

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

Norfolk Annual Reunion Deadline!

Your Association's 2022 annual reunion reservation deadline is upon us! The annual reunion in Norfolk, Va., runs from Oct. 5-9.

Sign up today to enjoy all the amenities of the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, our re-

union hotel "home port." Located at

reservation number is (800) 325-3535.



Cancellations will be accepted without penalty up to 24 hours before arrival. The discounted USS Coral Sea room

rate is \$129 per night, plus 15%

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George T. Burnett

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John C. Mills

AQ3, VA-196
3/83-9/83

President's Corner

Greetings Shipmates,
A month to go for our reunion! You have until September 15, 2022, to sign up to get the discount prices on the hotel. With prices today we need to save as much of our money as we can, so sign up early. We have a good number signed up, but we need many more.

We need 110 to get the better rate from AFR.

Some have heard the harbor cruise boat was destroyed by a fire. That is true, but we have another ship to take its place. So go ahead and buy the dinner cruise and have an enjoyable night, good food and companionship. I have ordered five wheelchairs for those that will need

them. If necessary, the five will do double duty.

I have decided to keep the ships store for a while longer, possibly through the Three Sister reunion in 2024.

This year we will have openings on the board of directors and the executive committee. Several do not want to serve any longer and some are no

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2022 Annual Reunion Tours In Norfolk!



TAPS

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Bachus**

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Thursday, October 6, 2022 Naval Station Norfolk/Nauticus

The Hampton Roads area is home to Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest naval facility.

Your visit will include a driving tour of Admiral's Row, the Naval Air Station, and the piers. Following the tour,

you will enjoy lunch at Norfolk's MacArthur center, home to more than 20 restaurants. After lunch our tour heads downtown to Nauticus, an exciting 120,000

square-foot science and technology center. Hampton Roads Naval Museum is on the second deck of Nauticus.

Also part of Nauticus is the USS Wisconsin. The Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships to be built by the U.S. Navy.

Note: If for any reason the naval base is closed to the public (e.g. security issues), the tour length will be shortened, but refunds can't be issued.

Participants may be searched and a photo ID is required. Sharp objects such as pocket knives and nail clippers are not permitted on base.

—10:00 a.m., Board Bus
— 5:00 p.m., Back at Hotel
\$70 per person, includes bus, escort and admission. Lunch extra.



Friday, October 7, 2022 Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise

Due fire aboard ship, Spirit of Norfolk has been replaced with a comparable dinner cruise vessel. The hotel to the ship's berth is about 150 yards and requires navigating some steps. Weather permitting,

you'll have the opportunity to have your picture taken as you board the ship, which will be available for purchase following the cruise.

The Hampton Roads harbor dinner cruise will include a picturesque view of the

ships at the Norfolk Naval Station.

**—7:30 p.m., Cruise Boat
Departs**

—10:00 p.m., Cruise Boat Docks
**\$75 per person, includes dinner
cruise, entertainment and es-
cort**

Note: Please be at the bus boarding area at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of 35 people. Driver and Guide gratuities are note included in tour prices.

There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you or person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters.

USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 4-9, 2022, SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE NORFOLK, VA. PLAN OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7:00am — 8:00am | Reunion Registration Open |
| 10:00am — 5:00pm | NAVAL STATION NORFOLK / NAUTICUS |
| 12:00pm—11:00pm | Hospitality Room Open |
| 12:00pm—11:00pm | Ship's Store Open |
| 4:00pm — 6:00pm | Reunion Registration Open |
| 5:00pm — 8:00pm | Board of Directors Meeting |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7


| | |
|-----------------|--|
| 12:00pm—11:00pm | Hospitality Room Open |
| 12:00pm—11:00pm | Ship's Store Open |
| 7:30pm—10:00pm | Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| 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 9

Farewells and departures



Salty Humor

I'm on two
diets.
I wasn't
getting enough
food on one.

What It Means To Be American.

Madison Bradford is a graduate of Edmond Santa Fe High School in Edmond, Okla., and she will be attending Oklahoma State Univ. majoring in secondary education with a focus on English.

What it means to be American to me is based on three principles, freedom, honor, and bravery. These three principles outline what we are based on as Americans. We are the land and the home of the brave. Now with honor, I feel that we should honor our country and heroes because they did it all for us. We could not have one principal without the other. They all connect in some way and that's what makes us strong. We



all have equal rights and opportunities, and we should honor that strongly. Many people want to live the American dream and with our rights, we all have the

power to do so. Being American is a privilege that we should

all be grateful for and take pride in. For me, I strongly believe that we should respect our country and stand for the flag to honor it. The rights we have should get our utmost respect. We should support the citizens and people we share a country

with because we all want one thing. That one thing is, that we all want equality. Equality is possible as long as we support each

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Salty Humor

As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of...it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, It won't be long until the 2022 reunion in Norfolk. I hope that many of you can attend. This year will be the election of Officers for the Assoc. There will probably be several open positions on the Board of Directors. Once again, I'll be a candidate for the office of Secretary. I do enjoy being able to talk to many of you from time to time. That's a big plus to this office as far

as I'm concerned.

Please see the results of the 2022 Scholarship Program in this issue. There was a tie for first place; therefore, this year each winner is receiving \$2,000.00. According to Guy Dunbar, this is the first time that there has been a tie. Thanks to those who judged the five entries that were submitted. Guy Dunbar will return as Scholarship Program Chairman for 2023.

Don't forget that we'll have an auction of any items that Shipmates

bring to the reunion at the dinner on Saturday night. All the proceeds from the auction go to the reunion account to help defray the cost of operation the hospitality room. We try to keep the cost to you at a minimum so please support this auction with your donations and also bid!

See y'all in Norfolk! Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
Association Secretary

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Madison Bradford Essay..

other and work together as a country for everyone.

Freedom, freedom in definitional terms, means the power to act, write, speak, or think as one wants without restraint. For me, it goes much deeper than that.

Freedom is something some take for granted. Freedom is something to highly appreciate. Without freedom, we wouldn't be able to do half of the stuff we do in our daily lives. I'm very grateful that I am able to walk down the street whenever I want and won't be punished. In some countries, you aren't allowed to do that, yet we think of it as something so simple. I appreciate all the soldiers that fought for me and my family so we would be able to do simple things like that. We are given the opportunity to be who we want to be in life. Whether that's as small as wanting to work at a grocery store to something as big as being a multi-millionaire, the freedom we are granted lets us do just that. Many people abuse their freedom and go off and do

things that aren't right or respectful to our country. This to me is wrong because there are people that sacrificed their lives for the freedom of others.

Now honor. I feel like everyone should honor our country. We have so many things that we don't even realize how lucky we are to be living in America. Showing honor can be as little as simply standing for the flag to fighting and serving for our country. I feel that everyone should at least honor our country in one way or another. I feel very honored to live in a country where I know I can wake up in the morning and be okay. I'm honored to live in a country where I can be who I want, and be proud of it. I'm honored to live in the country that has fought for what we have today and will forever be grateful for that. People should be honored to live in America and be American because we have so many freedoms and rights.

If you don't do anything right in life the one thing you can do is honor the people, the place, and the soldiers that made the way you

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Treasurer's Corner

Greetings one and all:

All is well with our Association finances; taxes are filed, and bank balances are steady. The scholarship investment fund is down about 10% in this depressed stock market. Scholarship essay winners' checks have been delayed while waiting for additional information.

With the National Coral Sea Reunion weeks away, I'd like to remind those who haven't already done so to have your raffle tickets to me by Sept 23rd.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

See you in Norfolk,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Treasurer

**Scholarship Program
Chairman Update**

I want to thank John Ranson for taking the chairman duties last year.

I will be taking over the duties as Chairman of the Association Scholarship committee. Please note that any inquiries or entries should be directed to:

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Edmond, OK 73003

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Salty Humor

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think, "That can't be accurate!"

What It Means To Be An American Citizen.

Trevor D. McCloughan is a graduate of South Hunterdon High School in Lambertville, N.J., and he will be attending Indiana Univ.-Perdue in Indianapolis, Ind. He will major in mechanical engineering.

I am extremely proud to be an American Citizen. The United States is the greatest country in the world because of the freedoms we have as American Citizens. Being an American Citizen, the U.S. constitution grants us so many rights which give us great opportunities only we have access to. These rights and opportunities allow us to improve ourselves, our communities, and much more.

The freedoms the U.S. Constitution grants American Citizens allows them to enhance themselves significantly. As an American citizen, you are free to make your own choices. This may be going to college, joining the workforce right after high school, starting a business; you can truly do it all.

If you decide to go to college, you can study whatever you want. If you decide to start working right after high school, you can work wherever you want, unless the job requires a degree. You can also work and then save that money up to make your own business and work for yourself. This allows American citizens to grow how they

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Salty Humor

A friend of mine went bald years ago but still carries an old comb. He can't part with it.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
I have the great privilege of having lived in Suffolk, Virginia, for almost 26 years now. One of the reasons I say living here is a privilege is because Suffolk is the site of one of three veterans' cemeteries operated by our state Department of Veterans Services (the other two being in Dublin and Amelia). This beautiful 73-acre site was dedicated in November 2004, and is named for a Navy veteran, Albert G. Horton, Jr. Al Horton served in World War II and Korea and retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1963. He

worked tirelessly in lobbying for a veterans' cemetery in the Tidewater area of Virginia. I am told he literally knocked on doors all over the place, including at our state capitol in Richmond, and was like a dog with a bone: he would not let go of this most worthy dream.

Unfortunately, Senior Chief Horton died in 2002 and was not able to see his dream accomplished. He had been buried in a cemetery in Norfolk, but he was disinterred and reburied in the #1 grave location in the new cemetery which bears his name.

Another privilege I have is participating in

many burial services at the veterans' cemetery. Every time I look over the headstones placed in precision rows, I thank God for these veterans who raised their right hands and swore allegiance to our Constitution and served to preserve our freedom.

And, at every burial service I ask the family and friends to pray for and work to support our veterans and those currently serving.

So, shipmates: I salute you for YOUR service! God bless you!

Michael

Michael D. Halley
Association Chaplain

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Trevor McCloughan Essay...

want, which allows them to enhance themselves in their own unique ways.

Our lives are like books and being an American citizen allows us to create whatever stories we want. As an American citizen we should all be proud that we have such great opportunities to better ourselves and we should not take it for granted. We can also enhance our communities as American citizens.

As an American citizen, we have great opportunities to help our communities and those who are in need. This can be through donating, and different types of service projects. You can donate food, water, and clothes to those in need. You can also work on service projects



that improve your community, such as fixing up old houses, or building new houses, cleaning up after natural disasters, cleaning garbage up from the streets, and so much more.

We participate in community projects and we donate to not only better ourselves but to better our fellow Americans. Helping others greatly improves the United States since you are improving your life and the lives of others. Since everyone's lives are improved, they can add something new to society and our country that they might not have been

able to provide previously.

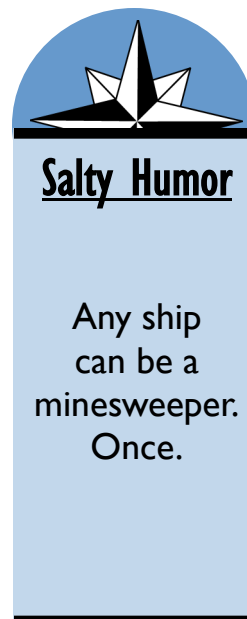
Lastly, as an American citizen we can improve our country as a whole. We have the freedom of speech, the right to peacefully protest, and the freedom of press. As Americans we can enlist in our armed forces to serve our nation and to preserve our rights. We can use these rights given to us at birth by using our voices to raise awareness of problems within our country so our government can address these problems.

We can also vote on who runs our government. This is a great way to improve the country as Americans since they are the ones who make laws and other important decisions. Lastly, as an American citizen, you can run in elections for government positions and, if elected, you can vote on the laws and decisions that will

better our country.

As an American citizen you have endless opportunities and options you can take advantage of throughout your entire life. It is truly amazing all the things you can accomplish as an American citizen, and you have so many freedoms.

As I wrote this essay it truly opened my eyes to all the great things we have. To me, being an American citizen means that you have the freedom to do whatever you want and that is something that I am very proud of.



Any ship
can be a
minesweeper.
Once.

USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION – OCTOBER 4-9, 2022

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/coralsea2022 (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 3, 2022**. 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 9/3/22</i> | Price Per | # of People | Total |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------|
| <u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u> Includes Hospitality Room and reunion expenses | \$ 25 | # | \$ |
| <u>TOURS</u> | | | |
| Thursday, October 6, 2022: Naval Base/Nauticus | \$70 | # | \$ |
| Friday, October 7, 2022: Dinner Cruise on the Spirit | \$80 | # | \$ |
| <u>MEALS</u> | | | |
| Saturday, October 8: Banquet Dinner – <i>Please choose your entrée below</i> | | | |
| Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Peppercorn Cognac Cream Sauce | \$ 52 | # | \$ |
| Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce | \$ 52 | # | \$ |
| Vegetarian Option—Mushroom Ravioli with Boursin Cheese Sauce | \$ 52 | # | \$ |
| Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. | | | \$ |

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 | | | | \$ _____ | \$25.00 TO \$50.00\$9.00 |
| | | | | | \$51 TO \$75 \$12.00 |
| | | | | | \$76 & UP \$15.00 |

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Madison Bradford Essay...



Salty Humor

“Here’s something up your alley, the wife said: ‘All the Songs You’ve Ever Hated,’ in one fabulous collection.”

live now possible. Without all those pieces, we wouldn't be where we are today. We wouldn't be who we are today. That's why America should be honored and is honored to this day.

Now bravery. Bravery is based on everyone in this country. You know that our soldiers had to be brave fighting wars for us and getting us where we are today. Many people recognize that bravery and are very proud of them for the bravery that they had and still have today. What people don't realize is the bravery that comes from the families of those soldiers. They send their husband, wife, sister, brother, son, or daughter off not knowing the next time they will see them, or

whether they ever will see them again. The citizens of America are brave too. They watch the news and are faced with fear sometimes but have to be brave in knowing what our country can do. So therefore, everyone in our country shows bravery one way or another.

So, if you asked what it means to be America I would once again say freedom, honor, and bravery. I stand by that statement. There are many more reasons describing what America is and what Americans are, but those three adjectives sum it up pretty well. Being American is being me, being American is being you, being American is being yourself in the country that supports you.

Now that is what being American means to me.

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 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** _____

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

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52 Woodland Pl.
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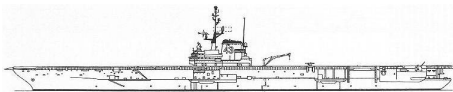
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President's Corner...

longer able to serve. Please think about serving in our Association. Or talk to someone who you think would like to serve and encourage them to do so.

As for my position, I would like to remain your Association President through the 2025 reunion to finish our work with the Three Sister Reunion and finalize the USS Coral Sea compartment aboard the USS Lexington. I have communicated to the Lexington that our goal is to have some of the donations by end of October. If you have anything you want to donate, bring it to the reunion and I will see that it gets to the Lexington. I plan to take a trip to Corpus Christi in late Oc-

tober and take what I have plus what I pick up in Norfolk as a first step on the compartment that will be dedicated to the USS CORAL SEA CVB/CVA/CV 43.

I went to the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CV42 reunion in Portland, Maine last June and had a great time. Their reunion next April will be in San Antonio, Texas. As members of the Coral Sea Association, we have an open invitation to attend. I extended an invitation to their members to attend our reunions as well. That's all from Texas. See all in Norfolk and have a safe journey,

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
Association President

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2022 Reunion Plans...

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.

Reunion tour details are on page two of this issue. With the hotel's very liberal cancellation policy, don't wait to get your reservation confirmed. Do it today!