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THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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

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Welcome Aboard!

James R. Bradley
ASE3, AIMD Div.
1972-74

John O. McMullen
AM3
1954-56

John M. O'Meara
AMH3, VF-51
1972-75

Bruce Rieland
BT2, B Div.
1987-89

Reunion Reservation Deadline is Sept. 2, 2017.

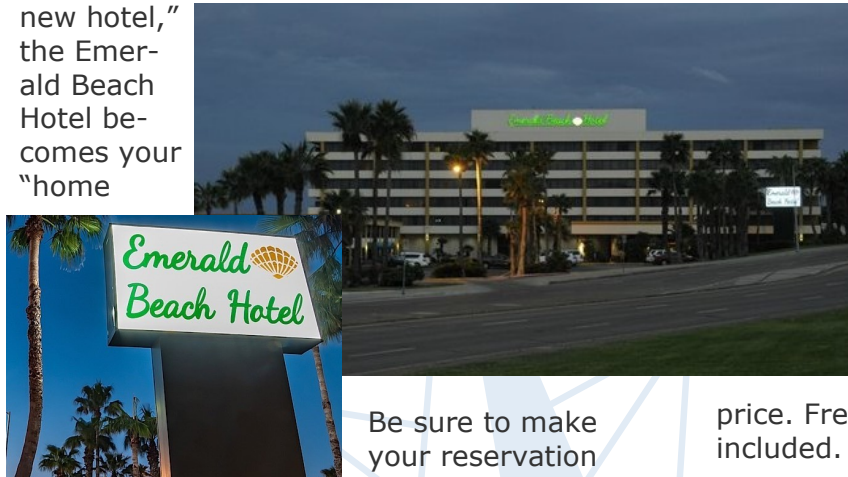
Once referred to as Corpus Christi's "most charming and exciting new hotel," the Emerald Beach Hotel becomes your "home

port" for our CVA-43 Annual Reunion running from Oct. 4-8, 2017.

soon by calling (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 to confirm your stay at this

price. Free parking is included. Call today!



Be sure to make your reservation

President's Corner

Greetings shipmates, The spring fling is over and now on to the dedication of the memorial in San Diego. Hats off to Mil Phillips and Clarence Neander for a job well done and for seeing this dedication through to completion. WELL DONE SHIPMATES.

The 2017 reunion is

fast approaching and I think we have everything in place for an outstanding reunion.

Last agenda item completed with securing transportation from hotel to the USS Lexington. The city is going to supply a shopping bay with different material for shopping, sightseeing, seawalk, aquarium, and beach. Discount

ticket will be included for many different attractions. Get your reservations in as soon as possible. Corpus Christi is a great city to visit and the people are very friendly. Our hotel is on the beach and the weather in October is warm and the water is great for swimming.

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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

Tom J. Flanary
SN, 5th Div.
1949—50

James W. Kissick, Jr.
LTJG, VA-15 &
VX-3
1950 & 1953

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
USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. and mail to:

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 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 Wed., Oct. 4 thru Sun., Oct. 8, 2017. Room reserva-

tion deadline for this rate: Sept. 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 made out to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. and mail to:

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



Salty Humor

You know that little tingly feeling you get when you really like someone of the opposite sex you've just met? That's common sense leaving your body.

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 \$ _____

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
 We all carry our memories of our great ship, don't we? Lots of our experiences have been forgotten, but some of our memories will never leave us.
 I remember clearly my final day aboard what in my day we called the "Ageless Warrior". I had checked out with the ship's office and was walking across the hangar bay to depart

for the final time.
 It was a quiet day at the pier at Naval Station, Norfolk, and there were very few of my shipmates around. I did, surprisingly, run into one shipmate, our commanding officer, Captain (later Rear Admiral) Ed Allen. He greeted me and wished me well with my next assignment.
 As we talked, I told the CO that what I would really miss is the little blue sticker

on my ID card, the one showing that I was a Coral Sea sailor. He immediately told me to wait just a few minutes. He grabbed a nearby sailor (God bless him, I don't even remember who he was!) and told him to go to the captain's office and get a blue sticker.
 When the sailor returned, Captain Allen himself put the sticker on my ID card. From

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2017 Remembrance Scholarship Update.

Shipmates.....I am very disappointed to have to make this announcement. I mailed out eight scholarship packets for this year's seniors this past January. I DID NOT RECEIVE ANY BACK BY THE ENDING DATE OF April 1, 2017! We must encourage our students to apply for this scholarship.

Also, at the Mid-West

Spring Fling, the executive board has made a change to my timeline for mailing out packets. I WILL be mailing scholarship packets to those requesting them between 1 October and 1 December, 2017, for the 2018 graduating seniors. The cut-off date for returning packets to me is 15 February, 2017. This change is being made

to allow me to get the names of the winning students in time for inclusion in the June issue of *The Coral Sea Breeze*. It has been a struggle to make that time schedule in the past.

On a personal note off the 'scholarship' subject, my wife and I attended the Mid-West Spring Fling the week-

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Salty Humor

A bus is a vehicle that moves twice as fast when you're chasing it as it does when you are in it.

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates. The spring Fling was a success. Thanks to all that attended. We had a very pleasant and unexpected blessing at dinner Friday night. A group of 24 of us were enjoying dinner at a local restaurant when the lady on duty there asked for all of our dinner tickets. A lady eating there with her family saw that we were veterans and paid for our dinners. What a great surprise! We found out who she was and gave her a standing ovation. She was very humble about it. Goes to show that today's citizens do value those of us who served.

The Spring Fling for 2018 will be in Dayton,

Ohio. Stand by for more details as they develop.

Not much else to report at this time Thanks as always to all Shipmates who have paid your dues. I apologize for the delay in getting dues processed earlier this year. We have had a lot going on and I got behind. All caught up for now. If there's a correction needed on your mailing label, please contact me. Also when renewing your membership please fill out the membership application. Please note the questions regarding bumper stickers and if you want your contact info published. I need this information for the Assoc. records. There's no need to send a bumper sticker unless you want one.

Please note on the 2017 reunion registration form the correct phone number to call for hotel reservations. Also note that the hotel will only give the reunion rate on Tuesday thru Saturday night. Pres. Wayne fought to get this extended, but the hotel would not agree. Thanks for what you tried to do Wayne. Send your completed reunion registration forms to me. So far, several Shipmates and guests are registered. We're looking forward to a great reunion as usual. Steam well!!!

John

John H. Ranson
Secretary, CVA-43
Association

The Mail Buoy.

It was about 1830 hours. We were moving along in the Mediterranean on the Coral Sea on a course of 090 degrees. At that time (May 1955) the Coral Sea was the newest—and with its sister carriers Midway and Franklin D. Roosevelt—one of the three largest carriers in the U.S. fleet.

I was on the bridge as junior officer of the deck. One of my Navy OCS classmates from Class 6, whose name now escapes me, was officer of the deck. We were both lieutenants (j.g.).

We sailed with a screen of 13 destroyers, two cruisers, another older carrier of the WWII Essex Class and various support ships which together comprised the U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet.

The setting sun was directly astern, creating a pinkish grey partly clouded sky in front of us. There were moderate seas on the surface of the Mediterranean, creating a slight roll of the ship. The outside temperature was about 60 degrees.

Also on the bridge was one of the three dentists we carried aboard the Coral Sea, also a lieutenant junior grade. I think he wanted to see what us unrestricted line officers did on our deck watches.

My classmate, the officer of the deck, decided he would have a little fun. He told the dentist that a plane was going to drop a mail buoy containing mail for the Coral Sea close to the ship within the next half

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Scholarship...

end of April 27-30, 2017. At that gathering, I and the others had a grand experience.

Most of the group (about 28) went out to a local restaurant, the "Cottage House" in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., for dinner on Friday the 28th. As we were looking for our checks before leaving, we were told that another patron was paying our bills!

As a Vietnam Veteran, I have paid the checks of our active duty or deployed military. This

was the first time in 50 years that someone has paid my bill. I AM TRULY GRATEFUL to that person for the recognition of our service. I want to give out a BZ and OOORRRRAAAHHHH!!

Fair winds and following seas to all,

Jon

Jon Lickey
Scholarship Chairman



Salty Humor

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.



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

Casualties...Remembering the WWII Pacific Theater.

Ed. Note—This is part 2 of a 2-part article. See part 1 in the June issue of the Sea Breeze.

A casualty is a serviceman who may have been blown to pieces somewhere on a battlefield, possibly unidentifiable, having fought valiantly for his country, even to the very end.

Also understand that every casualty did not come home for burial if they were killed in a naval battle. The ship's sick bay was much too small for preserving the deceased for any period of time. Therefore, upon termination of naval hostilities, preparation was made for an honorable burial at sea.

Some of these bodies were very difficult to identify, but several shipmates were available to verify each one they served with. My heartfelt gratitude remains for all those parents who have a son buried in that deep, dark Pacific Ocean. Two of my shipmates are out there in the Coral Sea, never to be for-

gotten. The truth is that in several cases, only parts of these valiant men were buried at sea because we could not locate the whole body.

Every person who was wounded in an action against the enemy is awarded the Purple Heart medal. Many of the wounded were able to heal and return to active duty. However, many were permanently disabled with loss of limbs, eyes or suffering other extreme trauma. "Casualty." That is a grossly inadequate word to explain the true horror and pain of those who must live the remainder of their lives, never to be 'whole' again.

It would be nice if those who gave their lives for our country had an award created specifically for them. Given posthumously, to next of kin, it would be a lasting tribute that could be passed down through generations. This should be a medal and certificate of heroism

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If I agreed
with you,
we'd both be
wrong.

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President's Corner...

As I am writing this for the Breeze, May 4, we might remember this is the week of the actual battle of the Coral Sea. I can remember when we went to Australia in 1963 we stood at attention when we passed over the sight of the sinking of the USS Lexington in the Coral Sea. We will be visiting the second USS Lexington at this

year's reunion. This was the first naval battle fought between aircraft carriers and we may not have won that battle but it set up a complete victory in the Battle of Midway in June 1942. We must remember the sailors who lost their lives in the battle, and for that reason I will not give up on getting a new warship named USS Coral Sea. Not only for the men who gave their lives, but to

the approximately 95,000 sailors who had the honor of serving on her from 1947-1991. What a glorious history. Long live America and the US Navy

To all members, good luck and smooth sailing.

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
President
USS Coral Sea Assoc.

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Casualties...

which is given **only** for a serviceman or woman who was killed in action. Don't they deserve more--much more--recognition for giving everything they could possibly give? Congress spends millions on many silly things. Why not spend a few dollars to produce a medal honoring those heroes?


As an added note, most of us had a small first aid kit connected to our belt. It contained one morphine dose, one large bandage, one pack of sulfanilamide and one very small pair of scissors. These kits were not intended to treat dozens of wounded. We were all trained to STOP THE BLEEDING, PROTECT THE WOUND, TREAT FOR SHOCK. When engaged in direct combat, it was almost impossible to have time to treat our wounded. However, every time we had a brief pause in hostilities, we helped the wounded whenever we could. We used any

first aid kit that was available.

During the conflict described above, I recall one other question that kept running through my mind: "Where are our hand grenades? We urgently need them; bring us some hand grenades!"

Many lives could have been saved if those grenades had been available. Rumor was that much of our grenade supply was blown up months before on the Mauna Loa when that munitions ship exploded. Yet we fought on. More "casualties". More suffering. Corpsmen and medics could not treat the wounded as rapidly as events unfolded, and those few seconds we had from the fighting were not enough time to do much, even though we remembered those three main steps. But we were not doctors or pharmacist mates and, sadly, many more heroes died.

—Submitted by
George E. Williams,
USN, 1942-46



Salty Humor

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, I've just returned from a fun Spring Fling in Erlanger KY. A big Thank You to John and Sandy Ranson for doing a great job of hosting.

John Ranson and I will be traveling to San Diego on May 20th for the dedication of the memorial plaque the Association placed on the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in memory of our great ship. Photos of

the ceremony will be posted on the web site. We all owe our website builder/manager, Bob Dorais, a BIG BZ for his design work on the plaque. His design captured the spirit and history of Coral Sea. Personally, THANK YOU, Bob! I appreciate all your efforts in making this tribute to Coral Sea so wonderful.

Don't forget to send in your rafle tickets. I'll fill

out any extra you may want. Enjoy the summer, and see you in Corpus Christi,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer



USS CORAL SEA 1 October 1947
30 April 1990
CVB/CVA/CV-43

Named after the famous World War II Battle of the Coral Sea fought in May 1942, she was commissioned at Norfolk Naval Base on 1 October 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, all who manned the ship over her 45-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, marking the first time the F/A-18 Hornet used in combat 1986 • Assist to stricken USS Iowa 1989

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EMBROIDERY ON FRONT, SIDES AND BACK OF CAPS

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- TEE'S ITEM #039



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- 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
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- 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



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Salty Humor

Where there's
a will, I
want to be
in it.

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Mail Buoy...

hour, and we needed a lookout on the forward flight deck to watch for it.

Now mail buoys, you may recall, were like sky hooks, check stretchers and sawdust pumps; they didn't exist. They were used to kid the greenhorns. My officer-of-the-deck classmate thought I knew that, but I only suspected it.

Therefore, I was able to be more convincing when I urged the dentist to do some 'real work' for us down on the flight deck.

Line officers always felt a bit of envy toward the dentists and doctors. They got their commissions without the grueling training of Navy OCS, the Naval Academy, or Navy ROTC, where you ran the risk

of washing out. Also, they were commissioned as lieutenant j.g., while we line officers started with the rank of ensign, serving a year before our promotion to LTJG.

The dentist agreed to serve as mail buoy watch. We equipped him with binoculars and a holstered 45 pistol on a belt around his waist. Thus equipped, he went down to the forward flight deck to stand his watch.

The word about the mail buoy watch spread, and a lot of the ship's personnel came up on the bridge to observe and snicker.

The captain, David L. McDonald, was in him sea cabin directly behind the bridge. Noticing the commotion, he came out on the bridge to investigate. One of the observers on the bridge pointed out our 'watch' officer

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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.



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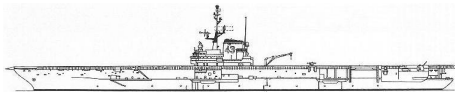
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Mail Buoy...

standing on the forward edge of the flight deck.

Capt. McDonald, who I'd never heard swear before, said, "Well I'll be a g-dd—d son of a bitch! Get that son of a bitch back up here before h falls off and kills himself!"

Which we did.

(Capt. McDonald subsequently became a full admiral and Chief of Naval Operations. I understand he was the only Coral Sea captain to reach the top. In my primary duty as Legal Officer, I had a good deal of direct contact with him. I was very much impressed with his abilities, as well as his kindness to a

26-year-old junior officer whose job training consisted of 16 weeks of Navy boot camp, eight weeks of Navy Personnelman School and 16 weeks of Navy OCS. He later helped me in my unsuccessful efforts to get admitted to the Michigan Bar on reciprocity, based on my original admission to the Ohio Bar in 1951, two years of practice in Dayton, and one year of practice on the Coral Sea. I ended up taking the Michigan Bar exam in 1959, eight years out of Harvard Law School. I passed and was admitted to the Michigan Bar.)

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Chaplain's Corner...

then on I may be physically absent from our great ship but I carried absolute proof that I was one of the fortunate thousands of U. S. Navy members who served on the finest ship in the fleet.

I have thanked God so many times for the privilege I had. I hope your memories are good ones as well. God bless YOU for serving our country aboard her greatest warship. Amen!

From your chaplain,

Michael

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