

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

Larry E.

Huffstutter

AMS3, AIMD Div.
1968-69

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1967-69

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AK3, V-12 Div.
1951

William W. Major

SN, 4th Div.
1969-70

Stephen P. Ohlund

ABF3, V-4 Div.
1981-84

Have You Reserved Your Annual Reunion Stay?

Ed. Note—Hurricane Harvey has soaked Corpus Christi, but there are no reports of damage to our annual reunion hotel to cause any concerns at this time.

Once referred to as Corpus Christi's "most charming and exciting new hotel," the Emerald Beach Hotel

becomes your "home port" for our

Be sure to make your reservation today! Call (361) 883-5731. Mention the USS Coral Sea reunion to confirm your special rate of \$100 per night, including taxes. You have until Sept. 2, 2017



CVA-43 Annual Reunion running from Oct. 4-8, 2017.

to confirm your stay at this price. Free parking is included. Call today!

President's Corner

Greetings shipmates, The upcoming reunion shapes up as a good one. I have seen a lot of new members signing up. Mil has been doing an outstanding job of promoting the 2018 reunion in Reno and using his experience in getting a great rate at the hotel.

I was privileged to be at the dedication of the memorial to the USS Coral Sea at Mt. Soledad in May. Thanks again to Mil for being a gracious host to Clarence Neander, John Ranson, Sam Meeks, and myself. Special thanks for Sam Meeks daughter for being the photographer for the day.

My granddaughter joined the Navy in June, making her the third generation of Addkison who were members of America's Finest Fighting Force. Wish her well and God Speed.

The reunion pins came in and I must say they look great. They will be in the welcome package

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39th Annual Reunion USS Lexington Tour Sign-up.

All shipmates are invited to tour the USS Lexington (CV-16) while attending the Coral Sea Reunion in Corpus Christi.

Our tour will be Friday, 6 October, beginning at 10 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person and includes round-trip bus transportation from the hotel.

During the 1980's the U.S. Navy realized that keeping its last remaining World War II Essex Class aircraft carrier in service was becoming too expensive and that the USS LEXINGTON should be replaced by a more modern ship. In 1990, the Secretary of the Navy announced that the USS FORRESTAL would replace the USS LEXINGTON as the Navy's training carrier.

Given Corpus Christi's long history with the Navy and naval aviation in particular, a task force was formed to bring the "Blue Ghost" to the city. The city council endorsed a \$3 million dollar

bond sale to finance the project. Although in stiff competition with several other communities, LEXINGTON was awarded to

From the very first day of operation as a naval aviation museum, the USS LEXINGTON has remained totally self-sufficient! The Museum has relied solely on revenues generated from grants, donations, admissions, ship's store sales, special events, and the youth overnight program.

These revenues have covered all expenses not only to operate and maintain the ship but also to fund all capital improvements as well. Continue your Navy adventure...tour the USS Lexington at our 39th Annual Reunion.



the Corpus Christi team.

On 29 January 1992, LEXINGTON arrived at Naval Station Ingleside and became a permanent Texas resident. On 17 June she was towed to her final berth on North Beach.



TAPS

Albert L. Palmer
AD3, V-2 Div.
1955-56

USS Lexington Tour Reservation Form

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ph. () _____ - _____

Email: _____

- USS Lexington Tour (_____) x \$30.00/person =
\$ _____

Please enclose your payment made out to
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John Ranson
52 Woodland Pl.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605

USS Coral Sea 39th Annual Reunion Reservation Form.

The Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. 39th Annual Reunion is 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.

Parking is free, and for those flying in, the hotel does have a shuttle service to and from the airport.
 Complete the following form, *include payment made out to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc.* and mail to:
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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 \$ _____



Salty Humor

Do you realize that in about forty years we'll have millions of old ladies running around with sagging tattoos and pierced navels? Now THAT'S scary!

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
 Like many of you, I have now been retired longer than I served on active duty. Years ago, if I had met someone who fit this category I would have thought (privately in my mind of course!) that this is one old, very old dude. So now, I have to own and wear that judgment . . . I, too, am the "old dude"! Being older does not have to be like a

prison sentence, though, as you know. We may be slower but we still get there because we motivate ourselves around more wisely. We may not know everything, but we have learned we don't have to know everything . . . we have grandchildren to fill us in on what we need to know! Especially in how to program the TV remote control. Speaking of the grand kids, if they will sit still long enough, we can teach them a thing or

two about life, lessons we learned during our military service days. Things like teamwork, discipline, and hard work. Things like looking out for your shipmate, respecting those who have authority over you, and looking sharp in your uniform. Things like "yes ma'am" and "yes sir". Things like standing up when a lady or an older gentleman come into the room. Yes, if they will sit still long enough they can learn a thing or two because
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A New Recruit Joins Our Navy Family.

Our Association's very own president, Wayne Addkison, can be doubly proud of family achievements this summer. As a follow-up to his son's Navy service aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) from 1992 to 1996, his granddaughter has enlisted in the US Navy as well! Taylor Addkison "signed up" on June 19, 2017. She'll be reporting for basic training soon. Wayne's son worked on the "Teddy's" elevators and mustered out as a 3rd Class Petty Officer. He now runs his own elevator inspection company.

Taylor Addkison, right center, takes the Oath of Enlistment during her 'swearing in' ceremony, June 19, 2017.



Shown left to right— Taylor Addkison, Wayne Addkison II and Assoc. President Wayne Addkison

Salty Humor

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car!

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, All plans are set for the 2017 reunion. Time is getting short. Contact me ASAP with your registration form. Don't forget to also complete the tour form if you wish to go aboard USS Lexington. Please see the article elsewhere in this issue regarding the plaque dedication at Mt. Sole-dad. Indeed, it was a great event.

The Midwest Spring Fling for 2018 will be

in Dayton, Ohio. We're planning to contract a hotel close to Wright-Patterson AFB. The US Air Force Museum is there and it's a must see. Dayton has many other attractions also. Complete details will be in the Dec., 2017 issue of "Sea Breeze". Lastly, a reminder regarding the mailing label on "Sea Breeze"; if your dues are lapsed, the expiration date is in red. We're planning on purging the roster soon. We do not want to loose any members. If you're in

need, please let me know. Any Shipmate who is age 80, or born prior to 12/31/1932, need not pay dues. This is indicated as 80+. However, any donation to the Association is greatly appreciated.

See you at Corpus Christi!

Fair winds & following seas!

John

John H. Ranson
CVA-43
Association Secretary

Wake Island...1941.

Wake Island is a small island about a mile long and wide found in the south central Pacific Ocean. Located on the island was an airstrip large enough to facilitate carrier planes and serve as a fuel depot.

In December 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese assaulted Wake Island with carrier planes and hundreds of land forces. Our courageous marines fought desperately to hold this island against tremendous odds. Our marines were esti-



imated to be outnumbered at least 100 to 1.

A U.S. warship convoy was already sailing toward Wake Island. It had already engaged in enemy dog fights lasting less than an hour before the enemy withdrew their aircraft.

Our warships were still far away from Wake Island, and our gallant marines fought on. They were never de-

feated, but were so badly out-gunned they had to watch the

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Salty Humor

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research!



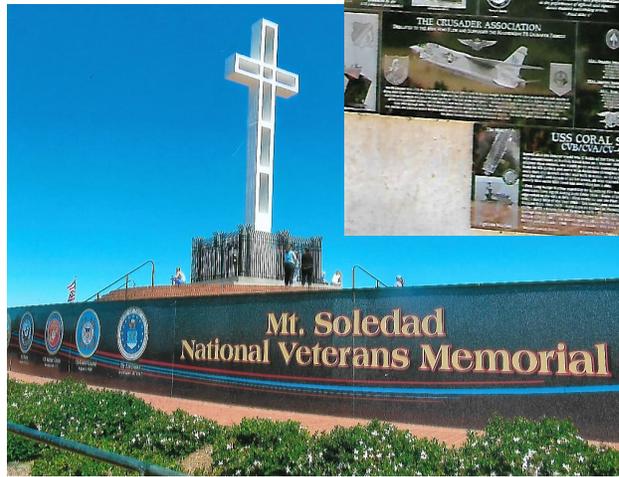
The official 39th Annual Reunion Anniversary Pin, designed by our shipmate and web master, Bob Dorais. Each reunion attendee will receive one.

USS Coral Sea Plaque Unveiled at Mt. Soledad.

The memorial plaque wall at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial has been enhanced by the official placement of our USS Coral Sea plaque. The plaque is shown bottom center in the photo at right. Association members and officers instrumental in completing this project were Past President Mil Phillips, Secretary John Ranson and Treasurer Clarence Neander. In addition to President Wayne Addkison, Association member Sam Meeks, a radioman aboard Coral Sea from 1960-62, was present at our plaque's unveiling. Meek's daughter, Jennifer McDaniel, served as the official Coral Sea photographer for the day. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jennifer for her support and assistance!



Sam Meeks, left, joins Assoc. President Wayne Addkison for the CVA-43 plaque unveiling at Mt. Soledad.



Salty Humor

If you tell the truth, you don't have to waste time trying to remember stuff!

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President's Corner...

when we get to Corpus Christi.

I have been talking with the presidents of the USS Midway and USS Roosevelt associations about a combined reunion in 2019 aboard the USS Mid-

way. I would like for all members to think of this and I will bring it up for discussion at the general meeting. I think this could be a great idea but would like to hear from all members.

With our annual reunion date a little over a

month away, get your reservation in and I looking forward to seeing you all there. Have a safe trip!

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
President
USS Coral Sea Assoc.

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Salty Humor

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Coral Sea Cadets Recognized for 2016 Performance.

Chief Richard Satchell reports that the Coral Sea Division of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps has been recognized for superior teamwork and exemplary performance, earning a Certificate of Honor for 2016. Achieving this recognition requires focused dedication and discipline between unit leadership and cadets. It is the single highest honor that a Sea Cadet division can achieve. The Coral Sea Association extends a hearty Bravo Zulu to our Sea Cadets!



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 \$ _____
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Name _____ **Birth Date** _____
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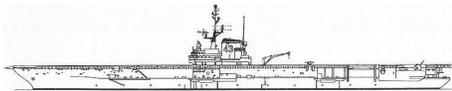
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Treasurer's Corner...

Cadet Color Guard, They did a wonderful job and are a great example of our Navy's future.

A special Thanks to Mil Phillips for his "Boots on the Ground" work to make the dedication and luncheon a success. Wouldn't have happened without you Mil!

Thanks to all who attended and many thanks to all our shipmates and the Midway Museum, whose contributions, made the plaque a reality.

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer

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Wake Island...

mander had been severely reprimanded for the aborted action.

But why would Japan be so concerned about this tiny island? Geographically, it was very important because it was only about 500 miles from the Japanese occupied Marshall Islands, and within aircraft bombing and strafing range. Controlling Wake Island was simply a matter of removing this threat from the north.

The U.S. again regained control of Wake Island in 1945.

—Submitted by

George E. Williams, USN,
1942—46

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Chaplain's Corner...

we know a thing or two.

And, of course, we can pray for this younger generation. They will be headed back to school very soon and they will have many challenges. We can pray that those who have influenced their lives (including their veteran grandpa!) have made a lasting impression on them. And, hopefully, someday they, too, will raise their right hand to swear allegiance to the United States of America and defend her from all enemies.

God bless you all!

Michael

Michael D. Halley
USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)
1986-1989