

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

2023 Coral Sea Association Annual Reunion.

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Welcome Aboard!

Lloyd E. Allen
 Captain
 1988-1990

Oliver M. Melton
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The time is now to get your reservation called in to the Wyndham Garden Oklahoma City Airport. This is our reunion headquarters hotel for our 2023 Annual Reunion. The reservation phone number is 405-685-4000. The hotel address is 2101 South Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73108. When you call to



make your reservation directly through the number in the *Sea Breeze*. There are many things to see in the area, but I suggest the tours we have selected for you. If you want some additional local entertainment, talk with Guy Dunbar. He is a na-

make your reservation, reference the USS Coral Sea Reunion to ensure your

tails online: <https://www.events.afreg.com/e/USSCoral-Sea2023>

Our reunion dates are Wednesday, Oct. 4 through Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023. Your reunion rate is \$98 per night, plus applicable taxes which currently run 14.125% per room, per night. Your hotel rate includes two breakfast buffet

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President's Corner

Ahoy shipmates, Another quarter has passed and now it is only a little over three months before we all get together in Oklahoma City. Reminder to all to get your registration for the reunion to AFR as soon as possible and

make your hotel reservation directly through the number in the *Sea Breeze*. There are many things to see in the area, but I suggest the tours we have selected for you. If you want some additional local entertainment, talk with Guy Dunbar. He is a na-

tive of Oklahoma City. I had lunch with Admiral Edward Allen, the last commanding officer of the Coral Sea, and invited him to be our guest speaker at the reunion. He has accepted the invite with the

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TAPS

James C. Barlow
ENS, S-4 Div.
1955—1956

Kenneth R. Hunter
AK1, S-1 Div.
1952—1954

Edward J. Lundin
ABU3, V1H
Div.
1952—1956

John T. Tilton
AQF2, VF-161
1967—1969

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Reunion 2023 at Wyndham Garden...

vouchers per room, per day. Please note that the reservation cut-off date for this rate is Sept. 3, 2023. Late reservations will be processed based on a space-available basis, and at a higher rate.

Room cancellations must be made at least 72 hours prior to arrival or you may be charged a cancellation fee.

The hotel provides an airport shuttle to and from the airport. Once you have arrived and claimed your luggage, please call the hotel directly



and let them know you need a pick-up. The shuttle will pick you up in the transportation lane outside of baggage claim.

If you are driving to the reunion, parking is available at no charge. A wheelchair rental service will be provided by Scootaround. They rent both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call 888-441-7575 or visit www.scoot-around.com for details and to make your reservation.

You'll find your reunion's tour information in this issue of the *Sea Breeze* beginning on page three.

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Not much new to report at this time other than posting the proposed changes to the Association by-laws. It was voted on at the 2022 membership meeting to allow the annual meeting for 2024 to be another Three Sisters event on Midway in San Diego. The by-laws require reunions to be held in October as close as possible to the weekend when Columbus Day is observed. The Three Sisters reunion will be late in Septem-

ber 2024, and it will be the annual reunion of the Coral Sea Association; therefore, the by-laws need to be amended to permit this to happen. As per the Association by-laws, notice of this proposed change is posted in this issue of "Sea Breeze" so that all Shipmates will have adequate advance notice. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Article V MEETINGS:

Sec. I An annual business meeting of the Association shall be held in October as close as possible to

the weekend when Columbus Day is observed. Location of the annual meeting shall be as designated by a membership vote and is selected 2 (two) years hence. **However, in special circumstances the annual reunion can be held on a different date.**

It was also voted to allow family members of either **living or**

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Oklahoma City Reunion Tour Options.

In addition to the "official" tour offerings for your 2023 Annual Reunion, many other attractions and amenities await you in Oklahoma City. If you would like to explore those options more fully, longtime Oklahoma City resident and Association member Guy Dunbar would be happy to lend his expertise. You can reach Guy by emailing godunbar@outlook.com or call him at 405.820.5302 (cell).

You will find an assortment of additional area highlights summarized on page seven of this issue.



sculptures in the world, this monument depicts the Land Run of 1889. Then put on your spurs and continue to Stockyards City to immerse yourself in the Cowboy culture. Stockyards City, formerly known as "Packing Town," is virtually untouched since the early 20th century. It remains home to

the Oklahoma National Stock Yards, the world's largest feeder and stocker cattle market. Take a moment to shop for an outfit, a new pair of boots, or an Oklahoma treat. Then we proceed to the National

Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Here you will enjoy a lunch on your own before taking a guided or self-guided tour of the more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and

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Thursday, October 5, 2023

Wild West Tour

Take a journey to the "Wild West" beginning with the larger-than-life Centennial Land Run Monument. One of the largest bronze

Salty Humor

Need an ark?
I Noah guy.

Vice President's Corner

Hello Shipmates,
With Spring in the air, plans are underway to attend the annual reunion in Oklahoma City.

Raffle tickets were enclosed in the March issue of Sea Breeze and returns are com-

ing in; slowly, but coming in. If you have not sent yours in, please do so.

Hope all is well, and you all have/had a wonderful Memorial Day as we remember our Brothers in Arms who gave all they had in defense of our great country.

See you in Oklahoma

City. Thank You for your service.

God Bless America,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Vice President

USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION – OCTOBER 4-8, 2023

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023 (a convenience fee of 3.5% will be added to online registrations). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **September 5, 2023**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: USS Coral Sea CV-43 Assn.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____



Salty Humor

What do Facebook and a fridge have in common? You know there's nothing there, but you still check every 10 minutes!

<u>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/5/23</u>	<u>Price Per</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Includes Hospitality Room and reunion expenses	\$ 25	_____	\$ _____
<u>TOURS</u>			
Thursday, October 5, 2023 – Wild West	\$65	_____	\$ _____
Friday, October 6, 2023 – OKC Memorial and Museum	\$82	_____	\$ _____
<u>MEALS</u>			
Saturday, October 7, 2023 -- Banquet Dinner – <i>Please choose your entrée below</i>			
Sliced Roast Beef	\$ 42	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Marsala	\$ 39	_____	\$ _____
Three Cheese Tortellini	\$ 34	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____

YEARS ABOARD: 19 to 19 DIV/SQDN _____ RATE/RANK _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

MEMBER STREET ADDRESS _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

Disability/Dietary Restrictions: _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)
 Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair in order to participate in bus trips? YES NO **(PLEASE NOTE: AVAILABILITY NOT GUARANTEED).**

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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Annual Reunion Tours...

artifacts. The Museum is also home to the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies.

9:00am board bus, 3:00 pm back at hotel—Includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch on own at the Cowboy Museum. \$65/Person

**Friday, October 6, 2023
OKC National Memorial and Museum, First Americans Museum and 45th Infantry Museum**

The outdoor Memorial is a place of quiet reflection and open to all. The Museum takes visitors on a self-guided tour through the story of those who were killed, those who survived, and those whose



lives were changed forever. Tour includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the Memorial Archives. Enjoy lunch on your own before heading to the First American Museum. Here, visitors can experience collective histories of 39 distinctive First American Nations. This museum shares the cultural diversity,

history, and contributions of the First Americans. End the day by visiting the 45th Infantry Museum. Explore the only state-operated museum dedicated to military history. This museum features the Reaves Military Weapons Collection and the Thunderbird Military Park.

8:30am board bus, 3:45pm back at hotel—Includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch on your own. \$82/Person



Salty Humor

Old people shouldn't eat health foods. We need all the preservatives we can get!

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings USS Coral Sea CVA-43 ship-mates!

Financially, we are in good shape in both our General Operating account and our Reunion account. We are getting a good response for the sale of Raffle tickets for the upcoming Oklahoma City reunion in

October so, please, keep sending in your raffle ticket purchases to Clarence!

And, speaking of Oklahoma City Reunion, hope everyone is starting to make their necessary travel arrangements, hotel arrangements and tour arrangements. John informs me we are sporadically receiving membership dues renewals. Thanks to all

who have recently renewed your membership!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Oklahoma City in a few short months. Until then, fair winds and following seas to one and all!

Bill

Bill Bomar
Association Treasurer

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Secretary's Corner...

deceased Association members to be non-voting members of the Association. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Sec. 3 Association memberships shall be open to relatives and friends of current **or deceased** members who wish to participate in the Association activities. In addition, other military personnel or civilians who were aboard U.S.S. Coral Sea while underway, not mentioned in Sec. 1, may also be associate members. An associate member shall pay

annual dues, as set forth by the Executive Board and have all the rights of a member, except they shall have no vote in Association business.

As always, I appreciate all members paying their dues. Please check your dues expiration date found on the mailing label of this issue of the *Sea Breeze*.

Godspeed

John

John H. Ranson
Association Secretary



Salty Humor

If you see a bomb tech running, try to keep up with him.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
It seems like yesterday that I got my monthly email from Shipmate Ed Williams reminding me that my May newsletter offering was due! Here we go again! It's always a pleasure writing to you with what I hope is something that stimulates your thinking. Speaking of thinking, I recall what an old and wise preacher once said: "I don't care what a man thinks as long as he thinks!" Good advice.

Recently my own thoughts have turned, as they always do, to my experiences as a Navy chaplain. Actually, it seems I "went Navy" in sort of a process of elimination. When I felt the call to wear the uniform and

serve my country, I made my way to the post office building in Parkersburg, West Virginia, to talk to the recruiters who had their offices there. I quickly found out from the Marine Corps sergeant that Navy chaplains serve the Marines; the Air Force wasn't taking any chaplain applications at that time; the Army recruiter was out of the office and never did respond to the written note I left on his desk; and the Navy petty officer jumped on my question and immediately called the regional recruiting command in Pittsburgh.

And I was off! Off to one of the greatest adventures of my life! However, I was not following my father's advice. He always said

if I join up to become a cook because I would always have access to food! (He had a bad experience with reduced rations in World War II.)

And as we all know, nobody does anything much in their career without the help, advice, and assistance of many people, especially our shipmates. And so, I want to sincerely thank all of my shipmates with whom I served over the years, and I hope that I was able to give encouragement and support to them as well.

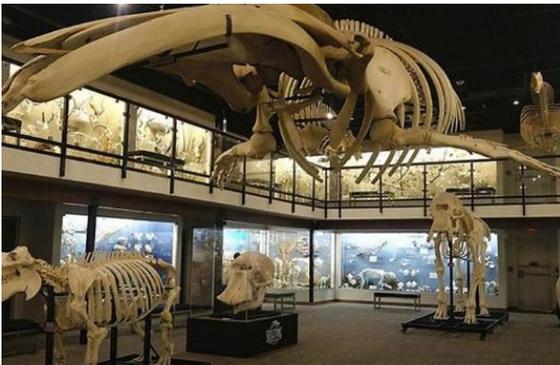
May you have fair winds and following seas!

Michael

Michael D. Halley
Association Chaplain

Oklahoma City Area Attractions.

Museum of Osteology, located in Oklahoma City, is a haven for fossil and archaeology enthusiasts! The museum boasts over 350 completed skeletons of different animals from all over the world.



Oklahoma City's Bricktown entertainment district is industrial and chic. It is known for its many vibrant entertainment venues housed in repurposed factory spaces.

2024 Association Scholarship News!

Association members or their eligible relatives may now request entry forms for the USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship program 2024 contest. Requests must be sent to Committee Chairman Guy Dunbar godunbar@outlook.com or at 700 Harrier Hawk, Edmond, OK 73003-3180. The contest officially opens on Nov. 1, but entry requests should be sent as soon as possible.

An eligible applicant must be a high school senior with at least a B or 3.0 grade point average. Applicants must be a son, daughter, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild or great-grandchild of an Association member in good standing on the date the scholarship is awarded, or of a deceased member in good standing at the time of death, or of a non-member who died in the line of duty while serving aboard the USS Coral Sea in ships company or air group, or such a nonmember who was captured as a prisoner of war, or such a non-member who was injured in the line of duty to the extent that separation

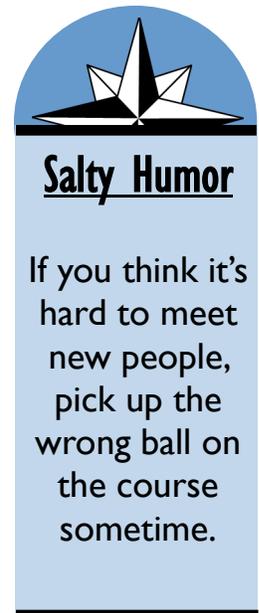
from the U.S. Navy was required.

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

The first-place winner will receive a \$2,000 prize and second place \$1000. Entry forms from prior-year contests are not acceptable. The forms are not printed in this newsletter or on the Association website. Entry packets will be mailed or emailed by the chairman on Nov. 2 or as soon as he receives entry requests. Entry material must be returned to the chairman no later than April 1.

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

—Guy Dunbar
Committee Chairman



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- 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
- 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



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- TEE'S ITEM #051 - \$13.00



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- CAP ITEM #52 - \$22.99

JOB RATE WATCH CAPS CUPPED OR SKULL

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



JACKTEACK 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



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- ITEM #094 - \$35.00



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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>Place Ship Store Orders Here! Wayne Addkison 12856 FM 1391, Kemp, TX 75143 Ph: 903.288.4455 Fx: 903.675.0086 Email: nijarm2@yahoo.com</p>					
SALES TOTAL				\$ _____	** USPS PRIORITY MAIL - S/H CHARGES**
SHIPPING CHARGES				\$ _____	UP TO \$24.99\$7.00
TOTAL CHARGE				\$ _____	\$25.00 TO \$50.00\$9.00
					\$51 TO \$75 \$12.00
					\$76 & UP \$15.00

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Make Checks Payable To The Ship Store

2023 Annual Reunion Plan of the Day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

12:00pm -11:00pm Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm -11:00pm Ship's Store Open
2:00pm - 7:00pm Reunion Registration Open

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00am - 8:00am Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - 3:00pm Wild West Tour
12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship's Store Open
4:00pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open
5:00pm - 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30am - 3:45pm OKC Memorial and Museum, First American's Museum and 45th Infantry Museum Tours
12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship's Store Open

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am - 12:00pm Business Meeting
1:00pm - 5:00pm Hospitality Room Open
6:30pm - 7:30pm Cash Bar and Social Hour
7:30pm - 10:00pm Banquet Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Farewells and departures



Salty Humor

You're not completely useless. You can always serve as a bad example.

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 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** _____

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.
I do [] do not [] want an Association bumper sticker.

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.
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President's Corner...

condition that his health allows. He had back surgery recently and is not walking very well.

Admiral Allen is excited about our reunion. He is also writing a book about his naval career which should be available soon. If finished by October, he will bring some and have autographed copies for sale.

A reminder: you are welcome to bring any guest you like! Along with the Admiral and his wife Donna, I am bringing my youngest son, Austin, and two of my grand-daughters, Taylor and Haley. They are the future of our Association. Welcome them and make them feel at home. Taylor served four years in the

Navy as a PO3 turbine engine specialist on board a destroyer out of Pearl.

I was in attendance in April for the FDR reunion in San Antonio. This is the third reunion of theirs I have attended, and they are a great bunch of sailors. Their reunion is much like ours. Get to know some of them in San Diego next year at the Three Sisters Reunion.

Getting to the Three Sisters: it has been decided to hold the joint reunion at the same hotel as in 2019. Not all the details have been worked out, but it will be much like last time. For sure, the cruise dinner around the bay and dinner aboard the USS Midway will repeat.

One may want to take a trip to Mount Soledad to see the plaque we installed back in

2020. Mount Soledad is a veterans' park with a giant cross in the center which San Diego wanted to tear down. But a private party bought the property and turned it into a private park for veterans. Now it is a very popular tourist attraction. Please be aware that San Diego is a very expensive place, so start saving now. The date so far is the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the last week in September 2024. More details as they become available.

So long for now. See you all in Oklahoma City,

Wayne

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