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Welcome Aboard!

David F. Bolt
AO3, GM Div.
1966—67

Jerry L. Nurnberg
CYN3, CR Div.
1969—70

Robert A. Watson
LI3, X Div.
1951—55

San Diego Annual Reunion Tours are Set!

Let the Coral Sea Assoc. annual reunion fun in San Diego begin! Read up on the planned tour activities, then get your reservation in! We'll begin with the one tour no old salt can resist, the USS Midway Museum.

USS Midway Tour Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016—

Cost: \$20.00 per person.

Bus leaves hotel @ 0900

Return bus leaves Midway @ 1430

We will board the Midway prior to its opening. Most areas of the ship are open and accessible. Be-

we will be able to access them so please select one you would like to visit when you register.



Select one: Catapult Control, Arresting Gear Machinery, Secondary Con, D.C Central, 1 "C" Fire-room, or please specify a space not listed and if possible we will attempt to make it available. Remember we are not teenagers anymore and Navy Ladders are Navy Ladders.

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low is a limited list of spaces not open to the general public, however

President's Corner

Greetings shipmates. Hope 2015 was a good year for you all and hope that 2016 will bring fortune and good luck. This year's reunion is San Diego and during the reunion, we will be selecting the 2017 site. Included in this issue is an outline on how to propose a reunion. The target date is Columbus Day weekend or one week prior or following.

Hopefully we will have several proposals to vote on. Remember, by attending the annual reunion you are supporting your association. For San Diego we have a very beautiful hotel property with an Island theme. Located 5 miles from downtown San Diego and seven miles from the airport, it's in a prime location. It does not have airport shuttle service but does have service to the Zoo, Sea

World, Old Town, San Diego's largest shopping center and the trolley station. Hotel amenities include room balconies, microwaves, refrigerators, coffee makers & safes. The hotel also has a full service business center and fitness facility. To obtain the special room rate you need to reserve your room by September 7. However, should we fill our room block prior to

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TAPS

Joseph Cianelli
AMN, V-I Div.
1947, Plank Owner

Frank Costa
AN, V-I Div.
1947, Plank Owner

Richard W. Damme
CW04, OI Div.
1970—1973

Ted E. Hillis
SMSN, OS Div.
1959—1962

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Annual Reunion Tours... Remember?

Those not selecting a space to visit, will have the option to see the 15 minute *Battle of Midway* film in the new Battle of Midway Theater. At 1000 hours, the Midway opens to the public and you will receive the audio tour and be on your own to tour the ship. Please fill in the form below and mail to the address shown. Thanks!

USS Midway Tour Registration Form
Make Checks payable to: USS Coral Sea Association

Name _____

People _____ X \$20.00 = Total Cost \$ _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail _____

Space desired to see: _____

Mail checks to:
Mil Phillips, 4995 Maynard St., San Diego, CA 92122
Questions: email milphillip@aol.com or call (858) 452 0161

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings shipmates, As winter is winding down and spring is around the corner I can report The Association is financially sound. We are maintaining a steady cash flow. With that said, the investment account is riding the stock market roller coaster.

I am looking forward to the Annual reunion this fall in San Diego. The 2006 reunion in SD was outstanding and I would expect 2016 to be nothing less. Please consider attending and enjoying the fellowship and fun. A tour

San Diego City Tour

Friday, Sept. 30, 2016—

Cost: \$37 per person.
Planned itinerary: 9:00 AM, Depart hotel.



9:30—10:00 AM, Visit Veterans Memorial on Mount Soledad.
10:45—11:45 AM, Visit Cabrillo National Park.
12:15—12:30 PM, Drive through

Balboa Park.
12:30—2:00 PM, Free time for shopping and lunch on own in Old Town.
2:00—2:30 PM, Return to hotel.
Capturing the best of San Diego, friendly and professional tour guides provide narration along the way.

Mount Soledad's Veteran Memorial

This historic landmark pays homage to veterans who have honorably served our country and educates the public on the contributions of military personnel throughout our nation's history.

Cabrillo National Monument

Cabrillo National Monument is located at the southern tip of the Point Loma Peninsula in San Diego. It commemorates the landing of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo at San Diego Bay on September 28, 1542. This event marked the first time that a European expedition had set foot on what later became the West Coast of the United States.

The park offers a view of San Diego's harbor and skyline, as well as Coronado

of the Midway Museum will be the high light of the weekend.

Included in your copy of Sea Breeze are the raffle tickets for the drawing at the reunion. This is an important function to help fund our reunion, hope you will all participate. We have changed the look of the tickets this year and added a third book, while cutting paper waste and postage fees.

See you in San Diego

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer

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Coral Sea 2016 Annual Reunion Reservations.

USS Coral Sea 38th Annual Reunion hotel rate is \$105.00 + \$13.75 tax for a total of \$118.75. Please reserve your room by September 7 to obtain the special rate. Should we fill our room block prior to 9/7, reservations will depend on room availability. Early registration is recommended. Special rate is good for three days prior and three days after the reunion dates.

Rooms have balconies, safes, coffee maker, refrigerators and micro waves. Parking is complementary for registered guests. The hotel is seven miles from the airport and five miles to downtown. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle but has a complementary shuttle to the Zoo, Sea World, Old Town, the Fashion Valley shopping center & Trolley Station.



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Crowne Plaza San Diego, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108
September 28 - October 1, 2016
For Reservations Call: (619) 297-1101 for USS Coral Sea Reunion Special Rate
\$118.75 per night including sales tax

38th Annual Coral Sea Reunion Reservation Form

Name _____ Guest Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Division _____ Rank/Rating _____ Dates on Board _____

Reunion Registration & Hospitality Room Fee.....\$10.00

Friday—San Diego Fiesta Number _____ @ \$50.00 per person \$ _____

Saturday—Evening Banquet

 London Broil: Number _____ @ \$50.00 per person \$ _____

 Lemon Caper Number _____ @ \$50.00 per person \$ _____

 Chicken:

 Baked Mahi Mahi: Number _____ @ \$50.00 per person \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to: USS Coral Sea CVA 43 Association

Questions: call Mil @ (858) 452-0161 or email milphillip@aol.com

Mail with payment to: Mil Phillips, 4995 Maynard St., San Diego, CA 92122

George E. McCallum
 AMSAN, VA-216
 1968—1969

Edward J. Powers
 AN, VIH Div.
 1952—1953

David G. Yokley
 RD2, OI Div.
 1967—1970

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Bring on springtime; I'm sick of winter! I hope that many of you plan to attend the Midwest Spring Fling in Erlanger, Ky. in April. Please see the registration form and hotel info elsewhere in this issue of "Sea Breeze". There's a lot of fun to be had at this event and a lot of fun things to do in the Cincinnati, Ohio & Northern

Ky. area. I'll have sightseeing and tourist info available at the event for your information. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need help. I hope that we can build this event back up to as large as it was several years ago.

As always I appreciate when Shipmates contact me regarding any mailing label errors and with address corrections. I also need your help regarding deceased

Shipmates. If you know of any deceased Shipmates that may still be getting "Sea Breeze", please contact me so that I can remove them from the mailing list. This saves the Assoc. printing and mailing costs. Also, thanks to all who have paid your dues for 2016. Please note that if the expiration date on your mailing label is in red that your dues are expired. I plan this year to

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USS Coral Sea Association Reunion Requirements

USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. reunions traditionally are scheduled for the week proceeding Columbus Day in October each year from Wednesday thru Saturday of that week.

All recommendations for reunion sites must be supported by a written proposal from the hotel(s) and submitted to the Reunion Committee prior to the current reunion.

Hotel Meeting Room Requirements:

- 1) Hospitality room with seating for a minimum of 100 persons. (rounds of 10/table.) with a minimum of 8 4' x 6' (approx. size) tables for snack items, displays, etc. Assoc. must be able to provide its own beverages and snack items at no cost from the hotel, but with free ice from the hotel. (Wednesday thru Saturday.)
- 2) Meeting room for general membership

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Reunion Tours...

and Naval Air Station North Island. On clear days, a wide expanse of the Pacific Ocean, Tijuana, and Mexico's Coronado Islands are also visible.

The Old Point Loma Lighthouse is the highest point in the park and has been a San Diego icon since 1855. The old lighthouse is now a museum, and visitors can view some of the living areas there. The area includes former military installations such as coastal artillery

with theatre seating for a minimum of 150 persons. One floor microphone required. (Saturday morning.)

3) Clothing sales room with a minimum of 6 4' x 6' (approx. size) tables for display purposes. This room needs to be located as close to the hospitality room as possible. (Wednesday thru Saturday.)

4) Board of Directors meeting room with table for 10 with theatre seating for a minimum of 20 persons.

The USS Coral Sea Assoc. will have two dinner events, Thursday and Friday during reunions. Additionally, complimentary continental or buffet breakfast is preferred,

Housing Requirements:

Generally 400 room nights are needed for this reunion. A price per room not exceeding \$110.00 including all taxes & fees is desirable.

batteries built to protect the harbor from enemy warships. A former army building hosts an exhibit that tells the story of military history at Point Loma.

Balboa Park

Enjoy a drive through Balboa Park – a special place where you can experience San Diego's natural beauty, wonderful art and culture and stunning Spanish Revival architecture.

Old Town

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park recreates life in the Mexican and early American

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Salty Humor

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

San Diego City Tour Registration Form & Credit Card Payment

No. of Guests _____ X \$37.00 = Total Cost \$ _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Signature _____ Ph. No. _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. _____ CVV _____

Mail form to meet September 12 registration deadline to:

Arrangements Unlimited, 2990 Jamacha Rd., Ste. 250, Rancho San Diego, CA 92019

Questions: (619) 660-5340

Coral Sea Assoc. Midwest Spring Fling in Erlanger, Kentucky.

April 28 thru May 1, 2016

Holiday Inn-Airport, 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd., Erlanger, KY 41018

(Take I-275 west from I-75 to the Mineolia Pk. exit, turn right & the Holiday Inn is right there!)

Call 1-859-371-2233 for reservations. Mention USS Coral Sea Association when making reservation. Room rate: \$99.00 per night single or double plus tax. (Current taxes are 11.3%) Registration price per person for reunion: \$40.00. Price includes hospitality room and buffet dinner. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Holiday Inn. (See buffet menu below.) **Please make reservations by April 14, 2016**

Name _____ Guest Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone () _____ - _____ e-mail: _____

\$40.00 per person x () Total: \$ _____

Buffet includes: carved roast beef, chicken breast, redbskin potato salad, creamy cole slaw, Caesar salad, fresh garden salad & chef's choice desserts.

Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc., mention Spring Fling-2016.

Mail check & reservation form to: **John Ranson
 52 Woodland Pl.
 Ft. Thomas, Ky. 41075-1605**

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
 Depending upon where you are in these glorious states of the USA, this may be a dismally cold time of year for you. Where I live (Suffolk, Virginia) we do not suffer too terribly from the weather.

Which reminds me of many days at sea with our Ageless Warrior. While our engineers were overheated down in the bowels of the ship, those on the flight deck had to bear the brunt of whatever Mother Nature happened to be doing that day. All for the cause of

vigilance in the defense of liberty.

As I look back, unfortunately I have forgotten the names of many of my great shipmates, but I do recall with great pleasure the times we had together on-board our beloved ship. Though she is gone from us now – as are too many of our shipmates, as well--the memories remain and they are good ones.

We are approaching holy days for many religious faiths. Each of our religious celebrations is cause to remind us of the deep values we gain from our faith. And it is also a good time

to give thanks for a nation which has freedom of religion – for all and not just for a few select faiths – built right into our founding documents.

Rain or shine, hot or cold, let's remember and be proud that we served our country!

God bless you and your family,

Michael

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



Salty Humor

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Philippines, Leyte Gulf—Part 2

Two brilliant Admirals at Leyte Gulf began to develop a strategy to prevent the Japanese from challenging our forces within the gulf. So with two escort carriers, a few old battleships, a few cruisers and seven or eight tin cans, the plan took shape. (Remember, our three main fleets were not in this area; they were several days away, and that would be too late to assist the gulf fleet and save the Leyte operation.) So Admiral Fechteler ordered all non-warships to prepare to weigh anchor, but be prepared to set sail at a moment's notice. At the same time, Admiral Oldendorf took his entire group of warships and spread them across the end of Saragao strait. In other words they would "Cross the T." This meant that our warships were to be spread across (not stopped or anchored) the entire eastern most end of the Saragao strait which was at Leyte's southeastern entrance. That was immediately put into operation as a moveable

blockade.

As soon as the enemy forces came within range, our warships initiated a barrage of high explosive shells, aircraft bombs and sustained strafing by our pilots. The battle raged for several hours with tremendous explosions lighting up the night. Neither side could claim victory yet.

Our cargo was still being unloaded as rapidly as possible, especially the belly tanks and bombs for our aircraft. It didn't take long for our pilots to drop all available bombs, so they improvised. After dropping their bombs, they flew back to Tacloban airstrip and loaded their planes with belly tanks full of aircraft fuel and returned to the combat area. When these belly tanks were dropped onto enemy ships, they exploded, with the volatile fuel causing many fires. Both sides experienced heavy damage, but finally the

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Salty Humor

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but they always have to check when you tell them the paint is still wet?

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President's Corner...

9/7, the rate will depend on room availability. So, early reservations are recommended.

We will have two tours. Thursday we will have the Midway tour and we will be on board before the museum opens. Almost all of the ship is open to the public, however some spaces are not. The reason being location, size and/or accessibility. In the registration for the Midway tour, you are asked to select an area/space you would like to visit. Every effort will be made to accommodate.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes round trip bus

transportation.

On Friday will have a San Diego City Tour. It will include Mount Soledad's Veteran's Memorial, Cabrillo National Monument, Balboa Park and then shopping and lunch (on your own) in Historic Old Town. Cost is \$37 per person.

This will be our third reunion in San Diego and the previous two were well attended. Look forward to seeing you all in San Diego.

Mil

Mil Phillips
President

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Reunion Tours...

periods of 1821 to 1872. It is called the Birthplace of California because it was the first European settlement on the West Coast. Five original adobes are part of the complex, which includes shops, restaurants and a museum. Today, 37 historic buildings demonstrate the early pueblo period. Historic buildings include the Black Hawk Livery & Blacksmith shop, the former county courthouse, San Diego's first newspaper office, the old Adobe Chapel, and much more! Guests will have free time to explore, shop and enjoy lunch on their own. Fill in the tour form (page 4) and return it with your payment today!

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Philippines, Leyte Gulf...

'Japs' retreated into the night.

Admirals Oldendorf and Fechteler discussed the enemy's retreat, trying to determine whether or not to follow the enemy for an hour or so, just to be sure their retreat was not another cunning action to lure our forces away from Leyte. Our admirals considered the enemy could very easily retreat around the northern tip of Negros Island and return into the Saragao strait. And if we followed their retreat, we would be somewhere in the Philippines,

away from Leyte. They could easily attack our forces on Leyte beaches, and destroy everything we had already achieved.

After a short pursuit, our battle forces and carriers all returned to our original positions and "crossed the T" again. Fortunately, our Admirals were exactly right. In just a few days, the Japanese fleet returned to the strait and was totally defeated. This time, they did not return to this area.

About six weeks later I returned to duty as a signalman in Adm. Fechteler's staff. I was assigned to "light duty" in the flag plot on the bridge until I regained strength in my leg. Every officer in the flag plot had 'scrambled eggs' on his hat (the leaf-shaped embellishments on the visors of a senior naval officer's cap). Those were the officers who made the "big" decisions.

There were three enlisted men in the compartment; the Admiral's chef, his

whale boat operator and a signalman (me). Each of us was at the Admiral's disposal 24 hours a day. We were all under strict orders to never mention anything that was discussed or enacted in the flag plot. To violate this confidence would be a courts-martial offense.

During my several weeks of recovery and

working in the flag plot, my knowledge of many wartime events became very clear to me. That is where I learned more about the "Buna Graveyard." I also learned about so many people who were part of the war effort: Navy, Seabees, Marines, Army,



Pilots, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Frogmen, National Guard, hospital ships, service doctors and nurses, pharmacist mates, medics, service and civilian spotters, natives who aided us on many islands, factory workers at home, all others who sacrificed so much so that our servicemen and women could achieve their objectives. And I will always feel gratitude to all those who lost their lives fighting for our country.

One of the most important naval battles of the Pacific in WWII was the one at Leyte Gulf. This action opened all avenues toward Japan by saving our committed forces which, if defeated, would have been disastrous.

—Submitted by
George Williams
USN 1941-46



Salty Humor

The voices in my head may not be real, but they come up with some very good ideas!

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- 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

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- POLO ITEM #011 - \$23.99
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- TEE'S ITEM #013 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #014 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #015 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #016 - \$24.50
- 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
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- MEN TEE'S ITEM #029 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #030 - \$19.99
- 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



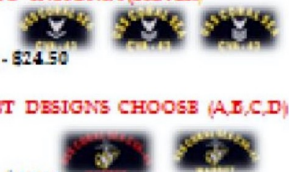
NAVY RANK OR ENLISTED PAYGRADE INSIGNIA CAPS

- 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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- POLO ITEM #049 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #050 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #051 - \$13.00



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 - WATCH CAP ITEM #054 - 14.99



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- JACKET ITEM #056 \$83.00
- JACKET ITEM #057 \$80.00
- JACKET ITEM #058 \$80.00



CORAL SEA WIFE

- POLO ITEM #059 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #060 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #061 - \$22.50



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- POLO ITEM #062 - \$30.00
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- 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



YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAPA SERVED

- 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



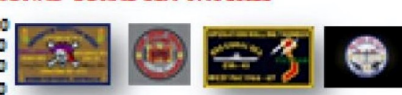
USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE PATCHES

- COMBAT CRUISE ONE ITEM #082 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE TWO ITEM #083 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE THREE ITEM #084 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE FOUR ITEM #085 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE FIVE ITEM #086 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE SIX ITEM #087 - \$20.00



ADDITIONAL CORAL SEA PATCHES

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



WESTERN-PACIFIC CRUISE PATCH

- ITEM #092 - \$35.00



EVACUATION OF SAIGON PATCHES - 7"X7"

- ITEM #093 - \$35.00
- ITEM #094 - \$35.00



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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 \$ _____ SHIPPING CHARGES \$ _____ TOTAL CHARGE \$ _____		** 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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41st Anniversary Mayaguez Reunion.



Salty Humor

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The 41st anniversary reunion of the Battle of Koh Tang/Mayaguez Rescue will be held May 15-19, 2016 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The reunion observing this military action is held annually by the Koh Tang Mayaguez Veterans Organization (KTMV)

Forty-one years ago on May 12, 1975 the cargo ship S.S. Mayaguez was seized by the Khmer Rouge off the coast of Cambodia. The Coral Sea, steaming to a Perth, Australia port call at the time, was called into action to help recover the Mayaguez and her crew. Forty-one brothers gave their all in this action. They are, in fact, the last 41 names on "The Wall".



The Coral Sea played a major role in the recovery of the Mayaguez and the evacuation of the marines from Koh Tang Island. I am a member of KTMV organization and invite my shipmates who served with me on the Coral Sea at this time to join our brother marines, airmen, and sailors at the reunion to remember

our fallen brothers. For more information on the reunion, visit the web site: www.kohtang.com, or contact me at johnsteiert@missouristate.edu

—Submitted by
John Steiert, AQ2
IM3 Division 74-76.

USS Coral Sea Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

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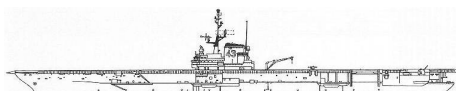
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Shipmates,

Our 2016 USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Remembrance Scholarship Program is getting off to a good start. I have received five requests for packets already. That means that you sponsors need to remind your student of the date to get his/her application to me. The packets **MUST** be mailed to me **NO later than** April 15, 2016. This year we are able to give out a \$2000 and a \$500 scholarship. I am encouraged every year with the responses I receive for the packets. This is a great way to keep the memories of our "Ageless Warrior" alive. Everyone have a great spring and I'll have the names of our recipients in the June "Breeze." Fair Winds and Following Seas to all,
Jon Lickey
Scholarship Chairman

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Secretary's Corner...

contact all Shipmates who are past due and whose roster information may need up-dating. As always I enjoy talking to all of you. Contact me anytime that you like.

I recently received a letter from the VA thru my Congressman regarding getting Coral Sea out on the VA list of ships exposed to defoliants during the Viet Nam war. As of now, the VA is refusing to place Coral Sea on the list of ships exposed to defoliants (Agent Orange, etc.) during the Viet Nam War. I'm disappointed in the response, but I'm not giving up. There are two bills in this Congress that address this problem. HR 969 (still in a House sub-committee with 296 co-sponsors) is the House version and S. 681 is the Senate version (still in a Senate Committee since May 2015). It is **imperative** that all Shipmates who served aboard Coral

Sea during the Viet Nam War contact their Member of Congress and US Senators demanding that they co-sponsor and support this legislation. I've got a complete roster of the 114th Congress. Contact me now if you need to get your Member of Congress or US Senators contact info. Do not send letters by US Mail. All US Mail going to Congress gets screened and may take months for it to get delivered. Contact them with a phone call or e-mail. They do tract how their constituents feel on such matters. The squeaking wheel gets the grease. We need to start squeaking!!!

Thanks & Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
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