



# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

Your Hotel and Activity Reservation Forms & Events Agenda is Inside...

## Enjoy the 31st Annual National Reunion of the Coral Sea Association in D.C.!

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### Welcome Aboard!

**Andrew J. Cammareri**, EM, E Div., 1947-48

**Harold B. Craig**, SN, 1st Div., 1959-62

**Donald E. Hagan**, YN3, X Div., 1964-65

**James B. Hollingsworth**, BT2, B Div., 1961-63

**George Pivnicka**, AO2, G-2 Div., 1978-82

**Daniel Richie**, BT3, B Div., 1976-79

**William M. Robinson**, SA, 7th Div., 1949

**James R. Washausen**, AN, V-1 Div., 1965-66

There is still time to make your plans to attend the Association's annual reunion, to be held this year in Washington, D.C.

Inside this issue we've again included the reser-

vation forms for The Doubletree Crystal City hotel, the official reunion hotel for our 31st annual gathering. You'll also find the events agenda and the form to reserve your



activities at this year's event. Great options include the D.C. City Tour or Kennedy Center

visit on Oct. 9. On the 10th you'll enjoy a Naval Academy tour, and on the 11th you can choose

between a tour of Mount Vernon or the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. Shuttle service to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport is provide by the hotel.

### Scholarship Winners

Our scholarship program produced two winners in the 2009 competition.

The first-place winner is Katie Bresnahan from Sandy, UT. The granddaughter of Michael Bresnahan (deceased), Katie will attend Salt Lake Community College to major in veterinary science.

Second place was awarded to Jacob Niedermann from Oskaloosa, IA. Jacob is the grandson of Ben Bernardy. Jacob will attend Central College in Iowa and major in pre-physical therapy.

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### President's Corner

Well, next month is the "DC" reunion. Seems like we were just at Ft. Mitchell. Don't know about you, but when I was a youngster, time seemed to move ever so slow... except during summer vacation. Now time is going full speed. Anyway, hope to see you in "DC".

You will recall in the March 2009 issue, I said that we were planning to include a roster on our web site. Thanks to our secretary, Don Colwell, and webmaster, Bob Dorais, we now have a membership roster on our web site. Check it out and if your info is not correct, contact Don and Bob. You will note the roster includes some that have

passed on or may not currently be a member. But, they did serve on the Coral Sea.

Our treasurer, Paul Bernardy has been having some health issues and advised me that he would not be able to continue as treasurer. He has agreed to stay on until we have our FY 6/30/09 tax returns

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USS Coral Sea CV-43 Association Reunion—REUNION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing Rm w/ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ph. No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ # of People in RM \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Beds \_\_\_\_\_

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned

**RATE:** \$106 + tax (currently 10.25%) for up to 2 people (\$20 added for each 3rd and 4th person)  
**Cut-Off Date:** 9/8/09. After this date, reservations will be processed on space/rate availability basis.  
**Cancellation Policy:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 24 hours prior to arrival day. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened stay, may result in a fee.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ DINERS \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER  
 Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Doubletree Hotel  
 Attn: Reservations  
 300 Army Navy Drive  
 Arlington, VA 22202**

Or Fax to 703-416-4147, or Call 703-416-4100 to make your reservation.  
[www.doubletreecrystalcity.com](http://www.doubletreecrystalcity.com)



**Search & Rescue**

Melanie Lucas is working on a family history book. Her uncle, Charley Thomas Inmon, was in the Navy from 1951-55 and served on the Coral Sea. He was a CSSN, probably in S-2 Div. He was from Arkansas and was 6' 5" tall. He was separated in '55 through Treasure Island. He was killed in an auto accident in Idaho in 1956. If you served with Charley, or have any info about him, please contact Melanie: [twinsmom1@sbcglo bal.net](mailto:twinsmom1@sbcglo bal.net)

**Chaplain's Corner**

**Mother Theresa wrote:**

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.  
 Forgive then anyway.  
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.  
 Forgive then anyway.  
 If you are honest, people might cheat you.  
 Be honest anyway.  
 If you find happiness, people may be jealous.  
 Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.  
 Do good anyway.  
 Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.  
 Give your best anyway.  
 For, you see, in the end it is between you and God.  
 It never was between you and them anyway.

*Stan*

Chaplain Stanford Linzey

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**Scholarship Winners...**

We had ten application inquires for this year's contest. Two, unfortunately, did not supply an address to which we could respond. Of the eight applications mailed out, five were returned. Two people asked for applications late in March, well past the deadline. Applications are available early in January and must be returned by April 1. Most candidates need that entire time to complete the application process, which is demanding, as befitting a national competition.

Congratulations to our two winners, Katie and Jacob!

**Bill Wilson**  
 Chairman, Scholarship Committee

**USS CORAL SEA REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM**

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.afr-reg.com/coralsea](http://www.afr-reg.com/coralsea). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 8, 2009. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. All new registrations accepted at the reunion will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**

**322 Madison Mews**

**Norfolk, VA 23510**

**ATTN: USS CORAL SEA**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag Completed \_\_\_\_\_

<i>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/8/09</i>	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b>REGISTRATION PACKAGE</b> Includes Registration Fee, Hospitality Room Expenses, Dinner Buffet on Saturday, Sunday Breakfast Buffet, and Sunday Banquet. <i>Please select your entrée choice(s) for the banquet: Sliced top Round of Beef</i>	\$140		\$
<b>Chicken Piccata</b>	\$140		\$
<b>SEPARATELY PRICED OPTIONS</b>			
If you purchase the banquet or hospitality room access separately below, you must pay the separate registration fee.			
<b>SUNDAY BANQUET ONLY (mark entrée selection)</b>			
Sliced top Round of Beef	\$50		\$
Chicken Piccata	\$50		\$
ACCESS TO HOSPITALITY RM. FOR 2 NIGHTS	\$40		\$
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>			
Fee is already included in Registration Package, but must be paid if you're purchasing separate options above or only tours below.	\$15		\$
<b>TOURS</b>			
FRIDAY: MONUMENTS & CITY TOUR	\$52		\$
FRIDAY: SHEAR MADNESS	\$74		\$
SATURDAY: ANNAPOLIS / NAVAL ACADEMY	\$55		\$
<i>Please choose one of the following two tours:</i>			
SUNDAY: MOUNT VERNON	\$65		\$
OR SUNDAY: AIR & SPACE MUSEUM	\$33		\$
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions</b>			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME

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

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS ON BOARD SHIP 19\_\_\_\_ - 19\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS?  YES  NO **(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).**

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

See reunion program for cancellation procedures and policies.

**USS CORAL SEA CV-43 REUNION**  
**OCTOBER 8 – 12, 2009**  
**DOUBLETREE CRYSTAL CITY – ARLINGTON, VA (DC AREA)**

**Thursday, October 8**

1:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**  
 Hospitality Room opens for the duration of the reunion  
 Small Stores open – Hours will be posted  
 Evening on your own

**Friday, October 9**

8:00am - 8:30am **Reunion Registration Open**  
 9:00am - 12:00pm Board Meeting  
 9:00am - 4:30pm MILITARY MONUMENTS & CITY TOUR (description follows)  
 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**  
 7:00pm - 10:30pm SHEAR MADNESS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER (description follows)

**Saturday, October 10**

9:00am - 4:30pm ANNAPOLIS - U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY (description follows)  
 6:00pm - Cash Bar Reception  
 7:00pm - Buffet dinner at hotel

**Sunday, October 11**

7:00am - 8:30am Breakfast Buffet  
 9:00am - 12:00pm Business Meeting  
 9:00am - 2:30pm LADIES/GUESTS TOUR TO MOUNT VERNON (description follows)  
 12:30pm - 4:30pm SMITHSONIAN – AIR & SPACE MUSEUM (description follows)  
 6:00pm Cash Bar Reception  
 7:00pm Banquet

**Monday, October 12**

7:00am - 9:30am Hospitality Room open for farewells

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

**Please Note:** Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

# Nineteenth Annual New Jersey Area Spring Fling Announced

**When:** Saturday, 24 April 2010, 11:30 AM – 4 PM

**Where:** Sir Johns Restaurant, 230 Washington Place, North Brunswick N 08902

**Phone:** (732) 297-3803

Sir Johns will again be the site of our Annual Spring Meeting. A hot and cold buffet will be served at 12:30 pm at a cost of \$29.00 (including tax and gratuities). A cash bar is available. After a short program there will be time to swap sea stories with old and new friends. For more info, write:

[shipmatesva5b@comcast.net](mailto:shipmatesva5b@comcast.net)

For those unable to go to the yearly Association Reunion this is a way to stay in touch with some of our Coral Sea shipmates. Please fill out the form and return with a check by April 14. Please note that no letters will be sent to New Jersey people.

**Mail to:** Bill Radgona, 4 N Garden Terrace, Milltown NJ 08850, (732) 821-9225

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

St./Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations at \$29.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Encls. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Bill Radgona**

I served on Coral Sea CVB-43, CV-43, and

CVA-43 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Div \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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## Vice President's Corner

Hi Shipmates,

The 2009 reunion is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you and swapping a few "sea stories" again.

As President Mil noted, there are no proposals yet presented from shipmates for the 2011 reunion. It's a lot of work, but rest assured that we shipmates will come to the aid of whomever wishes to chair a reunion. Many hands make light work. I'm thankful for all the shipmates & friends who came to help in 2008, so I'll be glad to return the favor.

Many of you stay ac-

quainted with your former crew members. Please try to get them to join the Association. We're a proud crew and I hope that all of you can instill a renewal in that pride in the shipmates that you know who are not currently members.

Thanks to Shipmate Bill Williams for his input regarding the Scholarship Fund and changes that he feels are needed in the Association By-laws. Shipmate Bill, you've served us well. "Bravo-Zulu" to you! We'll be voting on the proposed changes this year again. Modifications can be made from the floor at the Association business meeting this year,

as usual. I welcome the input from all shipmates in this matter. It's your Association, just the same as it is mine.

Finally, your officers still plan to put together a survey of the Association membership. I welcome input regarding this also. Let us know what you want to see the Association do, or change. Let us know! See you all in D.C.

Thanks,

*John*

John Ranson  
Vice President



### 'Salty' Humor

"Well," snarled the tough, old Navy Chief to the short-time seaman, "I guess after your discharge you'll be waiting for me to die so you can come piss on my grave."

"Not me, Chief!" the seaman replied. "Once I get out of the Navy, I'm never going to stand in line again!"

# 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 4235**  
**Fresno, CA 93744**

**Office Use Only**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## Secretary's Corner

Hello shipmates:

Hope all is well with my shipmates, their families, and friends.

On a personal note, I want to announce the birth of our other granddaughter, Julie Rose Colwell, born on July 20, 2009. This event has brought more joy to our family. Congrats to all members and their families on births and all other milestones.

Remember, Article X, Section I, states as follows:

The dues of the USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association shall be \$10.00 (now

\$15.00), for the period of Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Any dues increase must be recommended by the Executive Board and voted on by the members present at the annual business meeting. Any increase would be retroactive to Oct. 1 of the year in which the increase is approved.

This means, unfortunately, members that have been sending in renewals and new applications -- although very much welcome -- will have to renew again after Sept. 30, 2009 for 2010, and on.

If you have a date of 12/31/2009 on your mem-

bership card, you will have to renew again for 2010 and on. I would suggest you reapply ASAP so you don't miss the coming year's *Coral Sea Breeze*.

Hope to see you all in Washington D.C. in October.

Thanks,

*Don*

Donald Colwell,  
 Secretary

PS Be sure to mail address changes to MY ATTENTION ONLY. My address is on the officer's page in every issue.



**Taps**

**Glen Sievert,**  
 B Div., 1959-61,  
 Marinette, WI

**Frederick Whitcomb,**  
 F Div., 1952-55,  
 Madison, NJ

## Jacob Niedermann Earns Second Place Award...

## Katie Bresnahan is Association's First Place Scholarship Winner

### What it means to Me to Be an American

The Land of the Free, the Home of the Brave, the Land of Opportunity, the United States, the New World, America. Whatever you call it, America, and being an American, always means different things for different people. To some, being an American means that they have rights and freedoms and they can use them however they like no matter what it does to others rights. While others believe that America is a land of corruption and turmoil and that it is a demeaning thing to be an American citizen. Then there are others who believe that being an American means that they have many rights and privileges and that, because they are so blessed to have freedom, they must share freedom and protect that of others.

For myself, America is my home, my country and I am proud of its history and rich diversity of peoples and cultures. To me, being an American citizen means I have specific rights and freedoms, which I may use, and which are defended by the government. For example, I have the freedom to speak my mind on matters and let my voice be heard on anything I may be concerned about. I can defend others rights, can participate in the local and federal government, vote on leaders I feel are worthy to help run this country, and can help influence the kinds of laws that are passed. I can believe what I like and tell those beliefs to others without fear. I can contribute to society without fear of oppression and can pursue my goals, knowing I am supported by, and a vital part of, this country.

In truth, there are thousands

of benefits to being an American citizen. But being an American doesn't mean, to me, that I can simply depend on my country and indulge myself in others' work. America, as a whole, has given much to me - freedoms,



safety, rights, and opportunities - that I believe I would do a great injustice if I did not somehow give back. I am indebted to America and the people who serve and protect her. Therefore, being an American means that I have a duty to my country to do my best, to get all the knowledge I can, to serve my community, and to support those who are fighting for America's protection. I feel it is of great importance that I contribute to this country, that I make a difference, and that I better the lives of those around me.

Being an American means I contribute to the future of America; it means I give back, I educate, I defend, and I participate. I believe that one way I can pay back my debt to America is to serve my country. By reaching out to others, I can build a stronger sense of unity in my community, I can improve my life and the lives of others, and I can cultivate a better tomorrow. Though my influence may be small, being

an American means that I am not afraid or ashamed of what I can do and that I know that even my small influence may help hundreds of people in the future.

Being an American means I put a great worth on my education. It means that I do all I can to reach my goals for, as I improve, I can improve America. I have been blessed to live in American where I am able to receive a good education. I feel that because I have been given this, as an American, I have a duty to share that education with my fellow countrymen as well as those in need around the world.

To be an American means that I think less of my own wants and more of the needs of the people around me. I believe an American is someone who sets the example when it comes to leadership and effective service. This means I have a duty to make the world a better place. Being an American means I provide others with opportunities to grow and succeed in this life. So I must serve, I must teach others, respect others rights, and share my liberties with others. For me to honestly claim to be an American, I must become the best I can be so I can give the most.

The only way I can give my very best is to become educated, to develop my talents, and to attain higher goals. Being an American means that I actually use my rights and take advantage of my many opportunities for education. I would truly be a hypocrite if I dropped out of school, never got a job, didn't contribute to society, and never used my rights which many people died to give me. I believe that I have a duty to

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### 'Salty' Humor

**Q:** What's the difference between God and a Navy fighter pilot?

**A:** God doesn't think he's a Navy fighter pilot.

# Coral Sea Association Small Stores Product & Price List



Association Logo



Ship's Logo—CVB, CVA, CV

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
1001	Reg. Style 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	\$14.00
1004	Windbreaker Jacket (Blue), all sizes**	\$42.00
1005	Micro Poly Casual Jacket (Blk, Dk Grn, Maroon, Navy, Red, Royal or Stone) all sizes**	\$46.00
1006	Sweatshirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$25.00
1007	T-Shirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$17.00
1008	Denim Shirt (SS or LS), all sizes**	\$32.00
1009	Titan Twill Shirt (SS or LS), (Navy, Dutch Blue, French Blue, Khaki, Black, Butter, Crimson, new Olive, Smoke or White), all sizes**	\$32.00
1010	Polo Shirt (Blue or White); all sizes	\$28.00
1011	Pin, CV-43 (Hat/Lapel)	\$ 5.00
1012	3-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43, Decomm)	\$ 4.00
1013	4.5-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43)	\$ 6.00
1014	License Plate Frame (Chrome-Plastic), CVA-43	\$12.00
1015	Photo, Coral Sea Straight Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1016	Photo, Coral Sea Angle Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1017	Coral Sea Mouse Pad	\$ 6.00
1018	Coral Sea Coffee Mug	\$ 8.00
1019	Watch Cap, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1020	Coral Sea Decals	\$ 2.00
1021-1	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$ .50/ltr.
1021-2	Full Back Logo for Jackets	\$30.00
1022	Coral Sea Challenge Coin	\$12.00
1023	Coral Sea Pin (CV-43 or CVA-43)	\$ 3.00

\*\* 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.

6/09

**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

**Method of Payment**

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

Merchandise Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shipping Charge\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Association Logo



Ship's Logo  
CVB, CVA, CV

Fax: 770-222-4833  
 E-mail: georgerogers@bellsouth.net  
 Mail: USS Coral Sea Association  
 Small Stores Account  
 PO Box 1697  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

**\*\*Priority Mail S/H Cost**

Up to \$24.99.....\$ 7.00  
 \$25—\$50.....\$ 9.00  
 \$51—\$75.....\$12.00  
 \$76—Up.....\$15.00

Credit card orders will appear on your statement as "ICU Stitching."

## Niedermann Awarded 2nd Place Scholarship

### America Means Freedom!

Simply taking up residence in a country does not necessarily make me a productive citizen of that country. Rather, it is my core values, my beliefs, and my contributions that qualify me for that right. To me, living here in the United States of America means freedom. I value the rights given to me by our founding fathers.

The United States Constitution is one of the most important documents written for the American citizen. Most Americans live their lives day by day not realizing the sacrifices that our ancestors made to ensure us these rights.

The First Amendment gives us the freedom of speech and the right to chose any religion. Without this, our country wouldn't be as prestigious because our citizens would not be able to voice their opinions on how to make our country a

better place. That sometimes happens in seemingly minor ways such as being able to have a voice in our classrooms in school. As



students, we are able to vote for our class president and treasurer. We can also vote for our team captains. Best of all, we can choose our classes and what we want to study.

The Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery. Although this amendment made slavery illegal, it wasn't until the Civil Rights

Movement that the rights of African Americans were fully recognized. Along with others, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr are true American citizens for their persistence in creating equality in America. Without this amendment and the Civil Rights Movement, I wouldn't have gotten to know Scott at football camp. Scott is African-American. We roomed together and talked about what our race means to us. He told me how important in was to him to be able to vote, to have the same rights as everyone else, and to be able to feel safe and not subject to racial discrimination. Because African-Americans are no longer denied their rights, Scott and I played side by side in our last football season. We now call each other friends.

The Nineteenth Amendment gave women the right of suffrage. We are all created equal and deserve the same rights. Even though I wasn't of age to vote this past November, because of this amendment, my mother was able to vote. I'm sure that the right to vote is just as important to women as it is to men. Because of the respect we have for women in our society, we have gained doctors, senators, and great American citizens.

The Twenty-Fourth Amendment was the last step to all American citizens receiving full voting rights. It lifted the poll tax, which restricted the less fortunate from exercising their right of suffrage. Voting is a very important part of being an American citizen. It allows the American people to voice their opinion on whom they believe is the right citizen to be our Commander in Chief.

The Twenty-First Amendment gave the states the right to set their own drinking age. I believe this amendment showed the government's trust in each state's laws and each state's citizens to

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### 'Salty' Humor

New Ensign:  
"Sailor, do you have change for a dollar?"  
PO3: "Sure do."  
New Ensign:  
"That's no way to address an officer; let's try that again. Sailor, do you have change for a dollar?"  
PO3: "No, SIR!"

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### President's Corner

filed. Clarence Neander has agreed to complete Paul's term.

We all know our membership numbers are decreasing. It's partially the fact the Coral Sea was decommissioned in 1990 and we are all getting older. But there are still eligible shipmates who are not members. We need a shipmate to take on the role of "retention/membership chair". The role is to help retain existing members and promote membership through various means. If interested, please contact me.

So far no proposals for the

2011 reunion have been submitted. I've received comments from several shipmates wanting a location that would be more central. So, I contacted the convention and visitors bureaus in St. Louis and Kansas City and they have provided me with a wealth of information. I'll bring the necessary details to "DC" and we can discuss the pros and cons. But, we will need **your** support to make the 2011 reunion happen.

Take care,

*Mil*

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### **Scholarship Winner, Katie...**

use my many liberties, not only to honor those who gave up their lives, but also to justify my having so many rights. I feel that being an American means I am obligated to use my freedoms responsibly and effectively.

Many people gave up their freedom, families and lives so that America could have a brighter future and so I could have all that I do. Being an American means that I remember others sacrifices, honor them, and that I learn from them. Because of the example of America's forefathers, I believe that I have a duty to help and protect others. Whether I agree with everyone doesn't matter, what matters is whether I am as willing to defend their rights as much as my own.

What being an American means to me is that I care about the lives of other people. It means that I am responsible for my actions and my education, that I am willing to serve my country, and that I strive for an even better future by making a change today. — **Katie Bresnahan**

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### **Scholarship Winner, Jacob...**

abide by the age set in that particular state. The American people need to be patient to become of age and should abide by the laws pertaining to alcohol consumption when they do. On any given weekend, one in ten drivers on America's roads has been drinking ([www.firsteagle.com](http://www.firsteagle.com)). As ludicrous as this statistic may seem, it is most definitely true. Each state is working diligently to create laws to prevent drunk driving. Even though these laws do not pertain to me at my age, they help to protect me when I am on the road.

Being an American citizen, for me, can be described by two words: passion and pride. In order to be a true American citizen, you must have pride in your country! We have accomplished many tremendous things that other countries could only imagine. We have been to the moon and developed the automobile. We have created equality amongst our people. We have persevered! Secondly, American

citizens must have passion! We the people of the United States of America must rise up when that moment comes when we are asked to defend our country. The day the Twin Towers fell, every American felt a flame ignite in their soul to do something, anything, to help. We rose up to defend our great nation. All of the people that have passed, the firefighters, the policemen, the mothers and fathers, uncles and aunts, they have not passed in vain. The passion of Americans will forever keep them alive. It is the great character that we have inherited from our ancestors who helped us form this extraordinary country!

In conclusion, the Constitution may have given me my rights, but it is up to me to exercise these rights and to be proud of them. Being an American citizen is so much more than what my rights are. It is having pride in my country and the passion to dedicate myself to it. "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." (John F. Kennedy)

— **Jacob Niedermann**