

# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

## Still Time to Attend the Association's 30th Annual Reunion in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

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Board of Directors member John Ranson invites all shipmates and friends to attend the CVA-43 Association's 30th Annual Reunion in Ft. Mitchell, KY.

- **When:** October 1-5, 2008
- **Where:** Drawbridge Inn, 2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017 (Near Cincinnati, Ohio)
- **Call:** 1-800-354-9793 for reservations (1-800-352-9866 Ky. Only) Mention USS Coral Sea when making reservation.

- **Location:** I-75 Exit #186, Buttermilk Pk. Ft. Mitchell, Ky. Follow signs to the hotel entrance.

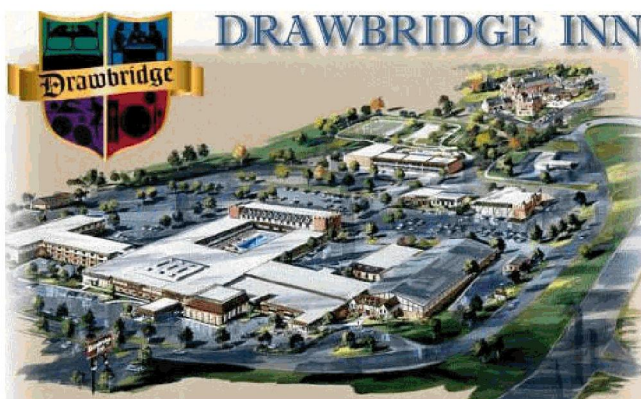
on a limited basis. NO HOOK-UPS AVAILABLE.

- **Information/Questions:** Call or

write John Ranson jr3843@fuse.net 52 Woodland Place, Ft. Thomas, Ky 41075-1605; Home 859-781-2536, Cell 859-250-3727 You'll find a reservation form to complete on page 3

of this newsletter. And don't miss the many great activity and tour options for this year's reunion described in the article on page 2.

- **Room rate:** \$80.09 per night includes all taxes. This rate applies for Sept. 28 thru Oct. 8, 2008.
- **Special Amenities:** RV parking is available



### Welcome Aboard!

**James Fox**, Chillicothe, MO, GM Div., 70-627  
**Travis G. King**, Frankston, TX, B Div., 60-61  
**Theodore Lavoot**, Anaheim, CA, HU2/V6 Div., 56-57

### President's Corner

Shipmates:

We are fast approaching the time for the annual reunion of the association in Fort Mitchell, KY. I know that John Ranson and his group are planning a great reunion. Look for information elsewhere in

this newsletter. Get those reservations made!

This is also the year for the election of officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one executive board member and a scholarship committee member. The associa-

tion is always looking for people to step up and help keep this organization running by volunteering to serve. Please consider what impact you could make on the organization. If you are interested, contact Bob Mackey, Past President and chairman of the

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# Annual Reunion Tour Options and Schedule.

**Thursday, October 2, 2008, 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM.**

- 1) Tour of Cincinnati, Covington, Ky. & Newport Ky. historic areas.
- 2) **B u f f e t L u n c h** cruise on the Ohio River, rain or shine. The riverboat is set up for any weather condition.

**Cost:** \$65.00 per person

**Friday October 3, 2008, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.** Interior view of the Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Dayton, Ohio. IMAX Theatre and a box lunch are included.

**Cost:** \$47.00 per person

**Saturday October. 4, 2008, 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.**

Ladies tour:

- 1) Krohn Conservatory, Eden Park, Cincinnati, Ohio



This is a large indoor floral display that is nationally known.

1) Lunch at Mike & Jimmy's Chop Shop, Crestview Town Center, Kentucky. (Make your lunch choice at the restaurant.)

2) Shopping at Crestview Town

Center

**Cost:** \$47.00 per person, includes lunch.

Please complete the form shown at right indi-

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## TAPS

**Admiral Maruice Weisner,**

Commanding Officer 61-62, Pensacola, FL

**Rear Admiral James Ferris,**

Commanding Officer 68-69, Alameda, CA

**Anthony Fabrizi,** past Secretary,

Apollo, PA

**Raymond Bourdeau,** M Div.,

59-61, Lincoln Park, MI

**Carl Luindin,** A Div., 50-52,

Taunton, MA,

**Vincent Parisi,**

5th Div., 53-54, Deer Park, NY

**Jacob Roquet,**

Hammond, IN

**Micheli Santo,** 7th

Div., 52-54, Hawthorn, CA

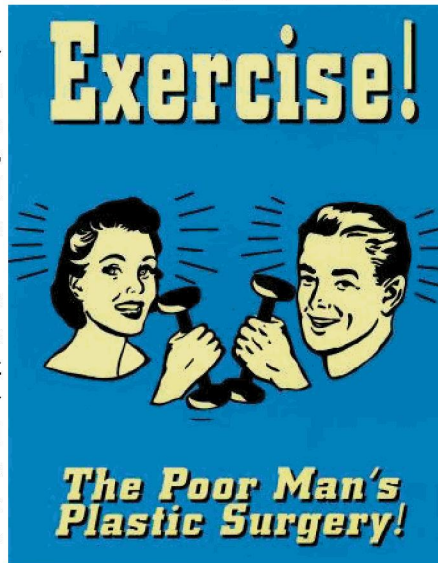
## Chaplain's Corner

### Be Prepared

The medical community informs us that exercise is an essential ingredient to good health. It helps keep our muscles, bones, and circulatory systems strong.

One persons says that as a senior citizen in his eighties he works out at the YMCA fitness center for one hour several times a week and does some other activities in between times. His doctor told him, "Keep on doing what your are doing. It will help you stay ambulatory." He goes on to say that exercise helps him de-

liver food on wheels once a week, sing in the local



symphony chorus and church choir, and play the piano for a sing-song once a week in the special care

unit of a local nursing home. He does not feel he is doing anything special, perhaps, but he feels that physical exercise helps him keep doing things that are positive, helpful to people in need, and surely are pleasing to God.

This fulfils the scriptural injunction: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

— Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Stanford E. Linzey

*Stan*

Stanford E. Linzey



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cating your tour choices and include payment by check or money order (no credit cards). Make check payable and mail to:

**Accent On Cincinnati, Attn: Kathleen Crowley, 915 West Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203**

The annual reunion runs Oct. 1-5 at the Drawbridge Inn, 2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 (near Cincinnati).

Call 800-354-9793 for reservations and mention USS Coral Sea to receive the discounted rate of \$80.09 per night, including all taxes. The rate is in effect from Sept. 28—Oct. 8, 2008. The reservation deadline is August 30.

Please make your meal selections as soon as possible: Friday evening dinner buffet is \$35 per person; Saturday evening's banquet is \$40 per person (choose from roast beef, English chicken or roast pork).

For more information, call John Ransom at 859-781-2536 or e-mail jrsr3843@fuse.net. You can also print out the registration and payment form at [www.uscoralsea.org](http://www.uscoralsea.org). Just

click on the 'reunions' link.

**Riverboat Lunch Cruise:**

\$65.00 per person; Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**National Museum of the U. S Air Force:**

\$47.00 per person; Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Krohn Conservatory & Crestview Hills Town Center:**

\$47.00 per person; Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**30th ANNUAL REUNION, Ft. Mitchell, KY, Oct. 1—5, 2008**

Complete this form, include payment and mail to: John Ranson, 52 Woodland Pl. Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Aboard Coral Sea: Mo./Year \_\_\_\_\_ to Mo./Year \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$15.00/person (includes hospitality room). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Dinner Buffet: \$25.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Banquet: \$40.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Meal (Please indicate your choices):

Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ English Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Pork \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Place a podium at the end of your driveway. Have your family stand watches at the podium, rotating at 4-hour intervals. This is best done when the weather is worst; January is a good time.



# 2008 Association Scholarships Awarded to Hunt, Petersen

Dear Mr. Wilson and the Coral Sea board,  
 I am very honored to receive the Coral Sea Scholarship. I understand the Coral Sea servicemen have made the sacrifice available, and it fills me with pride. The funds will come in handy in my academic endeavors.  
 Thank you for this honor  
 Sincerely  
 Rebecca Hunt

**Rebecca Hunt, First Place Scholarship Winner...**

## Defining an American Citizen

"One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." These words from the *Pledge of Allegiance* can be heard daily across the nation, and they provide the basic characteristics of an American citizen. So what does it mean to be an American citizen? Primarily, it means liberty; the liberty of life. Our predecessors have steadily fought for this freedom and should never go unrecognized. Men and women have dedicated their time to this country in order to develop democracy and the equality of all citizens. The success of America can be accredited to these men and

women who dedicate their time to the armed forces and to any citizen who has come before us. Each and every one of these individuals possess several imperative attributes of an American citizen: courage, pride, justice, and liberty. These essential characteristics of life encourage American citizens to live up to their title and support what was conceded to them.

Many citizens do not fully recognize or understand what it actually means to be a United States citizen. Various individuals thriving in this liberated country simply believe their obligation is just to live among the nation. They have indeed enjoyed the benefits of

this "land of opportunity" which grants every individual the equal chance to succeed, but the title of "American Citizen" has greater potential and power than just living. John Fitzgerald Kennedy expressed a similar outlook on American citizens throughout his inaugural address, stating, "My fellow citizens of the world, ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man" (Eidenmuller). Because of the Constitution and addition of amendments, we as citizens, have the ability to better the country and government in which we all reside.

In order to receive, individuals  
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### Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Sit in a wobbly rocking chair during a severe thunderstorm, rocking as hard as you can until you become nauseous. Have a supply of stale crackers in your shirt pocket.



**Daniel J. Petersen,  
Second Place Scholarship Winner...**

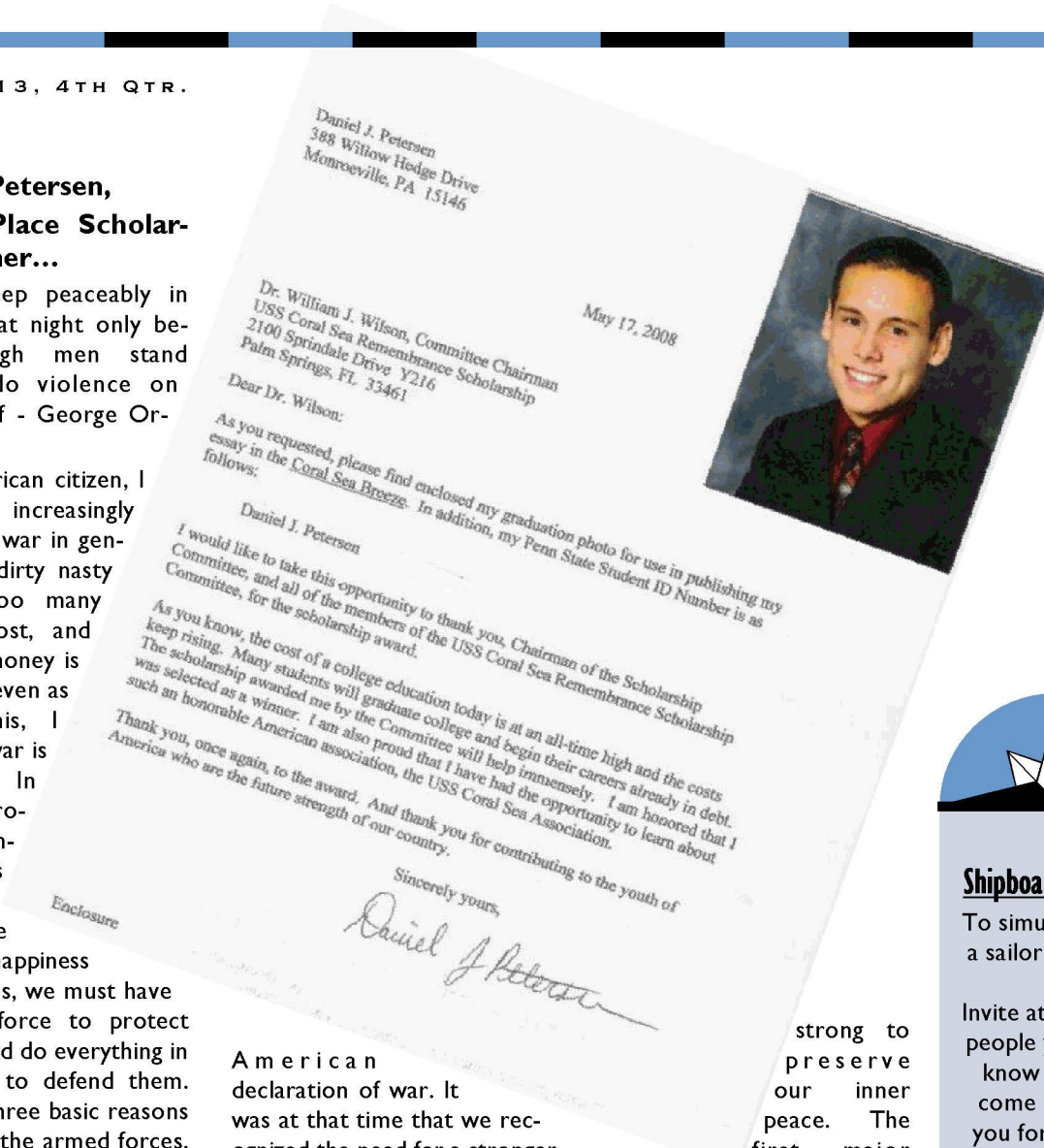
"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf - George Orwell

As an American citizen, I find myself increasingly opposed to war in general. It's a dirty nasty business, too many lives are lost, and too much money is spent. But, even as I think this, I know that war is necessary. In order to protect the inherent rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of Americans, we must have an armed force to protect ourselves and do everything in our power to defend them. There are three basic reasons to maintain the armed forces. The first is to protect ourselves from invasion by hostile forces, the second to maintain our inner peace, and the third to defend our allies. To first reason is to protect ourselves from aggressive nations. The last major invasion of the United States occurred in 1812, when the British invaded in response to the

American declaration of war. It was at that time that we recognized the need for a stronger navy, and acted on that knowledge. We built up our naval forces and were able to defeat the British in 1813 at the Great Lakes. America has suffered no major invasions since then because we have kept our military strong and maintained our naval and aerial branches. Next, we must keep our forces

strong to preserve our inner peace. The first major conflict came in the form of Shay's Rebellion, in 1786-87. Farmers in Massachusetts, upset with high taxes and low prices after the American Revolution, rebelled against the local government, aiming to prevent farm foreclosures. The state militia was

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**Vice President's Corner**

Shipmates,

In a blink of an eye it will be a new year. But, before that there are some things that have to be done when

we all meet at the Kentucky reunion. First and foremost we have to elect a president and his immediate staff. After the election it will be up to the secretary to make

sure all of the staff have all the pertinent data they need to fulfill their duties as a board member of our association. Second: you will have to decide

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**Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Invite at least 500 people you don't know at all to come live with you for about 9 months. Shower daily with about a half-dozen of them.

# 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 (CVB/CVA/CV-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the commissioning crew (plank owners), even if fewer than 90 days were spent aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership dues are \$15 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year. The Association is a Non-Profit Organization formed by former crew members.



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)  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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  SCG   
 (Rank/Rate) USNR  USAF  USA

I do  do not  want my complete mailing address printed on the Published roster.

Please make check payable to: **USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION**

Mail application to:

**Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION**  
**PO BOX 179**  
**Street, MD 21154-1412**

**Office Use Only**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## Secretary's Corner



**Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Walk around your car for four hours, checking the tire pressure every 15 minutes.

Shipmates,  
 During the month of July I sent out over 400 dues reminders to members who were in arrears with their dues. So far about 150 have responded and are back on the active roster. A lot of members state that they were never notified that their dues had expired until they received the "reminder." There are two ways to check on your dues expiration date: First, look on your membership card, and second, the address label on the newsletter. If

it says 2007, your dues expired December 31, 2007. Blaming your wife for not sending the check on time will not get you any sympathy from me. I have been very busy getting my financial records in order so that my books can be audited at the reunion in Ft. Mitchell. It has been four years since my books were audited and in that time I have handled tens of thousands of dollars in dues and no one ever checked my books as required by the Bylaws. The failure of the elected officers of this Association to do their job leaves me no alternative but to explain my performance as

secretary to an unbiased audit committee and to the membership. It is time for a major change in the way this association is presently run, and a complete overhaul of the Bylaws and financial record keeping of this association if we are to survive and go forward as a group of men proud of our Navy and the ship we served. See you in Kentucky! Stay well.  
 Stay well,

*John*

John Plude, Secretary



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### **Rebecca Hunt , First Place Scholarship...**

must provide. Many citizens do not recognize their potential and therefore do not provide enough to the country. Although they believe one voice cannot be heard athwart the entire nation, they do not feel the need to make a change. However, there is a multitude of evidence that one individual does in fact have the power to change the world. For example, many activists during the civil rights movement have displayed the power which one American citizen possesses. Martin Luther King Jr., the most well-known civil rights activist, used the liberties of an American to his advantage. With his "I have a dream" speech, one man single handedly altered the nation. The freedom of speech - which has subsequently been handed down from our forefathers - was used to full potential. Dr. King volunteered many hours of his time to better the nation in which we live.

Any American will agree that the joy of living in America is the liberty and equal opportunities for all. With this liberty, it is necessary for American citizens to participate within the democracy. The first step that one can take to participate within the community is with suffrage or "the right to vote." Because the Untied States democracy has grown since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, American citizens may now actively participate in competitive elections and choose those who dictate the country. The democracy cannot survive without action and participation from its citizens. As American citizens, we owe gratitude and appreciation for the strongly developed democracy and must take advantage of our rights and freedoms, especially that of the right to vote. With presidential elections on the near horizon. American citizens possess the ability to change the future. I indeed will seize this advantageous opportunity due to the passage of the 26th amendment in 1971. which states, no law may restrict any American citizen of age eighteen or older from voting. Voting is not only a privilege, but is a duty as an American citizen. For those who do not vote they are not utilizing the title of "American Citizen" to its full potential.

Although U.S. citizens experience the justice of an organized democracy, not all countries have the privilege to live under such regulations. Vietnam and Cuba are still administered by a communist government. Everyday lives in these countries are completely different than the worry free environment we have as American citizens. This

liberty and opportunities have been handed down before us from past hard working American citizens, as well as the hard fought battles by our courageous armed forces. Every day, American citizens volunteer to serve in the armed forces. These individuals risk their lives to preserve our democracy. They have displayed another important aspect which American citizens possess: bravery and pride. On September 11,2001, our nation experienced a devastating tragedy that swept the nation leaving citizens in awe. After the attacks, our entire nation entered a bonding time with one another: flags were hung to show support of the nation. During this time, the true patriotic side of American citizens was shown. Love and support was given for those whose lives were lost during the tragedy. After the event had settled, it was clear that America is the ideal country due to citizens' pride, courage, and liberty; I am proud to say that "I am an American."

What do we owe as American citizens? As citizens of America, we owe a grave obligation of gratitude for the numerous deeds of those who have preceded us. Also, we owe future citizens of America a more structurally sound and peaceful country than before. Remember that with freedom comes obligation, and with liberty comes duty. As President John F. Kennedy stated in his inaugural address, "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

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### **Vice President's Corner**

where the reunion for 2009 will be held. Third: Have a great time at the reunion.

By the time you read this the summer will be almost over and the kids back to school. Hope you had a safe and sane summer. See you at the reunion in Kentucky. Have a safe trip. Remember our troops no matter where they are and say an extra one for them. To anyone who has lost a loved one this year you have our deepest sympathy.

*John*

John Pritchard, Vice Pres.



### **Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Needle gun the aluminum siding on your house after everyone else in your family has gone to bed.

# Coral Sea Association Small Stores Item & Price List



Association Logo



Ship's Logo—CVB, CVA, CV

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
1001	Reg Style Cap (Blue or White), CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1002	Mesh Back Cap (Scrambled Eggs) CVB/CVA/CV	\$14.00
1003	Marine Cap (Red) Marine Det., CV	\$14.00
1004	Windbreaker Jacket (Blue), all sizes**	\$42.00
1005	Micro Poly Casual Jacket (Blk, Dk Grn, Maroon, Navy, Red, Royal or Stone) all sizes**	\$46.00
1006	Sweatshirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$25.00
1007	T-Shirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$17.00
1008	Denim Shirt (SS or LS), all sizes**	\$32.00
1009	Titan Twill Shirt (SS or LS), (Navy, Dutch Blue, French Blue, Khaki, Black, Butter, Crimson, new Olive, Smoke or White), all sizes**	\$32.00
1010	Polo Shirt (Blue or White); all sizes	\$28.00
1011	Pin, CV-43 (Hat/Lapel)	\$ 5.00
1012	3-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43 Deomm)	\$ 4.00
1013	4.5-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43)	\$ 6.00
1014	License Plate Frame (Chrome-Plastic), CVA-43	\$12.00
1015	Photo, Coral Sea Straight Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1016	Photo, Coral Sea Angle Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1017	Coral Sea Mouse Pad	\$ 6.00
1018	Coral Sea Coffee Mug	\$ 5.00
1019	Watch Cap, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1020	Coral Sea Decals	\$ 2.00
1021	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$ .50/ltr.

\*\* These are embroidered items; please choose either the Association Logo or Ship's Logo

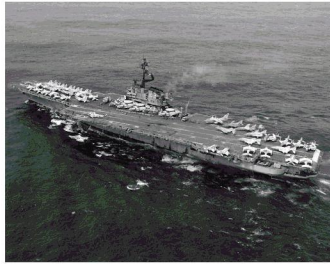
**Please Note:** Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

**Mail:** USS Coral Sea Association  
 Small Stores Account  
 PO Box 1697  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

**Fax:** 770-222-4833  
**E-mail:** georgerogers@bellsouth.net  
**For more information:** 770-943-3818



# Coral Sea Association Small Stores Order Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Item #	Qty.	Description (Color, Logo, Sleeve Length)	Size	Price Ea.	Total Price

**Method of Payment**

- Check (make payable to USS Coral Sea Assoc.)
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express

Merchandise Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shipping Charge\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Association Logo



Ship's Logo  
CVB, CVA, CV

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: 770-222-4833  
 E-mail: georgerogers@bellsouth.net  
 Mail: USS Coral Sea Association  
 Small Stores Account  
 PO Box 1697  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

**\*\*Priority Mail S/H Cost**

Up to \$24.99.....\$ 7.00  
 \$25—\$50.....\$ 9.00  
 \$51—\$75.....\$12.00  
 \$76—Up.....\$15.00

Credit card orders will appear on your statement as "ICU Stitching."

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### Daniel Petersen, Second Place Scholarship...

called into action to stifle the rebellion, and did so in 1787, when the rebels attempted to take a federal arsenal at Springfield, MA.

The next most pressing need for inner peace came in the form of the American Civil War. At this time the North and the South fought over the issue of slavery, but also states rights versus federal ones. The massive secession/rebellion was eventually put down, and since then America has had no major internal uprisings.

Our armed forces not only maintain the peace, but intervene in times of disaster to help the American people. One instance took place after Hurricane Katrina, The National Guard was called in to assist in the evacuation process and put a stop to looting in New Orleans.

The third and most important reason is that of the defense of

our allies. Since the beginning of the 1900's, America has stepped in and aided its allies in time of conflict. In World War I, we intervened on behalf of the Allied powers: France, Great Britain, and Russia. America's involvement was decisive for the success of the Allies. This wasn't the last time America's military prowess has played a crucial role in deciding the outcome of global conflicts.

America was drawn into World War II in 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. We responded by deploying our navy in the Pacific to check Japan's growing control over their self proclaimed "Great East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere." Meanwhile, on the Eastern front, Germany had invaded France and Great Britain was next on its agenda. Without America's massive armed support on D-Day, the outcome of the invasion of Normandy would have been completely different, and

we might not have the rights and freedoms we take for granted today.

One of the most controversial wars that America has become involved in is the Vietnam War. North Vietnam at the time was trying to unify the two parts into one whole communist Vietnam. After the explosion of the U.S. destroyer *Maddox* on August 4, 1964, Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson ordered air strikes against our attackers, communist North Vietnam, and asked Congress to authorize that immediate action be taken to prevent further attacks. Congress agreed to intervene in the conflict to protect American interests and the first U.S. ground combat forces were sent to South Vietnam in March of 1965.

Unfortunately, the Vietnam War is a perfect example supporting not only maintaining our armed forces but also constantly training them for

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### Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Submit a request form to your father-in-law, asking him if it's OK for you to leave the house before 3 PM.

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### President's Corner

nomination committee.

In the past few months, we have lost lots of members and some spouses to the Everlasting Cruise. If you would like, we can list their names to be read during the memorial service at the banquet. Also, if you would like to make a donation in memoriam, the funds would go to the scholarship committee.

This year's winning essays will be in this newsletter.

These young folks really appreciate the assistance the scholarship gives them toward their college expenses. If any of your children or grandchildren/great-grandchildren are college age, please remind them that these scholarships are there for application. Contact the chairman, Dr. Wilson, for the information packet. There is a deadline, so don't delay application.

If you are one of the folks who ordered (and paid

for) an association history (second edition), your refund will be in your hands in four to six weeks. Thank you for your patience. This issue will be on the agenda for discussion to get the project back on track.

Until October, smooth sailing.

*Bill*

Bill Johnson, President



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### Reunion Committee

2008 Ft. Mitchell, KY—John Ranson  
2009 Washington, DC—John Plude

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### 2008 Association Scholarship Winners Announced

Your Association is pleased to recognize our Annual Scholarship Award winners for 2008: Rebecca Hunt of Lafayette, LA is our first place winner; Daniel Petersen of Monroeville, PA received the second place scholarship.

Rebecca is the granddaughter of Whitney Hunt who served in A Div. From 1959-67. She will attend Northwestern State Univ. Daniel is the grandson of Albert Perz who served in 1st Div. from 1948-50. He will attend Penn State Univ. this fall.

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#### **Daniel Petersen, Second Place Scholarship Winner ...**

any type of combat. When the Americans were deployed into Vietnam, we won nearly every battle we fought against the N. Vietnamese, but they simply replaced their fallen troops with more troops. We focused on bombing and a "search and destroy" tactic. Our adversaries, however, took a less orderly approach.

What occurred hearkens back to the American Revolutionary War. America succeeded because the British tried to fight us in an orderly fashion, marching single file, attempting to maintain a sense of decorum. We merely hid in the woods and picked them off one by one. The tables turned in the Vietnam War. It's said that the best offense is a good defense. While the Americans tried to fight with order, the N. Vietnamese were doing no such thing. They resorted to guerrilla tactics,

knew the territory, and avoided conflicts where U.S. artillery would put the war in our and South Vietnam's favor.

American soldiers were seriously unprepared for the fight in Vietnam, and we paid for it with the loss of 58,000 military personnel and the wounding of around 300,000. By 1973, the U.S. had withdrawn itself from Vietnam; the peace talks broke down, and after some time South Vietnam surrendered to the North.\*

Maintaining the armed forces is crucial for the safety and perceived tranquility of our worlds. If we do not, we leave ourselves open to an outside attack, we cannot effectively police our internal rebellions, and we cannot aid our allies in foreign conflict. I feel that as much as we hate the wars, they are necessary. If it weren't for the nightmares of war, we would never hope to have dreams of democracy, bloodstained though they are.