-up as their citizens starved, Reagan felt that the Kremlin must consider the cost. " 'They're going to be faced with [the fact] that we could go forward with an arms race and they can't keep up.' "(4)

Ultimately, President Reagan's implementation of multiple strategies led to the defeat of Communism in Russia; economic, political and nuclear pressures backed by a strong military and the courage to use it caused our greatest enemy (at that time) to back down. One can't help but wonder how Reagan would handle the terrorists that threaten our national security today.

Notes

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Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Find the dumbest guy in the neighborhood and make him your boss for the next two years!

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
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28th in a Series.....

Fox Division Adventures

by Rom Braun, FT2
1953-1956

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.

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 2008. USS George H.W.



The tour group boarding the JFK.



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Raise your bed to within 6 inches of the ceiling so you can't turn over without getting out and then getting back in.



Hanger Deck Comparison—2005 on left, 1999 shown upper right



On some of the pictures I have made comparison between similar scenes from 1999 and 2005. The differences 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 for the JFK? Will it be torn apart like the Coral Sea, become a Museum (in Boston?) like the Midway, sunk



Flight Deck Comparison—2005 on left, 1999 shown upper right.



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.



Final Walk Down JFK's Brow—March 23, 2007

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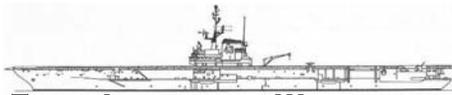
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New Jersey Area Spring Fling Scheduled

The 17th annual New Jersey Area Spring Fling is set for Saturday, April 26, 2008. The cost will be \$28 per person.

For more information, please

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Summer Training for Coral Sea Div. Sea Cadets

During the hot summer months Sea Cadets from the Coral Sea Div. in Pomona, CA attended the following Training Evolutions during their school vacation time:

- 3 Cadets and one officer staffed various Sea Cadet Basic Recruit Training.
- 5 Cadets attended Basic Recruit Training.
- 1 Officer staffed Naval Intelligence Training, an evolution attended by 15 Sea Cadets

from around the US.

- 1 Cadet attended a 2-week long Search and Rescue Class.
- 1 Cadet participated in a 2-week long Master-at-Arms Training at NAS Oceana, VA.
- 2 Cadets performed ten days of Recruiting Station Duty.



USS Midway July 4, 2007 Celebration

The summer will end with four Cadets participating in a day long tour of the USS Midway Museum in San Diego.