

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

The Association's 30th Annual Reunion General Meeting Minutes

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As reported from the Association's General Meeting, Ft. Mitchell, KY, 4 October 2008 by Secretary John Plude:

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Bill Johnson. After the normal opening ceremonies were completed, the Secretary held a roll call of Officers. All current Association Officers were present. President Johnson asked if there were any announcements that needed to be made before we got into the Association's business. Board member, John Ranson introduced the members who were attending their first reunion. Each member stood up and gave his name, division and date he

was on board.

The Secretary read the minutes from the previous general meeting held in Las Vegas. After some minor corrections were made, a motion to accept

the minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Paul Bernardy, then gave a report

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Parting Comments from Our Outgoing President

Shipmates,

It is with sadness, but a sense of relief that my tenure as president of the Association has concluded. It was time for someone else to take over. After four years as vice president and four years as president, I decided to step aside. I have many family obligations I need to attend to.

I want to thank those who voted for me and supported me all those years. It was a lot of fun and rewarding. We had some great years and one that was not so great. The many people I have met and the renewed old acquaintances have brought great joy to me.

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Welcome Aboard!

Look for updates in your March issue.

President's Corner

The Ft. Mitchell reunion is now history and our thanks to John and Sandy Ranson for their efforts and a top-flight reunion. At the reunion we had our bi-annual election of officers and board members. Elected were Yours truly, President; John Ranson,

Vice President; Don Coldwell, Secretary; Paul Bernardy, Treasurer; Chuck Whitcomb E-Board three years and Bob Mackey E-Board one year term to complete John Ranson's final year. A list of officers, E-Board members and committees are in the Breeze.

The primary goal of the

officers and board members is to work for the good of the *USS Coral Sea CVA 43 Association*. We decommissioned in 1990 so there have been no new Coral Sea sailors for a long time. That means the exiting Coral Sea sailors are getting older and smaller in numbers.

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19th Annual Midwest Spring Fling Set for April 24-25

- **When:** April 24-25, 2009
- **Where:** Don Hall's Guest House
1313 West Washington Cen-

ter Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825, Phone: (800) 348-1999 (ID # 8492 must be used for rate)

• **Rates:** Friday & Saturday Package \$165.00 + 13% tax. Extra Day \$73.00 + \$9.49 = \$82.49

• **Deadline:** March 23, 2009

Don Hall's Guest House is located off I-69, Exit 111B, just north on SR3, then 0.3 miles east.

Note - Call in your reservation soon, hotel fills up early this time of year. You can always cancel out if need be. Saturday night dinner will be held in Guest House Grill at 6:30 p.m.

Don Hall's Guest House features elegant lodging, free Continental breakfast each morning, \$20.00 gift certificate, bottle of champagne or 2 liter of Coke, whirlpool and exercise room, indoor & outdoor pools, and a complimentary airport van. For area information, contact the Fort Wayne County Convention Visitor Bureau at 800-767-7752.



Elegant lobby of Don Hall's Guest House in Fort Wayne with huge stone fireplace; a great place to swap sea tales.

• **Information/ Questions?**

Bob Mackey (President Emeritus)
300 Webb Street, Calumet City, IL 60409, phone 708-891-6771

Herman Doernbach (Secretary Emeritus),
3144 S. 98th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53227, phone 414-321-0098 or e-mail hermanwd@aol.com

TAPS

Look for updates
In your March
Issue.

Chaplain's Corner **ARE YOU SANTA CLAUS?**

The Mother Goose parade takes place on the Sunday of Thanksgiving week in the city of El Cajon, California. This annual event is the fourth largest parade in the United States. Clubs, offices and business establishments submit beautifully and costly decorated motorized floats that form a stylish motorcade through the city for the Thanksgiving-Christmas season. Judges made up of men and women from the

business community select a winner for the event and present a trophy. The population of the city



greatly increases on this occasion and traffic is routed around the city as automobiles clog the streets.

I was pastor of the Evangelistic Tabernacle. The hours of the parade were such that our children did not get to see all the parade due to conflict of schedules. One year the parade terminated at the front doors of the church. The children could now see the multicolored floats, the costumed people and dignitaries.

The parade approached the church and our children were delighted to see the action as the participants waved and spoke and alighted from

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on the Association's finances. At the present time, there is \$1,800.00 in the checking account, \$14,083. in the money market account, \$24,138.18 in the Scholarship fund, and \$5,160.34 in a CD. We have lost some money in our investment accounts due to the present financial upheaval in the markets. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read pending audit by the Audit Committee. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

By-Laws—Committee Chairman, John Ranson informed

the members that there were no formal requests received to change the By-Laws. He requested input from the members to assist him as he undertakes the task of updating the By-Laws.

Scholarship—Committee Chairman, Bill Wilson stated that he has already received a couple of applications for next year's awards. The letters written by this year's award winners were published in

the Breeze and everything is going smoothly.

Audit—Committee Chairman, Chuck Whitcomb informed the members that an audit was conducted on the Secretary's financial records for the past two years and that they were in good order with no discrepancies.

Nominating—Committee Chairman, Bob Mackey read a list of names of members who were nominated for office. The following Shipmates were nominated and elected:

- President – Mil Phillips
- Vice President – John Ranson



Board Member Elections at Annual Meeting—from l. to r., Paul Bernardy, Treasurer; John Ranson, Vice Pres.; John Prichard, outgoing V.P.; Mil Phillips, Pres.

- Treasurer – Paul Bernardy
- Secretary – Don Colwell
- 1 Year Board Member, Bob Mackey
- 3 Year Board Member, Chuck Whitcomb
- 3 Year Scholarship Committee, Dave Yokely

The Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for the candidates who were unopposed.

Unfinished Business

Treasurer, Paul Bernardy informed the membership of a situation that arose from the last reunion held in Las Vegas that had been resolved by the Executive Board.

A motion was made and seconded to refrain from any prosecution of the party involved. Motion carried.

Shipmate Jim Williamson inquired about the donation

made to the USS Ranger Museum and what will happen if plans for the Museum fall through. It was decided to try to get the money back if possible. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Kentucky Reunion Chairman, John Ranson, stated that the proceeds from the raffles that were held will be earmarked for the Scholarship Fund. John Ranson stated that all profit from the reunion will be turned over to the Treasurer as soon as all bills are paid and a final accounting is held.

Good of the Order

Shipmate Bill Hons gave a brief talk on the

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Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Start your car and let it run for 4 hours before going anywhere, to ensure the engine is properly 'lit off.'

Annual Reunion Contributions Add \$4,377 to Scholarship Fund

The Kentucky reunion was very positive for the Scholarship program. An energetic team of volunteers worked hard to promote the 50/50 sales and raffle tickets for miscellaneous drawings for items gathered by John and Sandy Ranson to benefit the fund. This team, led by Bob and Mary Alice Gast, Ron Barto, and Jerry and Nancy Natzke, produced amazing results.

The Friday 50/50 brought in \$795.00. The winner, Tom Deutsch, won \$397.50.

The Saturday 50/50 brought in \$745.50. Bob Cummings, a member from California, received \$372.75.

From the Ranson raffles the

fund received \$710. Generous donations for \$397.50 from Tom Deutsch and a contribution of \$2500.00 from a member who wishes to remain anonymous brought the total added to the scholarship fund to \$4,377.75.

We are extremely grateful to all who supported the scholarship program, allowing your Association to provide support to the young scholars who will benefit from your generosity. Application forms for the 2009 contest will be available in mid-January. Call or e-mail me for applications.

—Bill Wilson

Vice President's Corner

Shipmates,

By all accounts the recently concluded Coral Sea Reunion was a big success. Many Shipmates helped to make it a great event and I want to thank all of those who assisted in any way.

Special thanks go out to George Irvin for his tireless effort to contact so many members of M Division from the early '60's and have them attend the reunion. It was great to see many new faces. Also special thanks to all the members of OI Division from the '50's who helped with the raffles.

Not many pieces of the Ship remain. But thanks to Clarence Neander and John Pritchard, one of the salute

guns was on display at the reunion. It now will be on display in a park in Parump, Nevada. Thanks shipmates!

The Association has new leadership and I want to thank all shipmates for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President. I promise to do my best for the Association. There are things we can do of a civic nature, and I hope that we - as an Association - work to make our presence known.

One sure thing we can do is to increase our support of the Sea Cadet program thru the Coral Sea Division. The Scholarship Fund needs the support of all Shipmates. Through more donations and a better investment climate we hope this fund becomes self-sustaining. What we can

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American Naval Association monument in Virginia Beach, VA. He asked members to consider putting a plaque from the Coral Sea Association on display. He left some literature for the Board to examine.

2009 Reunion

The Secretary gave a brief rundown on the 2009 reunion to be held in Washington, DC on October 9-12 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Arlington, VA. Further information will be published in the newsletter when it is available.

2010 Reunion

Two proposals were placed before the membership: George Hasse proposed Tampa, Florida and Ron Barto proposed Branson, Missouri. The members voted to go to Tampa, FL, on October 4-9 at the Clarion Hotel.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John

John Plude, Secretary

accomplish is limited only by our imagination and effort.

Lastly, it's time that the Association by-laws are given a thorough review. As your by-laws committee chairman, I solicit your input for changes. Any and all proposals will be considered at the 2009 reunion in Washington, D.C. Ac

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Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Have the paper-boy give you a haircut with sheep shears.

Come Enjoy our Annual Spring Fling Mini-Reunion March 7, 2009 in Venice, Florida

It will soon be time for the Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion of the USS Coral Sea Association members. This year we are

again inviting local carrier sailors to join us, especially the Midway, the FDR and the Shangri-La. We sure hope you can make it again this year. If this will be your first time, welcome!

As always, there will be a guest speaker to share some military experiences with us.

When our get together at Venice VFW Post 8118 ends at 2:30, Bud, Lynn and I would like to invite you to Bill's house for an extended BS session. Maps will be available at the VFW.



- When: March 7, 2009
- Where: Venice VFW Post #8118, 832 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34292

• Cost : Dinner is \$25.00 per person, tax included.

• Contact: Bud McKay, 151 Hoosier Place, Sarasota, FL 34232, phone (941) 371-3790, or Bill Johnson, 322 N Portia

Street, Nokomis, FL 34275, phone (941) 485-4360

Meal includes Happy Hour nibbles, beef and chicken choices, side dishes, dessert, coffee or tea.

Shipboard Humor

Any ship can be a minesweeper... once!

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Vice President's Corner...

According to the current by-laws, any proposed changes must be published in the June edition of the Sea Breeze. I will have a rewrite of the current by-laws published on the Association website for all Shipmates to review.

Once again, thanks for your support and I look forward to making the Coral Sea Association as good as it can be.

Your shipmate,

John

John Ranson, Vice President

For meal reservations, complete and mail to Bud McKay at the above address.

Name _____ # of people _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Number of reservations at \$25.00 _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Beef # _____ Chicken # _____ (Please make check payable to USS Coral Sea Reunion.)

I served on the Coral Sea (circle one) CVB-43 CV-43 CVA-43 from _____

Division: _____ Rate: _____ OR name your ship : _____

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 _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

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

Hello Shipmates:

My name is Donald Colwell. I am your new Secretary, being elected at the National Reunion in Ft. Mitchell, KY.

I was a Machinist Mate Third Class, B Division, After Evaporators. I was on board the USS Coral Sea from July 1974 to May 1977.

This letter will be very brief as I just received the secretary material. Thank you, John, for being so efficient and thorough in our transition.

Hopefully I can continue to provide our members with updates on new members, renewals, and deceased notices, along with other sec-

retarial responsibilities, like Mr. Plude. I will (along with my wife, Sandra) be updating the lists and will have updates in the March 2009 issue of the *The Coral Sea Breeze*.

In the meantime, please send all the new member, renewals, and deceased notices to my attention: Donald Colwell, P. O. Box 4235, Fresno, CA 93744

You can also e-mail me anytime at doncolwell@att.net. HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all and THANK YOU my fellow shipmates,

Donald

Donald Colwell,
 Secretary



Shipboard Humor

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Shipmates,
 There is a non-military firm offering Coral Sea merchandise through a web site with a name similar to our site. They have not been authorized by your Association to do this and we do not receive any benefit from the sale of these goods. The only authorized source of Coral Sea items is through small stores which is managed by our storekeeper, George Rogers. Please support your Association by making your purchase of Coral Sea merchandise through small stores. Thank you,
 Mil Phillips, President, CSA

17th Annual N.J. Spring Reunion Report

Thirty-four shipmates and wives attended the 17th annual New Jersey Area Spring Reunion this past April at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick, NJ.

The meeting opened with a flag salute and remembrance prayer for our deceased and ailing shipments.

Association officials John Plude and Bob Nerbetski were on hand to bring us up to date on Association news. We were reminded to stay current on our dues to ensure the organiza-

tion's financial stability.

Many thanks to Bill Radongna, Bob Nerbetski, Jim Ribbe and Doris Weber for their help with the 2008 reunion. Special thanks to Connie Nerbetski for her great cheese cake! We appreciate those attending this year, and look forward to seeing you again at the 18th Annual New Jersey Spring Reunion set for April 25, 2009. Look for more information in the March issue of the *Breeze*.

—Jack Weber

Bravo Zulu & Some Scuttlebutt

Coral Sea Division Sea Cadets...based in Pomona, CA attended Cadet Training Evolutions around the nation and overseas during the summer months away from school:

- POI Jordan Rio and PO3 Alan Bui attended the third session of the Naval Academy Summer Introductory Course at Annapolis, MD
- SR William Scarlett and Dylan Rodriguez attended NSCC Basic Recruit Training for two weeks at ANG Camp Roberts, CA
- POI Matthew Foresta was selected to attend the International Exchange Program hosting Cadets from foreign countries in Newport, RI
- LCDR Gaul staffed a Naval Intelligence Course for Cadets at Naval Base San Diego, CA
- POI Rio, POI Foresta, PO2 Pamela Webster, PO3 Andy Lam, PO3 Bui, SN Ariel Alcon and SN Walter Sutton attended a new training titled "Heritage History of Pearl Harbor" where they were housed aboard the USS Missouri. They met and spoke with Pearl Harbor survivors, conducted daily flag raising and lowering

ceremonies at various memorials around Ford Island, toured various bases on Oahu that were attacked on 7 December 1941, and participated in the 100th Anniversary Ceremonies of the "Great White Fleet."

- POI Rio participated in the United Kingdom Exchange aboard the HMS Bristol in England. He was one of three Cadets selected from throughout the USA to participate in the 14 day exchange program.



Reunion Centerpiece—The unique table centerpiece from our Fort Mitchell annual reunion.

- PO3 Gregory To was accepted to participate in Basic Sailing Training at Fiddler's Cove in Sand Diego, CA

- Jordan Rio was promoted in October to Chief Petty Officer by Sea Cadet National Headquarters in Arlington, VA. CPO in the Sea Cadets is the equivalent of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts.

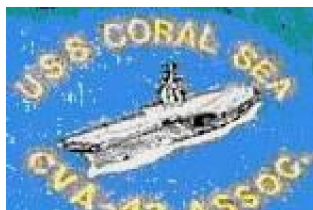
The Association's 2009 Annual Reunion...has been scheduled for October 7-12 in the Washington, DC area. Our reunion hotel is the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, VA. The room rate is \$106 per night for up to two people, plus a current 10.25% tax (\$20 additional each for the 3rd and 4th person). The reservation cut-off date is September 8, 2009. To reserve your room now, call (703) 416-4100. More information can be viewed at www.doubletreecrystalcity.com. Detailed information can be found in our March issue.



Shipboard Humor

You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the elevator.

Coral Sea Association Small Stores Product & 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	\$ 8.00
1019	Watch Cap, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1020	Coral Sea Decals	\$ 2.00
1021	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$.50/ltr.
1021-1	Full Back Embroidered Logo for Jackets	\$30.00
1022	Coral Sea Challenge Coin (New Item)	\$14.00

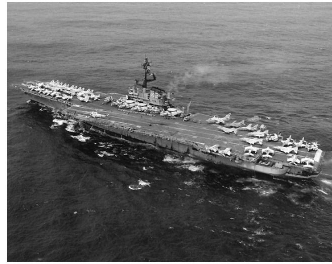
** These are embroidered items; please choose either the Association Logo or Ship's Logo

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

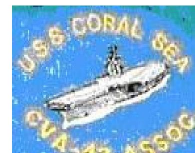
Merchandise Total \$ _____

Shipping Charge** \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Method of Payment

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



Association Logo



Ship's Logo
CVB, CVA, CV

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it Appears on Card _____

Signature _____

Fax: 770-222-4833
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Up to \$24.99.....\$ 7.00
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VA Medical Request

FM: Kathy Linden, Ph.
(602) 277-5551, Ext. 5191

I work in the Gold Primary Care Clinic at the Phoenix VA Medical Center. One of my patients is trying to locate men who served with him on the USS Coral Sea off the coast of Viet Nam between August 13, 1967 and February 19, 1968.

He witnessed the death of a pilot when the pilot was shot as he came in for a landing on the ship. This event has caused him nightmares for years.

My patient is trying to establish a PTSD claim due to this and other traumatic events he witnessed while in Viet Nam. The VA has asked him to provide dates and the names of men serving with him who would have witnessed the trauma. His memory is poor and he cannot remember these details.

If any readers served on the ship during the dates mentioned and can recall these events, I welcome your calls.

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President's Corner

Those of you that know of eligible shipmates who are not members, let's make an effort to bring them on board. If they don't think we are a first class organization, direct them to our web site. That should be a key selling point. There is strength in numbers and we need more muscle.

Our next reunion is Washington DC, hosted by John and Eva Plude, with assistance from Armed Forces

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Chaplain's Corner

the vehicles. The float bearing Santa Claus arrived and he waved at the crowd. Children, teens and adults waved back. It was a time of fun and happiness as Santa sang out his HO-HO-HO in a deep baritone voice. The crowd returned his HO-HO-HO in merriment and joy. The actors lit from the floats, dispersed and we all went home. The children talked of Santa Claus in the parsonage that night past bed time.

Discussing the event the following day my four-year-old daughter spoke of seeing Santa Claus. She was all aglow! I said to her, "Do you know who Santa Claus is? Your father is Santa Claus." She

piped up, "Was dat you in da parade?" Kids gurgled.

The idea of a giver and his gifts intrigues and elates everyone. We cannot all be Santa Claus, but we can share what we have with others. To make someone happy. To lift the spirits of others is the greatest joy one can give. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, was delighted to send his Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, to earth to share His life with us, thus showing the meaning of love and goodwill. He showed us the path to everlasting life, peace and joy when He gave His life for us. Then let us rejoice and share our love and good will to others.

Stan

Stanford E. Linzey

Reunion Association, a firm that specializes in reunions for military groups. The hotel is in a great location.

Following the '06 San Diego reunion, Iris and I attended my father's Army Corps Bomb Groups final reunion. It, too, was held in DC and was handled by the Armed Forces group. They did an outstanding job and our only regret was we didn't stay in DC long enough to enjoy the sights and attractions that are available, many of which are free. More for this reunion will

be forthcoming from John.

Speaking of reunions, we need to be sure we are all on the same page. When recommending a location, one needs to consider the "Triple A" factor. By this I mean Affordability, Accessibility & Attractions. We all have varied financial resources so cost is a factor; for those not driving, transportation to and from is a critical point to consider; finally, it's essential to have interesting things to do and see while at the reunion.

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Shipboard Humor

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

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Reunion Committee

2009 Washington, DC—John Plude

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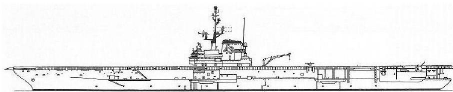
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THE AGELESS WARRIOR

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President's Corner

Locations where we have not previously held reunions should be high on everyone's list.

We are also looking for photos and articles about the Coral Sea and/or experiences of shipmates while on board. Cut off dates for the publication of the *Breeze* is listed in each issue.

Finally, my address and phone number is in the *Breeze* and soon will be on the web site. Suggestions are always welcome.

May you have fair winds and smooth seas.

Mil

Mil Phillips, President
AD-3
VI-F & V-2, '55-'56

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Parting Comments...

I will still be at the reunions, but now I'll get to have fun with the rest of you instead of worrying about details.

The new officers are as follows: Mil Phillips (president), John Ranson (vice-president), Don Colwell (secretary) and Paul Bernardy (treasurer). The two new e-board members are Bob Mackey and Chuck Whitcomb. Mike Phifer is the new master-at-arms and historian. These fellows will do a fine job leading the association. Let's be supportive and answer the call when they need help.

I would like to give a special thanks to Bob Mackey for his help and advice. As you know, Bob was a founding member of the Asso-

ciation and he has held several jobs in the Association. Thank you for your service.

I'd also like to recognize John Pritchard, past vice-president, Guy Dunbar, former e-board, Clarence Nealauder, keeper of assorted Coral Sea memorabilia and STUFF, and Jimmie Johnson, former master-at-arms and memorabilia pack mule.

In the words of Bob Hope...

"Thanks for the Memories."

Bill

Bill Johnson,
Past President