

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

Annual Reunion Sign-up Time is Now!

The Association's 2021 Annual Reunion will be held Oct. 6-10 at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, Colo. View the hotel's web site at: www.hotelelegante.com. The schedule of

events, registration form and tour options have all been

revised and updated in this issue.

Make your hotel reservation by calling **800-981-4012** and reference **USS Coral Sea**. The cut-off date is Sept. 15, 2021.



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Roy G. Dodd
DP1, S-7 Div.
5/66-7/68

Gary M. Estee
CT03, OS Div.
3/72-7/75

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CAG
9/68-4/69 & 4/85-
11/85

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MS3, S-2 Div.
5/78-3/80

President's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Four months until the long-awaited reunion. I'm in high hopes everyone has made their arrangements to be at this reunion! It should be a good one. Not much going on in this end of the world, but we do have a lot to discuss in our business meeting. I have talked with Mac

with the Midway about having a compartment for Coral Sea, but they are not interested. They will only offer us open space on the quarter deck, and I'm not interested in that at this time. I had a conversation with the director of the Lexington when we had our reunion in Corpus Christi a few years back. I called her and we had a nice conversation about

them having some space for the Coral Sea, and they would love to talk with us about expanding that into something larger. If we are interested, then I will go down and see what they have to offer. We also need to decide whether to hold this year's officer elections or extend the existing members to serve one more year. This

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Colorado Springs 2021 Reunion Tours.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS

Start the day at the Air Force Academy. Tour the Visitor Center, with exhibits on cadet life and academy history, a theater, and gift shop. Soaring 150 feet toward the Colorado sky, the Air Force Academy Chapel is an all-faiths house of worship designed to meet the spiritual needs of cadets. Visit the chapel, touring the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic sections. Gather outside the

\$77 per person, including bus, guide and lunch.



NATIONAL WWII AVIATION MUSEUM / AIRPLANE RESTAURANT

Start the day at the National WWII Aviation Museum, the only museum in the world that focuses exclusively on the unique story of the role of aviation in World War II. The museum is located on an active airfield; the docent-led

tours go through the workshops and aircraft restoration facilities. Aircraft include the B-25, P-47, and many more. Keeping with the theme of the day, stop for lunch at the Airplane Restaurant. Part of the restaurant is truly inside a Boeing KC-97 tanker, but the attached building is full of memorabilia too. Lunch includes a choice of Swiss Mushroom Burger, Corned Beef Reuben, or fried fish – all serviced with French fries (or slaw), or a Caesar salad with chicken.

**12:00pm—board bus,
4:45pm—back at hotel**

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WELCOME ABOARD

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BT3, B Div.
11/64—2/66

James S. Watson
ABH3, V-1 Div.
6/72—7/74

Duane E. Yocum
ABF2, V-4 Div.
12s/81—8/84

Chapel to witness the daily meal formation of the cadets. Afterwards, reboard the bus for the Garden of the Gods Trading Post. Start with lunch featuring assorted sandwiches, soup, potato salad, cookies, and a beverage, and then shop a little for the finest in authentic Indian arts, crafts, and jewelry. Finally, explore the Garden of the Gods, a 1,350-acre park with magnificent red stone formations that date back 300 million years. **Note: For groups with more than two buses, an alternate timeline will be followed.**

**8:30am—board bus,
3:30pm—back at hotel**

**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 6-10, 2021, HOTEL ELEGANTE – COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
PLAN OF THE DAY**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30am—8:30am	Reunion Registration Open
8:30am—3:30pm	AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS TOUR
12:00pm—11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm—11:00pm	Ship's Store Open
3:30pm—6:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
5:00pm—8:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

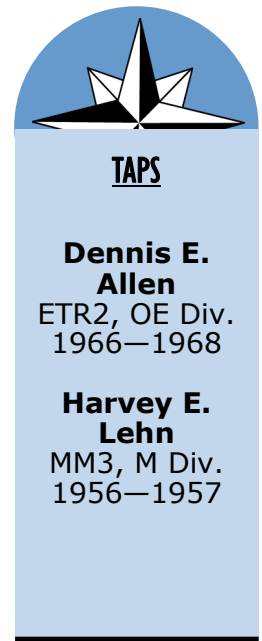
12:00pm—4:45pm	NATIONAL WWII AVIATION MUSEUM / AIRPLANE RESTUARANT
12:00pm—11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm—11:00pm	Ship's Store Open

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

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 10

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.

For Hotel Reservations, call Hotel Elegante at 800-981-4012 or 719-576-5900



Salty Humor

A boy is listening to the car radio with his father. "Dad," he asked, "what music did you like when you were growing up?" "Well, I was a huge fan of Led Zep-pelin," the father replies. "Who?" "Yeah, I liked them too."

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Reunion Tour Options...

\$80 per person, including bus, escort, admission and lunch.

TOUR SCHEDULES

**Air Force Academy—
 Thursday, October 7, 2021**

- 8:30 Depart hotel for AFA Visitors Center
- 9:15 Free time at Visitors Center
- 10:10 Depart for chapel area and walk in at 10:20 (10:35). Tour Chapel
- 11:35 Cadet lunch formation march
- 12:00 Reload for Trading Post
- 12:45 Group Lunch and brief shopping
- 2:15 Begin driving tour through Garden of the Gods
- 3:30 Back at hotel.

**WWII Aviation Museum—
 Friday, Oct. 8, 2021**

- 12:00 Board for Airplane Restaurant
- 12:15 Lunch

- 1:45 Reboard for WWII Aviation Museum
- 2:00 Tour Museum
- 4:15 Depart museum to return to hotel by 4:45pm



Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Finally, spring is here. I'm glad that winter has finally passed. I'm sorry that there was no spring fling this year. Hopefully, we can get one lined up for 2022. Regardless, I'm looking forward to the 2021 reunion in Colorado Springs. Please check out the latest "skinny" on the reunion in this issue of "Sea Breeze".

There was a foul up with the address labels on the March issue of "Sea Breeze". The dues expiration dates were not printed. That matter should be corrected with this issue. Please check your dues date. As always, I appreciate it when you complete the membership application. That enables me to keep the roster & mailing list accurate. Please note when any of your contact information changes.

Thanks in advance for your help with this matter. Not much else to report at this time. As always, please contact me if you've got any questions or concerns. I always like talking to all Shipmates. Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
 CVA-43
 Association Secretary

Coral Sea Scholarship Recipients Announced.

Shipmates,

Our 2021 USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Remembrance Scholarship Program is completed.

Of the 10 (ten) packets requested, I received 4 (four) returned applications. This year we were able to give out \$2000 and \$1000 scholarships.

The \$2000 scholarship recipient is Nathan Mikulski of Freedom High School in Bethlehem, Pa. He is the grandson of shipmate Bernard Mikulski who served aboard from Oct. 1960 to May 1961. He was an AME3 in VAH-2.

Nathan is going to major in Business or Criminal Justice at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Our \$1000 scholarship recipient is Kieran Bentley of Z. John Williams

Memorial School in Napaskiak, Alaska. He is the grandson of shipmate William Eanetta.

Kieran will be attending Ithaca College in Ithaca N.Y. He will be majoring in Computer Science.

The Association would like to congratulate these Remembrance Scholarship recipients and thank everyone who participated.

Wishing everyone have a safe summer,

Guy Dunbar

Scholarship Committee Chairman

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Summer is around the corner and I hope you are all making plans to attend the reunion in Colorado Springs.

As you noticed in the March issue, only one - not three - books of raffle tickets were included. A lack of clarity in communicating with the printing company resulted in only one book. You will find the missing two books and another return envelope in this issue. If you returned the first book or have yet to do that, please consider purchasing the additional tickets.

Returns are way below previous years. Thanks to all those who have returned that one book and THANK YOU VERY MUCH to those who requested extra tickets. This is an important Association fund raiser so please participate if you can, not to mention you can win some money! If you would like additional tickets, just include the extra money and I'll fill them out. (Address labels are helpful).

In other news, the association officers and board of directors have approved the purchase of a 5 x 8-

foot enclosed cargo trailer to store and transport our memorabilia to the reunions. This will consolidate everything in one location as well as make it easier for another member to transport the memorabilia to future reunions should I not be able to attend. The trailer will be stored in my shop. Purchase of the trailer is being funded with reunion funds. See you in Colorado Springs,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer



Salty Humor

With the invention of self-driving vehicles, we'll soon hear a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too!

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Coral Sea Annual Reunion...

In addition to being home to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs is the second most populous city in the state.

It is located in east central Colorado, 70 miles south of Denver. At 6,035 feet the city stands over 1 mile above sea level, though some areas are significantly higher and lower. Colorado Springs is near the base of Pikes Peak, which rises 14,115 feet above sea level on the



the Annual Reunion, but there is much more to enjoy in the area if you would like to extend your vacation in Colorado Springs.

Tripadvisor lists more than a dozen area activities, including Pikes Peak adventures, Jeep tours, a Segway Tour of Cheyenne Canyon, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Red Rock Canyon Park, Glen Eyrie Castle, the Olympic Training Center, North Cheyenne Canyon Park,



Salty Humor

My town is so dull the post office has "Wanted" posters of people with overdue library books.



Hellen Hunt Falls and the Old Colorado City Historic District. You can find all the location details through Tripadvisor or your favorite online search sites.

But now is the time to make those

eastern edge of the Southern Rocky Mountains.

In 2020, Colorado Springs ranked 13th on the New York Times 52 Places to Go list and was list 10th in TripAdvisor's Top 25 Trending Destinations. In 2017 and 2018, Colorado Springs received several accolades. In 2018 U.S. News named it the most desirable place to live in the United States.

You are aware of the Association-sponsored events available during



hotel and tour reservations. Do that by contacting the hotel directly at **800-981-4012** and submitting the tour reservation form found on page eight.

Freshwater Flattops: The Corn Belt Fleet.

By W. D. Stevenson

Reprinted from FRA Today Magazine.

Have you ever wondered how naval aviators learned to launch and capture planes from three decks of aircraft carriers during World War II? Following Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Navy had six carriers in combat, as well as 13 additional fleet carriers and scores of escort carriers on order or under construction. They needed thousands of pilots and tens of thousands of deck crewmen, all qualified for carrier operations. The basis of training were easy enough to acquire with land-based airfields, but to be prepared for the unique challenges of carrier operations, these sailors needed to train on real aircraft carriers. Since the Navy could not possibly pull back any forward carriers for practice, the solution was to acquire two already-built ships large enough to fit a flight deck atop them. The two paddle-wheel carriers that were soon to become the USS Wolverine and USS Sable were this solution.

The USS Wolverine Refit

The Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Company built the Seeandbee in 1913. It was the world's largest side-wheel passenger inland steamer at the time, with opulence and travel comfort like none other. The Navy acquired the ship from C&B on March 12, 1942, for the price of \$756,500 and designated it an unclassified miscellaneous auxiliary vessel with the hull number IX-64.

Seeandbee's existing superstructure was removed in Cleveland, Ohio, and the ship was towed to Buffalo, N.Y., to undergo refitting by the Erie plant of the American Ship Building Co. In early May of 1942, a 550-foot-long wooden flight deck was installed, an island was built, arresting cables were installed and the ship's funnels were

rerouted to the starboard side, along with some other modifications. The refit was done while the ship was afloat because it was too large for dry dock. A crew of 1,250 men worked around the clock, providing 45 miles of welding and 57,000 bolts with washers and grommets during the refit. A Coast Guard substation was set up to provide security and no pedestrians or vehicles were allowed near the work site.

The Wolverine (IX-64) was commissioned Aug. 12, 1942, as the first inland carrier off the Navy. It was assigned to the 9th Naval District, which was headquartered at the Lake Training Station in Lake Buff, Ill., now known as Naval Station Great Lakes.

The USS Sable Refit

The Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company ordered the Greater Buffalo from the American Ship Building Co. of Lorain, Ohio, and the ship was launched in 1924. Larger than the Seeandbee, the new vessel could hold 125 cars and had 650 staterooms with a crew of 300. It was powered by nine coal-fired boilers, which drove two 35-foot side paddle wheels. People of modest wealth at the time could travel by water in luxury.

The Greater Buffalo, which was acquired by the Navy before WWII, was also converted at the Erie plant off the American Ship Building Co. and renamed the USS Sable (IX-81). The cabins and superstructure of the ship were removed, leaving the main deck. Although a wooden deck similar to the one installed on USS Wolverine had originally been planned, a steel flight deck with additional supports was installed instead. The steel deck allowed Sable to be used for testing a variety of nonskid coatings applied in a

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Salty Humor

I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems. He made me pay in advance.

USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION – OCTOBER 6-10, 2021

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. 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/coralsea2021 (a convenience fee of 3.5% will be added to online registrations). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **September 15, 2021**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

<i>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/17/21</i>	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u> Includes Hospitality Room and reunion expenses	\$ 20	#	\$
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY 10/7: Air Force Academy / Garden of the Gods	\$77	#	\$
FRIDAY 10/8: National WWII Aviation Museum and Airplane Restaurant	\$80	#	\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
SATURDAY 10/9: Banquet Dinner – <i>Please choose your entrée below</i>			
Grilled Angus Steak with Peppercorn Demi	\$ 44	#	\$
Grilled Chicken Breast Piccata with Lemon Caper Herb Sauce	\$ 44	#	\$
Vegetarian Option	\$ 44	#	\$
Total Amount Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u>			\$

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

FIRST _____ LAST _____

YEARS ON BOARD _____ to _____ DIV/SQDN _____ RATE/RANK _____

SPOUSE NAME/GUEST NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

MEMBER ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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).

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program.
CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY- FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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
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TOTAL CHARGE				\$ _____	\$51 TO \$75 \$12.00
					\$76 & UP \$15.00

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Make Checks Payable To The Ship Store



Salty Humor

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes? Re-morse code.

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Freshwater Flattops...

checkerboard pattern to the flight deck.

The deck of the Sable was equipped with eight sets of arresting cables, a bridge island on the starboard side an outriggers forward of the island for storing damage aircraft.

On the main deck there was a lecture room with projection equipment that could accommodate more than 40 aviators, and bunks for 21. The newer carrier was also equipped with a sick bay, an operating room, a laundry, a tailor shop, crew quarters, a cafeteria-style galley for the crew, a mess hall for the officers, storerooms and a refrigerator. Sable was commissioned on May 8, 1943.

Selecting Great Lakes

The Navy decided the Great Lakes region of North Central America would be an ideal training location for carrier pilots because it was somewhat secure from German and Japanese attacks and the water resembled the ocean. The training vessels could dock at the Navy Pier in Chicago, which was close to Naval Air Station Glenview.

With the new "Corn Belt Fleet" in place, training could commence. The ship's decks were only 550 feet long, much shorter than the Navy's oceangoing carriers, and the theory was that if a pilot could manage on these smaller freshwater carriers, then he certainly could handle the larger decks at sea. The Wolverine launched its first aircraft in August 1942. Both ships of the Corn Belt Fleet were decommissioned soon after the Japanese surrender on

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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 (CV/CVB/CVA-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the original commissioning crew (plank owner), even if they spent fewer than 90 days aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership is \$20 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year when submitted for renewal or first-time application. Any amount submitted over the annual dues will be automatically earmarked for the Association's Scholarship Fund program.



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) (mo/day/year)

Address _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____

ZIP+4 _____ **PHONE:** (_____) _____ **Email** _____

Spouse's Name _____ **Birthday** _____ **Anniversary** _____

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From _____ to _____ Division _____ Rank/Rate On Board _____
 (Month/Year) (Month/Year) (Lt/RD/FN/SN/Sgt)

Military Retirement: No [] Yes [] Retired as: _____ USN [] USMC [] USCG []
 (Rank/Rate) USNR [] Air Force [] Army []

I do [] do not [] want my complete mailing address printed on the published roster.
 I do [] do not [] want an Association bumper sticker.

Please make check payable to: **USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.**
 Mail application to:
John Ranson, Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOC.
52 Woodland Pl.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605 Email: jrsr3843@fuse.net

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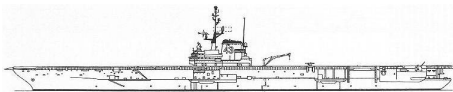
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Freshwater Flattops...

Sept. 2, 1945, and served until Nov. 11, 1945.

A Typical Day in Training

Naval aviators who had earned their wings at Pensacola, Fla., or Corpus Christi, Tex., reported to NAS Glenview for orientation training before performing the required minimum of eight landings and takeoffs. Before any shipboard landings were attempted, practice landings took place on traditional runways that had been marked like carrier decks.

—*Editor's Note*

Freshwater Flattops will be continued in the Sept. issue of Sea Breeze.

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President's Corner...

would get elections back on an even-year basis. Again, this would be up to the membership to decide.

I have quotes for holding our 2022 reunion at Norfolk or Louisville, but because Oklahoma City was cancelled last year, we will have the 2023 reunion there. As per our conversation with AFR, rates should remain the same.

I am going to Jacksonville, Fla., the end of July for the FDR reunion. I am going to take our Ship Store on this trip and will hold discussions about having a joint reunion sometime in the future. Their ranks, as are ours, are getting smaller each year. Combined, we

should have a better rate with hotels and tours. This will be discussed with our membership in the October. On a personal note, I would like to find another shipmate to take on the Ship Store. If anyone is interested, contact me so we can begin that transition. It has been a good run, but it is time for me to give it up! Signing off for now but looking forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
President