

# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

## Make New Memories with Old Shipmates at Our St. Louis Annual Reunion Oct. 6-9

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### Welcome Aboard!

**Leo Alberts**  
E5, V-1 Div.  
1971-75

**John Bauer**  
MM2,, A Div.  
1960-62

**Ed Foster**  
ET3, OE Div.  
1980-83

**Mike North**  
MM2, 4 GRP, M Div.  
1974-77

**Richard Shrewsbury**  
LCDR, VF-154  
1960-63

**Howard Strunk**  
AMCS, AIMD  
1969-71

Our 33rd annual reunion takes place at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport beginning October 6. Several exciting tours have been planned as well. Very special rates of just \$80.35 per night have been arranged for your stay (including sales tax and two breakfasts per room for each night)! Extend your stay and those rates

are good for three days prior to and after our reunion dates.

Find complete tour details on our web site: ([www.usscoralsea.org](http://www.usscoralsea.org)) Highlights include:

- Our Military Heritage tour for \$52 per person.
- The Landmarks of St. Louis tour for \$50



- The Slots and Shops Tour for \$31 each.

You'll find the tour order form on our web site as well.

Please make your reser-

ervations today by calling (314) 291-6700. You must ask for "in-house reservations" to receive the specially negotiated rates, including those lower costs for your extended stay. Just tell them you are attending the USS Coral Sea Reunion. You'll also find very reasonable meal costs for this reunion; all part of our efforts to make this one of our

most affordable and enjoyable reunions ever! Your registration and meal selection form is on the back page of this issue. So fill it out and mail it in today!

### President's Corner

Good Day, Shipmates, The reunion is fast approaching and I do hope to see many of you in St. Louis. Once again, many thanks to Mil Phillips for

all that he's done to make sure that this year's reunion is a big success. Please plan to attend the business meeting on Saturday morning. There will be two proposed changes to the By-laws to

discuss and vote on, as well as other business. Additionally, we will set the date and place for the 2012 reunion. Choices are San Antonio, Texas and Omaha, Nebraska.

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## Enjoy Memorable Tours at St. Louis Reunion

With three days of tour options at your Association's annual reunion, we're certain you'll find something fun to do.

### Our Military Heritage

The October 6 tour takes you to the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, the Jefferson Barracks Historic Park and a guided tour of the Jefferson Barracks Museum.

The Memorial Museum contains photos and memorabilia dedicated to the 1,075 St. Louisans who died in action in World War I. The last stop of this 5-hour review of military history is the Jeffer-

son Barracks National Cemetery, the fourth largest cemetery in the nation. More than 100,000 veterans and dependents, including Union and Confederate soldiers, are buried here.

### Landmarks of St. Louis

The October 7 tour runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes stops at the Old Cathedral, Old Courthouse, Busch Stadium, the Riverfront, a tram ride at the Gateway Arch and a full brewery tour at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

The highlights from this tour come one after the other, including a tram ride to the top of the fa-

mous Gateway Arch for a magnificent view of St. Louis and the Mississippi River, to the famous 'King of Beers' brewery situated on more than 100 acres with 70 red brick structures featuring unique architecture, with many buildings designated as National Historic Landmarks.

### Slots & Shops

Tour #3 takes you to St. Charles, the oldest town on the Missouri River. Your guided tour will include a driving tour of Main Street, a nine-block historic district with build-

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### Taps

**Fred R. Bowles**  
USS Coral Sea  
1971-74

**Dr. Donald S. Dill**  
LTJG, 3rd Div.,  
1955-57  
Lancaster, OH

**Al (Wackey Racer) Ross**  
BT3, B Div.  
1973-76

**John Ruschak**  
Hobe Sound, FL

### Vice President's Corner

Shipmates,  
I hope you had a great Memorial Day and July Fourth as we remembered and honored the veterans that gave their lives for this country and the people that live in it. God Bless the USA!

I hope you are making plans to be in St. Louis for the annual reunion this October. A lot has been going on this year. Mil Phillips and his helpers have been working hard for the association, planning and getting together all the details that have to be attended to. Mil and

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### Secretary's Corner

Hope you and yours are well.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincerest condolences to the Ranson family (our President John Ranson) on the loss of their daughter-in-law.

On a personal note, I want to extend my sincerest condolences to the family of Al (Wackey Racer) Ross, my friend and brother. He was one of my favorite 'snipes' and I feel privileged to have steamed with him as well as getting to know and love Al and his lovely wife Karen, after joining our

Association.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, and don't forget our national reunion in St. Louis, MO, Oct. 6-9, 2011. Later on this fall, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Again, please note for all future correspondence that I am dropping the P.O. BOX 4235 and only using our street address: 651 E Saginaw Way, Fresno, CA 93704.

In service, your secretary,

*Don*

Don Colwell  
Secretary

# CVA-43 Annual Reunion Tour Order Form

USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association  
Tour Order Form

Advance Registration Deadline  
is September 19, 2011

If you have questions please call  
(314) 727-2400

PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Destination St. Louis, Inc.  
7710 Big Bend Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63119

Or by Fax: 314-727-2227

Make checks payable to  
Destination St. Louis, Inc.

Or register online:  
[www.destinationstlouis.com/coralsea.htm](http://www.destinationstlouis.com/coralsea.htm)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

Tours depart from the Crowne Plaza Airport-Main Entrance. Tickets will be held for pickup at the Tour Desk in the Reunion Registration Area. Tickets will not be distributed by mail. Reservations will **not** be accepted over the phone.

\*Destination St. Louis, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a tour if a minimum number of participants is not met or if an attraction becomes unavailable for reasons beyond its control.

\*Payments will be refunded by mail if a tour is sold out/canceled. Advance reservations and written cancellations must be received by September 19, 2011.

**Tour Desk Hours:**

Thursday, October 6, 2011: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Friday, October 7, 2011: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

\*Tickets will be sold on-site, space permitting, and an additional \$3.00 per ticket will be added. Cancellations by attendees will be charged a \$5.00 processing fee.

	Tour Name	Date and Time	Cost	# of tickets	Total
1.	Our Military Heritage	Thurs, Oct 6, 2011 9:00 am—2:00 pm	@ \$52.00 each		
2.	Landmarks of St. Louis Tour	Fri, Oct 7, 2011 9:00 am—3:00 pm	@ \$50.00 each		
3.	Slots and Shops in St. Charles Tour	Sat, Oct 8, 2011 9:00 am—2:00 pm	@ \$31.00 each		

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have a disability or special dietary needs that may influence your participation in the Tour Program, please attach a written description of your disability/diet-related needs to your registration form. We cannot assure the availability of appropriate accommodations without prior notification of need.

**Total Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Prices quoted reflect a 4% cash/check discount. The 4% cash/check discount will be added back to amount (s) paid by credit card.

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**Reunion Tours...**

ings dating from 1790 to 1900. Today this cobblestone and gas-lit street is known for its gift, antique and craft shops.

Some “free time” allows you to visit the Lewis & Clark nature Center, where you will see replicas of the three boats of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition.

Some may prefer to try their luck at the Ameristar Casino for some Las Vegas-style gaming.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **St./Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ph.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method:**     **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

**MC/VISA/AMEX/DISC #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exp.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security/V-Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

The tour costs are \$52 for the Military Heritage tour, \$50 for the St. Louis Landmarks tour and \$31 for the Slots & Shops tour. All

costs are per person and based on a minimum of 35 participants per motor coach. Don't miss the fun! Make your reservations today!



**'Salty' Humor**

Mature Truths:  
You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

# Julia Galvin is Runner-up Scholarship Winner

## What it Means to be an American Citizen

*Ed. Note: The Association is proud to recognize the second place winner in its annual essay scholarship contest. Julia is the granddaughter of Don M. Enders, a member from Wauwatosa, WI. Don served in OI Div. From 1953-54. Our first place recipient, Anna Fazzini, will be recognized in our next issue.*

Most people living in the United States know the definition of what it means to be an American citizen.

What some people do not know or understand, however, is how fortunate they are to actually be an American citizen. Here in the United States, we citizens are given opportunities that no other country in the world has been able to provide for its people. Personally, as a woman, I feel that I have been given opportunities that I otherwise would have never even been able to

dream about unless I was an American citizen. While, indeed, there are some who are unaware of their good fortune, many people do appreciate what our country provides for us, and I am proud to say that I am one of those people.

As an American citizen, I am presented with opportunities that others are unfortunately without. One of these incredible opportunities is the ability to go to the college of my choice. In other countries, many people, especially the women, are not always educated. It may not be a priority or a possibility for the government to educate the people of that country, and those people go without. Being an Ameri-

can citizen, however, some of the best education in the world is available to me. Being able to go to elementary school and high school are wonderful opportunities alone, but I also have the opportunity to go to college. Not only may I attend college, but I may attend the college of my choice. Next year, I will be attending Syracuse University, a choice made of my own free will between myself and my parents. If I were living in another country, such a choice may not have been made by me, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity to make this choice on my own.

Another reason I am proud to be an American citizen is the fact that I am able to choose my own career. After completing college, I will go on to have a career in a field that I have a passion for, and it will be everything that I wish it to be. Being an American citizen, I have the freedom and the ability to do almost whatever I wish as a career. Living in another country, however, I may not have this choice. In

many countries, women are not free to make choices of their own, so they could not have the chance to work where they desire or perhaps even work at all. I could not be more grateful or appreciative of the fact that after I attend the college of my choice, I will be able to pursue the career of my choice as well. One of the most important things to me is the fact that I may make a life out of something I love to do, and my country allows me to have that freedom and encourages me to take that opportunity.

In other countries, I may easily be persecuted or discriminated against simply be-



### 'Salty' Humor

Mature Truths:  
Bad decisions usually make great stories!

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### **Runner-up Scholarship Essay...**

cause of the fact that I am a woman. In the United States, however, this is not the case by any means. As a woman in the United States, I have equal opportunities as those of the men of my country. I am able to have the same job a man can have, and not be treated poorly or paid less because of my gender. I am able to vote and have my vote count, even though I am a woman. I am able to go to college and take the same courses that a man is able to take. I am able to take an entire world of opportunities and not be denied simply because of my gender. Many women of the world do not have the ability to become educated, work where they wish, vote, marry whomever they wish, or even say no. As a woman, I have the right and the ability to stand up for what I believe in, and my thoughts count just as much as those of a man. Being a woman may be a misfortune in some countries, but I am more than proud to declare my gender in

a country that provides me with such wonderful possibilities.

Being an American citizen means more to me than simply living in America. As a citizen, I am able to do things and be presented with opportunities that I might otherwise never be able to even dream about. Because of my citizenship, I can do things that we take for granted daily, such as going to school, working where we wish, being able to vote, or even being able to stand up for what we believe in. These freedoms are very important to me and I understand that one of the reasons we have such freedoms is because of the sacrifices the brave service men and women make to protect the values of our country. While some people do not or may not realize what an incredible gift it is to be a citizen of the United States, I can proudly say that I am so thankful and appreciative of the life and the opportunities I have been given here in the United States.



### **'Salty' Humor**

Mature Truths:  
I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I'd bet on any given Friday night that more kisses actually begin with Miller Lite!

### **Chaplain's Corner**

Dear Shipmates,

On September 11 our nation will observe the tenth anniversary of the terrible terrorist attacks on our country. Since this falls on Sunday, I am certain that most churches will hold some kind of memorial and remembrance service.

Like the assassination of President Kennedy, most of us can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when the planes hit the twin towers and the Pentagon. It is a time forever

etched in our memory.

In Suffolk, Virginia, where I live, a lady was working at the newspaper office that morning, and when the news began to break about this terrible tragedy, she and her fellow office workers were just devastated. The news did not get any better as the morning wore on.

At noon, she left her downtown building to go somewhere to eat lunch and maybe hear a word of encouragement and hope from someone. As she stepped out on the sidewalk, the carillon of a nearby church began to

play the usual noontime hymns.

As the first few notes of the hymn sounded, she immediately recognized the hymn, "It is Well With My Soul."

That was the sign from God that she had been seeking! That no matter the outward circumstances of life, as terrible as they may be, our faith will not let us down. The playing of that hymn did not change things, but it made the bitter pill just a little easier to swallow.

And so, my shipmates, may it be well with you and

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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 (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**  
**651 E. Saginaw Way**  
**Fresno, CA 93704**

**Office Use Only**

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



**Salty Humor**

Is it just me, or do high school kids seem to get dumber and dumber every year?

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**Chaplain's Corner...**

with your family. May your faith sustain you through the dark and difficult days of life. And may you lift up a prayer on September 11 to remember all those who gave their lives in this attack.

God bless you and God bless America!

Your shipmate and chaplain,

*Michael*

Michael D. Halley  
 CDR, CHC, USN, Retired  
 Association Chaplain

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**Vice President's Corner...**

John will have more information elsewhere in the newsletter. We are looking for a big crowd so get your reservation in early. On a sad note, the gentleman that spoke at the Florida Spring Fling passed away about a month later. He told his son what a great time he had doing this. He was a WWII veteran.

Our WWII veterans are now well up in years and passing away in large numbers every day. So when you encounter one of them thank them for their service and take some time to listen to some of

their stories. Many like to talk about their time in service to our country. For many, it is remembered as one of the most interesting and unusual times in their lives. We still have veterans in the association. We certainly appreciate their service.

I look forward to seeing you. Meet you in St. Louis! Smoothing sailing till we meet again,

*Bill*

Bill Johnson  
 Vice President

# Honor Flights Honor Our WWII Veterans

Hi, All.

Returned Sunday from Washington, DC, serving as an Honor Flight guardian, accompanying two WWII veterans to see the WWII memorial.

It was quite a moving and enjoyable experience for both of them, and me as well. If you ever have the opportunity to make this trip, don't miss it. If you know any WWII vets, encourage them to consider the trip. There are two options:



"The Honor Flight" which is totally free to the vet (guardians pay a small fee).

This program flies out of different "hubs" around the country when funds are available. The Chicago hub has a one year wait and more. We went on the Lone Eagle/Solo program where you pick a weekend that they offer the plan,

fund your own way to DC and tour with Honor Flight from there. East of the Mississippi is a one-day out, tour, return; that makes for a

LOOONG day for the vets. Lone Eagle is one, two or three days; your choice. Again, everything in DC is free for the vet but the guardian pays a per-day fee.

This is a great program and I cannot say enough kind things about Southwest Airlines, Hilton hotel Baltimore or even the TSA at the airports for the kindness and respect that was shown to our veterans.

Just wanted to share with you and encourage you to find a vet and go. Find more info at

[www.honorflight.com](http://www.honorflight.com)

—Submitted by  
Clarence Neander

# How to 'Sneak' Aboard a Modern Navy Destroyer

On July 29<sup>th</sup> during "Fleet Week" at Los Angeles Harbor, I had the pleasure of going aboard the USS Chafee, DDG-90, visiting from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

I thought it would be fitting to transfer a piece of the Coral Sea's history to an active duty ship: A photograph of me escorting then Secretary of the Navy John Chafee from his helicopter after landing aboard Coral Sea while in route to Yankee Station, Vietnam, in November 1971.

After the local news reported three to four hour wait times to get aboard, I decided to use some of the military know how learned during my career as a Chief and CMAA on Coral Sea. Having put on my Dress White chokers, (yes they still fit) I approached the



first security type I could find and told him I needed to see the Command Master Chief of the Chafee. He got on his radio and called another security type and we were escorted to a building on the pier. There we were

turned us over to a fully armed Petty Officer, MAA rating. He called the ship and within minutes a LTGJ met us and escorted the wife and me up the gangway.

We were met on the quarter deck by the XO. After I told him what my mission was, he hailed CMC Paul King to the quarter where we exchanged pleasantries. On my request, he escorted us to the "Goat Locker" for a good cup of Navy Chiefs Mess coffee. Oh how good it tasted! It

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**'Salty' Humor**

Mature Truths: Experience is something you don't get until just after you needed it.

# 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.

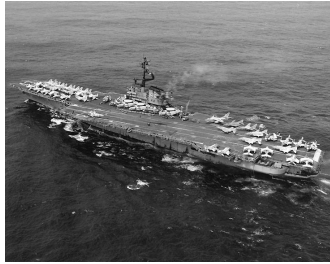
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**Mail:** USS Coral Sea Association  
Small Stores Account  
PO Box 1697  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

**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](mailto:georgerogers@bellsouth.net)  
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 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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**President's Corner...**

Several of you have submitted "sea stories" for publication here. Thanks for your input. I hope that you all enjoy them. Also big thanks to Chief Richard Satchell. He's going to have an article about our Sea Cadet division in the next issue of "Sea Breeze". This is a very worthwhile effort on the part of the CVA-43 Assoc. I hope that we can fund this operation better than we have in the past. This and the scholarship fund are our big community service activities. We need to do all that we can to

participated in "Honor Flight". Clarence's father-in-law and a family friend of his were the WWII veterans that we served as guardians for on the trip to Washington, DC. Needless to say, all the WWII veterans on this trip really enjoyed the visits to the many memorials that we saw, especially the WWII

home from the Honor Flight trip, one of the WWII veterans at the table with Clarence and me noticed my USS Coral Sea shirt and asked when I was aboard. Turns out that he was aboard when I was! So we talked



about those that we knew in common. His name is LCDR Mario Zuffinetti and he served in the Weapons Dept. He's a "Mustang" and currently lives in San Diego. So now we've got one more member in the Association! As always, fair winds and following seas, and let's party in St. Louis!

*John*

John Ranson  
 President

memorial. In addition, we saw a changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Very striking indeed it all was. If any of you ever get the chance to be a guardian on an Honor Flight trip, please do it. It's a most moving and worthwhile experience. It pays to advertise. While having breakfast Sunday morning prior to returning



keep these efforts moving forward. This past weekend was a great experience for me and your Treasurer Clarence Neander as we par-

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**Sneaking Aboard...**  
 had been 38 years since I have relaxed in a CPO mess.

We later were escorted on a private tour of the ship. Believe me, it was not the destroyer that was my first

ship in 1955. I had pictures of my destroyer, DD-846, to show the younger sailors. They couldn't believe how we lived aboard. Canvas bottom bunks? No air conditioning? All our gear stowed in a 3 x 3 x 2 locker? No ladies on board? A different Navy, for sure.

By the way, the Command Master Chief was born the year that I retired, 1973. It was a very memorable day for both of us.

—Submitted by  
 EMC Richard E. Satchell USN (Ret)  
 CMAA , CVA-43, 1970-73



**'Salty' Humor**

Mature Truths: Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

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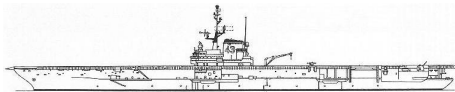
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Complete and mail to: **Clarence Neander**  
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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate meal selection and number of meals:

**Friday:** Crowne Plaza's Signature Italian Buffet \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, Banquet:** Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Cardinale \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** One person, \$95.00; Two people, \$190.00 (all inclusive)  
Banquet only, \$45.00

Hospitality room participation only is \$25.00

**Note:** Crowne Plaza Hotel Phone Reservations: (314) 291-6700

**NOTE: Must ask for 'In House' reservations**

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