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# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

**Correction:** Reunion Hotel Reservation Number is **(361) 883-5731**

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## Welcome Aboard!

**W.T. Bristow**  
PO3, R Div.  
1948—52

**Robert Deems**  
SK3, S-1 Div.  
1/71—10/73

**Edward D. O'Connell**  
PO3  
6/52—5/53

**Arnold Snowberger III**  
AN, OC Div.  
2/26—8/68

**Joel D. Stanley**  
ABH2, V-3 Div.  
7/76—4/80

## Your 2017 Annual Reunion Accommodations!

Come enjoy the only hotel on the waters of Corpus Christi Bay as part of your CVA-43 Annual Reunion experience, beginning Oct. 4, 2017.



The story of the Emerald Beach Hotel begins in the early 1960's when hotel and casino entrepreneur

Wilbur Clark dreamed of opening

to Georgia and Texas to Washing-

ton." On a stretch of Corpus Christi waterfront he considered to be the most picturesque on the North American coastline, ground was broken for

Wilbur Clark's Crest Hotel.

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## President's Corner

Greetings shipmates, The 2017 reunion is set for October 4 through October 7 in Corpus Christi, Tex. at the Emerald Beach Hotel. The hotel sits right on the beach and is in the middle of downtown Corpus.

The city is going to furnish maps and discount tickets to

several attractions. Get your reservation in as soon as possible. I have the tour of the USS Lexington set for October 6. This will be an open tour of what you want to see aboard. There are elevators up to the flight deck and the transportation is set for pick up and returns at the hotel.

After contacting the Naval Air Station, I

was able to schedule the Commanding Office to speak to us at the Saturday night banquet. He will discuss the direction of the Navy and the new regulations.

The USS Coral Sea plaque is set to be in place sometime in February; I plan on being there for the dedication. I will have more on this

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## TAPS

**Ronnie L. Faust**  
SN, 1st Div.  
1/64—6/66

**Kenneth E. Lyle**  
BTFN, B Div.  
12/72—4/73

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### **2017 Reunion Hotel...**

Through several name changes and refurbishments, what newspapers once referred to as Corpus Christi's "most charming and exciting new hotel" to this day remains the only downtown hotel located directly on the waters of Corpus Christi Bay.

Why not come add your name to the Emerald Beach Hotel story?

### **Notable Events In Hotel History:**

**September 9, 1963**  
Scotch Investment Co. of Houston announces plans to start construction of a \$3 million, 220-room bay-front luxury hotel on the 22-acre Emerald Cove.

**October 2, 1965**  
The \$3 million Wilber Clark's Crest Hotel opens to great fanfare. A champagne christening hosted in the dazzling red and black Seville Lounge is attended by 500 of Corpus Christi's most prominent business and social leaders.

**March 10, 1966**  
Wilber Clark's Crest

Hotel is renamed the Emerald Cove Hotel.

### **July 12, 1969**

The Emerald Cove Hotel officially becomes the Holiday Inn-Emerald Beach Hotel.

### **July 20, 1977**

Plans are unveiled to expand the hotel to 364 rooms, making it the largest hotel in



Corpus Christi. New features resulting from the \$2.3 million

The discotheque, Lucy's, would go on to become Corpus Christi's "place to be" in the 80's.

### **January 26, 1986**

The hotel undergoes a \$3 million renovation. 220 bathrooms are updated and the Holidome indoor pool area is outfitted with a new fitness center. Additional upgrades include improvements to Triton's Trumpet Restaurant, the gift shop, game room, convention center and the hotel's exterior landscaping.

### **December 18, 1991**

The hotel undergoes a renovation to all guest rooms, exterior lobby and meeting rooms. Kokomo's Outdoor bar



project include a discotheque, a conference and convention center accommodating 900 guests, a new banquet kitchen, a 260-seat restaurant and an indoor recreation and fun center.

and a sundeck overlooking the beach are added.

### **August 31, 2013**

The hotel becomes the Emerald Beach Hotel, Corpus Christi's newest independent hotel.

## USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Midwest Spring Fling.

The Midwest Spring Fling is set for April 27-30, 2017 in Erlanger, Ky.

This year's "fling" repeats at the Holiday Inn-Airport for the annual get together. It is located at 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd., Erlanger Ky. Call (859) 371-2233 for reservations. Mention USS Coral Sea Association when making your reservation for the discounted rate.



Room rates are \$99.00 per night, single or double, plus tax (current taxes, 11.3%).

The \$40 per-person registration cost includes the hospitality room and buffet dinner, so your hotel room and other meals are additional.

Our Saturday dinner will be at the Holiday Inn (menu below). Make your reservation by April 14, 2017.



### Salty Humor

Maxine on the "perfect man":

All I'm looking for is a guy who will do what I want, when I want, for as long as I want, and then go away. Or wait nearby, like a Dust Buster, charged up and ready when needed.

### Midwest Spring Fling Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Room & Saturday Buffet, \$40 Per Person ( ) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. and mention Spring Fling 2017

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

## Final Version of the USS Coral Sea Memorial Plaque for placement at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial, La Jolla, Calif.

The Natural



Ageless Warrior

# USS CORAL SEA

## CVB/CVA/CV-43

October 1 1947  
April 30 1990

Named after the famous World War II Battle of the Coral Sea fought in May 1942, she was commissioned at Norfolk Naval Base on October 1, 1947. The last of the three Midway class carriers, she would go on to earn numerous awards, accomplish many firsts for US carriers and serve with distinction throughout her career. USS Coral Sea, more than any aircraft carrier was built to steam, to fly airplanes and to do battle. It was the spirit and morale of all her crews who manned the ship over her 43 year history that made USS Coral Sea more than just a ship.

- First Long Range Nuclear capability by launching P2V bombers in 1948
- Evacuated Americans from Egypt during Suez Crisis 1956
- Show of force deterrent against Soviet aggression in the 40's & 50's
- First carrier to use the Pilot Landing Aid Television PLAT 1961
- Navy Ship of the Year 1965
- Ten combat and contingency deployments to Vietnam from 1960 - 1975
- More days on the line in Vietnam combat than any other carrier (875)
- Evacuation of Saigon in 1975
- SS Mayaguez rescue in 1975
- Iran hostage rescue operation 1980
- First carrier to deploy with Phalanx Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) 1981
- Air strikes against Libya - First time F/A-18 Hornets used in combat 1986
- Assist to stricken USS Iowa 1989

Mediterranean Cruises - 11

Western Pacific Cruises - 14

World Cruise - 1

## Coral Sea Cadet Winter Update.

Great News! The Division Commander, Brad Webster, was promoted to LCDR.

Two more of our Cadets, newly appointed Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Nathan Coles, and Cadet Jarren Peng, have received their appointments to the US Naval Academy. After graduation this June, they will begin the Academy prep school. That will give the Coral

Sea Division three former cadets attending the Academy. Second year Midshipman, Sophia Luevano, is majoring in Law and plays in the Academy Band. I know of no another USNSCC unit that will have three Naval Midship-



men attending the Academy in a two year span. During the last news letter it was mentioned that Cadet



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### Salty Humor

Maxine on Aging:  
Take every birthday with a grain of salt. This works much better if the salt accompanies a large Margarita.

### Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, I do hope that all of you had a great Christmas and New Year. With the New Year comes paying dues and I want to thank all of you who have done that already. Please note that if your dues expiration date is in red on the address label, you are in arrears. Also, if 80+ appears on your mailing label, that means that your birthday is prior to 12/31/1932 so you do not need to pay dues. Also, all plank owners do not need to pay dues. They're designated on the mailing label as P.O. However, the Association is very grateful for any and all

donations that you more senior Shipmates can make!

Regarding the Association roster, many Shipmates ask about publishing contact information, etc. about the Association membership. The Board of Directors is reluctant to do this due to privacy concerns. However, we want to allow members to know who does belong to the Association. The current membership application asks if you want your contact information published. I note your answers on the main roster and rest assured this info is not published to anyone. My suggestion is that the Association make available on its website the following info

only: name, rate/rank, division, squadron and years aboard Coral Sea. Again, no US mail addresses or email addresses will be published. I ask that you all let me know if this is suitable. A proposal of some kind will be on the agenda for the 2017 reunion business meeting.

All of you who are planning to attend the 2017 Midwest Spring Fling need to check out the sign up form in this issue. We're planning a couple special events this year, so I do hope that you all can attend. As always, we'll have a great time. The date for the Spring Fling is

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## USS Coral Sea 39th Annual Reunion Reservation Form.

The Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. 39th Annual Reunion is slated for October 4–8, 2017 at Emerald Beach Hotel 1102 South Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX. 78401

Call 1-361-883-5731 for reservations. Mention USS Coral Sea reunion when making reservation.

Room rate: \$100.00 per night includes all current taxes. This group rate applies from Sunday, Oct. 4 thru Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2017.

Room reservation deadline for this rate: September 2, 2017. Free Parking!

Attention all those arriving by airline: The hotel does have a shuttle service to & from the airport.

Complete the following form, include payment and mail to:

John Ranson  
52 Woodland Pl.  
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605



### Salty Humor

Maxine on Technology:  
My idea of re-booting is kicking somebody in the butt, twice.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ph.** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rate & Rating/Rank** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division** \_\_\_\_\_ **Aboard Coral Sea: month/year** \_\_\_\_\_ **to month/year** \_\_\_\_\_

- Registration (includes hospitality room, name badge & pin):  
Attending, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) x \$10.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday evening:

- Texas BBQ buffet, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) x \$35.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening banquet (banquet options, please indicate your choices):

- Prime Roast of Beef, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) x \$35.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Cordon Bleu, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) x \$35.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association**

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Chief Nathan Coles was getting his private pilots' license at age 17. On December 28, I had the pleasure of being his first passenger. We flew from The Cable Airport (USNSCC home airfield) to Chino Airport, Calif., where we spent the



day going through the "Planes of Fame" Air

Museum.  
Because of encroaching weather, we then made a mad dash back before the weather closed in on us. (It is believed his mother gave a sigh of relief that she didn't have to be the first.)  
New Year started

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## Casualties...Remembering the WWII Pacific Theater.

"CASUALTIES." It means different things to the many readers of reports from the World War II, whether your interest lies in naval or ground forces in the Asiatic-Pacific campaigns or the European theater.

The words "minimal casualties" were used quite often to describe our personnel losses during a battle. In combat, a "casualty" is a service member who is killed, wounded or injured in any way that causes him to be removed from the combat operation. There is no such thing, however, as "minimal" casualties. Any casualty is not minimal to the mother, wife, brother, dad, etc. of the deceased. (My heartfelt thanks for the service members who gave all for their country, and for those who grieve for the brave men and women they have lost forever.)

When involved in a fierce battle

there is much bloodshed, injuries and confusion. The spontaneous and uncontrollable thoughts and reactions of the wounded--and witnesses to those who are in severe pain--includes hate, fear, vomiting, sick, fainting, rage, aggression, why me, why not me, screams, unbearable pain, massive bleeding, more morphine, medic, corpsman, those S.O.B's, chaplain, mom, dad, help me, please, someone help me, agony.

Invasions in the Philippines were very bloody (as is true for all the invasions of the Pacific islands). The only people who can actually understand the reality of combat are those who have lived it and are alive to tell it. However, it is extremely painful to recall the horror. I write this only because it needs to be told, although it digs deep into

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### Salty Humor

According to Maxine:  
To err is human; to forgive, highly unlikely.

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#### President's Corner...

subject for the next issue of the *Breeze*. I wish to thank all who have put in their time on getting this plaque finished and installed. I also will be renewing my efforts with the new Secretary of The Navy on naming a new warship the USS Coral Sea. I got nowhere with this when dealing with the previous NAVSEC. Wish me luck.

To those who make the Spring Fling in Kentucky in April, I

will see you there.

This is a great time to get together and tell all of our sea stories again.

If you have any questions or a request, do not hesitate to call or email. I look forward to being of service to all members.

To all members, good luck and smooth sailing.

*Wayne*

Wayne Addkison  
President  
USS Coral Sea Assoc.

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#### Sea Cadet Update...

with the Cadets acting in the capacity of "Crowd Monitors" for the Cable Airport Air Show on 14 January. Field Training Exercises were held in San Diego 10-12 February. In April they will serve as Color Guard for the Navy Yacht Club Long Beach.

—Submitted by  
Chief Richard E. Satchell (Ret.)  
Association Liaison Chief  
USNSCC, Coral Sea Div.

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### **Casualties...**

my memories and heartaches; it causes terrible nervousness, tears and loss of sleep. I tell it so EVERY-ONE WILL KNOW HOW HORRIBLE it is to send men and women into war.

And now, suddenly out of nowhere, mortar rounds are blasting our troops from all sides. Arms, legs and other body parts were flying all over the place. Blood was hitting me in the face, and then an arm smashed into my chest. A hand and part of a forearm hit the back of my head. It made me sick. I vomited. More bloody legs and parts of the torso were hitting me from all directions. My clothes and hands were covered with blood and parts of men.

I fired back into the jungle, not knowing where the mortars were coming from. I tried to help the wounded. A piece of flesh hit and stuck to my forehead. I realized I was getting sick. A sailor next to me

hollered, "When is it going to be my turn?" Three seconds later his head was blown into many pieces as he was trying to crawl to another wounded sailor. Parts of him were all over my face, head and right arm.

I'm getting sick...when is it my turn...blood is getting into my eyes and nose. I tried to wipe the blood off my lips, and then I licked my lips and tasted more blood. A piece of flesh got into my mouth and I vomited again.

Now I'm covered with blood and body parts. None of the blood was mine except for a slightly bloody nose. I don't know how I got the bloody nose, nor do I know why I was not hit with any mortar rounds. Suddenly I got knocked down from behind; dazed, disoriented, my eyes closed.

Without moving my body, I opened my eyes slowly. What I saw made me scream. My face was in a pool

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### **Salty Humor**

Maxine on Driver Safety: I cannot use the cell phone in the car. I have to keep my hands free for making gestures.

### **Treasurer's Corner**

Greetings Shipmates, As you read this, spring is just around the corner and planning for the annual reunion in Corpus Christie is underway. The raffle tickets are enclosed and I hope you will all participate in this fund raiser.

The Memorial Plaque project is moving forward at flank speed. The application and check have been sent and the first proof of the plaque has been

received, changes and corrections have been made and resubmitted to Mt Soledad. We are now awaiting a corrected proof. Hopes are we will have a plaque honoring our great ship on the National Veterans Memorial by the end of February. You can view the memorial site at [www.soledadmemorial.com](http://www.soledadmemorial.com) and view the proposed plaque on the Association web site.

The Association is financially sound and maintaining a

good ratio between revenue and expenses. Check the address label on your copy of Sea breeze; if it's red, your dues are past due. Your dues are the financial life blood of the Association, so may I encourage you, if your dues are do, please send in your payment today.

Enjoy the improving weather,

*Clarence*

Clarence Neander  
Association Treasurer

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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
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- 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
- MEN POLO ITEM #027 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #028 - \$24.50
- 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



**CVE, CVA, CV-43 USMC MARDET DESIGNS CHOOSE (A,B,C,D)**

- CAP ITEM #048 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #049 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #050 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #051 - \$13.00



**CAPS WITH SCRAMBLED EGGS**

- CAP ITEM #52 - \$22.99

**JOB RATE WATCH CAPS CUPPED OR SKULL**

- WATCH CAP ITEM #053 - \$16.99
- WATCH CAP ITEM #054 - 14.99



**JACKETBACK DESIGNS/ MICRO FIBER ONLY**

- JACKET ITEM #055 \$79.00
- 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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**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



**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



**"MAYAGUEZ RESCUE" PATCHES 7"X7"**

- ITEM #095 - \$35.00
- ITEM #096 - \$35.00



# CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #1

ITEM #	QTY.	SIZE NOTE: CAPS - ONE SIZE FITS MOST FOR LARGER HEADS ADD \$3.00 FOR LG/XLG FLEX- FIT CAPS	COLOR	PRICE	ADDITIONAL INFO FOR ITEM # - HULL DESIGNATION CVB, CVA, CV, JOB RATE(BT,MM,AB,...etc.) OFFICER RANK/PAY RATE (CAPT,LTCDR,EN/E4,E5,E6,E7,...etc.) USMC DESIGNS - (A,B,C, OR D) THREAD COLOR FOR WATCH CAP DESIGN
#1					
<p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>  shop.cva43doc @ charter.net  Shop Phone - 205.330.7750  Cell Phone - 205.310.0330  12550 Oak Ridge Road  Northport, Alabama 35475-4327</p>					
			SALES TOTAL	\$ _____	** USPS PRIORITY MAIL - S/H CHARGES** UP TO \$24.99.....\$7.00
			SHIPPING CHARGES	\$ _____	\$25.00 TO \$50.00.....\$9.00 \$51 TO \$75 ..... \$12.00 \$76 & UP ..... \$15.00
			TOTAL CHARGE	\$ _____	

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**Salty Humor**  
 According to Maxine:  
 After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching somewhere, you may be dead!

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**Casualties...**

of blood and lying directly against the battered head of an enemy soldier. The rest of him was completely gone. A sickening experience. I regained my composure when I heard a man hollering for help. He was bleeding profusely, one leg mostly gone. He told me to stop the bleeding so he could get back at those S.O.B's. This was a brave and dedicated sailor. I hollered as loud as I could for a corpsman to help him, but enemy soldiers were closing in on us. So we continued to fire our carbines into lines of the enemy.

We were killing them by continuous small arms fire. More and more of them fell at our feet, mutilated, blood flying everywhere around us. I stumbled over a couple of dead

Japanese as we forged through their defenses. I kept firing as my left leg buckled under me and my face ended up in the bloody stomach of the enemy. Sick again, I wiped the blood off my face and arms and continued to assault the enemy with our group.

We finally secured the island. I did not know any of these men personally, but I do know these brave, valiant men performed well against heavy opposition, knowing they could be killed at any moment. They were dedicated to their responsibility, acting "ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY."

—Submitted by

George E. Williams, USN, 1942-46

Ed. Note—This is part 1 of a 2 part article, to be concluded in the June issue of the Sea Breeze.

**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)  
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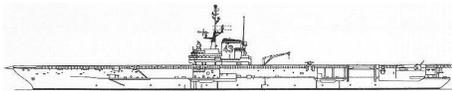
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### 2017 Remembrance Scholarship Update

Shipmates, our 2017 USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Remembrance Scholarship Program is getting off to a good start. I received 8 (eight) requests for packets. Since our entry deadline was February 15th to request a packet for your student, I hope all sponsors responded in time! Also those of you who have given a packet to your senior, please remind them of the date to get his/her application to me. The packets **MUST** be mailed to me **NO later than** April 1, 2017. This year we are able to give

out \$2000 and \$1000 scholarships. 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*

Jon Lickey  
Scholarship Chairman

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### Secretary's Corner...

April 27-30, 2017. Please contact me if you need further information.

I have to correct one listing in the December issue of *Sea Breeze*. I accidently listed Shipmate Joel Stanley as deceased when in fact he's a new member of the Assoc. Sorry about that mistake Shipmate Joel!

As always, I'm at your service & I always enjoy hearing from Shipmates. Please contact me if I can assist you. Godspeed!

*John*

John H. Ranson  
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