

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

Gift-Giving Ideas from Your Association

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Welcome Aboard!

Ken Cable

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74-75

Ken Faria

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Ken Lyle

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Clifford Wohlfert

SH2, S3 Div.
69-73

The holidays are upon us, and so begins the annual struggle to come up with interesting and meaningful Christmas gifts for family and friends. What could be more meaningful than passing along a little piece of history to those close to you?

Sure, you're taking the easy way out when making your Association Ship's Store your one-stop shopping destination, but no one needs to know that but you! Your children and

grandkids will think you spent hours of research to come up with such a



wide assortment of unique gifts.

Find out what's available on pages eight and nine

of this issue, then go see the wide variety of embroidered caps, sweat-shirts and jackets in color on the Association website:

www.usscoralsea.org.

The Ship's Store site also includes im-

printed tees, long and short sleeve denim shirts, golf shirts, lapel pins, license plate frames and suitable-for-

framing full-color prints. You'll find something there for just about everyone.

Sorry...you still have to wrap it yourself!

President's Corner

Hi Shipmates, What a great time we all had at the 2010 reunion in Tampa. Many thanks to George and Maria Hasse for a truly outstanding event. If you missed it, you missed a great time. Hopefully, all of you will be able to attend the

2011 reunion in St. Louis, MO. Many thanks to outgoing president Mil Phillips for getting next year's reunion off the ground. You'll find some preliminary information in this issue of "Sea Breeze" regarding next year's reunion, but more will follow soon. Thanks to all the Shipmates who attended the

business meeting this year for electing yours truly as Association President for the next two years. I promise to do the best that I can for all of you. Many thanks to outgoing president Mil Phillips for the great job he did the past two years. You're a true Shipmate Mil, and I'm grateful for all that

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Grand Rapids is New Location for Midwest Spring Fling

The April 29—May, 1 2011 Midwest Spring Fling Reunion has relocated to the Airport Hilton Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI.

Come enjoy the change of scenery and enjoy good food and the good company of your fellow Association shipmates from throughout the region. It's a great way to catch up on scuttle butt if you didn't make the recent National Reunion in Tampa.

The hotel address is 4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids 49512. It's located only two miles from the airport and complimentary transportation will be offered.

To make your reservations, call 1-800-HILTONS and mention you are part of the

USS Coral Sea Reunion. Or go to Hilton's personal online group web page at: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/grojps/>

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Guest room rates are \$85 for a single/double, plus tax.

That rate includes a full American Breakfast buffet in the hotel's Spinnaker Restaurant for

each person, each morning. The Saturday evening banquet will be a prime rib and pasta buffet for \$16.95, plus tax and gratuity.

Area attractions include the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum and USS Silversides Museum.



Taps

Mike Brogan
E5, VI Div.
1962-66

Jack Calderon
AN, V3 Div.
1947-50

Ralph Fairweather
FP2, R Div.
1950-52

Vice President's Corner

Shipmates,

The 32nd annual reunion is over. The annual reunion has come and gone, and a great time was had by all.

George and Marie and their helper put together an outstanding reunion. The number of attendees was not big, but everyone had such a good time. The food and drink was good, and there was lots of it.

I wasn't able to go on the Tampa tour, but heard lots of great things about it. I was able to go on Fri-

day's tour to St. Petersburg. We stopped at the military museum of Largo, and everyone who has the chance should stop by for a look-see. We also went to the Bay Pines VA hospital, the VA home and then on to the St. Petersburg City Tour and Pier. (All vets should take their DD214 and visit their local VA office to confirm their benefits.)

As you can see I was elected your new vice-president. I will be ready and willing to do whatever is asked.

On a sad note, Jack Calderone passed away Oct.

20, 2010. Our shipmate had been struggling for some time with Alzheimer's disease. We extend our sympathy to all his friends and family.

Next year's reunion will be in St. Louis, MO. This location was selected by the membership. As Judy Garland said in the movie, "Meet me in St. Louis... meet me at the Crown Plaza."

Smooth sailing,

Bill Johnson

Bill

Vice President

Florida Spring Fling Mini-Reunion, March 12, 2011

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

This year we are again inviting local carrier sailors to join us. In the past, we've welcomed sailors from the FDR, the Midway and the Shangri-La. We sure hope you can make it again this year. If this is your first time, welcome!

In the past, we had had speakers, but this year we will change it up and have "Sea Stories." Bring a good one!

Social hour begins at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served between 12 and 12:30 and we will remain at the Post until 4 p.m.

- **When** - March 12, 2011

- **Where** - Venice VFW Post #8118, 832 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34292

- **Cost** - Dinner is \$20.00 per person, tax included.

Contact : Bud McKay, 151 Hoosier Place, Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 371-3790, or
Bill Johnson, 322 N Portia Street, Nokomis, FL 34275
(941) 485-4360 (leave message)

The meal will include social hour nibbles. Buffet includes barbecue pork and chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, bread, beverage and desert. For meal reservations, complete this portion and return to Bud McKay at the address above.



'Salty' Humor

The economy is so bad:

Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.

The Mafia is laying off judges.

Motel 6 won't leave the light on anymore.

Name _____ No. Attending _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Reservations @ \$20.00 _____ Amount Enclosed _____
(please make your check payable to USS Coral Sea Reunion)

I served on the Coral Sea: CVB-43, CV-43, CVA-43 Years Aboard _____

Division _____ Rate _____

OR, name your ship _____

Secretary's Corner

Hello shipmates,

Hope you and yours are well. I would like to personally thank George Haase and his wife for being the hosts at our national reunion in Tampa. We really enjoyed seeing our Brothers and Sisters in the Association.

We pretty much stayed around the hotel, taking advantage of the local restaurants and shopping mall

across the street. Friday night we took off and went downtown and had Cuban food, mingled with the locals (a very interesting crowd), and saw some of the older parts of Tampa.

I would like to thank my shipmates for allowing me to be your Secretary for another two years. Congrats to our new President, John Ranson and new Vice President, Bill Johnson. Thanks to Mil Phillips, our outgoing

President, for his service.

Looking forward to flying to Chicago, IL to see our very good friends, the Pfeffers, to watch Navy beat Army next month. Sandra and I want to wish everybody a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Don

Donald Colwell,
Secretary

2006 Winner's Family Says 'Thanks!'

Ed. Note—The following letter, dated May 14, 2010, was received by the Scholarship Committee.

I thought your committee would be interested in knowing how successful one of your scholarship recipients has been.

Joshua A., Thompson, recipient of the USS Coral Sea Association's 2006 Scholarship Award, graduated on Mother's Day 2010 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Josh was a Biology major with a double minor; one in Chemistry and one in Modern Hebrew. When he completed the Modern Hebrew requirements, he studied Biblical Hebrew so that he

could read the bible in its original language. During his undergraduate years, he worked as a nursing assistant at the UNC Hospital. He spent last summer applying to medical schools in the southeast and plans to become a primary care physician. He was accepted to all five medical schools where he interviewed. He has chosen UNC School of Medicine where he will begin studies in August.

Josh is the grandson of the late Stephen A. Miller, B Div., 1947-1950.

I have sent a donation to the scholarship fund to the treasurer, Clarence A. Neander. Education is so important to our young peo-

ple and this scholarship can mean so much to a deserving student. Our family would like to thank you once again for the financial assistance you provided Josh in 2006.

Sincerely,

Peggy Miller

Proud grandmother

Scholarship Committee Note—We have thanked Mrs. Miller for her letter and for her donation. It was great to hear how one of our "Coral Sea Association" students has fared. We salute Josh for all that he has accomplished so far, and wish him continued success in his future endeavors. We're sure his late grandfather—our shipment Stephen Miller—is proud of Josh too.

'Salty' Humor

The economy is so bad:
CEO's are now playing miniature golf!
Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM!

2011 Scholarship Contest Call for Entries

Entry forms for the 2011 USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship Program are now available. Requests for the entry forms should be directed to Mil Phillips, Committee Chair, milphillip@aol.com or mail to 4995 Maynard St., San Diego, CA 92122.

Completed essays must be submitted to the committee chair no later than April 1, 2011.

Applicants must be at least a high school senior, with a "B" or "3.0" GPA. Essays must be at least 800 words but not more

than 1,000 on one of three given topics. Awards are to be used for personal education at an accredited two- or four-year college or a technical/vocational school.

Applicants must be a son, daughter, stepchild, grandchild or step grandchild of an Association member in good standing, or a deceased member in good standing at the time of death. Also eligi-

ble are nonmembers who died while in the line of duty or became a POW while serving aboard the Coral Sea.

Complete details are included in the entry forms. First place is \$2,000 and second place \$500.



Show Your (Metallic Silver) Colors with VetSignias

The VetSignia Group, a small group of retired Veterans, makes 36 special metalized film window stickers and magnetic vehicle plaques that provide a neat, attractive way for all U.S.

Veterans to show their service.

They are called VetSignias and feature black print on bright silver metallic with a stars

and stripes background. The VetSignia stickers and plaques honor Veterans from WWII to today's "War on Terror."

Veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf can display the war served and their branch of service. VetSignias for those who served in overseas expeditionary campaigns such as Panama, Bosnia, Somalia, etc., can show branch of service and expeditionary.

There are three VetSignias for Veterans of the War on Terror. Non-conflict Veterans

can get VetSignias that show Vet and their branch of service .

Everyone who sees one of the bright silver VetSignias will immediately know the bearer did something good for our country.

All VetSignias can be viewed on the internet at

www.vetsignia.org .

The metalized film window stickers (2"X4") are 3/\$12, magnetic vehicle plaques (2.5"X5.75")

are 2/\$12 (S&H Incl.).

Requests for VetSignias should be sent to: Bob Kline, Box 382, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

Be sure to include your branch of service and war served, expeditionary, or non-conflict. For additional information, phone (610) 277-1171, or e-mail bobk.wv2usmc@vetsignia.org .

Thank you for your time and consideration.

—Bob Kline, WWII/U.S. Marines
for the VetSignia Group



'Salty' Humor

Mature Truths:
I totally take back all those times I didn't want to take a nap when I was younger!

Treasure's Report

Greetings Shipmates, Hope all are well. The Tampa reunion was a great time. Good friends, good food and good weather.

Dues collections have been up thanks to reminder envelopes enclosed with the Breeze. Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships.

As I promised at the business meeting in Tampa, here is an overview of your Coral Sea Association's financial report.

As of 30 June 2010

Cash on hand, \$27,234.90
Scholarship investment account.....\$23,899.91
Small stores inventory.....\$ 5,518.37
Investment CD (Deposited 8/22/08 at

4.88%, matures 5/2013).....\$ 5,160.34

Total Assets: \$61,413.52

If anyone would like a more detailed report, please e-mail me at ac-crane@msn.com or call 815-341-5928.

Thank you,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Treasurer

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 4235
Fresno, CA 93744

Office Use Only

Received: _____
 Check: _____
 Amount: _____
 Expires: _____

Meet Me in St. Louis...Reunion Set for October 6-9, 2011



Salty Humor

Mature Truths:
 I can no longer determine that fine line between boredom and hunger.

We've got a great location and a great hotel for the USS Coral Sea Association's 33rd Annual Reunion. Next year's reunion will be 'home ported' at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport. Amenities will include free shuttle service to and from the airport and metro system. To help with your planning, the reunion rate is good three days prior and three days after our event. RV parking available, but there are no hook ups. Because of the economy, our reunion room night usage has been down so we only blocked 240

room nights for St. Louis. This way we will not over



obligate your association. We suggest you make your reservations early. With this low rate, the

hotel felt it best to make reservations direct, rather than go through the main reservations center:

Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis Airport
 (314) 291-6700 Ask for "in house reservations"

Tell them you are attending the USS Coral Sea Reunion

Room rate is \$69.00 + \$11.35 tax = \$80.35

Hotel contact is Karen Bagot

Meal packages and tours information will be in the next issue of the Breeze, along with your raffle tickets.

Anchor Windlass...Tales from the Summer of '54

By Leonard (Len) Portzline
EMI, 1954

Prior to the fall Med cruise, the *Coral Sea* spent about a month in Guantanamo Bay with the usual battle problems and general quarters every weekday. For some of the "black gang" engineers, the exercises meant long hours in spaces with

normal ventilation cut off or greatly reduced. After a morning Of drills and more drills, the "snipes" would head for any top-side location to dry off and

cool down. For many, our dungarees would turn white with perspiration.

While in Gitmo, I was assigned to the Sea & Anchor Detail every third day as electrician in the Anchor Windlass room. My normal work station was the newly established electric motor rewind shop in the engineering spaces. A speaker had not yet been installed in the shop so I was unable to hear shipboard announcements.

Late one afternoon I was busily rewinding one of the nearly 1,000 motors in service on the *Coral Sea* (667 were for ventilation alone) when the Sea & Anchor Detail was called away for

the reentry into Guantanamo Bay. I didn't hear the announcement. Twenty minutes later, an E Division shipmate came to tell me that I had failed to report to the Anchor Windlass room, and I was in deep trouble.

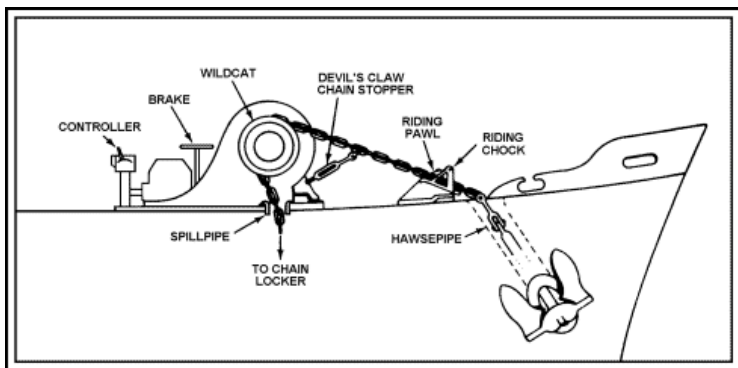
I reported to the windlass room immediately and re-

side. Next, I would walk the entire length of the *Coral Sea* (968 feet) to the Anchor Windlass room and check the port and starboard anchor windlass motors. A phone call to the engineering log office with the report that the three electric motors were OK completed the first part of

my assignment.. I then lay against the natural curve of the outer hull in that space and could go back to sleep until the Sea and Anchor Detail was called away.

Because the tide was moving out to sea at 08:00, the *Coral Sea* would be headed inland when it was time to go to sea.

About 07:45 each morning, two of our 40' motor launches would line up, one in front of the other, with a heavy line from the stern of the forward boat to the bow of the other. Another longer line was passed from the second boat to the fantail of the carrier and the boats would begin pulling to starboard. By 08:00 the *Coral Sea* will have been pulled 180 degrees around the anchor, the anchor would be raised and the



ceived a phone call from the Electrical Officer and E Division Officer who wanted to know why I didn't report on time.

They understood the circumstances, but told me the Engineering Officer wanted me punished in some manner. It was decided that I be given extra duty: I would have the Sea & Anchor Detail in the Anchor Windlass room every day for the rest of the three-week stay in Cuba.

This meant I had to get up at 4:30 every day we were going to sea, walk to the fantail and test the windlass motor on the starboard

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'Salty' Humor

Mature Truths:
I think the freezer deserves a light as well!

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, Decomm)	\$ 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
1021-1	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$.50/ltr.
1021-2	Full Back Logo for Jackets	\$30.00
1022	Coral Sea Challenge Coin	\$12.00
1023	Coral Sea Pin (CV-43 or CVA-43)	\$ 3.00

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

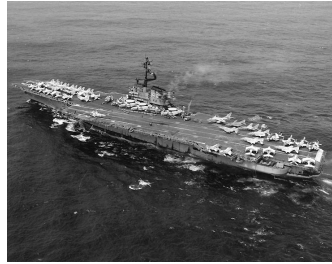
Please Note: Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

6/09

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
 E-mail: georgerogers@bellsouth.net
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 PO Box 1697
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

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 \$51—\$75.....\$12.00
 \$76—Up.....\$15.00

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New Chaplain Welcomed to CVA-43 Association

Dear Coral Sea Shipmates, With the unfortunate passing of our long-time shipmate and USS CORAL SEA Association chaplain, Captain Stanford E. Linzey, our president has asked me to step in and serve as your chaplain. I am honored to do so, but must begin with a moment of tribute to Chaplain Linzey.

At the time of his death, in February of this year, Chaplain Linzey was 89 years old. He served a long and illustrious career as a Navy chaplain and his son, Chaplain George W. Linzey, followed his footsteps in Navy chaplaincy.

Thank you, Chaplain Linzey, for your years of service to our nation, to your church, and to our beloved USS CORAL SEA Association.

It was my grand privilege

to serve as a chaplain on-board the Ageless Warrior from the fall of 1986 to the spring of 1989. Had I known that she was to leave active service about a year later, I would have begged the Chaplain Corps detailer to leave me there. Some of my most fond memories of my naval service come from those years aboard "our" ship.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, this is a good time for all of us to give thanks for the warm and pleasant memories we have of serving with each other. Maybe we can even give thanks for the challenging times we had, since adversity can lead to new lessons learned and a strengthened character.

I thank each of you for being my shipmates as we share our common bond in

our fine ship. I hope to serve you well as your association chaplain.

God bless you and your families!

Michael

Michael D. Halley
Chaplain, U. S. Navy,
Retired

Outgoing President's Comments

It was a pleasure serving as your Association's president these past two years. As some of you know, Iris and I purchased a cabin in the Russian River Valley and will be spending a lot of time away from San Diego. Accordingly, I choose not to

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'Salty' Humor

Mature Truths:
I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Gangs" routing option!

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President's Corner

you did for the Association."BZ"!

Many thanks to all the Association officers for their hard work and dedication to the Association. As I've said before, the Association is only as good as its membership and we need all of you to make things work even better. I welcome any and all input from all Shipmates as to what you all think will make this a better outfit.

My e-mail and US post office addresses are on the back page of this issue. Let me hear from you. There are a few things that your Association officers see that need to be changed in the By-laws. More on that will be published in the June issue of the *Coral Sea Breeze*. Keep an eye out for that and let us know what you think. For those of you who may not be able to make the main reunion each year, please consider the Spring Flings that are held in vari-

ous places. The Midwest Spring Fling for 2011 will be in Grand Rapids, MI. This is a new venue for us. I hope to see some new faces there next year. May all of you have a great Holiday season.

See ya!

John

John Ranson
President

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2011 in St. Louis, MO—Mil Phillips, Chairman

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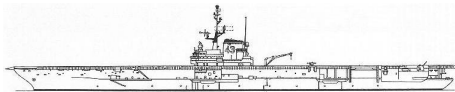
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Tales from the Summer of '54...

ship could go straight out into the Caribbean.

At 04:30 one morning, I checked the equipment, made my report to the log room and continued my nights' sleep on the deck of the Anchor Windlass room. The rest of the detail gathered at 07:45; the 40' launches began their pull to starboard and at 08:00, with the *Coral Sea* pointed to the open sea, **THE ANCHOR WOULD NOT COME UP!**

Everyone knows when the Navy says "underway at 08:00" that is exactly what is meant....except for today. The windlass just would not pull the chain of 300 pound links and the 20-ton anchor out of the water.

The other men began to get ex-

cited and told me to get the windlass pump motor running. Three times I showed them the rotating couple between the motor and the pump. Finally, I convinced them that the motor was running and the problem was not electrical in nature.

The phone rang. It was the Executive Officer and he wanted to talk to the electrician...me. I assured him that the motor was running and the trouble was in the hydraulic system.

Someone had performed preventive maintenance the day before and adjusted the relief valve too low.

A few turns on the valve with a wrench and the *Coral Sea* was finally able to raise the recalcitrant anchor and put to sea – ten minutes late.

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Outgoing Officer Comments...

seek re-election, as I would not be able to dedicate the necessary time to fulfill the responsibilities of Association president, if re-elected.

I have agreed to take scholarship chair for the next year and help chair the St. Louis reunion. Both of these roles are for one year, so we will need someone to step up for the following year.

We don't have a shipmate in St. Louis, so this reunion will be a joint effort by your officers. Volunteers are welcome. The hotel is the Crowne Plaza, St. Louis Airport.

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