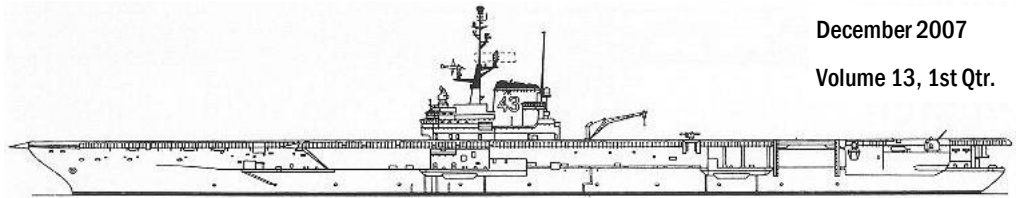
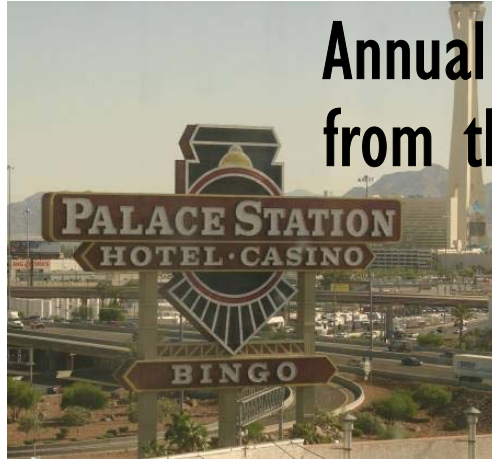


THE CORAL SEA BREEZE



Annual Meeting Minutes from the Las Vegas Reunion



Minutes for annual meeting which was held in the Palace Station hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on 03 October 2007.

- 1) Pres. Bill Johnson opened the meeting @ 9:37 am with the opening invocation given by our Chaplain and a salute to the flag.
- 2)) Following that there was a roll call of officers of our association. Absent were John F. Plude Sr, Assn. Sec'y, Executive Board Member
- 3) Introductions are taken of participating attendees. 78 dues paying members are present .
- 4) The Treasurer's report is given by Paul Bernardy who has graciously filled in this year because of the sudden death of

Robert Nerbetski and Immediate Past Pres. Bob Mackey. Pres. Johnson has asked Secretary Emeritus Sal Avellino to

officiate as secretary for this meeting. Avellino has agreed and the meeting comes to order.

Jimmy Brank earlier this year. Paul advises the membership that our accounts are as follows:

a) Scholarship Fund	\$25,419
b) Checking a/c	\$ 1,030
c) Money Market CD	\$16,805
d) One CD	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$48,254

After Paul Bernardy gave his report, a motion made by shipmate Skip Evans was made to accept the report that was seconded by shipmate Bill Gasten. Voice vote taken. Report ac-

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Welcome Aboard!

John L. Bojanowski, W.

Seneca, NY, B Div., 72-75

Anthony G. Mularcik,

Newtown, CT V2 Div., 48-49

Rufus D. Campbell, San

Antonio, TX, 3rd Div., 67-71

Lynn R. Owens, Livermore, CA, S3 Div., 62-64

Stanley Chesnick, Maple Heights, OH, 5 Baker, 1947

Ronald E. Pettengill, Mt.

Auburn, IA, B Div., 76-79

Stephen J. Dembinski, Venice, FL

Henry R. Shearer, Endicott, NY, 2nd Div., 56-57

James R. Duncan, Magalia, CA, M Div., 66-69

President's Corner

Shipmates,

The cruise to Las Vegas is history and on to Fort Mitchell, Kentucky for the 2008 reunion. It was a good reunion: The meals were good and the entertainment was great. People seemed to enjoy

visiting and we appreciate Jack and Lorraine hosting this reunion. Jack had put off his back surgery until right after the reunion and he came through with flying colors and is on the mend. He'll have to wear a back brace continuously for 12 weeks, but should be feeling better afterwards.

On a lighter note (as well as my pocketbook), I "contributed" to the economy of Las Vegas by "donating" funds to keep those lights burning. (i.e., I lost at the machines... Lynn did too!)

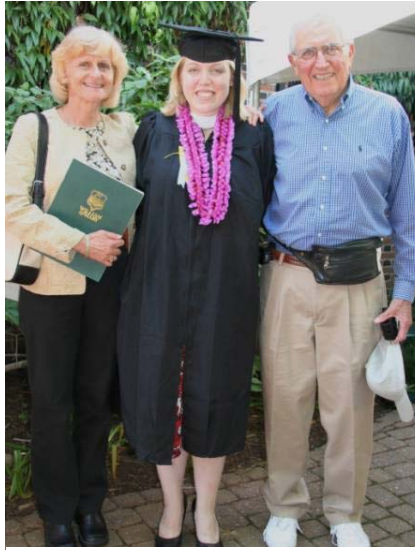
I would like to thank my wife, Lynn, for helping

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Scholarship Winner Thanks CVA-43 Association

Elizabeth Olson, who won the USS Coral Sea Association scholarship in 2003, has thanked members of the association for helping with her college expenses. Liz was sponsored in the contest four years ago by CVA-43 Association member Joe Pace.

Liz wrote: "In the Spring of 2003 I was given a great gift: \$2,000 for tuition at the College of William and Mary, where I enrolled as a freshman that Fall. Now, four years later, I thank you for the tremendous gift you gave me. Your



2003 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - Liz Olson poses with grandparents Joe Pace and his wife Lynn at her recent graduation from the College of William and Mary.

scholarship helped me pay for my freshman year.

"I just graduated this Spring with two degrees -- a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. Your generous gift made this possible.

"I want to let you know what an impact you made. I hope you continue to offer this scholarship. It truly meant a lot to me."

Liz is the daughter of Mike and Susan Olson of Chesapeake, VA.

Joe Pace served aboard the Coral Sea in 1947-49.

TAPS

Robert Ross, Mt. Storm, WV V-1C AB2, 54-56

Welcome Aboard!

Richard Sigurdson, St. Louis Pk, MN, OI Div., 67-69

Steven L. Dutra, Forest Ranch, CA, M Div., 72-75

Robert E. Stanley, San Diego, CA, 2nd Div., 73-77

Hugh P. Eaton, Eureka, CA, B3 Div., 74-78

Alexander Taylor, Parkersburg, WV, S3 Div., 52-55

Rufus L. Foshee, Jr., Camden, ME, F Div., 51-55

Phillip Zarlingo, Columbia, IL, M Div., 67-68

Robert E. Knox, Frankfort, IN, Air Dept., 70-74

2008 Annual Reunion Preview

Hi Shipmates!

The 2007 Reunion has come and gone and I'm sure that all of you who attended had a good time. I know that Da Bear (my wife!) & I sure did. My hat is off to all who worked hard to make it a success.

Before we know it, the 2008 Reunion will be here. Please review all the information regarding the up-coming reunion in Ft. Mitchell, Ky. and make your plans to attend. I guarantee that you will truly enjoy what is planned for 2008. The Northern Kentucky area and Cincinnati has much to offer visitors, no matter what your interests may be. In addition to the tours that are scheduled, there are many things to do that will keep you enter-

tained. We plan to show you all some real Southern hospitality! Additional tour information will be available in the next issue of "Sea Breeze" I will have firm tour prices by then.

As far as I know at this time, the room rate will be \$80.09 per night. Unless the local hotel tax changes, this rate will be good. The current tax is 11.24%. The Drawbridge Inn is very military-friendly and you'll find that all of the hotel's accommodations are first rate. They recently completed a remodeling.

There are plenty of restaurants in the area as well as two on site, one of which will be open 24/7. You won't go hungry! Additionally, breakfast buffets will be available on Friday, Saturday & Sunday for \$7.95 including tax & tip. This is pay as you go.

It's a pleasure to be able to serve you as a member of the Association Board of Directors and I hope that I'll be

able to make a positive impact on this Association. But the overall success of the Association depends on the membership. Please do your best to recruit new members. In the rather short time that I've been a member, we have developed some great friendships with other members and I hope that we make many more friends. This is what it's all about, as well as the good things that the Association does. We hope that more good things can be done. It all depends on you and what you want to see occur.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning our 2008 Reunion.

See ya!

John

John Ranson
jrsr3843@fuse.net

Seventeenth Annual New Jersey Area Spring Fling

WHEN: Saturday, 26 April 2008, 11:30 AM— 4:00 PM

WHERE: SIR JOHN'S RESTAURANT
230 Washington Place North Brunswick, NJ
08902, (732) 297-3803

To All Shipmates and Guests:

SIR JOHN'S will again be the site of our 17th Annual Spring Meeting. A hot and cold buffet will be served at 12:30 PM at a cost of \$28.00 (incl. tax and gratuities). A cash bar is available. After a short program, there will be time to swap sea stories with old and new shipmates.

For those of us unable to go to the yearly Association reunion, this SPRING MEETING is a way to stay in touch with some of our Coral Sea shipmates.

Please fill out the form on page 10 and return with a check by April 14. *Please note that no letters will be sent to New Jersey people.

Mail to: Bill Radogna, 4 N Garden Terrace, Milltown, NJ 08850, (732) 821-9255

Directions:

From 287 South: Route #1 South (Stay right for exit ramp) *Towards Trenton for 4 miles to Route #130 South. Overpass. Stay right for left turn. Continue to Route #130 South 1.6 miles to WASHINGTON PLACE (3rd light-left turn) GETTY gas station on corner. Continue on WASHINGTON PLACE for .2 of a mile to SIR JOHN'S on the right at the bottom of the hill before the lake.

From North Jersey: Turnpike Exit #9. After toll stay right, follow Route #18 West 1/2 mile to Route #1 South. Follow directions from * above.

From South Jersey: Turnpike Exit #8-A. After toll, keep right. On to Route 32 West. Pass thru 1st light for 1 mile to Route #130 North. Continue North for 7 miles to light at WASHINGTON PLACE, Getty gas station on right. Right turn on Washington Place for .2 of a mile to SIR JOHN'S on the right at the bottom of the hill before the lake. We look forward to seeing you there!

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President's Corner

Jack and Lorraine when necessary and for bartending. It takes a lot of help to put on a reunion.

Our business meeting went well. The newly elected treasurer, Paul Bernardy, has had a pretty smooth transition taking over from the late James Herb Brank. Robert Nerbetski was re-elected to the executive board and James Collier was elected to the scholarship committee when a vacancy came open when Dr. Bill Wilson became the chair. We also honored our fallen comrades at the business, general board meeting and

banquet on Saturday night.

John Ranson, the chairman of the 2008 reunion in Kentucky will be sharing information elsewhere in this newsletter. Fort Mitchell is across the river from Cincinnati, Ohio.

During the course of this newsletter, many holidays will pass: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. I salute my fellow veterans and wish you all safe and happy holidays.

Smooth sailing.

Bill

Bill Johnson, President

Chaplain's Corner

Look for the Chaplain's Corner in the next issue of the Sea Breeze

Merry Christmas to all shipmates from your chaplain,

Stan

Stanford E. Linzey

Vice President's Corner

Look for the Vice President's Corner in the next issue of the Sea Breeze

Merry Christmas to all shipmates from your vice president,

John

John Prichard, Vice Pres.



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Renovate your bathroom by lowering all showerheads to 4.5 feet off the deck.

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Reunion Minutes...

cepted as read.

At 10:20 AM, shipmate John Ranson read the minutes of the EC meeting held on 10/4/07. After a very brief discussion, the minutes, by a voice vote, were accepted as read.

At 10:25 AM shipmate John Ranson reads the minutes of the board meeting as

The original Coral Sea Plankowners present at this year's reunion in Las Vegas.



held in San Diego, CA on Oct 5, 2006 since the Sec'y is not present. Motion made by shipmate Mike "Oscar" Pfeffer and seconded by shipmate Larry Sullivan passes to accept the board's minutes as read. So be it. John also reads the minutes of the regular meeting held in San Diego, CA on Oct 7th 2006. The motion to accept them as read has been submitted by Shipmate Ben Bernardy and seconded by shipmate Dave Eastham. Needless to say these minutes have been accepted by the membership.

At 10:30 am proposed by law change providing life memberships was proposed. Sal Avellino states that on 2 previous occasions and after much study, the proposed life membership proposal was soundly defeated. Shipmate Skip Evans, adding to the discussion, states that life memberships could conceivably destroy this association and what it stands for due to the fact that so many of our mem-

bership are in the age bracket that could financially "bankrupt" this assn. He makes a motion, seconded by Jon Lickey, to take no ac-

tion on this proposed by law change. By voice vote, the membership overwhelmingly votes no and the proposal is



The Coral Sea Re-commissioning Plankowners present at this year's reunion in Las Vegas.

defeated and laid to rest. At 10:45 AM, after a brief discussion, it has been determined that the position of immediate past president to the executive committee was mistakenly overlooked and inadvertently eliminated. After a brief discussion, shipmate Paul Bernardy makes a motion, seconded by shipmate John Ranson to restore the position intact with no additions or deletions to the

position.

At 10:50 AM Sec'y Avellino makes a motion that we adopt the same situation as the Lake Chaplain assn. To wit, that any member who attains the age of 80 no longer be obligated to pay annual dues. Motion seconded by shipmate Paul Bernardy. By voice vote, amendment is overwhelmingly passed.

Immediately thereafter member Jack Noble makes another motion to include all ORIGINAL PLANKOWNERS ONLY to share in free membership. Motion is seconded by shipmate Jim McCloskey. On the motion it is determined that only original plankowners be included for this benefit. Re-commissioning plankowners are excluded.

At 11:00 AM John Ranson discusses Art. 5 - Sect 12 of our bylaws. Discussion made that by laws changes should be made an-

nually. After a small discussion John Ranson's motion, seconded by member Tom Binder is passed. Therefore hereafter bylaw changes can be made annually, provided they are submitted as per existing time frames (dates). Silence is observed while the names of the past year's deceased shipmates are read aloud. Falling in for their last

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Shipboard Humor
 To simulate being a sailor at home: Raise the thresholds and lower the headers of all doors so you either trip or bang your head every time you pass through them.

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Reunion Minutes...

muster are shipmates James Brank, Walter Murphy, Frank Nicolichia, Frank Norris, Roy Rath, Robert Ross, Robert Seeds, George Zadroga, Tom Rochelle, Bob Taylor as well as Lee M. Caballero who although not an assn. member did serve aboard the Ageless Warrior.

By laws article IV, Sect. 3 proposing allowing members of other ships (Anzio, Midway, FDR etc.) was heavily defeated and it too was laid to rest. Discussion of life membership fees not taken up for discussion since life memberships proposal has been defeated.

Paul Bernardy makes motion, seconded by shipmate Bill Williams that the total sum of \$660.00 allocated for a memorial stone be transferred back to the general fund since it was not utilized as required by the membership.

John Pritchard made a motion seconded by shipmate Paul Bernardy to elect Jerry Calyer to the scholarship committee. There is no other nominees and the Sec'y. casts a one vote ballot and Calyer is elected to the scholarship committee.

Correspondence received by shipmate Bob Nerbetski indicates his desire to run again

for EC board member is read aloud and he is re-elected. At the same time, he makes a motion that is seconded and passed for a \$100 contribution to be made to the USS Coral Sea cadet corps located in California.

Ben Bernardy makes a motion seconded by shipmate Jack Weber to have the secretary send a letter to SecNav requesting that a new ship under construction be named Coral Sea. After a small discussion motion is passed that a letter be sent to Sec.Nav.

Reunion chairman John Ranson advises us that the rates for 2008s reunion will be \$80.09 including taxes and gratuities as well as a 5 day "window" before and after reunion dates. At present reunion dates are Oct 3rd to Oct 5th, 2008 at the Drawbridge Inn Hotel located at 2477 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY. Their telephone number is 859 341 2800. Future details will be released by reunion chairman John Ranson in the near future. Reunion chairman is considering a souvenir lapel pin depicting our reunion site city.

12:05 PM There being no further business Pres. Johnson closes the meeting and all hands are dismissed as liberty cards are distributed.

Respectfully submitted, Sal

Avellino, Secretary Emeritus, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSN.

A Shipmate's 'Thanks!'

Fellow Shipmates:

I enjoyed attending the Las Vegas Reunion. One of the points of business I was pleased to see accomplished was the resolution to encourage the Navy Dept. to name a new ship "Coral Sea." I spent two years aboard — July '66 to July '68 — and although I know that all great ships eventually must become obsolete, decommissioned and dismantled (I hate the word scrapped) I was disheartened to learn that this had happened to 'my ship.' That is the reason I am so encouraged by our action.

Further, I hope we — as the crew of the 'old' Coral Sea — would adopt the new crew, creating the "Legacy of the 43." We could use our network of friends and associates to mentor and support the new crew and their families during deployments as well as assimilation to civilian life. What a gift for the "Ageless Warrior" to give!

Please write your congressmen and senators encouraging them to name a new ship Coral Sea.

I look forward to seeing all of you next year. Your shipmate,

Bob Cummings



Ft. Mitchell, KY Site of 2008 Reunion

Make your plans now to attend our 2008 annual meeting reunion in Ft. Mitchell, KY and making our CVA-43 Association the best it can be. There is strength in numbers, so let's work to grow our Association!

Only Four Copies Remain of Coral Sea Book...Don't Miss This Chance to Buy Yours!

A novel about life aboard the Coral Sea is almost sold out, according to author and association member Bill Williams. Only four 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 _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____
 (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: _____

Secretary's Corner



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.

At the General meeting held at the last reunion in Las Vegas, the membership voted "no" to the proposal for a Life membership program for the Association. They did vote "yes" to give free membership to the original plank owners and to members over 80 years of age. After checking my records, I compiled a list of all members in good standing with an onboard date of 1947. I then checked the list against the official commissioning

roster dated 1 October 1947, and found some discrepancies. I don't think this will be much of a problem because most members who were aboard in 1947 will be 80 years old or close to it. Since the date of birth is not on the current membership application, I have no way of knowing who is eligible for the 80 and over free membership. A new application has been made up and is included in this newsletter. If you are eligible, please fill it out and return it to me; I will send you a new membership card with an expiration date of 2099, which will mean you will no

longer have to pay dues to this Association. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be coming up. Eva and I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday.

John

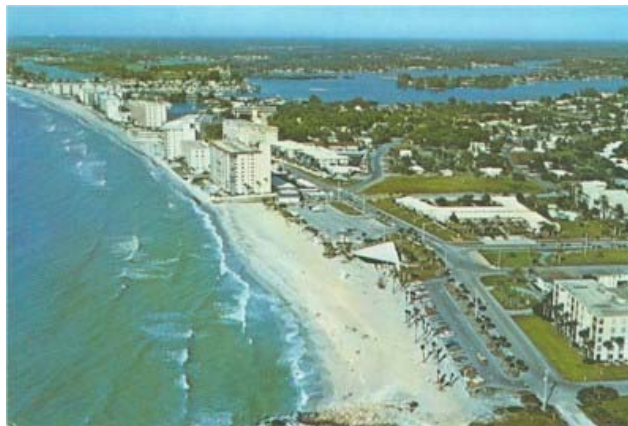
John Plude, Secretary

PS Check your label on this newsletter. It will have your expiration date after your name. Dues are renewed by December 31 of each year.

Spring Fling Mini-Reunion to be held March 8, 2008 in Venice, Florida

It will soon be time for the Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion of the USS Coral Sea Association members. This year we are again inviting local carrier sailors to join us, especially the Midway, the FDR and the Shangri-La. We sure hope you can make it again this year. If this will be your first time, welcome!

As always, there will be a guest speaker to share some military experiences with us. When our get together at Venice VFW Post 8118 ends at 2:30, Bud and Vi, Lynn and Bill would like to invite you to go to Bill's house for an extended BS session. Maps will be available at the VFW.



- Cost - Dinner is \$20.00 per person, tax included.
- Contact : Bud McKay, 151 Hoosier Place, Sarasota, FL 34232, (941) 371-3790, or Bill Johnson, 322 N Portia Street, Nokomis, FL 34275, (941) 485-4360 (leave message)

Meal includes Happy Hour nibbles, roast beef au jus or chicken served with chef's potatoes, rice, pasta and vegetables, mixed greens tossed salad/dressings, rolls, hot apple cobbler, assorted cookies including coconut macaroons (and they are DELICIOUS!) dessert, coffee or tea.

- When - March 10, 2007
- Where - Venice VFW Post #8118, 832 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34292

Shipboard Humor
To simulate being a sailor at home: Make your family qualify to operate each appliance in your house; dishwasher operator, blender technician, etc.

For meal reservations, complete this portion and return to Bud McKay at the above address.

Name _____ # of people attending _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Number of reservations at \$20.00 _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Beef # _____ Chicken # _____ Please make check payable to USS Coral Sea Reunion.

I served on the Coral Sea (circle one) CVB-43 CV-43 CVA-43. Years served: _____

Division: _____ Rate: _____ OR name your ship _____

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
 Small Stores Account
 PO Box 1697
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

Fax: 770-222-4833

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29th in a Series.....

Fox Division Adventures

by Rom Braun, FT2
1953-1956

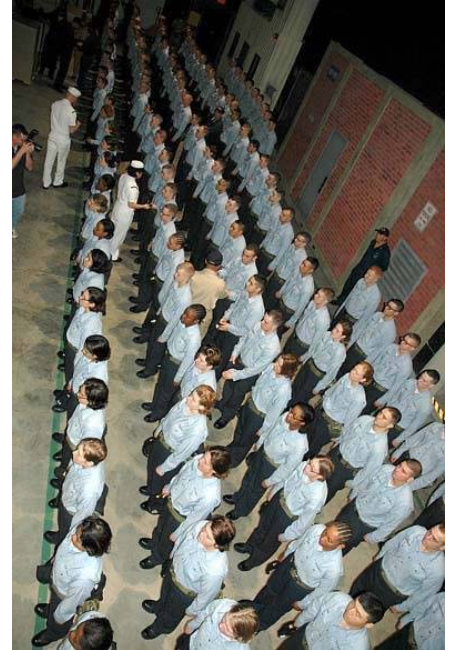
Boot Camp! I was at Great Lakes during June, July, and August of 1952. That's the place where we marched and marched, received a few basic training skills by actually doing them, and spent lots of time in class rooms that were quite warm. Then, at the beginning and or the end of the day, we cleaned the barracks, washed navy issued clothing by hand—working hard to eliminate the gray tinge—made up bunks and kept our lockers neat enough to pass inspection at any time.

The conditions today are much different (still stand in lines). For example, Battle Stations 21 provides training that addresses the war fighting environment through the following events:

1. Mission Brief/Move Aboard
2. Stores: on load/off load

3. Line handling
4. Main/Auxiliary Watch
5. Roving security
6. Bridge watch
7. Lookout
8. Casualty Control Station
9. Prepare for General Quarters
10. Firefighting
11. Flooding
12. Mass Casualty
13. Emergency egress
14. Man overboard
15. Compartment Check-off List
16. Ship maintenance
17. Capping Ceremony - graduated from Boot camp ready for a fleet assignment

Battle Stations 21 scenario is a 12-hour event aboard the USS Trayer. Today, the Recruit Division Commanders and the Facilitators are responsible for the 88 Sailors in the Division. The word Company is not used anymore. After reading this, are you ready to go through Boot



Capping Ceremony—New Boot Camp graduates ready for the 'real world'

Camp again? If you are so inclined, see your Navy Recruiter. Regardless, you can visit your Recruiter just to see what is going on today.

For more info on Battle Stations 21 go to this site: http://www.nstc.navy.mil/battle_stations_21_New.htm



Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Watch no TV except movies played in the middle of the night. Have your family vote on which to one to watch, then show a different one.

ANNUAL NEW JERSEY AREA SPRING FLING—April 26, 2008

(fill out and mail in...see meeting article on page 3)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

Number of reservations at \$28.00 _____ Amount Enclosed _____

(Make Check payable to Bill Radogna)

I served on Coral Sea CVB-43, CV-43, CVA-43 from _____ to _____ Div. _____ Rate _____

Comments _____

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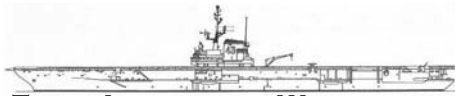
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The cost of this printing will be \$55.00 each. This includes taxes, shipping and handling. If you are interested, please call John Pritchard at 775-727-6910 or Bill Johnson at 941-485-4360. Please leave your order information if voice mail picks up.

50/50 Drawings Help Fund Scholarships

The 50/50 drawings at our annual reunions are a major means of funding the CVA-43 Association Scholarship Program.

At the Las Vegas reunion the total amount collected at the Friday drawing was \$595.00. The scholarship share was \$297.50. Winner Tom Cook, association member from West Newburg, MA won \$297.50. Tom then donated his winning share back to the fund. Thanks, Tom!

The Saturday night drawing produced \$790. Of that, \$395 went to the Scholarship Fund and winner Bill Zerlingo received \$395. Other donations and the money from the drawings brought total Scholarship contributions to \$1000 at the Las Vegas reunion.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund—with our sincere thanks—may send it to Paul

Bernardy, Treasurer. Scholarship application forms will be available the first of the year. Send requests to: Dr. William J. Wilson, Chairman, USS Coral Sea Scholarship Fund, 2100 Springdale Blvd., Apt. Y216, Palm Springs, FL 33461-6366

Scholarship Committee Chairman Update

Upon his retirement as chairman of the Scholarship Committee at the Las Vegas annual reunion, the Association would like to express its gratitude to **Bill Williams** for his many years of service. Thanks, Bill!

Assuming the committee chairmanship is **Bill Wilson**, who has been a member of the committee for several years. His e-mail address: bark-tree@bellsouth.net. Thanks, Bill, for your willingness to take on this leadership role for the Association.