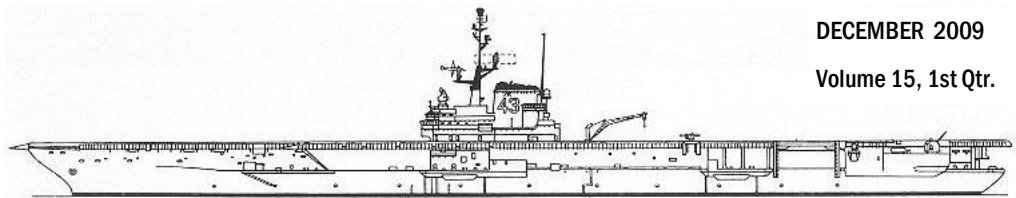


# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE



## 31st Annual National D.C. Reunion Recap

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### Welcome Aboard!

**Robert J. Abb**, AA, V4  
Div., 1959-60

**James M. Amundson**,  
PO2, Navigation, 1965-67

**James Kirkpatrick**, E3,  
VAH2, 1960-61

**Stephen M. McCann**,  
BT3, B-1, 1979-81

**James P. Murray**, PO3,  
VA97 IM-2, 1982-85

**John R. Neal**, AMS3, IM-  
2, 1979-83

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

**Robert L. Stewart**, SK3,  
S-8

**Tim J. Woudstra**, SH3, S  
-3, 1982-86

Well shipmates, the DC reunion is history: Somewhat smaller in attendance than in years past, but big in enjoyment for those who attended.

The hotel, food, meeting rooms and accommodations were excellent. A Bravo Zulu to Armed Forces Reunions, the firm that staged the reunion. And to John & Eva Plude, we offer our thanks for organizing the hospitality room.

DC offers numerous free attractions and all of the

museums are free. You can spend days and still not see everything. And just being on the National Mall is awesome. Some of us had arranged for a White House tour. It's quite an experience. But one event on the monument tour was very special:

Our wreath laying at the Navy Memorial. This was a very touching moment.

Some shipmates were not able attend because of health reasons. Bob Mackey is still on the

mend. Chuck Whitcomb, likewise, had health issues as well as having to deal with the death of his stepson. As previously reported, Paul Bernardy's health lead him to resign as treasurer.

Our scholarship chair, Bill Wilson has had some setbacks following surgery and passed the scholarship baton back to Bill Wilson. At the membership meeting, Jim Ribbe was elected to the board for a 3 year term and Clarence Neander was elected as treasurer and will complete Paul's term.

On a sad note, shipmate

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### President's Corner

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the DC attendance was lower than hoped for. It's obvious the economy took its toll.

When setting up reunions, your association has to make certain

commitments for room night usage and food and beverage dollar amounts. If we underestimate the number of room nights, some may not be able to get the special rate. Over estimating can result in a financial loss to your association. This also ties in to the hospitality

suite and possible setup charges for our meal and meeting rooms.

Tampa is our next reunion and we need to pull together and support George. He's working on some interesting things to do. I've also heard from other ship-

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**Taps**

**Ronald Moerman,**  
OI Div., 1950s,  
Plainwell, MI

**Larry "Sully" Sullivan,**  
V-I Div., 1959-63

Non-Members

**Jeff Bickerstaff,**  
B Div., early 1970s

**The USS Eaton DDE 510 VS the USS Wisconsin BB 64**

It was Sunday, 6 May 1956. We were steaming off the Virginia Capes with several ships and quite a few local VIP's for what I would call a "look see" at our naval powers. As I recall it was four "cans" including the Eaton, a cruiser and the "Wisky". It was a very foggy day. No flight ops. Just taking it easy for a change.

At about 1500 hrs, we heard "man overboard" on the One MC and immediately went to our muster stations. The Eaton, was off our starboard beam and the "Wisky" was aft of both the Coral Sea and Eaton. For some reason, the Eaton did a right full rudder

and cut right into the path of the "Wisky". I don't recall hearing the collision, but when I saw the damage to both ships, I was stunned to learned no one was killed. Scuttlebutt had it the Eaton's radar was not working and did not know the "Wiskys" position.

The Eaton seemed to be cut almost in half. Maybe 10 feet further aft and the entire bridge would have been destroyed with significant loss of life. Not to mention there were no explosions. The "Wisky", having that unique curved battleship bow, was cut open just below the anchors. Damage was apparently too severe to repair and the bow was cut off and replaced with the bow from a battleship under construction. Somehow they were able to repair the damage to the Eaton and she again sailed. Oh yes, there was no man overboard. The lookout had been mistaken.

—Submitted by Mil Phillips



USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) ASSOC.

November 12, 2009

The Honorable Raymond E. Mabus  
Secretary of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus,

In May 1942 a naval battle was fought in the Coral Sea. For the first time in naval warfare, the ships never made contact. The battle was fought entirely by aircraft. To commemorate this historic battle, a CVE was named the USS Coral Sea. Following the battle of the Coral Sea, the battle of Midway took place and a CVE was named the USS Midway.

In 1943 a new super class aircraft carrier was designed and designated as a CVB (Battle) aircraft carrier. The new class of carrier was named the Midway Class. The original Coral Sea and Midway Escorts were renamed and three Midway class carriers were built: The USS Midway (CVB-41), USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB-42) and USS Coral Sea (CVB-43).

The Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway were two of the most significant naval battles of WW II. The Midway's memory lives on by virtue of a museum in San Diego. But, the Coral Sea's memory is all but gone. She was taken out of service in 1990 and scrapped.

The USS Coral Sea Association voted to request that a new fighting ship once again carry the name Coral Sea; thus, the purpose of this letter. We hope you will give this request your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Milford D. Phillips, Jr., President  
USS Coral Sea Association  
4995 Maynard St.  
San Diego, CA 92133  
[www.usscoralsea.org](http://www.usscoralsea.org)

# U.S.S. Coral Sea Association Annual Meeting Minutes

As reported from the Board of Directors Meeting, Arlington Va.

Date: 9 OCT 2009

The USS CORAL SEA ASSN. Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Mil Phillips at 0900. After rising for the opening prayer and pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag, we remained standing for a moment of silence. We then had roll call. Board members Bob Mackey and Charles Whitcomb were absent because of illness. Treasurer Paul Bernardy had previously resigned for ongoing health reasons. Also attending were Bill Williams representing the scholarship committee and Clarence Neander. All others were present.

The secretary then read minutes from the previous board meeting in Ft. Mitchell, KY. After discussion, it was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

There was discussion on bonding. Mil had checked with several agencies to see if the association was bondable and for several reasons we were not bondable. One of the major points was we did not have a central control. And he was told if we

were to even find an insurance company that would bond us, it would be cost prohibitive.

The secretary was then asked to read the general business meeting minutes from Ft. Mitchell, KY in 2008. The secretary informed the board that he did not have them, but would have them by the general business meeting on 11 OCT 2009.

## Scholarship Report

Mil reported that Bill Wilson has resigned as scholarship chair because of health issues and Bill Williams has agreed to fill in as Scholarship chair. We also voted to have The President, Vice President, and the Treasurer as signors on the investment accounts. As of 30 SEPT 09, the Scholarship fund has a value of \$22,769.65

## New Business

It was suggested by Mil that the secretary have an account of \$250.00 that he can draw from for mailing, and miscellaneous expenses. This was approved. John gave an update on the by-laws and will present same at the membership meeting for approval. Two signature checking accounts; Mil reported most banks won't open two signature accounts unless it's a major relationship. Clarence Neander, if elected treasurer, will check with his bank. This will also be reported to the member-

ship at the business meeting. Reunion checking accounts; It was approved that a reunion account be opened at a local bank, but the signors will be the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The reunion chair will deposit the reunion checks and provide monthly reports.

Bank statements go to the Treasurer. If needed, seed money will be provided for out of pocket expense, or the chair can use his own funds and request reimbursement. There is still discussion about a location for the 2011 national reunion. Mil presented proposals for St. Louis and Kansas City. He reported that Kansas City was too expensive. He is looking into St. Louis at this time. He is also looking into using Armed Forces Reunions for hosts as they did a good job at D.C. Vice President Ranson motioned to allow Bill Williams to advertise his new book in our newsletter. Bill informed us that a portion from sale of the book will go to the scholarship fund.

With no new business to discuss, there was a motion to close the board meeting, and it was seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Colwell, Secretary  
USS CORAL SEA ASSN.



## Salty Humor

You only need two tools in life: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

## Venice, Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion Set for March 12

Join in 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. In the past, we've welcomed sailors from the FDR, the Midway and the Shangri-La. We sure hope you can make it again this year. If this is your first time, welcome!

This year we will change things up and share "Sea Stories." Bring a good one!

Social hour begins at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served between 12 and 12:30 and we will remain at the Post until 4 p.m.

- When - March 12, 2010
- Where - Venice VFW Post #8118, 832 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34292
- Cost - Dinner is \$20.00 per person (includes social hour nibbles, barbecue pork and chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, bread, beverage and dessert.

**Contact:** Bud McKay, 151 Hoosier Place, Sarasota, FL 34232. Ph. 941-371-3790, or Bill Johnson, 322 N Portia Street, Nokomis, FL 34275. Ph. 941-485-4360 (leave message)

**Meal Reservations:** Please complete this portion and return to Bud McKay at the address shown at left.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 St./Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations at \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Encls. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Make payable to: Coral Sea Reunion**  
 I served on Coral Sea CVB-43, CV-43, or CVA-43 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Div \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Salty Humor

Some people are like Slinkies: Not really good for anything, but they bring a smile to your face when pushed down the stairs.

## 20th Annual Midwest Spring Fling in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Since a majority of our shipmates cannot make the fall annual reunions, the association Spring Flings are an opportunity for crew members to get to know each other and shake the winter blues.

This year's fling will again be held at the upscale Don Hall's Guest House, 1313 West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

**Phone: 800-348-1999.** You must mention I.D. #4229 to receive our special Assoc. rate.

- When—April 23-24, 2010
- Room Rate—Single \$79 + 14% tax, Double \$89 + 14% tax (Breakfast and Dinner tickets included in the room rate)
- Special Amenities—Whirlpool, exercise room, indoor and outdoor pools, complimentary airport van
- Three Nights Hospitality Room—Room #140
- Cut Off Date—25 March 2010

### For Information or Questions:

Bob Mackey (President Emeritus)  
 300 Webb Street, Calumet, IL 60409-4716  
 Phone 708-891-6771

Herman Doernbach (Secretary Emeritus)  
 3144 S 98th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53227-4210  
 Phone 414-321-0098  
 Email [hdoernbach@gmail.com](mailto:hdoernbach@gmail.com)

Area Information: Fort Wayne County Convention Visitor Bureau, 1021 S Calhoun, Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
 Phone 800-767-7752

Directions: I-69, Exit 111B, just north on SR3, then 0.3 miles east.

Note: Please call in your reservations early. The hotel fills up quickly this time of year. You can always cancel later, if need be.

# Nineteenth Annual New Jersey Area Spring Fling April 24

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 St./Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Make check payable to Bill Radonga**  
 I served on Coral Sea CVB-43, CV-43, and CVA-43 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Div \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Vice President's Corner

Hi Shipmates,

Hopefully everyone who attended the 2009 reunion had a great time. I know that we did. It's always a great pleasure to meet, swap stories and just in general have fun.

I was especially happy with how the business meeting went. I think that good progress is being made to make our Association as goods as it can be. The input from all Shipmates is needed in order to accomplish this task. There's always strength in numbers, so the more there are of us, the better off

we'll be.

Many of you know Shipmates who have been members of the Association, but no longer pay their dues. Please make an effort to get them back as members. Secretary Don Colwell has a list of these Shipmates and I'm sure that he'll be glad to e-mail it to those of you who have computer access. It's a long list! Let's work hard to increase our ranks and become best carrier association in existence.

Lastly, the Association By-laws were modified again this year. The up-dated version will be on the Association website as soon

as I get it to the webmaster. For those of you who are not on line and want a copy of the By-laws, write to the Secretary or myself and we'll furnish you with a copy. It's your right as a member to know of what they consist.

See ya!

*John*

John Ranson  
 Vice President



### Salty Humor

If you have a bad cough, just take a large dose of laxatives. You'll then be too afraid to cough. Problem solved.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Secretary's Corner

Hi Shipmates,  
 Hope you and yours are well.  
 I would like to thank John Plude for putting on a great reunion in our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. Sandra and I enjoyed riding the Metro to The Pentagon, old Arlington, The White House, The Capitol, and of course, Arlington Cemetery. The changing of The Guard at Arlington was awesome.  
 It was a smaller reunion, with a little over a hundred in attendance, but nice because everybody seemed to know each

other. Hey, even the snipes didn't mind mingling with Airdales, imagine that!  
 The only downside to the reunion was the loss of 'Sully' Sullivan from Burney, CA. Unfortunately, he lost his life on the way home from Reno, Nevada to California. He was one of our shipmates that we always looked for at the mini reunions as well as the national reunions. Our most sincere condolences to the Sullivan family.  
 Also, rest in peace my friend and shipmate, Jeff Bickerstaff, who lost his life in October.  
 We shared the same living

quarters in aft B Div. compartment. He was well known around B Div. oil shack and aft and forward Evaps.  
 Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All,

*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. Thank you.



Salty Humor

If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

## A Preview of the Annual Meeting Action that Awaits in Tampa!

George Haase has raised the standard for our annual meeting planning expectations. To get you thinking "Tampa 2010," here's a preview of the activities already being planned for you.

### **TAMPA CITY TOUR and The American Victory Ship and Lunch October 7, 2010**

Return to the Victorian era in the lavishly furnished H. B. Plant Museum located on the University of Tampa Campus. It's located in the former Tampa Bay Hotel built in 1891 as a palatial resort. This elegant structure stands on 150 tropical acres overlooking the Hillsborough River. The Hotel was built and furnished by railroad tycoon Henry Bradford Plant. Recapture another era in this opulent Victorian winter resort. Modeled after the Alhambra Palace in Granada Spain, it is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visit historic Ybor City where the heart of the Latin community evolved. Vicente Martinez Ybor and other Havana cigar makers brought their factories and a new culture to Tampa, becoming "the Cigar Capital of the World." Tour the old Ferlita Bakery, now converted to the Ybor City State Museum, featuring the story of immigrant families making their way in a new land. Visit a turn-of-the-century cigar worker's house and enjoy lunch at a Cuban Restaurant in Ybor City.

Other highlights include a drive along exclusive Bayshore Boulevard, and the waterfront area -- home to the Tampa Convention Center, Forum,

Cruise Terminals, Shoppes at Channelside, the Florida Aquarium and Harbour Island. We will round out the tour in Channelside with a visit to the American Victory Ship. This stop allows visitors to view firsthand the on-going work to restore an icon of America's merchant maritime might; a functioning, 1940s-era merchant cargo vessel that served during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. Visitors experience virtually the entire ship, including radio and gyro rooms, hospital, galley, weaponry, flying bridge, wheelhouse, officer and crew messes, engine room, crew cabins, chartroom and cargo equipment. The developing museum contains photographs of the American Victory and other period merchant ships, U.S. Merchant Marine uniforms, personal recollections of life at sea as well as navigational equipment, hands-on displays and weaponry.

**INCLUSIONS:** Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, Admissions to H.B. Plant Museum, Ybor State Museum, the American Victory Ship, lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

**PRICE:** \$57.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per bus (7 hours)

### **ST. PETERSBURG CITY TOUR with the Armed Forces Military Museum and Lunch October 8, 2010**

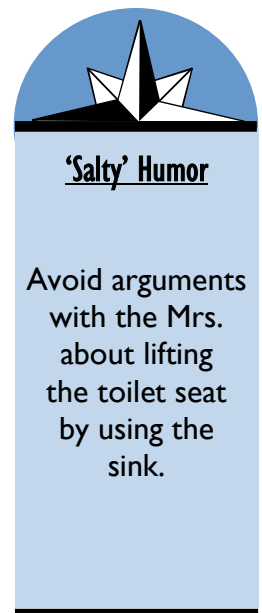
Start this trip with a visit to the Armed Forces Military Museum where you will experience the fight for freedom through the eyes of American heroes. You will walk through a WWI trench to the

flight deck of the Japanese aircraft carrier, Akagi. While reliving the attack on Pearl Harbor, you will be immersed in film clip action from the movie "Bora! Bora! Bora!" And you will be able to explore the South Pacific, D-Day landings, Third Reich, Korean War and 8063<sup>rd</sup> M.A.S.H., all enhanced with simulations of smoke, sounds of airplanes and tanks, and other special effects.

En route to St Petersburg, you will drive by the Admiral Farragut Academy which was founded in 1933 on the banks of the Toms River in Pine Beach, NJ. The Academy is a college-preparatory military style school. It is named after Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the first U.S. Naval officer to rise to that rank. The Academy became so popular during its first twelve years that a second campus was purchased in 1945 on the shores of Boca Ciega Bay in St. Petersburg, FL. Seventy-five years later it is this southern campus that continues the traditions established in 1933.

St. Petersburg, once declared "America's healthiest place to live," is the home of many treasures. It holds a Guinness World Book record of 768 days of consecutive sunshine. This tour includes a stop at The Pier—the most recognizable landmark on the west coast—and Galleries, specialty shops, boutiques and more. Sparkling Florida water surrounds the Pier – take it all in from the top-floor observation deck: Sailboats and ships heading out to sea pro-

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### 'Salty' Humor

Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.

# 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](mailto: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."

## 2010 Scholarships...Call for Entries!

Association members or their eligible relatives may now request entry forms for the USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship program's 2010 contest.

Requests must be sent to Committee Chairman Bill Williams at [Welsh877@Verizon.net](mailto:Welsh877@Verizon.net) or at 100 Fairway Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011-2066. The contest officially opens on Jan. 1 but entry requests should be sent as soon as possible.

Williams was recently named acting chairman by Association President Mil Phillips following the resignation of Committee Chairman Bill Wilson due

to health problems. Williams had chaired the committee from its inception through 2007.

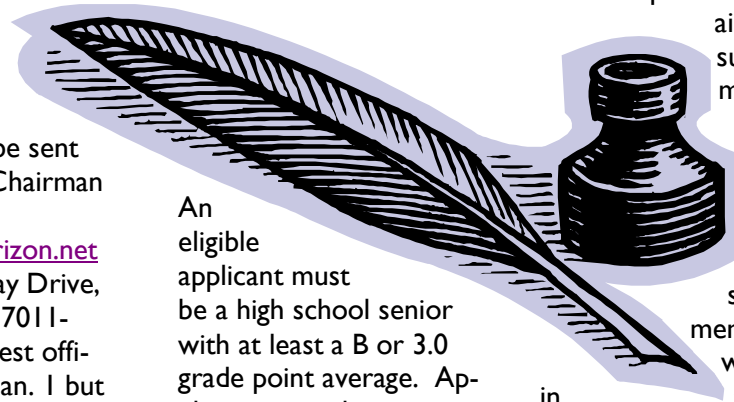
An eligible applicant must be a high school senior with at least a B or 3.0 grade point average. Applicants must be a son, daughter, step-child, grandchild, step-grandchild or great-grandchild of an Association member in good standing on the date the scholarship is awarded, or of a deceased member in good standing

at the time of death, or of a non-member who died in the line of duty while serving aboard the USS Coral Sea in ship's company or air group, or such a non-member who was captured as a prisoner of war, or such a non-member who was injured in the line of duty to the extent that separation from the U.S. Navy was required.

The applicant must submit a completed entry form accompanied by an essay of at least 800 but no more than 1,000 words on one of three given topics. Applicants must also agree to use the scholarship for their personal education at an accredited two-year or four-year United States college, university or post-secondary technical-vocational school.

The first place winner will receive a \$2,000 prize and second place \$500. Entry forms from prior-year contests are not acceptable. The forms are not printed in this newsletter or on the Association's website.

Entry packets will be mailed by the chairman on Jan. 2 or as soon as he re-



### 'Salty' Humor

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop.

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**President's Corner**  
mates that the hotel property is excellent. We hope you begin planning now to attend our Associations' 2010 annual reunion in sunny Florida!

Take care,

*Mil*

Mil Phillips  
President  
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Larry "Sully" Sullivan died as the result of an auto accident on the way home from the reunion. Our prayers go out to his widow and family.

Finally, the membership voted to contact the Secretary of the Navy and request a new ship to be named the Coral Sea. Accordingly, I have sent a letter to SECNAV informing him of our desire. *(A copy of that letter is included in this issue. —Ed.)*

—Submitted by  
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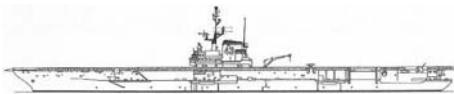
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### **Scholarship Entries Accepted...**

ceives entry requests. Entry material must be returned to the chairman no later than April 1.

Essays will be judged by the three elected members of the Scholarship Committee. The entrants' identities will be known only to the committee chairman, who does not vote on the essays. Additional information will be sent to each entrant in the entry packet.

### **Scholarship Fund Grows**

At this year's reunion in Arlington, VA, members attending contributed a total of \$2,136 to the Scholarship Fund. That included \$1,500 from an anonymous member, \$261 in a raffle and \$375 in a 50-50 drawing.

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### **Tampa 2010 Reunion Tours...**

vide a unique and panoramic look at the City of St. Petersburg.

**INCLUSIONS:** Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, Admission to the Armed Forces Military Museum, Lunch at the Madeira Beach American Legion Post, Sightseeing, all taxes, and gratuities.

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### **Royal Tea and Hyde Park Shopping, October 9, 2010**

We will visit the quiet and quaint Emma Rose Tea Room and Gift Shoppe. Relax and enjoy a fine tea, especially brewed for each group. The High Tea finger sandwiches and pastries complete a refreshing light midday meal. The gift selection is quite unique.

### **The Royal Tea (High Tea)**

Endless pot of loose tea and your

choice of freshly baked scones with sweet cream and preserves, assorted finger sandwiches, delectable sweets and tea breads, a variety of savories and seasonal fresh fruits.

The food is made from scratch daily to insure the highest quality – the scones are the best you may ever taste. Customers from England tell us they are the best. Our pastries are 'to die for' as we use pastry chef, Joe Higgins who is renown throughout the area. Some time will be allotted for shopping at Hyde Park Village before returning to the hotel. Just a few of the shops are Williams-Sonoma, Ann Taylor, Crabtree & Evelyn, Tommy Bahama, Anthropologie, and Restoration Hardware.

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