

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

Colorado Springs Reunion Wrap-up.

Even with the uncertainties created by lingering COVID concerns, 52 ship-mates were registered for this year's reunion. Colorado Springs created a gorgeous backdrop for this gathering, and the scenery highlighted each of the well-received tours enjoyed by our attendees.



David R. Bahr
AE3, V-2 Div.
1/69—3/70

Monte Barnes
CTI3, CR Div.
8/72

President's Corner

Greetings Ship-mates,
Another reunion behind us and I must say, it was a good one. Good to see old friends and a few new faces. Our Association is as strong as ever.
With the approval of the membership, I have been in contact with the USS Lexington, and they are ready to furnish us a compartment to display Coral Sea memorabilia. I need anyone who has any item from the ship

and would like to have it on display aboard the Lexington, to send me a picture of the item. This can consist of anything pertaining to the ship's history, pictures, parts of the ship, emblems...just about anything.
I will need your picture of these items as soon as possible. Please be aware that what you contribute will not be returned to you; it will be on display aboard the LEX forever. The size of the space Lexington will provide depends on what we are going

to display. We also have agreed to hold a reunion in Corpus Christi, Tex., every four years starting in 2025, with a \$500 per year donation to the ship's fund.
We used to schedule a ladies' reunion tour on Saturday while having our business meeting. AFR is going to put together a Saturday tour once again with lunch for the ladies. Check with your wives and give me an idea if they would enjoy going on a tour from 10 to 2, with some shopping

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USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Business Meeting Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, Colorado Springs, Colo.



TAPS

Robert G. Christen
BT2, B Div.
1973—1976

Thomas L. Snyder
AB3, V-1C Div.
1950—1953

Gregory Steele
FN, B Div.

Meeting opened at 9:02 AM.

Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll call of Assoc. Officers: Pres. Wayne Addkison; Treasurer Clarence Neander; Secretary John Ranson; Board members: Al Ching, Larry Pennington and Bill Bomar. Robert Gaston and Bill Johnson were absent due to illness.

Introduction of all attending Shipmates was conducted.

Motion made and seconded to extend the current terms of all Association Officers until 2022. Motion passed.

Reading of the Board of Directors meeting minutes for 2019 and 2021 were read.

Reading of the preceding 2019 annual business meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report (see attachment): Motion made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report as read was made and seconded. Motion passed.

A note from Bill Johnson was read since he was unable to attend this reunion.

Shipmate Marvin Booher had to leave for home due to his wife's illness. They arrived safely home last night. Shipmate George Cone also had to leave due to his back pain.

Unfinished business: None.

New business:

President Wayne noted the proposed sites for the 2022 reunion. There's a problem with the Louisville, Ky. bid that does not exist with the Norfolk, Va. bid. Motion made and seconded to have the

2022 reunion in Norfolk, Va. Motion passed. It was noted that the 2023 reunion will be in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the same rate as previously agreed to.

President Wayne noted that he recently attended the FDR reunion and discussed possibly having another Three Sisters reunion in San Diego in 2024. He noted that the annual Coral Sea reunion will be the date of any proposed Three Sisters reunion. Motion made and seconded to move the reunion date to September as needed in 2024. Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to have the 2024 Coral Sea reunion as the Three Sisters reunion. Motion passed.

President Wayne toted that negotiations are starting to have Coral Sea memorabilia displayed on USS Lexington if the Coral Sea Assoc. maintains the available space. A fee of \$500.00 per year will be required as well as the Coral Sea Assoc. should have periodic reunions in Corpus Christi, Tex. Motion made to continue negotiations with the USS Lexington museum. Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to have the 2025 reunion in Corpus Christi and after that, every four years. Motion passed.

The dates for the 2022 and 2023 reunions will be posted in the Dec. 2021 issue of "Sea Breeze".

Motion made and seconded to have a different contractor handle Coral Sea Association reunions after 2023. Motion passed.

President Wayne asked if any Shipmate present had any comments.

When asked about the surviving piece of the Coral Sea hull Clarence Neander noted that the best thing

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Steve R. Neagle, aboard USS Coral Sea from 1966—1969 as an IC2 in E-Div., is pictured at left during the construction of his “toothpick” carrier. His model of the *Ageless Warrior* required 372 hours and 5,350 toothpicks, completing the project on June 6, 2020. Steve said he has dedicated this amazing COVID-19 “lockdown” project to our ship and the men who served aboard her. More photos can be viewed at www.mrtoothpick.com



Salty Humor

Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time...I think I've forgotten this before.



Board of Directors Meeting, USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Oct. 7, 2021, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The meeting was started at 5:12PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was given by Larry Pennington.

Members present: Pres. Wayne Addkison; Treasurer Clarence Neander; Secretary John Ranson; Board Members: Al Ching, Larry Pennington & Bill Bomar. Robert Gaston & Bill Johnson were absent due to illness.

Minutes of the 2019 Board of Directors meeting & 2019 business meeting were distributed to the Board members.

Treasurer Clarence Neander explained the financial report for the last year. (See attachment)

Unfinished business: None.

New business. Pres. Wayne Addkison detailed the 2022 reunion location choices. Louisville, KY. has several problems whereas Norfolk, VA. will be a better deal & the same hotel prices. The Board recommends that the 2022 reunion be held in Norfolk, VA.

Pres. Wayne Addkison is negotiating with the Midway Assoc. for the 3 Sisters 2024 reunion to be held on Midway in San Diego in the last week of Sept. This would also be the annual Coral Sea Assoc. reunion.

The USS Lexington Museum is interested in having Coral Sea memorabilia placed with that museum on a space available basis. Pres. Wayne would like to see the

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Salty Humor

An older man, not in the best physical condition, asked a trainer in the gym, "Which machine should I use to impress that beautiful girl over there?"

The trainer replied, "The ATM outside!"

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, The 2021 reunion has come and gone. It was a great time for sure. The tours were fine and many of those attending the reunion took time to see numerous sights in addition to the tours. Colorado Springs definitely had a lot to offer.

The reunion schedule is set thru 2025. Check President Wayne's article for more info regarding reunion time and place.

The auction at the reunion banquet went extremely well. It made a nice amount

of money for the Association general fund. I wish to thank all shipmates and their guests who were generous enough to contribute some very nice items to the auction. I apologize to those of you who donated various items. I wanted to acknowledge all of you in this article, but I misplaced the list. One shipmate donated a coffee table resembling the flight deck of Coral Sea! I'm thankful that he made the arrangements to have it shipped to the winner. It was rather large.

Please note that all Association officers remain the same until

the 2022 reunion business meeting in Norfolk, Va. Then we'll have the elections according to the usual schedule.

As always, dues payments are always in order. Please check the mailing label of this issue of *Sea Breeze* for the date that your dues expire. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving as well as a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
CVA-43
Association Secretary

2022 Reunion Scheduled

The USS Coral Sea Association annual reunion will take place in Norfolk, Va. from Oct. 5–9, 2022. The reunion hotel information is:

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside
777 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, VA 23510

The toll-free reservation number is (800) 325-3535. Cancellations will be accepted without penalty up to 24 hours before arrival.

The room rate will be \$129 per night, plus 15% sales tax and a \$3 per night occupancy tax. This rate will be extended to Association members for three days prior and three days after the reunion dates. Look for more details in the March issue of the *Breeze*.

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Association Business Meeting...

to do is to dispose of it.

Good of the Association:

John Ranson thanked all Shipmates who help police the hospitality room as well as help set it up. He also asked all present to police up the room when they leave.

Secretary John Ranson thanked all Shipmates who help with the hospitality room as well as all those who have donated items for the annual auction for the past few years.

President Wayne thanked all Shipmates who help make the Coral Sea Assoc. work.

Treasurer Clarence Neander noted that this has been a very successful raffle.

Meeting closed at 10:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ranson

John H. Ranson
CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary



Salty Humor

Church sign humor:
“Don’t let humor kill you off...let the Church help!”

Treasurer’s Corner

Hello Shipmates,
The annual reunion in Colorado Springs is in the books. I, for one, had a great time and enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.
The Annual Raffle had the largest number of tickets purchased since I’ve been Treasurer. Thanks to all who participated. The winners were Roxie

Allen of Vacaville, Calif., Henry Kleeman of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Kenneth Hunter of Voorhesville, N.Y. Congratulations!
The annual 99-N tax form has been filed and our bank balances are remaining steady. The small cargo trailer that was purchased to transport the memorabilia has arrived. I will include pictures once the graphics are applied.
My hope and prayers

for the holiday season are that we can all find reasons to be thankful, we will see an end to Covid, and we all have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.
My best wishes for the holidays to you and those you love,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer

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Board of Directors Meeting...

2025 Coral Sea reunion be held in Corpus Christi in 2025. It is recommended that the Coral Sea memorabilia be inventoried & a decision then made as to what the Assoc. donates to the USS Lexington Museum. John Ranson noted several items that have been donated to the Assoc. Pres. Wayne is recommending that the Assoc. donate \$500.00 to the USS Lexington Museum for upkeep of any space where Coral Sea memorabilia will be displayed. Perhaps a \$5.00 dues increase will be needed. Wayne expressed his displeasure with AFR. The Assoc. will have to keep AFR thru 2023.

Al Ching noted that possibly US Flags flown at the US Capital could be a good fund raiser for the Assoc. He'll work on this proposal for 5 US Flags. Perhaps these flags can be flown over the US Capital on May 6

since this is the date of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

The scholarship fund will have to have a different chairman for 2022 due to a possible conflict of interest.

Clarence Neander asked permission to dispose of numerous old records older than 7 years that have no current value.

The meeting was closed at 5:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ranson

John H. Ranson
CVA-43 Association
Secretary



Salty Humor

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

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
As the holiday season approaches, I want to wish our Jewish brothers and their families a sincere Happy Hanukkah and a very sincere Merry Christmas to our Christian brothers and their families.

I am sure that many of you spent a number of these holidays away from home, deployed to the far corners of the world. In my own case, I only missed one Christmas in my entire career, and that Christmas was spent in the harbor at Naples in 1989.

I elected to stay

onboard the ship on Christmas eve to allow our two other chaplains to take the Midnight Mass trip to Rome. That evening we had a worship service in the chapel, a dedicated space which someone told me had earlier been a warrant officer wardroom. You can imagine there was not a lot of exuberant joy among our congregation, but we celebrated Christmas the best that we could.

The mood brightened a whole lot when I suggested that we share some favorite Christmas memories. As shipmate after shipmate rose to recount a tender memory from the

past, our collective mood lightened and there were smiles all around. It certainly helped to make a lonely holiday away from home a little brighter.

As our worship service came to an end, I was full of thanks, to God, of course, but also to these my brothers in arms. I realized that they, collectively, were my chaplain, giving me encouragement and hope. Thanks, shipmates. I will never forget that Christmas. Many blessings to you all,

Michael

Michael D. Halley
Association Chaplain

Freshwater Flattops: The Corn Belt Fleet.

By W. D. Stevenson

Reprinted from *FRA Today Magazine*.

—Editor's Note...*Freshwater Flattops* concludes in this issue.

Every two weeks, a new class of 15 men reported to receive four weeks of training in flight deck procedures. Instructors and technicians came to receive practical shipboard training, along with thousands of aircrewmembers. Without these sailors, the war in the Pacific would have been impossible.

On Oct. 21, 1942, Ensign F.M. Cooper was piloting his F-4F-3 Wildcat when it spun into the water after takeoff from *Wolverine*. The plane sank into 85-feet of water with Cooper inside. His body and the plane were never recovered. This was the first of many accidents to occur onboard these ships.

During training, some mishaps, crashes and losses were expected. During the years of the carriers' operation, there were 128 aircraft losses and more than 200 accidents. Of the estimated aircraft lost during training, 35 have been salvaged and the search for more is underway. Because repair facilities were readily available, damaged aircraft were saved whenever possible. Occasionally, this meant retrieval from underwater.

The majority of aircraft losses re-

sulted in minor injuries, but a total of eight pilots were killed. Thankfully, these tragedies were rare. From 1942 to 1945, more than 120,000 successful landings were logged, and 35,000 pilots were qualified. Overall, the training program was considered a huge success.

The *Wolverine* and *Sable* were not true aircraft carriers like those the Navy had in the Pacific or Atlantic. They had certain limitations that at times prevented or delayed training. For example, since there were no elevators or hanger decks to store damaged aircraft, when all the storage spaces on the flight deck were filled with damaged aircraft, the day's operations were over and the carriers headed back to their pier in Chicago.

Landing aircraft on calm days also presented problems for the carriers. Neither carrier could generate enough forward to meet the "wind over deck" landing minimums for aircraft such as F-6H Hellcats, F-4U Corsairs, TBM Avengers and SB Dauntlesses. When there was little or no wind on Lake Michigan, operations were often halted. Occasionally, when low wind conditions continued for several days and the pool of waiting aviators started to

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Salty Humor

A perfectionist walked into a bar. I guess it wasn't set high enough.

Scholarship Program Chairman Update

To avoid a possible conflict of interest due to a family member's participation, Guy Dunbar has asked to be replaced as chairman of the Association Scholarship Fund for 2022. Please note that any inquiries or entries should be direct to:

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Salty Humor

Church sign humor:
 “The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.”

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Freshwater Flattops...

back up, the Navy used an alternate system of qualifications. The Navy used various aircraft aboard the Corn Belt Fleet with the goal of training each pilot in the same type of plane he would be flying with the fleet. When aircraft shortages occurred, training was delayed. Carrier fighter group pilots qualified in Grumman F-4F Wildcats, while scout and bomber pilots flew in the North American SNJ Texan. Ship’s logs indicated the planes that were used were: TBM/TBF Avengers, an F-4U Corsair, SBD Dauntlesses, F-6F Hellcats, SNJ Texans, SB-2U Vindicators, FM/F-4F Wildcats and three experimental drones known as TDNs. Most of the training aircraft were from the Pacific or North African campaigns. Very few planes were new.

The Navy’s TDN-1 was a television-

guided, remote-controlled assault drone developed by the Navy in 1942. It was built to operate from a carrier under the control a nearby TBM Avenger or from land with a PBV chase plane. The 37-foot long twin-engine drone could carry a 2,000-pound bomb or an aerial torpedo. The launches from *Sable* are considered the first U.S. drone launches from a carrier.

Together, *Sable* and *Wolverine* trained 17,820 pilots in 116,000 carrier landings. Of these, 51,000 landings were on *Sable* alone. Both *USS Sable* and *USS Wolverine* hold the distinction of being the only freshwater, coal-driven, side paddle-wheel aircraft carriers used by the United States Navy—the Corn Belt Fleet.

The *USS Sable* earned both the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal during its naval career.

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.



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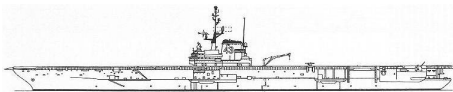
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President's Corner...

along the way.

I have talked with the Midway and FDR association presidents, and we are going ahead with the second **THREE SISTERS REUNION** in 2024 aboard the Midway. It will be scheduled for the last week of September. This will be our regular annual reunion for 2024, just held a week or so earlier. More details will come as we put together a schedule of events.

The following are the site of the next four reunions:

- 2022 Norfolk, Va.
- 2023 Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 2024 San Diego, Calif.
- 2025 Corpus Christi, Tex. (assuming our compart-

ment is finished aboard the USS Lexington)

Personal note: I appreciate the support of all members regarding the Ship Store. My wife and I have a good time running the store and meeting everyone one-on-one. We make enough money to pay our expenses at the reunions. I do want to "sell" the Ship Store, so anyone interested just give me a call.

Also, I would like to continue as your President thru the 2025 reunion, working to ensure the events over the next four years come off as well as possible. (But that is up to the membership...just putting my name out there for consideration.)

The Norfolk reunion will be at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside from October 4th -10th

2022. Room rates are \$129.00 per night, double queen or deluxe king. The hotel phone number for reservations is (757) 622-6664. The address is 777 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, Va.

The Norfolk reunion events are looking good! We hope more members from the East Coast will attend. The schedules will be in the March 2022 issue of the breeze.

Until next time, have a great Christmas and a Happy new year. Be safe and God Speed,

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
President