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# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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## Welcome Aboard!

There are no new shipmate members that have been added to our Association since our last edition of the *Sea Breeze*. Help our Association grow...spread the word!

## Oklahoma City Annual Reunion is Oct. 7-11, 2020.

The 2020 CVA-43 Assoc. Annual Reunion is set for Oklahoma City, Okla. From Oct. 7-11, 2020.

Home port will be the Wyndham Garden Hotel Oklahoma City Airport, making for convenient arrivals and departures. The nightly cost will be \$111.84 (\$98 plus 14.125% room tax), which includes two breakfast buffet coupons per room.

Please note that the cutoff date for this special rate is Sept.



7, 2020. Call 888-862-2116 to make your direct reservation, mentioning the USS Coral Sea to ensure your discounted rate. You

can also visit [www.afr-reg.com/coralsea2020](http://www.afr-reg.com/coralsea2020) and click on the reservation link at the top of the page.

The hotel provides complimentary parking and a free airport shuttle. Cancellations are accepted 48

hours prior to arrival.

Plan now to rekindle some shipboard memories from your time aboard the Coral Sea.

## President's Corner

Good Day Shipmates,  
Hoping everyone had a good Christmas and a rewarding New Year.

As we start 2020 with high hopes and good cheer, let me be the first to congratulate everyone on a successful 2019.

I have all arrangements made for the 2020 reunion in Oklahoma City. The registration form with all information is in this issue of the *Breeze*. Make your choices of tours and menu.

Send the form, along with your check, to AFR. But make your hotel reservations directly to the hotel. I

plan on going to Oklahoma City in April to check out all that we expect a hotel to be. The hotel is giving me a weekend free; it is about a 3-hour drive from my house. I will give you the date in next *Breeze*.

I am looking forward to having a great reunion this

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## Countryfied or City Slicker...Our Reunion Tours Cover It.

### WILD WEST TOUR

*Thursday, October 8*

Take a journey to the "Wild West" beginning with the larger-than-life Centennial Land Run Monument. One of the largest bronze sculptures in the world, this monument depicts the Land Run of 1889. Then put on your spurs and continue to Stockyards City to immerse yourself in the Cowboy culture. Stockyards City, formerly known as "Packing Town," is virtually untouched since the early 20th century. It remains home to the Oklahoma National Stock Yards, the world's largest feeder and stocker cattle market. Take a moment to shop for an outfit, a new pair of boots, or an Oklahoma treat. Then we proceed to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Here we'll enjoy a sandwich buffet before taking a guided or self-guided tour of the more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and artifacts. The Museum is also home to the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies.



**9:00am board bus  
3:00 pm back at hotel  
\$70/Person includes bus, guide,  
admission and lunch at the  
Cowboy Museum.**

### CITY TOUR

*Friday, October 9*

Take a tour to see many of Oklahoma City's most sought-after icons and attractions. Drive through OKC's oldest preservation area, Heritage Hills, with its mansions of early-day cotton and oil barons. Hear the history of "The Father of Oklahoma City," Henry Overholser, and view his grand 12,000 square

foot Châteauesque-styled mansion. Then visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum Symbolic grounds to experience the peaceful serenity of this award-winning memorial. See the Oklahoma City Museum of Art's 55-foot Chihuly glass tower and Chesapeake Energy Arena, home of the Oklahoma City Thunder. The Midtown district

connects the hustle and bustle of downtown with the stately historic neighborhoods to its north. Rev up your engines as you head down Automobile Alley, originally home to the city's car dealerships, a fact that is immortalized in the

neon signs that still hang from its original buildings. Lunch will be on your own at Parlor, an indoor collection of eight restaurants/bars with phenomenal food, artisan cocktails, and craft beer. Loop through Bricktown to hear about the iconic moments, people, and places that have shaped Oklahoma City from pioneer settlement to the modern streetcar. End your day at the Oklahoma History Center, a Smithsonian affiliated 215,000 square-foot learning center exploring Oklahoma's unique history of geology, transportation, commerce, culture, aviation, heritage, and more.

**9:00am board bus  
3:30 pm back at hotel  
\$55/Person includes bus and  
guide. Lunch on your own.**

### WYNDHAM GARDEN AIRPORT/OKC

The group rate is \$98/night (plus tax) and includes a hot breakfast buffet each morning, served in the restaurant. Rates valid for three days before and after the reunion dates (based on availability).



### TAPS

#### William Eannetta

RM3, OC Div.  
1949—1950

#### Joseph F. McKay

SN, S-3 Div.  
1950—1954

#### John B. Warthman

FN, A & B Div.  
1949—1950

**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION – OCT. 7-11, 2020**

Listed below are registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Send the total amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. If a valid email address is provided, a receipt will be sent electronically. Otherwise, your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.afr-reg.com/coralsea2020](http://www.afr-reg.com/coralsea2020) (3.5% will be added for credit card charges). All forms and payments must be received by September 7, 2020. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form. For cancellation policy, refer to program page. Call 757-625-6401 to cancel and obtain a cancellation code.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: USS Coral Sea CV-43 Assn**

OFFICE USE ONLY
Check # _____ Date Received _____

<i>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/7/20</i>	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</b> Includes Hospitality Room and reunion expenses.	\$ 20		\$
<b>TOURS</b>			
THURSDAY, 10/8: Wild West Tour (includes lunch)	\$ 70		\$
FRIDAY, 10/9: City Tour	\$ 55		\$
<b>MEALS</b>			
SATURDAY, 10/10: Banquet Dinner – <i>Please choose your entrée below</i>			
Grilled NY Strip w Red Wine Demi-Glace Sauce	\$ 38		\$
Chicken Marsala (Breaded w Mushroom Wine Sauce)	\$ 35		\$
Herb & Lemon Crusted Salmon	\$ 30		\$
Vegetable Lasagna	\$ 30		\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC</b>			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS ABOARD 19 to 19 DIV./SQDN \_\_\_\_\_ RATE/RANK \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PH. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)*

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS?  YES  NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

**WYNDHAM GARDEN AIRPORT/OKC**

The group rate is \$98/night (plus tax) and includes a hot breakfast buffet each morning, served in the restaurant. Rates valid for three days before and after the reunion dates (based on availability).

## Annual Reunion Schedule of Events, Oct. 7-11, 2020.

### Wednesday, October 7

2:00pm	-	7:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
12:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm	-	11pm	Ship's Store Open

### Thursday, October 8

7:30am	-	8:30am	Registration Open
9:00am	-	3:00pm	WILD WEST TOUR
12:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm	-	11:00pm	Ship's Store Open
3:30pm	-	6:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
4:00pm	-	6:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting

### Friday, October 9

9:00am	-	3:30pm	CITY TOUR
12:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm	-	11:00pm	Ship's Store Open

### Saturday, October 10

9:00am	-	12:00pm	Business Meeting
1:00pm	-	5:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
6:30pm	-	7:30pm	Cash Bar and Social Hour
7:30pm	-	10:00pm	Banquet Dinner

### Sunday, October 11 Farewells and Departures!

#### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call **(757) 625-6401** to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

### Treasurer's Corner

Hello Shipmates,  
Spring is in the air after a mild Illinois winter and it's time to start planning to attend the Annual Reunion in Oklahoma City, Okla. President Wayne has the majority of the events in place. Come join us and see what a great job Wayne has done.

This issue includes the tickets (3 books of 6)

for the cash raffle with the drawing taking place at the Saturday night banquet. Speaking of the drawing, I did not include the names of last year's winners in the Dec breeze.

1st place winner was Al Stolz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was James F Murphy and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Richard J. Schultz. A belated congratulations, gentlemen.

I hope you will participate in this fund raiser

as well as have a chance to win some cash.

This is a pretty quiet time for financial activity other than posting dues payments so no significant changes to report.

See you in Dayton in April or OKC. in Oct.

*Clarence*

Clarence Neander  
Association Treasurer



### Salty Humor

As a teenage boy, nervous about taking his first driving lesson, pulled out of the parking lot, his instructor said, "Turn left here and don't forget to let the people behind you know what you're doing." The boy turned to the students sitting in the back seat and announced, "I'm turning left."

## Midwest Spring Fling in Dayton, Ohio April 23-26, 2020.

The Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc. Midwest Spring Fling will again be held in Dayton, Ohio from April 23—26, 2020.

Book your room at the Holiday Inn-Dayton Fairborn, 2800 Presidential Dr. Fairborn, Ohio 45324 (I-675 to N. Fairfield Rd, Exit 17.) Call (937) 426-7800 for hotel reservations. Mention USS Coral Sea Association when making reservation.

Room rate: \$114.00 per night single or double, plus 12.75% tax (includes breakfast each day).

Registration price per person for reunion: \$50.00 includes hospitality room and buffet dinner. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Holiday Inn. (See buffet menu below.) Make reservations by March 23, 2020. We look forward to all Shipmates attend!

### Midwest Spring Fling Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\$50.00/person x ( ) Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet includes: roast top sirloin, BBQ chicken breast, garden salad, cheesy au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables & apple pie.

*Make checks payable to USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Assoc.  
(mention Spring Fling-2020)*

Mail check & reservation form to: **John H. Ranson**  
**52 Woodland Pl.**  
**Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605**



### Salty Humor

Why did the chicken go to the séance?  
To get to the other side.

### Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Hopefully all of you have had a good and safe winter. I'm glad that springtime is coming soon.

Speaking of that, the 2020 Spring Fling will be held in Dayton, Ohio again this year. This will be the last time that we go to this facility. I've got a

proposal for 2021 at a fine facility in Louisville, KY. We'll discuss time and place for 2021 at this year's fling. I hope that many of you will attend. There's a lot to do in the Dayton area, not the least of which is the US Air Force Museum. This fine museum is within 4 miles of the Holiday Inn where we will be staying. Please check

out the registration information in this issue.

As always, I'm happy to receive your dues payments. Please fill out the membership application that's available in each issue of "Sea Breeze". I want to make sure that I have the latest contact information. Thanks for your help

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November 20, 2019

Mr. Wayne Addkison  
 USS Coral Sea CVA43 Association  
 12856 FM 1391  
 Kemp, TX 75143

Dear Wayne:

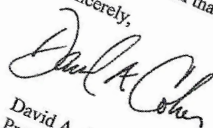
Thank you for making it possible for Fisher House to honor and serve our nation's heroes—we simply could not continue our mission of supporting military and veterans' families without your generosity. We appreciate your gift of 160,500 Wyndham Rewards points. These 160,500 Wyndham Rewards points were earned at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside hotel during the 3 Sister Reunion of the USS Midway, the USS F.D. Roosevelt, and the USS Coral Sea, from 7 May, 2019 through 9 May, 2019.

During a medical crisis, you shouldn't have to worry about where you'll lay your head at night. Fisher Houses bring families together, allowing them to focus on what's important—the healing process. Because of you and others who have donated, over a thousand families can sleep soundly in the comfort of Fisher House each night knowing their loved one is nearby.

When Christine Cooley got the call that her son, Marine Corps Sgt. Joshua Cooley, was severely injured in an IED blast, she rushed to be by his side. Christine stayed at the Fisher Houses in Bethesda for years while Joshua received medical treatment. Their journey has been a long one, but Fisher House remains by their side.

Thanks to your generosity, Fisher House is there to provide "a home away from home," where families are supported in their time of need. To read more stories of families who found refuge at Fisher House free of charge, please visit [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org).

We are grateful that you have joined us in our mission of serving those who have so bravely served us.

Sincerely,  
  
 David A. Coker  
 President

*"Fisher House is a home. We were in such a shock after Joshua was injured. To have a little piece of home keeps you going. ... It was so important to get us through."*  
 -Christine Cooley



**Salty Humor**

I was addicted to the "Hokey Pokey." Thankfully, I turned myself around!

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**President's Corner...**

year with a record turnout. Let's all contact our shipmates and get them to join our Association. If already a member, and they have not attended a reunion in a long time, give them a special invite. They will not regret it. We have a lot of work to do at this next reunion; lots of positions will come open and need to be

filled.

Thanks to Sam Meeks for taking over as new Cadets director and welcome to new board member Bill Bomer.

Attention to all shipmates who were aboard the Coral Sea from 1962 through the end of Vietnam conflict. You need to contact the VA about exposure to Agent Orange. The new Blue Water Sailor law

is in effect as of January 2020.

It will be an exciting new year and thanks to all members for a successful 2019.

See all in Dayton in April and Oklahoma City in October,

*Wayne*

Wayne Addkison  
 President

## 30-Year Anniversary of the “Ageless Warrior’s” Farewell.

USS Coral Sea said ‘goodbye’ at the place of her birth, Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia. This April marks the 30th anniversary of that decommissioning ceremony, held April 30, 1990.

Although all history seems to fade with time, those who served aboard are well aware of her roots. Her namesake, the Battle of Coral Sea, was a turning point for the war in the Pacific, and a victory that

spared Australia from Japanese occupation.

This was the first battle fought by planes from ships that were neither within visual nor radar range of the enemy, transforming naval aviation warfare.

Enemy losses in the Battle of the Coral Sea included 100 planes, 15 ships sunk—including the aircraft carrier Shoho—three heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, two destroyers, two ships severely damaged and probably sunk (one cruiser, one destroyer),



**Apr 30, 1990** - Crew members file down the gangway during the decommissioning ceremony for the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea (CV-43).

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### Chaplain’s Corner

Dear Shipmates,  
By the time you read this I hope and pray that Spring has come to you! I guess when we run out of other stuff to complain about, we can always complain about the weather!

When I was assigned to BUPERS in Washington, DC, the Chief of Chaplains was asked if he ever called one of our retired chiefs for advice. I think at that time we had 3 or 4 living/retired chiefs of chaplains. His reply was a classic: "Former Chiefs of Chaplains

fade fast." After I retired in 1993, I began to realize what he was saying.

Military service, it seems to me, is like a moving river. When we come to our EAOS or retirement day, we step away from that river, turn around, and watch it flow on downstream. Very quickly we find that the Navy in which we served is not like today's Navy. That's just the nature of organizations.

Why am I saying all this? Well, for one thing, it reminds me to continue to pray for today's servicemembers. The world is

moving a lot faster for them than it did for me, and the challenges are very great.

"The Great American White Hat" is just as great as they have ever been, and we all are very proud of them.

Thanks to each of YOU for your service! And thanks to those who currently serve!

God bless you all,  
Your chaplain,

*Michael*

Michael D. Halley  
Association Chaplain

**Salty Humor**

Financially,  
I’m set for  
life.  
Provided I  
die by next  
Wednesday!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO D & P Embroidery ATTN: \*\*CVA-43 SMALL STORES\*\* CREDIT CARDS WILL PROCESSED THRU PayPal  
 WE ACCEPT: Mastercard - VISA - AMERICAN EXPRESS - DISCOVER <We can also process any order thru YOUR PayPal ACCOUNT>

**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION LOGO ITEMS**

- CAP ITEM #001 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #002 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #003 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #004 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #005 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #006 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #007 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #008 - \$13.00
- ASSOCIATION PATCH ITEM # 009 - \$20.00



**USS CORAL SEA CVE-43, CVA-43, CV-43 SILHOUETTE ITEMS**

- CAP ITEM #010 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #011 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #012 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #013 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #014 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #015 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #016 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #017 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #018 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #019 - \$24.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #020 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #021 - \$13.00



**ADDITIONAL USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION LOGO ITEMS**

- CAP ITEM #022 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #023 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #024 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #025 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #026 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO ITEM #027 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #028 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #029 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #030 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #031 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #032 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #033 - \$13.00



**EMBROIDERY ON FRONT, SIDES AND BACK OF CAPS**

- CAP ITEM # 034 - \$24.99
- CAP ITEM # 035 - \$26.99



**USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 NAVY JOB RATE CAPS**

- CAP ITEM #036 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #037 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #038 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #039



**NAVY RANK OR ENLISTED PAYGRADE INSIGNIA CAPS**

- CAP ITEM #040 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #041 - 23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #042 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #043 - \$13.00



**NAVY PAYGRADE INSIGNIA (SILVER)**

- CAP ITEM #044 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #045 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #046 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #047 - \$13.00



**CVE, CVA, CV-43 USMC MARDRET DESIGNS CHOOSE (A,B,C,D)**

- CAP ITEM #048 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #049 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #050 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #051 - \$13.00



**CAPS WITH SCRAMBLED EGGS**

- CAP ITEM #52 - \$22.99

**JOB RATE WATCH CAPS CUPPED OR SKULL**

- WATCH CAP ITEM #053 - \$16.99
- WATCH CAP ITEM #054 - 14.99



**JACKTEACK DESIGNS/ MICRO FIBER ONLY**

- JACKET ITEM #055 \$79.00
- JACKET ITEM #056 \$83.00
- JACKET ITEM #057 \$80.00
- JACKET ITEM #058 \$80.00



**CORAL SEA WIFE**

- POLO ITEM #059 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #060 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #061 - \$22.50



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 WE ACCEPT: Mastercard - VISA - AMERICAN EXPRESS - DISCOVER <We can also process any order thru YOUR PayPal ACCOUNT>

**LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA PROUD WIFE**

- POLO ITEM #062 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #063 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #064 - \$22.50



**LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA GIRL**

- POLO ITEM #065 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #066 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #067 - \$22.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY GRANDPA SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #068 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #069 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #070 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAPA SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #071 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #072 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #073 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAWPAW SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #074 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #075 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #076 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CAPS \$18.99**

- ITEM #077 - \$15.99
- ITEM #078 - \$15.99
- ITEM #079 - \$15.99
- ITEM #080 - \$15.99



**USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 CAP WITH BLANK CENTER**

- CAP ITEM # 081 - \$27.50



**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE PATCHES**

- COMBAT CRUISE ONE ITEM #082 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE TWO ITEM #083 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE THREE ITEM #084 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE FOUR ITEM #085 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE FIVE ITEM #086 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE SIX ITEM #087 - \$20.00



**ADDITIONAL CORAL SEA PATCHES**

- ITEM #088 - \$25.00
- ITEM #089 - \$20.00
- ITEM #090 - \$20.00
- ITEM #091 - \$20.00



**WESTERN-PACIFIC CRUISE PATCH**

- ITEM #092 - \$35.00



**EVACUATION OF SAIGON PATCHES - 7"X7"**

- ITEM #093 - \$35.00
- ITEM #094 - \$35.00



**"MAYAGUEZ RESCUE" PATCHES 7"X7"**

- ITEM #095 - \$35.00
- ITEM #096 - \$35.00





# CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #1

ITEM #	QTY.	SIZE NOTE: CAPS - ONE SIZE FITS MOST FOR LARGER HEADS ADD \$3.00 FOR LG/XLG FLEX- FIT CAPS	COLOR	PRICE	ADDITIONAL INFO FOR ITEM # - HULL DESIGNATION CVB, CVA, CV, JOB RATE(BT,MM,AB,...etc.) OFFICER RANK/PAY RATE (CAPT,LTCDR,EN/E4,E5,E6,E7,...etc.) USMC DESIGNS - (A,B,C, OR D) THREAD COLOR FOR WATCH CAP DESIGN
#1					
<p>Place Ship Store Orders Here! Wayne Addkison 12856 FM 1391, Kemp, TX 75143 Ph: 903.288.4455 Fx: 903.675.0086 Email: nijarm2@yahoo.com</p>					
SALES TOTAL				\$ _____	** USPS PRIORITY MAIL - S/H CHARGES**
SHIPPING CHARGES				\$ _____	UP TO \$24.99 .....\$7.00
TOTAL CHARGE				\$ _____	\$25.00 TO \$50.00 .....\$9.00
					\$51 TO \$75 ..... \$12.00
					\$76 & UP ..... \$15.00

All Credit Cards Will Be Processed Through The Ship Store  
All Credit Cards Accepted: Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express  
Make Checks Payable To The Ship Store



**Salty Humor**

I was looking for some books on paranoia in the library. The librarian said very quietly, "Yes. They are behind you."

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**Decommissioning 30th anniversary...**

and 20 ships severely damaged, including the carrier Shokaku, three heavy cruisers, two aircraft tenders and three destroyers.

U.S. naval losses included three ships sunk; Lexington, Neosho and Sims, minor damage to several ships, 66 planes lost and personnel casualties totaling 543.

From the time of her commissioning on October 1, 1947, this was the significant heritage carried proudly by USS Coral Sea (CVB-43).

In her original design, she had two flight deck elevators, one centered forward and one aft. Carrier design

advanced rapidly during this time, and in 1957 Coral Sea was refitted with three deck-edge elevators during modernization at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash., becoming the first carrier to mount an elevator on the port quarter. Her other updates included the installation of steam-driven catapults, the addition of her angled flight deck and an enclosed "hurricane" bow.

Over her nearly 43-year career, USS Coral Sea steamed more than two million miles, equal to about four round-trips to the moon!

The final deployment for CV-43 was to the Middle East, departing May 30, 1989 and returning Sept. 30, 1989. She served us well!



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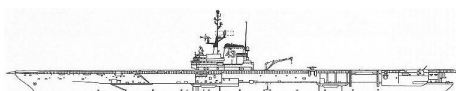
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**Secretary's Corner...**

with this matter. The long-awaited roster purge is now underway. I appreciate hearing from all Shipmates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

See you all soon!  
Godspeed!

*John*

John H. Ranson  
CVA-43  
Association Secretary

Shipmates,

I am writing about attendance at the annual reunions. We just have lost two ship mates that were regulars at the reunions, Joseph Bud McKay and Mil Phillips. We also lost Bob Hines' wife, Leanne. I felt this gave me the opportunity to address the attendance and try to encourage you all to attend. I have been to 26 reunions in a row, my wife has also attended the reunions with me. She is ill now and will not be able to attend in the future. Once you get to the reunion, you can share

conversations with ship mates, catch up with each other and reminisce on our adventures and accomplishments. I would like to ask those that live close to Oklahoma City, our next reunion, to please be there. We would love to have all of you and your significant others. We have a great organization and need to continue working together to keep our organization going.

*Bill*

Bill Johnson  
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