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THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

Dennis A. Curtis
RM2, CR Div.
1966-70

Charles R Daff
MM2, M-2 Div.
1982-86

Gus Eleamos
AN, V-4 Div.
1695-69

Bernard D. Fowler
YN3, X Div.
1969-70

Charles Jensen
RM2, OC Div.
1961-63

The Charleston Liberty Launch is Ready For You!

Don't let this liberty launch push off without you! Make your Charleston Plaza Hotel reservations for Oct. 8-11 today! Fill out the reunion registration and tour reservations forms today!

Make your reservations by calling (843) 747-1900. Be sure to mention the Coral Sea Assoc. for your discounted rate of \$124.85 per night, including sales tax. And

that rate will be available a few days prior and after

tour details, including the Patriot's Pont visit with a tour of the USS Yorktown. The word from President Mil Phillips is that the reunion HQ hotel is being heavily booked and may sell out. Charleston is a very popular vacation and tourist destination, so when the hotel is full, it's full!

Don't miss this great annual reunion get-together!



our reunion dates for those who would like to extend their stay. See page 7 for all of the

President's Corner

Hello Shipmates,
This will be the last issue of the Breeze before our Charleston reunion. As I had previously mentioned, the room block is less that we have had for previous reunions. As I write this, we are down **to our last 135 room nights so if you are planning to attend...book now.**

Bill Johnson has included the tour and registration information as well as the

hotel contact information. Remember when making your hotel reservation, be sure and say you're with the USS Coral Sea Association. In our last issue I reported that Sid "Doc" Dockery had agreed to take over small stores. George and Ann Rogers did a fantastic job for many years. They provided us with quality merchandise and reasonable prices. But, they said it's time to retire and relax. They have reduced their

inventory and will transfer what they have on hand over to Doc. Small stores will be alive and well in Charleston. Future orders for merchandise need to be directed to Doc. Since Doc does a lot of custom work, you can contact him for special orders. Look forward to seeing you in Charleston. Until next time,

Mil

Mil Phillips
President



TAPS

Willie L. Angel
SN, 3rd Div.
1960

Otto C. Kosbab
1952-53

William J. Radogna
FT2, F Div.
1951-55

Capt. Charles Nels Tanner
CAG-15, POW
Silver Star,
Distinguished Flying
Cross
Tallahassee, FL

37th Annual Coral Sea REUNION Reservation Form

Charleston Plaza Hotel, 4770 Goer Dr., North Charleston, SC 29406
Call (843) 747-1900 for reservations (say "USS Coral Sea" reunion for discount)
Room rate: \$124.85 (includes taxes). The group rate applies from Oct. 6—11, 2015.
Room reservation deadline for this is September 21, 2015

The hotel has a complimentary airport shuttle available, on request. A downtown shuttle runs at scheduled times for a small fare.

Complete this form, include payment and mail to:

Bill Johnson, 322 North Portia St., Nikomoa, FL 34275

Name _____ Guest Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ - _____ Email _____

For the purpose of printing you name badge, please complete the following:

Name _____ Rate & Rating or Rank _____
Division _____ Served Aboard Coral Sea (month/year):
from _____ to _____

Note: Buffet & Dinner prices include registration costs.

Friday evening dinner buffet, quantity: _____ \$45.00/person

Saturday evening banquet, including desert (please indicate your choices):

NY Strip Steak, quantity: _____ \$50.00/person
Grilled Chicken, quantity: _____ \$45.00/person
Grilled Salmon, quantity: _____ \$45.00/person

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association

Treasurer's Corner

Hello Everyone

Time is flying by and before we know it, we'll be in Charleston.

If you haven't already done so, please send your raffle tickets in ASAP. I will be heading to the reunion several days early and will need them before I leave.

Audit Committee Chairman Bob Gaston has completed his audit of the General and Reunion financial records and reports all is in order. Our financial records have been forwarded to the

accountant for the preparation of our tax returns. I will report on that at the annual business meeting. Many thanks to Bob for all of his hard work.

Looking forward to seeing you in Charleston,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer

Vice President's Corner

Hello Shipmates,
My Congressman, Jeb Hensertling, reviewed our letters to the Secretary of the Navy over the last several years. He was disappointed in the lack luster

response. He took copies of everything to see if he can get a response from Washington on our behalf. If we don't hear back by Sept., I will again renew our efforts to get the next "Coral Sea" on the high seas.

Join me in welcoming two new member with whom I served in the 60s: Bobby Gosnell and Charles Jensen. Welcome Aboard!

Thanks to all who have help me and I look forward to seeing you all in Charleston.

Smooth sailing,

Wayne

Wayne Addikson
Association Vice President

37th Annual Coral Sea Reunion TOURS Registration Form

Name _____ Phone () _____ - _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____

(See All the Tour Details on Page 7!)

All prices are per person. Tour registration deadline is September 7, 2015.

Thursday, 10/8/15, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.: Historic Charleston Tour

Cost: \$38 # of people: _____ Total Cost: \$ _____

Friday, 10/9/15, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.: Patriots Point Tour with lunch

Cost: \$64 # of people: _____ Total Cost: \$ _____

Three Ways to Complete Your Registration

- Send registration by mail with check or credit card information to:

Charleston Convention & Group Services
PO Box 1118
Charleston, SC 29402

- Send registration by fax with credit card information to (843) 571-4669
- Register by phone with Jennifer Leitzke by calling (800) 553-2055

Please note: No refunds or changes are possible after September 7, 2015.

Secretary's Corner

Greetings to all Shipmates, Hopefully many of you will be heading south to Charleston, SC for the reunion. Surely Bill Johnson and George Haase will have all things set up for another memorable reunion. Thanks to Shipmates Bill and George for taking on this task. Thanks also to all those who will be assisting, notable are spouses Lynn and Maria!

Thanks to all shipmates for paying your dues. I believe that having the dues expiration date now on the mailing label of "Sea Breeze" has been a big help. As always, if you have any corrections or questions regarding your

mailing address, dues date, etc. please contact me. I'm always glad to talk to shipmates.

Please note the information regarding the 2016 Midwest Spring Fling in this issue. Make your room reservations now. I'll have more detailed info in the December issue of "Sea Breeze". I'm still waiting to confirm prices and arrangements for dinner on Saturday night. I'd like to have a buffet, but I have to get prices from the hotel for this. Otherwise, the hotel restaurant will be able to accommodate all of us in one place and we'll order from the menu. I've had several functions at this hotel and I guarantee you that it is a first rate facility. All of you will enjoy this

reunion. I hope that this event can get back to how it used to be. The more that attend this event, the more fun we'll have!

Association Vice President Wayne Addkison is working hard to have the Secretary of the Navy designate a future ship USS Coral Sea. Thanks Wayne for your effort regarding this important matter. All members of the Association need to also contact our congressmen and senators regarding this.

I want all of you who served aboard "The Best in the West" during the Viet Nam War to know that there is legislation pending in both the US House of Representatives and US Senate that

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Welcome Aboard!

Cleon R. Mansfield
 ABF3, V-4 Div.
 1967-70

Barby L. Miller
 V-1 Div.
 1963-67

Robert M. Ross
 SN, G Div.
 1967-68

Brian T. Tardiff
 SN, SM Div.
 1969-71

CVA-43 \$2000 Remembrance Scholarship to Katherine DiFiglio

What it Means to Be an American

by Katherine DiFiglio

Proud! That's what I feel when I think of what it means to be an American.

A few years ago, my dad accompanied my grandpa on one of the Honor Flights to see the World War II memorial in Washington D.C. My grandpa served in the Army Air Corps. He was part of a B26 Marauder flight crew and served as the lead navigator/bombardier. He loved to say he was the one who was in charge of getting the squadron lost!

My mom packed me and my brother and sister up and we were to be part of the crowd awaiting the Honor Flight plane upon its return from Washington DC. At first, I was just excited to be able to stay up late on a school night. We arrived at the airport an hour or so before the plane touched down. I was not prepared for the festive and patriotic atmosphere that awaited us.

The first thing I heard when we walked in was loud live music. It was the Air Force Band playing several songs from the 1940's but also patriotic songs like, "Yankee Doodle Dandy". My grandma met us there and I noticed tears in her eyes. I knew she wasn't sad because she was smiling but it puzzled me. The terminal began filling up with people and soon lots of military in their uniforms lined up each carrying a flag. Each of the service branches was represented. We stood behind these lines of men and women. The plan was for the veterans to walk or be wheeled through this honor guard upon their return. The reds, whites and blue colors added an electricity to the air as I waited for my grandpa to come home from his day in Washington DC.

Just when I thought it couldn't get any more exciting, the announcement came on that the plane had landed and the Chicago

Fire Department was going to be spraying a water canon arch that the Honor Vets would taxi through. I couldn't run fast enough to the window to watch as the plane taxied under the water arch. I caught my breath at what I saw next. Hanging from a fire truck with its ladder fully extended was the largest American flag I had ever seen. It was lighted by large spot lights. My heart started pounding at just the sight of that big, beautiful symbol of our freedom that was so strikingly illuminated against the darkness.

As the veterans disembarked, clapping and whistling started and continued until every last veteran was escorted off that plane. I understood now the tears in my grandma's eyes. My own eyes welled up as I saw my grandpa being escorted out in his wheelchair by my dad. He was wearing his Army Air Corps cap and smiling from ear to ear. When grandpa saw us he started to cry and was speechless.

His face and that day showed what it means to be an American; proud, grateful and strong, even strong enough to cry in front of your grandchildren!

My grandpa has since passed away, but the memories of that experience have forged a gratefulness and pride in my family for serving our country. Proud, you bet I am!

Meet Katherine DiFiglio....

I am the youngest of four. I have one brother, and two sisters. My dad, Joe, served aboard the USS Coral Sea from 1977-1981. In high school, I swam and played water polo for all four years, and was captain my senior year. One of my interests included English, which led me to be the Vice President of the National English Honor Society, my senior year. Another one of my interests was health sciences and I have recently completed my Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course. I plan on studying nursing this fall, in college.



Salty Humor

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

CVA-43 \$500 Remembrance Scholarship to Bryana Koontz

What it Means to Be an American

By Bryana Koontz

What is America? What is an American? Is it just a person born here? Is America just a geographical territory in the West? To say that an American is whoever is born here or whoever has come and taken an oath of citizenship is equivalent to saying that the Bible is nothing more than words on paper. Yes, it is words on paper however, to many, like being an American, it is much more. If America is nothing more than a congregation of people we call "citizens," then in my opinion, we have "dumbed down" the ideals we hold as Americans.

To me, we are a nation of immigrants not based on any particular ethnicity, but instead much like a salad. Each ethnicity is a part of the mix which retains the individual identity of each culture. I believe this mix is a mix of all other nations and as America we have no "American Culture" but a culture of diversity. As Sam Smith states in the article "How to be a Patriot" in my opinion, true patriotism is an act of love not hate and of accep-

tance not rejection.

Yes, as Unified America we strive to be these things and hold these things true however, to say nationalism and the United States have not had their problems would be unrealistic. To overlook our pastime of war, terror, and discrimination would be a horrific crime. American exceptionalism has been poison to many communities and cultures. However, it is those who have been able to pull through during the hardships that really made a difference. The time period of the Harlem Renaissance is an example of this. The African American community was able to join together and truly recreate their culture, after so many years of torture and discrimination. They were able to celebrate the fact they had overcome and survived that their culture could be reborn. This is America.

As a child I thought that being an American was nothing more than summer barbecues, red tablecloths, and fireworks on the Fourth of July. Nationalism to me was nothing more than a big festivity with very little meaning. I

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Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
It's September and in many households that means "back to school". For us old salts, it probably has been many, many years since we went back to school in September!

When I was in elementary school, the arrival of the month of August meant I needed to get ready to go back to school. So, every night before I fell asleep I would practice (in my head) the multiplication

tables so I would be ready. For some reason, I was afraid to be caught "not ready" for school.

Well, life has not changed all that much, at least in some ways. I find that I still need to "get ready" for each of the new stages of my life. The next big stage for me is the one many of you are well aware of, retirement.

So, I am doing my mental exercises and reading articles and I also throw in a prayer or two along the way. I love it that life keeps bringing new chal-

lenges, even though "change" gets harder as the years roll along.

I pray that your fall season brings you many good things. And just like we used to do in our Navy days, we need to train and retrain so we are ready for whatever may come our way.

God bless you all!

Your chaplain,

Michael

Michael D. Halley
CDR, CHC, USN, Retired
Association Chaplain



Salty Humor

A bus station is where a bus stops.
A train station is where a train stops.
On my desk, I have a work station.

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 (CV/CVB/CVA-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the original commissioning crew (plank owner), even if they spent fewer than 90 days aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership is \$20 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year when submitted for renewal or first-time application. Any amount submitted over the annual dues will be automatically earmarked for the Association's Scholarship Fund program.



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) (mo/day/year)

Address _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____

ZIP+4 _____ **PHONE:** (_____) _____ **Email** _____

Spouse's Name _____ **Birthdate** _____ **Anniversary** _____

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 USCG
 (Rank/Rate) USNR Air Force Army

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

Please make check payable to: **USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.**
 Mail application to:

John Ranson, Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.
52 Woodland Pl.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605 Email: jrsr3843@fuse.net

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Salty Humor

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

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Bryana Koontz essay...
 treated being an American as a right, not a privilege. But what I have learned over the years is being an American is much more. To me, being an American means that like the song "I am Free" by News Boys, I have the freedom to run, to sing, to dance and above all I have the freedom to live for whoever or whatever I choose. What I choose may look different than the rest of you and that's okay, because this is America where we have the right to disagree.
 Yes, being an American means having the right to say what I like, go where I please and do what I want,

without the fear of being subjected to "illegal search and seizure" or wrongful detention, as long as I adhere to a few simple truths set forth in our Bills of Rights. There have been so many of our rights brought to our attention by the media in recent months. The beatings and shootings citizens have encountered by those that are here to "Serve and Protect" has caused us to question whether or not our rights have been preserved. These events which use to be infrequent in the news are now headlining the nightly news. Is it that such obliteration of human rights has been going unnoticed until recent social media

has been able to capture such events? It is not to say, that those captured were not causing a situation however, being an American doesn't warrant being beat or shot without merit. Unfortunately, being an American means facing up to the wrongs being committed in our quest to protect our rights of freedom.
 Tremendous freedoms bring a huge responsibility to protect those freedoms. I am reminded of the great sacrifices made by our men and women in the various arms of our great military. So many men and women have lost their lives or limbs and even their minds. The

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USS Coral Sea – Tour Options

Thursday, October 8, 2015 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

HISTORIC CHARLESTON TOUR w/FREE TIME IN THE MARKET

Tour Charleston, SC one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south. Throughout the tour, your licensed guide will recount over 300 years of Charleston's long and colorful history from 1670 to present day with a blend of knowledge, wit, and humor. Topics discussed will include Charleston's role in Colonial America, the American Revolution, the southern Antebellum Era, the Civil War, and its current day status as one of top travel destinations in World.

Some of the landmarks you will see include **Rainbow Row**, **St. Michaels Church**, **the College of Charleston**, and South Carolina's famed military academy the **Citadel**. Your guide will also point out early period houses in Mazyck-Wraggborough and Harleston Village as well as magnificent public buildings like The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon and the famous "Four Corners of Law" at the intersection of Meeting and Broad Street. At the **Battery**, we will also stop for a brief walk through the park and some photo opportunities of Charleston's scenic harbor. Your tour will end at the **Old City Market** where you will have time for shopping, browsing, and lunch on your own at one of Charleston's many fine restaurants.



**Only \$38
Per Person**

Friday, October 9, 2015 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

PATRIOTS POINT TOUR w/LUNCH IN THE CPO MESS

Tour Patriots Point, one of the world's largest naval and maritime museums. Visit the **USS Yorktown**, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the **Destroyer Laffey**, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the **Vietnam Era Naval Support Base** with its Sea Cobra and Huey helicopters; and the newly renovated Congressional Medal of Honor museum. While at Patriots Point, **enjoy a traditional Navy lunch in the Chief Petty Officer's Mess** aboard the USS Yorktown



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Per Person**

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when making reser-
vation.
Room rate: \$99.00
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(Currently 11.3%)

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USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION LOGO ITEMS

- CAP ITEM #001 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #002 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #003 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #004 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #005 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #006 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #007 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #008 - \$13.00
- ASSOCIATION PATCH ITEM # 009 - \$20.00



USS CORAL SEA CVE-43, CVA-43, CV-43 SILHOUETTE ITEMS

- CAP ITEM #010 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #011 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #012 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #013 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #014 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #015 - \$23.99
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- TEE'S ITEM #017 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #018 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #019 - \$24.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #020 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #021 - \$13.00



ADDITIONAL USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION LOGO ITEMS

- CAP ITEM #022 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #023 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #024 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #025 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #026 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO ITEM #027 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #028 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #029 - \$13.00
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- MEN POLO'S ITEM #031 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #032 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #033 - \$13.00



EMBROIDERY ON FRONT, SIDES AND BACK OF CAPS

- CAP ITEM # 034 - \$24.99
- CAP ITEM # 035 - \$26.99



USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 NAVY JOB RATE CAPS

- CAP ITEM #036 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #037 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #038 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #039



NAVY RANK OR ENLISTED PAYGRADE INSIGNIA CAPS

- CAP ITEM #040 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #041 - 23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #042 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #043 - \$13.00



NAVY PAYGRADE INSIGNIA (SILVER)

- CAP ITEM #044 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #045 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #046 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #047 - \$13.00



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- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #050 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #051 - \$13.00



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- JACKET ITEM #056 \$83.00
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- JACKET ITEM #058 \$80.00



CORAL SEA WIFE

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- TEE'S ITEM #060 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #061 - \$22.50



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LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA PROUD WIFE

- POLO ITEM #062 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #063 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #064 - \$22.50



LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA GIRL

- POLO ITEM #065 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #066 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #067 - \$22.50



YOUTH CORAL SEA MY GRANDPA SERVED

- POLO'S ITEM #068 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #069 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #070 - \$15.50



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- POLO'S ITEM #071 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #072 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #073 - \$15.50



YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAWPAW SERVED

- POLO'S ITEM #074 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #075 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #076 - \$15.50



YOUTH CAPS \$18.99

- ITEM #077 - \$15.99
- ITEM #078 - \$15.99
- ITEM #079 - \$15.99
- ITEM #080 - \$15.99



USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 CAP WITH BLANK CENTER

- CAP ITEM # 081 - \$27.50



USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE PATCHES

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- COMBAT CRUISE TWO ITEM #083 - \$20.00
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- COMBAT CRUISE FOUR ITEM #085 - \$20.00
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ADDITIONAL CORAL SEA PATCHES

- ITEM #088 - \$25.00
- ITEM #089 - \$20.00
- ITEM #090 - \$20.00
- ITEM #091 - \$20.00



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CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #1

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CONTACT INFORMATION shop.cva43doc @ charter.net Shop Phone - 205.330.7750 Cell Phone - 205.310.0330 12550 Oak Ridge Road Northport, Alabama 35475-4327			SALES TOTAL \$ _____	** USPS PRIORITY MAIL - S/H CHARGES** UP TO \$24.99\$7.00 \$25.00 TO \$50.00\$9.00 \$51 TO \$75\$12.00 \$76 & UP\$15.00	

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Reunion Chairman Notes

Shipmates,

As I sit here trying to get a newsletter ready for our reunion in Charleston, I would like to comment on the article in the breeze about Doolittle's Raiders. I was also on another carrier, the Shangri-La and we were really close to the Raiders. Here in Sarasota County, "We were trying to help the kids understand where we came from, trying to help the kids understand where the men and women came from." Let's not forget the men and women that gave for our country! Fun fact: Camp David (the presidential retreat in Maryland) used to be named Shangri-La.

Now onto the reunion. We have a great town to host the reunion; Charleston, South Carolina. It doesn't have the Grand Ole Opry, but there will still be plenty of entertainment! Please remember to send in the raffle tickets which help with the cost of putting on the reunion. We will have some great prizes!

As for the tours, we will have a historic tour of Charleston with free time in the market place; this will take place on Thursday, October 8 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. The price per person will be \$36. The second tour will be of Patriots Point with lunch in the CPO mess; that will take place on Friday, October 9 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. The price per person for this tour will be \$64 per person, with lunch included.

The reservation information for dinner and tours will be located in this newsletter; you will send those to me, Bill Johnson. We have worked very hard getting this reunion together for all of you folks; we will even be having a bunch of new faces joining us, so please be ready to greet them with open arms! Also, be on the lookout for a letter from Bob Mackey about the very first reunion that was held in Charleston, South Carolina!

I have probably been to more reunions than most, and you guys are my family, I am looking so forward to seeing each one of you in Charleston!

Your Shipmate,

Bill

Bill Johnson, Reunion Committee Chairman

Sea Cadet's Report

The Coral Sea Div. of the Sea Cadets has now grown to 61 Cadets and 19 Officers, and Instructors, for a unit of 80.

The Unit took first place in the Regional Annual Inspection. They also took the Annual Chairman's Award for Recruitment. Over 20 new Cadets have been added this year.

Regional Flagship competition for all

units in the Region were held at Camp Pendleton MCB in April, with our unit taking 3rd place in the Line Heaving Line competition.

25 Cadets participated in and received their Swimming Qualification.

Cadet Coles So-

loed his aircraft on his 16th Birthday. He spent a week at Lemoore NAS participating in Basic Airman Training, and a week at Camp Pendleton, Virginia, receiving training at the Petty Officer Leadership Academy. This is also a lesson in Life Training for PO3, as they have to buy their own ticket and travel unaccompanied. FAA Ground School was held on the USS Midway with two of our Cadets attending.

Sea Training was conducted on SS Lane Victory with Cadets learning deck work, rigging and boom handling, along with fork lift training.

Again some of the Associations donation helped provide 25 more canteen and belt sets to the new Cadets.

Cheers,

Richard

Chief Richard Satchell, (Ret)



Salty Humor

This economic "recovery" has been so slow, Exxon-Mobil just laid off 25 Congressmen.



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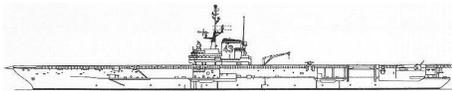
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Bryana Koontz essay...

great unsung heroes of the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean Vietnam, Desert Storm and all the other battles we have and are still fighting in the Middle East. Oh, and let's not forget the horrific battle being fought right here at home against terrorism. We owe so very much to our Veterans; after all they are the ones who have kept America free! To which I say thank you!

Being an American is not just about enjoying the rights and privileges that make our country so great. No, it's about being prepared to stand up for our rights. Always willing to pick up our arms and be prepared to die ensuring those rights so that our future generations might enjoy them as well; that they might know **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN.**

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Meet Bryana Koontz....

I am a graduate of Dana Hills High School in Southern California finishing with a 3.95 GPA. I have been active for the past four years in the Health and Medical Occupations Academy at my high school, which has given me hands on experience in the hospitals.

In the Fall I will be attending Dominican University in San Rafael, Calif., majoring in nursing and specializing in neonatology. I have been around hospitals much of my life as my father became very ill when I was young and had a liver transplant. UCLA was like a second home to me. While most would consider this experience negative, I truly enjoyed being able to see all of the technology and wonderful results that medicine brings. This increased my desire to become a nurse.

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Secretary's Corner...

address our being exposed to defoliants (Agent Orange). The House bill is HR 969 and the Senate bill is S 681. **PLEASE** contact your member of Congress and both of your US Senators asking that they co-sponsor and support these bills. If you need the contact info for your senators and congressmen, please contact me (e-mail: jrsr3843@fuse.net; cell 859-250-3727). I've got all their phone numbers and e-mail address and I'll be more than happy to get that info to you. The squeaking wheel gets the grease, so we all need to start squeaking now. See you all soon and as always, Godspeed!

John

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